



Welcome to Range

REVIEW

Thank you for everything

MRS FAHEY!

This summer we bid a fond farewell to our incredible Headteacher, Mrs Fahey.

After a teaching career spanning some 35 years, with the last ten of those spent at Whalley Range, Mrs Fahey is retiring to spend more time with her own children and grandchildren.



We have been blessed to have such a dedicated, caring and inspirational leader at our school who has always had our students' best interests at heart. We wish her all the very best for a fulfilling retirement.

Here are just some of the reflections and comments from our students of their time with Mrs Fahey.

Thank you for helping me with the food in the canteen, we will miss you. Goodbye. **Eshah Yr7**

I have been in WRHS for two years. When I saw you on transition day, I thought I wanted to be an independent woman like you – Thank you for your love and support. You will always be remembered as the sweetest, kindest headteacher. **Hafsah Yr8**

I want to just thank you for being our headteacher up until this point. We are so grateful for all the work you have put into our wonderful school. I wish you the best. **Yr8**

'When I was helping with Year 6 transition, Mrs Fahey went up to my Dad and told him how helpful and positive I was around everyone, she didn't have to do that.' **Shanom Yr9**

Mrs Fahey gave up her time to help me with my Sparks homework and supported me getting back on track by submitting my homework on time, so I didn't get any sanctions. **Narmeen Yr10**



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Macfest

2024

MACFEST is a brilliant organisation, which works closely with local schools and colleges to explore and promote Muslim Arts and Culture.

On Tuesday 27th February 2024, our talented Year 13 students, Donia and Amal took part in the online MACFEST Celebrating Poetry and International Mother Language Day event.

Amal recited "O my heart my fellow traveller, by: Faiz Ahmed Faiz" and Donia recited her own amazing poem "Our Nation". They captivated the audience with their confident, clear and powerful recitation. They effectively conveyed the beauty of the meanings, themes and allusions and brought the audience a better understanding of the poems recited.

On Saturday 2nd of March, our student Feryal represented the school in the MACFEST opening ceremony 2024, which took place in The Whitworth Art Gallery. The large audience included the Lord Mayor of Manchester, many councillors and leaders of different communities.

Feryal passionately performed a breathtaking Nasheed (song) YA TAYBA, which was greeted by a long ovation from the audience. The organisers were impressed with her beautiful tone and vocal range, the level of control and emotions she expressed. Many of the audience commented that her performance was one of the best in the opening ceremony's varied and rich programme, which included many talented performers.

Taking part in this Year's MACFEST has been a very enjoyable experience for the participating students. The school is incredibly proud of their effort and successful contribution to this enriching Festival. Well done girls!



ACTION FOR CONSERVATION

A FLOWER GARDEN

FOR POLLINATORS!



A group of 20 Year 9 students have been inspired to create a flower garden for pollinators! This positive environmental action was facilitated and funded by the Manchester based environmental charity, Action for Conservation.

Over a series of five workshops with the charity the students learnt in depth about global and local environmental issues. They took a trip to the wonderful Platt Fields Market Garden to see grassroots food production and conservation in action. They were surprised to find out what was going on so close to school and loved learning about food production and pollinators. They even had the opportunity to plant potatoes!

After this trip they were inspired to do their bit for nature in our school. They brainstormed lots of ideas and then unanimously decided they wanted to plant more flowers for pollinators in school. They identified an area in raised beds behind the Sixth Form building that they thought needed more colour. The students researched a wide variety of plants and flowers that would be suitable for the area. They chose pollinator friendly annuals and shrubs that are low maintenance. They were also aware that plants and green spaces can boost people's mood so chose flowers that were brightly coloured and would flower through the year.



The flowers are for everyone to enjoy so we hope our students spend some time in the area seeing the flowers flourish! There are now a variety of gardening projects going on around school and more plans for next academic year. If students would like to get involved at all, they should speak to Ms Burke.

SCIENCE

JODRELL BANK

VISIT TO...

In April, the whole of Year 8 had an amazing trip to Jodrell Bank. Owned by the University of Manchester, Jodrell Bank is a unique and awe-inspiring place, producing cutting-edge research into the Sun, stars, exoplanets, and galaxies. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of the scientific achievements that have taken place there and its internationally important heritage.

During the day, students were able to walk around the famous Lovell radio telescope and some were lucky enough to see it moving and spot a group of special visitors climbing up into the dish! The students found out how the radio telescope was built and how it helped in the discovery of quasars -- super massive black holes surrounding by orbiting gas.

Groups spent time exploring various interactive exhibitions to learn about the life and death of stars, our solar system, galaxies, nebula and other objects in the universe. There was a special talk from one of the Jodrell bank team and students were really engaged, asking lots of interesting questions which showed their passion for science! This all tied in wonderfully with their school lessons on light and space. Students chose a topic inspired by their Jodrell Bank visit to research in lessons. Groups then presented their

new-found knowledge as part of a science competition, with the winners from each class going through to the overall final.



HAFSA
"Jodrell bank is where we can explore space and uncover the secrets of the Universe".

