

Oasis Academy MediaCityUK is...

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Winter 2021



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## Welcome

It is an enormous privilege to write to you in my first newsletter as Principal of our fantastic academy and it makes me proud to say that we have recently been judged as a 'good' school by Ofsted. This is a huge accolade for the staff, students and local community and is an achievement to be proud of. I know many have you have either met me in person, listened to me on a teams call or read various update letters but I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little about me.



First and foremost I am really passionate about seeing young people thrive, and though my work as Principal I have the enormous pleasure of being able to influence the life journey of our student population as they navigate through life. I have worked with young people for nearly twenty years both as a sports coach, PE teacher and now Principal and throughout my life I have been committed to giving an educational experience that can make a real difference to their future. Outside of my teaching career I have worked in local communities to raise over £30,000 for a variety of projects including feeding those in poverty. I was honoured to carry the Olympic torch in my home city for my work with a charity called Walking With Giants. I was also a coach at Liverpool football club for nearly 10 years - some of you may not be happy to hear this - alongside coaching local children for much of this time and I have a keen eye for study with three degrees including a Masters in teaching and learning.

At home I'm married and have a one year old daughter called Alice; I am also the eldest of four boys so I know what its like to be in a big family. Family is important to me and I want our school to be seen as one big family too. Sometimes we agree, other times we disagree but at the end of the day we - students and staff - are always there for each other.

As a school we are totally inclusive and welcome all students. Our students benefit from the skill and commitment from our talented and enthusiastic teaching and support staff who are dedicated to ensuring that every student is known and well cared for as an individual, so that they can thrive and grow in confidence in the belief that they can succeed. I want each and every one of our students to become a good person and achieve their dream job. We use the nine habits to grow as people; being compassionate, patient, humble, joyful, honest, hopeful, considerate, forgiving and self-controlled are what we believe make a good person. We have a big careers focus through our curriculum and I am determined to ensure that our students are able to access the very best colleges, universities and work places in the future.

The best aspect about our school is its diversity, we have students, staff and families with a whole host of differences whether that be our nationality, our gender, our skin colour, the languages we speak, the interests we have or the hobbies we participate in, we are fully inclusive and I am passionate about celebrating our differences for everyone's betterment. Already since September we have had a whole host of initiatives running to give a great overall school experience such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, training diversity champions, Black Lawyers Matter, Politics Project, Teens and Toddlers, sports clubs, Anne Frank seminar, drama club, STEM activities, journalism club, plus much, much more... These are examples of our approach to school. I want to give the very best educational experiences both within the classroom and beyond and I'm proud to say that we do this really well.

I hope through reading this term's newsletter you will see many great examples of the work of our staff and students; I hope it gives you the same sense of pride I feel when I see our students doing amazing things.

Best wishes, Mr McEvoy

## NO MORE KNIVES

This term we welcomed the No More Knives tour into the academy building. Combining music with powerful stories and teaching, No More Knives provides assemblies that equip young people with the skills and knowledge they need to say no to knives and start to discover their full value and identity, in partnership with the local police force and Redeeming Our Communities.

Following this assembly, students were then invited along to a concert by the bands they met in school. The assembly day was highly impactful for

NO MORE KNIVES



The Community Engagement Charity

our students, Mr McGrattan, our Year 7 Pastoral Leader, commenting; 'The No More Knives Tour is more than just a message, more than a workshop. This is real - real stories and real people. The students left with a real topic of conversation and understanding of how to make better choices. This tour is a lifeline to many students who needed to hear and say "No More Knives".'



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# ANTI-RACIST INTERVENTION

## BLACK ROLE MODELS

There are many black people that have changed or are changing the world that help to promote anti-racism. These include people such as Chadwick Boseman, Michelle Obama or a local UK role model named Janet Onyia, an award-winning Technology Consultant who advocates for the closure of the pay gap.

Chadwick Boseman was a famous actor who had a successful career, playing in 33 movies. He starred in one movie that particularly booted his career, Marvel's Black Panther which showed his African American background! Sadly, Chadwick died from the horrible disease, cancer. However, his legacy still lives on and people enjoy and continue to be inspired by his movies.

