

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the students back this week – with Year 10 looking especially neat and proud in their black jumpers – signifying that they are now the oldest students. They have moved to the Year 11 social zone and have settled into the lovely relaxing space with benching and natural shade.

Thank you for supporting our drive to ensure all students are equipped for learning with a fully stocked pencil case. It allows us to focus on learning.

Our build is progressing well and we have come back to see the walkway at reception beginning to take shape. The reception concept is for a welcoming, professional calm space and the associate staff have been delighted with the plans for the space which we will share next week.

The fitness suite and dance studio is currently on pause whilst we keep that side of school quiet for the exams, but we are now looking at funding for the equipment inside – if you feel you or a business in the area could support us by becoming a sponsor for an item, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch at: neal.martin@mar.mmat.co.uk



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Whittington Music Festival - A Level & GCSE Music Trip

It was a pleasure to take part in the Whittington Music Festival where we saw international musicians playing Impressionist music.

“It was a great opportunity; I developed my knowledge for my A Level exam with an in-person experience and was able to see the techniques on each instrument as well as having a harp tutorial. Thank you to our teachers for giving up their Sunday for us”.

Paige Powell

Rainbow Flag Award

We are delighted to have achieved two more branches of the Rainbow Flag Award to go with the Teachers element we completed earlier in the year.



Lots of great feedback included:

“It feels like there are good staff who want to do the right thing, and that there are young people who are willing to help create that change too. There is no doubt at all that the LGBT+ group in the school is welcoming and thriving, thanks to the dedication of some key staff.”

Ukrainian Fund Raising

As well as walking to Kyiv, students have been making and selling ribbons – their total is now at £250. Well done!



Hanging Baskets are Blooming

In Eco Club, we have been learning about making hanging baskets with Mr Hopley, and have hung them outside the hub, along with planting out some sunflowers - helping to make the school bloom!



Scientific Writing Experience

10 of our students are now published, having worked on reviewing an article for the Frontiers for Young Minds with the researcher involved. You can read the final article [here](#)



FOCUS

New Year 11 Leadership Group

Students have been interviewed for the Head Students position, with three successful candidates from a wealth of talent and excellence. It was a tough decision – but those not successful have picked up responsibility as Heads of Houses and Prefect roles – all vital to the smooth running of the year. Well done to everyone who stepped up to be interviewed. Congratulations to Head Students – **Seren Lingard, Harrison Gillham and Chloe Downes.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- 16th June – Year 12 UCAS Parents' event.
- Week commencing 20th June – Futures Week – Living in a Diverse Community (British Values).
- 30th June – M Fest Rewards Event.

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NEWS

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