SERIN
"Listening and talking to my friends using the Whispering Dishes was such fun!"

NORAH
"It was a lovely experience. I really enjoyed learning about how the telescope was built and developed over many years."

HANA
"It was a very interesting visit, and I learnt a lot of new things. Watching the film made me feel so very small in comparison to the huge Universe".



trip to the GCHQ

Led by Mrs Georgalidou, the World Languages Department organised a trip to GCHQ (UK's intelligence, security, and cyber agency).

GCHQ regularly invite schools from the Manchester area to their offices in Albert Square, and on Tuesday 5th March 28 of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend a Language Outreach Day. Several activities focusing on languages (both learned and heritage) took place. They highlighted the benefits of learning languages, and we demonstrated to our students what roles using languages in GCHQ look like.

"It was so much fun! It made me want to learn languages. I didn't want the day to end"
Setayesh



"It was good to learn about languages, it helps you decipher more codes"
Ariba

"It was fun, solving the code was the best part"
Alero



World Languages

POSTER competition

This year our language students have been able to participate in termly poster competitions.

The topics have been varied, from Spanish festivals and celebrations to designing a holiday in a French speaking country to researching German cities. Competition winners received a certificate and small prize.

Thank you to all students who engaged with these projects this year. We look forward to receiving your summer entries.



Easter MEMRISE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the amazing winners of the Easter Memrise Competition led by the Modern Foreign Languages department.



The winners received their prizes and certificate during our celebration assemblies.

WELL DONE!

DXC

TECHNOLOGY

DIGITAL FUTURES

ACADEMY

DXC teamed up with Manchester United Foundation to inspire and enable young people to become the next generation of leaders. Engaging with the young people, the 4-year partnership programme helps to shape the future of work by developing key digital and social skills.

Seven of our Year 9 students are part of the Digital Futures Academy and have engaged with sessions on:

- Home Automation
- Big Data
- Virtual Reality
- Artificial Intelligence
- Building confidence and mastering emotions



"We have all become really close in the Digital Futures Academy, everyone from the different schools have come together. We speak outside of the DXC sessions too so it's nice to have found new friends during this."

SHOW

RACISM

THE RED CARD

Event

Students from Years 7, 8 & 9 attended Old Trafford to take part in a Show Racism the Red Card Event.

The students took part in workshops on stereotypes, what racism is and what it looks like today. They discussed what racism looked like in the past and how to challenge and respond to racism. The students worked together in groups to produce solutions to problems that might happen in their schools, they created pledges to work towards and presented their ideas to a panel of judges which included Ex Manchester United player and the first player of African descent to play for England's National football team, Viv Anderson.

The students also met some of the Manchester United U18 and U21 players and managed to ask them lots of questions!

The students were excellent in their discussions, presented lots of ideas and engaged throughout!





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ARISSA PRESENTED WITH COMMUNITY CAPTAIN AWARD BY BRUNO FERNANDES



Bruno Fernandes presented ex Whalley Range High School student, Arissa with a captain's armband and pennant in recognition of her dedication to Foundation and Premier League-supported programmes.

In the past four years, Arissa has completely turned her life around after initially being referred to work with the School Partnership Officer in school and joined in the Foundation's Targeted Prevention Programme where she would take part in workshops around youth violence prevention and personal development. Arissa then joined a Street Reds session in Moss Side, using her love of football to develop her confidence and leadership skills.

Arissa began to raise her aspirations and make decisions that would give her a better outlook in life. This included joining the Foundation's Youth Board where she has been a part of social action projects and discussions around youth violence with dignitaries from Greater Manchester Police, Salford Council, and presenting to Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham. At the end of 2023, Arissa was successful in joining the Street Games Youth Advisory Board as an advisor, inputting to national policy around youth community sport and engagement.

"It's been a pleasure to meet Arissa and hear all about her journey with the Foundation. It's amazing what programmes like these can do for young people in the local community and how it can literally change their life. This is what Manchester United is about, supporting young people and being there for our communities and fans. I'm sure Arissa will go on to do great things in her life and I'm fortunate to present her with this award."

Bruno Fernandes





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24/25 MANCHESTER UNITED BALL ASSISTANT



Maryam has been selected to be one of the Manchester United Ball Assistants for the 24/25 football season.

Maryam completed her application to a high standard, explaining why she was the right person for the role. She answered each of the questions thoroughly, providing detailed responses.

Ball assistants must respond to instructions, work well within a team, work efficiently under pressure and have the ability to demonstrate professionalism. Maryam does all of these brilliantly in her school life so she will thrive in her new role as a Manchester United ball assistant.

Maryam will have the opportunity to be ball assistant for games at Old Trafford in the Premier League, Cup games and also the Women's matches at Leigh Sports Village. Maryam is fully deserving of this opportunity and she will do an amazing job!



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Year 8 football team attended a Manchester United Foundation Hub tournament at The Cliff Training Ground.

It was an amazing experience for the students to visit an iconic venue where Manchester United trained previously, including the famous class of '92.