## ANTI-RACIST SESSIONS

In the academy, we have had the luckiest experience as students from year 7-10 have been trained to become anti-racist ambassadors. We have been learning about ways people could be prejudiced and how to change our mindset towards

people who are facing racism and hate. I think that this is a very educational program that should continue to create awareness and stimulate people's mindset to race!

There were many examples of ways we could tackle with racism, and we learnt how there is no race but human beings; there is no such thing as a black race or Asian etc.

## ANTI RACISM IN THE ACADEMY

Any racism in school is treated as a very serious incident; there are high consequences, and it brings down your reputation. If there is any racism report to staff immediately and never keep it to yourself!

"I think racism should be the most hated thing in the world!" (Mamede Djalo, 7.1)

Daniella Boadi-Soadwa  
Jainaba Kamaso



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History month and during assemblies this term we focussed on the theme of 'Modern Greats'; trailblazers within the north west that are making a positive impact on our current and future generations.

## What is Black History Month?

As explained by David Olusoga: Black History Month gives us an opportunity to explain to children why their classmates, why the people they meet on the streets, why their country looks the way it does. It's

not just telling black children where their ancestor come from, it's explaining how modern Britain came to be the country that it is today.

In the academy, activities such as guest speakers from the North West, including Kemoy Walker MBE and Cristina Taylor CEO of AIM SKY HIGH spoke to students, in addition to workshops focused on heritage, culture and identity to run throughout the academic year with the Race Trust.

In Journalism Club, several students also wrote profiles on a local black hero – Marcus Rashford.

Marcus Rashford helps the community in a pandemic!

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Marcus Rashford stood up and inspired the government to provide free school meals to children in Greater Manchester.



Marcus is a 23 year old professional English footballer who plays for Manchester United and the official England team. People are talking all about him all over the internet, from football losses to bellies being full, to having a memorial made for him.

So far, he has been helping the UK's poorest by linking up with a food charity (FareShare) to provide meals to children in Greater Manchester, who were no longer receiving free school meals. Because of this he was able to raise "£20 million" for the charity. After he was awarded an honorary degree.

Despite this, he was morally defaced when he missed a penalty in the Euro 2020 finals. Some people expressed hatred towards him and his memorial was spread with mean and hateful comments, therefore having a big impact on the Black Lives Matter movement.

To conclude, Rashford is a campaigner against racism, homelessness and child hunger being able to raise £20 million for it.



By Mamede Djalo and Bridget Baxeter

# OASIS INDIA EID FUNDRAISING

We would like to offer big congratulations to all staff and students who participated in our Eid celebrations, spearheaded by Mrs Pathan, who raised £535 for Oasis India.

With this money, Oasis was able to provide relief support to families across India during the Covid-19 pandemic, including giving out dry rations and daily essentials to families in need and equipping an entire Emergency Covid Care Center in Kothanur, Bangalore with equipment including oxygen concentrators, emergency medical kits and IV sets for patients.

Well done to all involved!

£535  
RAISED



# BOYS DON'T CRY

From the moment we are born, we are socialised according to our assumed gender. Without even knowing, we grow up following a certain gender journey. If we step outside of that path, there can be significant repercussions. Typically, boys are rewarded for being “real men,” for their toughness, athleticism, for winning at all costs, never backing down, being in control and unemotional, and for their sexual prowess when they grow up. Girls, meanwhile, are encouraged to express vulnerability, seek help when needed, be subservient, value certain careers over others, and be guarded about their sexuality.

In recent studies, some boys have said they’ve overheard the males in their family make sexual jokes or misogynistic comments about women; those boys were highly likely to be pressured into being “tough” and play along with sexism. However, a majority of boys said they have witnessed or heard someone criticise a boy for “acting like a girl.” At the same time, new research, as conducted by Claire Cain Miller, has pointed to girls feeling more empowered than in the past and facing less gender rigidity than boys.

These stereotypical gender norms, when internalised and if unchecked, may lead to tremendous harm for young people and adults, especially when they pressure children and youth to behave in strict and rigid ways. The use of “risky behaviours” including violence, bullying and control among boys, young men and men to prove they’re “real men” has resulted in devastating consequences – for them, their families, schools, communities and workplaces.

Katie Derbyshire



“I found that with depression one of the most important things you could realise is that you’re not alone. You’re not the first to go through it... I wish I had someone at that time who could just pull me aside and [say], ‘Hey, it’s going to be okay’.”  
Dwayne ‘The Rock’ Johnson.

# HEATHERS

## REVIEW

### Heathers: The Musical That Kills

Recently, Heathers The Musical performed at the Royal Hay Market theatre in London. The cast is also performing on tour and at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. There are a lot of opinions based on the musical regarding its actual plot; how the love interest tries to blow up a school, not to mention how the main character Veronica helps kill three of her classmates with her lover JD. I personally find the musical thrilling and exciting as I never knew what happened next during the show. There’s many different types of songs, my personal favourites are the following:

- Never Shut Up Again
- Our Love Is God
- My Dead Gay Son
- Lifeboat
- I Say No

These songs just speak to me. All of them basically have the same message. You can say no and can speak up. The show revolves around high school stereotypes; the popular girls, the nerds, the jocks and the quiet kid.

The Heathers, the popular girls, recruit Veronica Sawyer and turn her into the next big thing. She ironically falls for the quiet kid JD, who eventually causes a lot of trouble. Veronica angers Heather Chandler at the jocks’ party, hosted by Kurt and Ram who attempt to bully Veronica’s childhood friend Martha about her body type.

The next morning, in attempt to apologise to Heather, JD spikes Heathers coffee with bleach and it kills her.

Since the musical involves murder, there’s a lot of controversy about it. People believe younger people shouldn’t watch it because there’s inappropriate words and it will “ruin their minds”. I personally disagree with this because it brings awareness to speak up about toxic and manipulative relationships and how you can say no.

Evie-Jo Baylis

### HEATHERS THE MUSICAL



# Creative writing

## Twisted Tales

Several of our best writers in Journalism Club have submitted entries to Young Writers Twisted Tales competition.

Journalism Club were tasked with flipping the narrative and writing from the villain's point of view, as a fantastic way to explore character perspectives and empathy through creative writing.

While the winners for the competition have not yet been announced, we loved several entries so much that we have printed them below. See if you can recognise any villains!

### After ever after

I still haven't forgotten the day they abused me as a villain, trapping me inside of a huge maze instructing me to eat anyone that dares to enter."

But the thing that they don't see is that I'm not trying to hurt anyone; I'm terrified. I'm not in a place where I belong. I'm lost, no one trusts me; I don't trust anyone. Humans objectify mythical creatures but that doesn't feel right, how would they feel if they were trapped? I see birds flying over my head every day, wondering to myself can I be free one day, just like them?

Niki Kiani

### Lago

The superhero act was all a lie, I am not what I am. Honest lago. Dear friend lago.

It was just a façade. My motiveless malignity disrupted the steadfast love between the moor and the strumpet, maybe their love for each other simply wasn't enough to keep both of their hearts beating.

In the end, both of their dejected lives will conclude.

All I wanted was to be respected, an honourable lieutenant but that Florentine, Cassio snatched it from my grasp. So I used my intelligence and wife Emilia to get what I truly desired. Revenge. Revenge on the moor.

Evie Baylis

### A Million Dancing Flames

As a child I didn't belong in my family, my name is Grace and I'm about to tell you how I killed my parents. All I did was light a candle...

I made a tea party in my attic. I lit a candle so I could see, but I reached out and knocked over the amber light and then the attic was up in a million dancing flames. All I did was run and I could hear the house crumbling and the screaming of my parents. But then. It all fell silent...

And that was just the start...

Lola Williamson

# Stories and poetry

## Standing here

I'm standing here. Waiting for her to arrive in a delicate lace gown, her maroon locks tied up in a bun with her eyes looking right into mine. Her eyes, her eyes are the most captivating thing about her. I just can't see why I don't love her.

I'm running, running if my life depends on it. I've already torn the lace off the bottom of my dress, so I don't trip. I want to be with her. I want to live the rest of my life with her, and I will do everything in my power to do so. But is there a price I'll have to pay?

Why isn't she here? She should be here. Yes, I noticed both of us weren't ready for us to be married but it's our duty. Her parents need this. Everyone in this church know they're on the verge of bankruptcy. So why isn't she here?

"You know if she doesn't arrive it wouldn't be the worst thing."

I hear him everywhere. The man I yearn for. My souls joy... My best man right next to me. "It could happen. We could be together. Forever."