The team played against all of the other Foundation partner schools and showed off lots of skills, teamwork and respect throughout the day. The girls encouraged, motivated and supported each other during the tournament and showed lots of passion! The students had a great time and represented Whalley Range excellently!



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

YEAR 10

Year 10 Cambridge National class Shine in DofE Expedition and Coursework Completion

We are thrilled with the achievements of our Year 10 Cambridge National Sports Studies class, who have recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition as part of their coursework. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork have been exemplary, showcasing the brilliance and resilience of our students.

Throughout their DofE expedition, the Year 10 students demonstrated remarkable collaboration and perseverance. The journey required them to step out of their comfort zones, navigate challenging terrains, and support each other every step of the way. Their ability to work cohesively as a team was truly inspiring, reflecting the core values of the DofE programme.

In addition to their physical efforts, these students have also shown exceptional focus and determination in their academic work. Over an extensive period, they have diligently worked on their coursework, completing the R185 unit. The extended writing and detailed research required for this course, has tested their resilience, but they have remained committed throughout.

As they move on to the R187 unit, we are confident that they will continue to excel and set high standards for themselves and their peers.

BRONZE PRACTICE EXPEDITIONS

On Saturday 11th and Sunday 19th May, 160 of our year 10s completed their practice day walk for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. They set out to cover around 10km of countryside around Rivington, Bolton to practice the skills that they had been working on in their lessons. They enjoyed the nice weather while applying navigation skills to the countryside.

Well done girls!



SILVER FINAL EXPEDITION

15 members of the Whalley Range Sixth Form have been working towards their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. One section of this award is the Expedition, which involves undertaking an expedition over 3 days and two nights in the countryside being completely self-sufficient. Each day they completed a walk of approximately 14km, carrying all their equipment including, tents, stoves, food and clothes. This isn't an easy task at the best of times but the weather also set challenges for the students. We are very proud of the students who completed the expedition and look forward to celebrating as they complete the remaining sections and receive their awards.

Well done girls.



Congratulations to the Year 10 Cambridge National class on their achievements so far! We are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication. Keep up the great work!

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DODGEBALL

Dodgeball club has been really successful this half term running on a Tuesday after school with Mrs O'Brien.

Students attended try-outs to be selected for the Dodgeball team and the team went to the Manchester Schools' Tournament, achieving third place. All students received bronze medals. These students have been committed to training every week improving their tactics and skills. Well done girls I am extremely proud of you all.

The players and teachers both agreed that player of the tournament was Aisha.

Well done to all of the team Aisha, Alaa, Feyi, Tanishka, Alice, Nancy and Hala.



ROUNDERS



Well done to the Rounders teams who have recently taken part in the Manchester Schools' Tournaments at Parrswood High School.

All students showed excellent teamwork and determination to support each other in doing their best throughout the games played.

Special mentions go to our nominated players of the tournaments: Feyi (Y7), Sara (Y9) and Ilmaan (Y10). Further congratulations go to Bilqis (Y7), Safa (Y9) and Aisha (Y10) for being our top scorers and earning points for our teams.

Fantastic effort and resilience shown by everyone, well done WRHS!



FITNESS CLUB

Excellent Effort from Fitness Club Participants

Our fitness club students have been demonstrating dedication and enthusiasm each week as they make the most of the GLL equipment available to them. Their consistent participation and commitment to improving their physical health are commendable.

Each session, the students push themselves, setting personal fitness goals and supporting one another in achieving them.

Well done to all the fitness club participants! Keep up the fantastic effort!



YEAR 8 AND 9 ATHLETICS MCR SCHOOLS EVENT

In May, the Year 8 and 9 Athletics team enjoyed a successful event at Sportscity.

This was a positive experience and there was a fantastic team atmosphere. A special congratulations to Luna who won gold in the long jump event, especially considering she is in Year 8 and the majority of competitors were from Year 9. Miss Neal and the PE department are very proud of your efforts.



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BASKETBALL



We have had another great year with our basketball teams.

Both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 have participated well in city wide tournaments with some great results.

Both teams have shown determination and commitment to the teams.

Special congratulations to Camilla (Year 11) who has been playing for Manchester Mystics U16s and Aisha who has been playing for Manchester Mystics U13s.

Well done and we look forward to following all of the players journeys in Basketball.

WELL DONE!



CRICKET

This term the PE faculty have had the pleasure of Lancashire Cricket Club attending the school to run a series of sessions aimed at encouraging girls to play cricket.

The coaches have been fantastic with the students, and they have sparked an interest in many. They have been leading fun and engaging cricket-based games to a number of our Year 7 and Year 9 students.

Lancashire Cricket Club have also selected our school to be a part of the Chance to Shine Leadership Programme which is a certificated leadership qualification that a selected number of our Year 10's will complete. As a result of these amazing opportunities and the interest our students have shown in cricket, we have had a Professional Cricket Coach running an extra-curricular club after school providing students with additional opportunities to enhance not only their cricket skills but also their social, physical, and mental wellbeing.

This has been an amazing opportunity for our students and we are hoping our partnership with Lancashire Cricket Club continues.

FANTASTIC EFFORT





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Places available for September 2025

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