We could be together forever if we just run. Just as tiny bit further.

"I can't. What if someone finds us and hurts me? They'll blame me for your actions."

I can't let that happen. I won't let them hurt the woman I love. I've been delaying this moment for years, waiting for the right moment to flee away from this broken world.

I can't do it any longer, I know I love her. The love I bear for her is unbreakable.  
I am truly in love with my maid of honour.

It's been half an hour since I last checked the time. I start to believe I won't wed the woman.  
Until a deafening roar comes from the doors. Her father walks in with a scrunched-up note in his hand.  
"You've done this. You've motivated her to run!"  
She's ran? I didn't even know about this. He hands me the note and I read it.

My dear family,  
I am forever in your debt for all the things you've sacrificed for me.  
I am eternally grateful.  
Sadly I cannot marry the man you've found for me. I simply don't love him.  
I simply don't love men at all.  
I have fled with my beloved and won't see you again.  
All my love,  
You daughter.

I finish reading and I'm stunned. She's free from this hell.  
It finally occurs to me that I can do the same.  
I grab my best man's hand and I run.  
I run so quickly I feel afloat.  
I remember that one Romeo and Juliet quote.  
"Go wisely and slowly. Those who rush stumble and fall."  
So, I stop and smile. And I say;  
"I love you."

Evie Baylis

## The Day the Serpent Came

I am in a cave surrounded by fear  
I still can't fight back every tear  
I sit alone, hands on my knees  
The feeling of loneliness overcame the unease  
I can't bring myself yet to walk to the light  
It was too risky, yet so bright  
What could be out there? I may never know  
What's it like to hear the river flow  
Small creatures roam, explore and feel free  
I cannot feel that they are connected to me

I can feel a past life, The vision always starts  
Endless adventures and broken hearts  
I speak to people and they know my name  
I think to myself, how I became  
That tiny creature, at whom I stare  
With none of the freedom, and much despair  
But I can't leave yet, the cave is yet mine  
I ignored the whispers that felt malign

Then the day the serpent came  
My life was never the same  
It hissed and hissed, took my by surprise  
I stared deeply into it's bitter eyes  
It stared back into mine, malicious intent  
I could no longer feel as content  
I scooted and dragged, not saying a word  
I made sure my fear could not be heard  
My eyes were pained, what is that beam  
The warmth on my skin felt like a dream

I'm not sure I can comprehend  
I thought the cave had no end  
I turn around, the cave is now sealed  
I need to open it, it was my shield  
It doesn't open, tears on my face  
I can't bare the bright light in this place  
I turn around, time to face the vision  
I took on the world, that was my decision.

Zaineh Abu Salah

## Just keep swimming

Lost in the undiscovered world.  
I'm in the water and it's cold.  
Drowning through their words.  
Keep your lies  
Keep your pitied, fake smiles.  
They dare to ask who am I?  
I am like the ocean; a journey never ending  
Deep secrets that are unspoken.  
Be careful, I might spell a potion.  
Shallow yet I'm reaching the surface.  
You pollute me  
But my waves push your dirtiness away.  
Full of trash yet I can see the light, far and deep  
across the sky.  
Fierce, faithful, fascinating  
Your knowledge of me is undersized.  
Unpredictable so hear my merciless roar  
Your analyses of me are false.  
Split me apart, but I will stand against you high.  
My path has been shattered before.  
But now I've finally reached the shore.

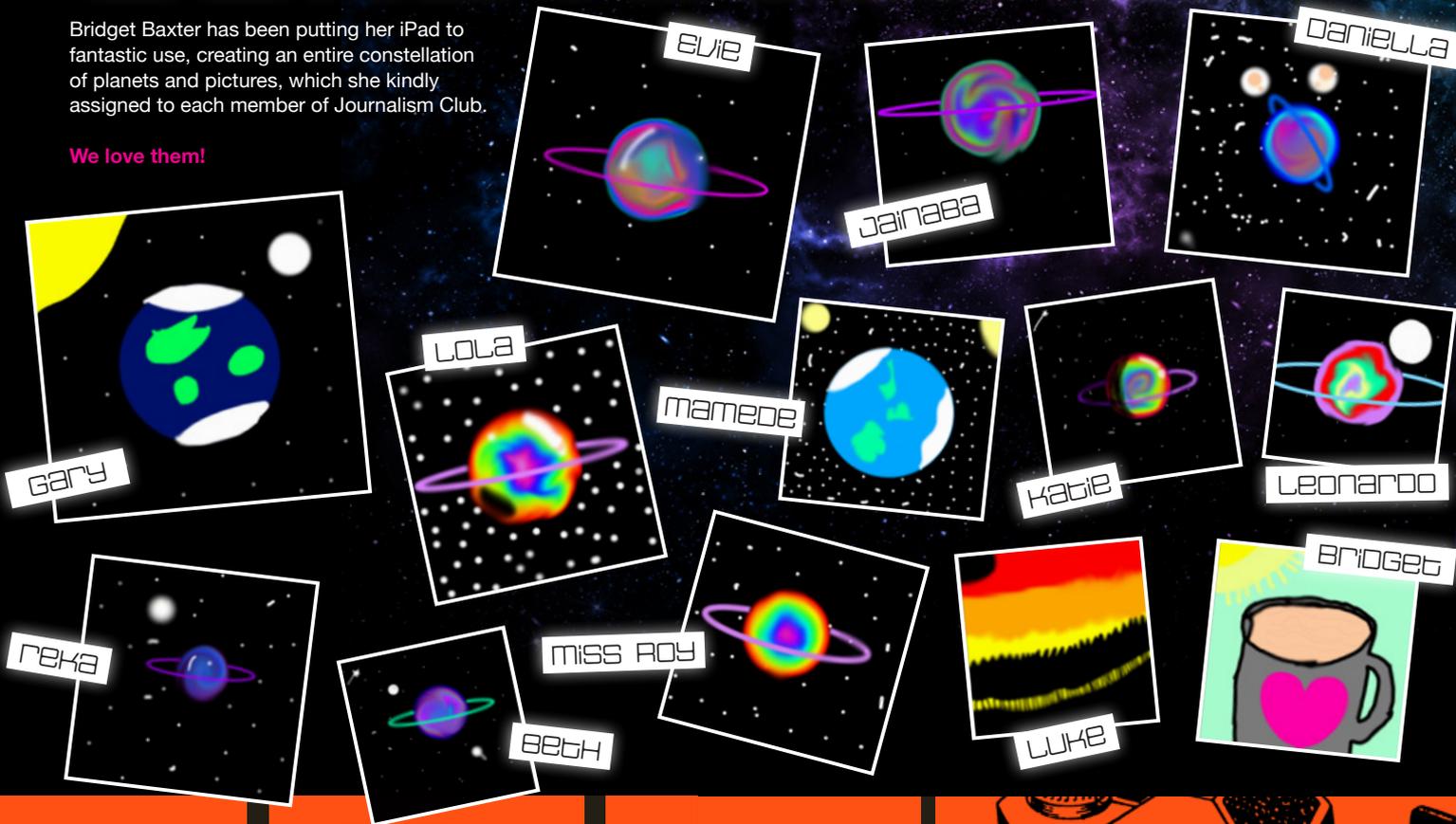
Lara Almousselli

JOURNALISM CLUB

# CONSTELLATION

Bridget Baxter has been putting her iPad to fantastic use, creating an entire constellation of planets and pictures, which she kindly assigned to each member of Journalism Club.

We love them!



# PHOTOGRAPHY



NIKI



BRIDGET

KATIE



# Cyber BULLYING

## What is Cyber Bullying?

Cyber bullying is where you are bullied online by people you know or don't know. It can make people afraid and sad. You can be cyber bullied anywhere; in school, at home or even when you are out and about on your phone.

## How does it affect people?

People can be really affected by cyber bullying. They could be very scared of going online, or even scared of going to primary school, high school, or college if they are being bullied by someone from those places, which could then affect their learning and social skills.

## Does this make technology and social media not safe from cyber bullying?

There are things you can do on social media apps if you get cyber bullied such as blocking people, muting them and reporting them.

## What will happen to people at school who cyber bully me and get caught?

It is up to the school to decide what will happen to the person who cyber bullies, but if the things they say, or post, are very serious they could get the police involved and if the person who was cyber bullying you was an adult they could even be sent to jail.

## How many people get cyber bullied?

About 37% of young people between 12 and 17 get bullied online. About 90% of people that I interviewed replied yes to the question "have you been cyber bullied?"

## A story of cyber-bullying:

I have been cyber-bullied. I was being cyber bullied on Roblox and Tik Tok. It all started on Tik Tok where a girl from my primary school posted a mean video about me. The girl who sent this quickly deleted it, but people could still see it. I told a teacher straight away.

Lola Williamson



# Joining MediaCityUK A Year 7 Perspective

**My name is Miya, and I am going to tell you what my journey in Oasis Academy has been so far.**

So, when I was on my way to school on the first day I was so scared and nervous and a bit sad, but when I got to school the teachers introduced us to them and I now like all the teachers.

My favourite bit of school is the trampoline and the fact that all the teachers are so nice. The teachers tell you stuff that is interesting, there is a lab you can do Food and Product Design in, and it is just a fab school.

I have told all my mates currently in year 6 that they need to come to Oasis, so if they get a place they are coming!



**That is my story of school life at Oasis MediaCityUK so far.**

**Miya Birkhead**

# Transition

This term, our community hub has been running a storytelling project with local group GMYN (Greater Manchester Youth Network) to support some of our new year 7 students.

It has been fabulous to see the students as they settle in and find their feet as secondary school students, after first meeting them in their primary schools.

## Storytelling Project

As the group work towards producing a film for next year's Year 7, they have also been working on interview techniques, the importance of listening, collaboration and getting their heads around the technical side of film making.

The students are using their recent experiences of moving from primary to secondary to support and encourage next year's intake, which is brilliant to see in action.



# Winter Recipes

Want something tasty to feast on over Christmas, but stuck for ideas?



Never fear, Mamede Djalo has helpfully compiled this list of winter recipe ideas for the festive season:

- Loaded baked potato
- Chicken noodle soup-chicken broth
- Chicken-pot pie
- Turkey-whole or in pieces
- Mashed potatoes
- Apple pie
- Quick and easy Yorkshire pudding
- Pumpkin pie
- Cupcakes
- Sugar cookies
- Gingerbread cookies
- Gingerbread house
- Brownies - Christmas colours
- Hot chocolate
- Christmas pudding



## THE POLITICS PROJECT

Once again, this term Oasis Academy MediaCityUK have paired with The Politics Project, an organisation devoted to educating students on and involving them with their local and national government, to deliver a wonderful digital surgery with a select group of students.

This term, students were able to interview Rebecca Long Bailey (MP for Salford and Eccles). They were asked what they would change if they were Prime Minister; their manifesto included a focus on ending the development gap, increasing education on slavery and other forms of racial oppression, and providing free sanitary products to all.

We are exceptionally proud of students in the academy's politics club for interviewing Rebecca Long Bailey with such confidence and for asking such excellent questions. One of these students, Paaniz Afrang in 9.1, highlighted the importance of such projects, stating; "It is valuable to have your voice heard and to take part in making change in our constituency."



# CHANGING IN TIME

## The Clock



As we approached the end Of October, I was watching a show while chilling, however, I noticed something about the time; it said 9:59, then it went back to 9:00. I obviously had to do my research and I now have our solution. An American politician called Benjamin Franklin decided if people got up earlier when it was lighter, then it would save on candles. This occurred in 1784 in Paris and is still happening now!

It inspired me to write the following poem;

## The Chilly Winters

Having approached, put on your gloves and hats as you arrive to school, there are many changes meteorologically.

(Changes to weather) we would like to announce to Oasis pupils! You may have noticed around 4:00pm the sky has began to dim, this is due to the fact we are commuting from summer skies to winter.

The scientific definition is, called a "tilted axis" this means that the earth has orbited, a portion of it will be tilted away from the sun, the earth receives different amounts of sunlight in each seasons that is why in summers, the sun visits us often!

Daniella Boadi-Soadwa 7.2  
Jainaba Kamaso 7.6

# REMEMBRANCE DAY



This term it was Remembrance Day, which was celebrated both in and out of the academy. Here are the facts on Remembrance Day, so you can learn more about it:

### What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states to remember the end of the first world war, specifically to remember those that died or lost arms, legs, limbs and friends. People also call this Poppy Day.

It always takes place on November 11th; the nearest Sunday to this date they call Remembrance Sunday, and, on this day, people go on marches, parades and more.

### Why are poppies used on Remembrance Day?

The reasons poppies are used on Remembrance Day to remember those who have given their lives in battle and poppies are the flowers which grew on the field where these soldiers fought. Therefore, it is called Poppy Day.

### My Story

Every year, me and my family walk down and lay a cross to remember those who died. We also do a two-minute silence. The day makes me very sad and sometimes I remember my grandad who was in the war and who lost a leg, but he also survived.

Miya Birkhead

## SCIENCE TRIP TO RHS Garden Bridgewater

On Tuesday 12th October, a select group of Year 9 students from each class were taken on a trip to RHS Garden Bridgewater. Luckily, this select group included two of our reporters from Journalism Club who have reported on the day, in addition to taking some beautiful pictures!

When we arrived, we were taken to a classroom and briefed on what the main activity of day would be, followed by some mini-activities where we grouped news headlines into three categories; floods, heat and people. We then added pictures and statistics.

Once that was completed, we proceeded to the gardens. Once there we completed an activity based on the senses; we had to draw what we could see, hear, smell and touch. After this activity, we moved to another area where we were given cameras and measured temperature in the garden. We discovered that lighter colours are colder than darker colours.

We then proceeded back inside for the final project, in which we had to make a climate friendly garden. In our group there were four people, each taking a separate focus. I concentrated on wildlife and two other students

investigated flooding and water preservation. We decorated our garden with hedges to keep heat down, added green walls and a roof which stored rain water that would hydrate the plants and animals.

Once we were finished, we headed back to academy where I got an interview with student Sarah Ciorasteanu about her experience of the day;

- Q: What did you think of the trip?  
A: It was incredibly nice and very interesting.  
Q: What was your favourite part?  
A: Seeing all the plants.  
Q: What was your least favourite part?  
A: The sense drawing.  
Q: Would you go again in your spare time?  
A: Yes, if I had time.

Reka Csalami and Luke Moorhead



## SPORT UPDATES SCHOOL GAMES

There have been a load of exciting sporting events and achievements this term at MediaCityUK. Some highlights include:

- Students attended a Rugby Festival at Eccles Rugby Club to develop skills and play a tournament. The player of the tournament was Amara and the Top Tacklers were Kaiden H and Ismael.
- Oasis hosted the Salford School Games KS4 Boys badminton tournament. There was amazing performance from all the players and umpires.



# Eco Club

Eco Club have been exceptionally busy from this term, from conducting litter picks around the school, to participating in the celebration of the recently installed solar panels with John Murphy, to creating Christmas baubles for the Global corridor Christmas tree!

Well done to all involved!



## GLOBAL WARMING

Climate change is inevitable, and if we continue irreversible.

### What is climate change?

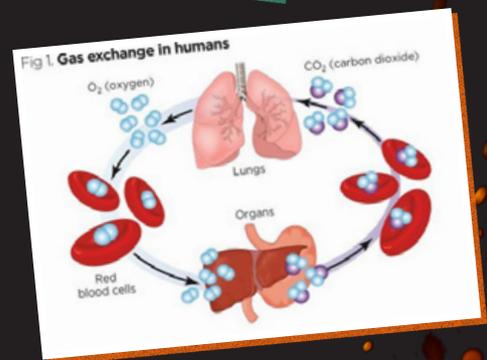
Climate change is the warming of the earth because of emissions, for example CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) or methane. Both chemicals are released by humans and animals; CO<sub>2</sub> is produced by humans every time they breathe out because oxygen goes in the lungs and it sent to the body through the veins and it circles back, but this time as CO<sub>2</sub>. And it is the same for other animals, more specifically cows that produce methane.

### What can we do to stop it?

#### Top tips on what can you do to reduce it.

There are lots of ways that you can help to reduce the emissions, not just by walking instead of driving, but also at home.

1. You can get double glazed windows; even though most windows already are double glazed some still aren't. Double glazed windows keep heat in so that there is less use for boilers that use a lot of gas and releases greenhouse gasses.
2. You can try to save energy when you can; switch off the lights that you are not using, when you have finished using your computer you can turn it off by the plug (this will not effect anything in the computer) just so that it does not waste energy on something that is switched off.



3. Try to use renewable energy sources, e.g. solar panels. A little secret of solar panels is that any extra energy that you produce you can get paid back, granted it is only a little bit of money but you still get paid.

Now that you know this information you can try to apply this information to your everyday life!

Leonardo B. Souza



## Careers & Aspirations at MediaCityUK

As ever, there has been a lot of work behind the scenes this term, helping introduce our students to a range of careers and post-16 pathways.

The following has taken place in the academy this term;

- Mentoring for 11 x year 11 students from Bibby Financial Services helping them to make links between workplace skills and their attainment in school.
- Outreach assemblies from our main college destinations to support year 11.
- ASK Project apprenticeship workshop for year 11.
- Assembly from Mr Brandy exploring careers in STEM, particularly those that can be accessed through an apprenticeship route.
- Year 9 'HE Uncovered' workshop from GM Higher.

There will be a lot more to follow later in the year, including some great careers events in the Hub.

As ever, we thank Mr Berry for his hard work in overseeing all these exciting events in the academy.

# BOOK REVIEWS

## GANGSTA GRANNY

By David Walliams

“No buts, Ben. No. ‘N’ and ‘O’ spells ‘no’.”

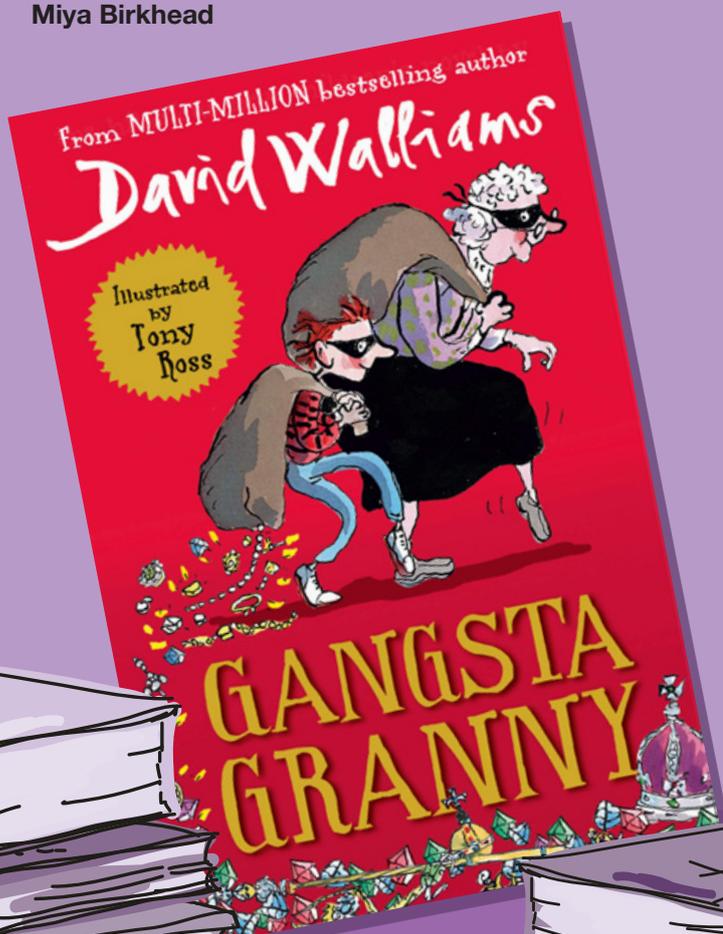
I really like the books by David Walliams because he writes really good stories.

My favourite book by him is probably Gangsta Granny or Demon Dentist because of the pictures and the way the story is written.

I also like the blurb for Gangsta Granny, as it really makes you want to read it.

I loved reading this book and so should you; I know you will like it, so give it a read. The story of Gangsta Granny follows a granny that wants to steal the Queen’s jewels, but she ends up getting ill and dying! My favourite moment of Demon Dentist was the bit where it shows you the recipe for toothpaste.

Miya Birkhead



## SMART

By Kim Slater

“There’s been a murder at the lake”.

If you have been wondering about a new book to read while in class, well, I’m here to give you a book so good you’ll keep reading it for ages!

This book is about a young boy called Kieran

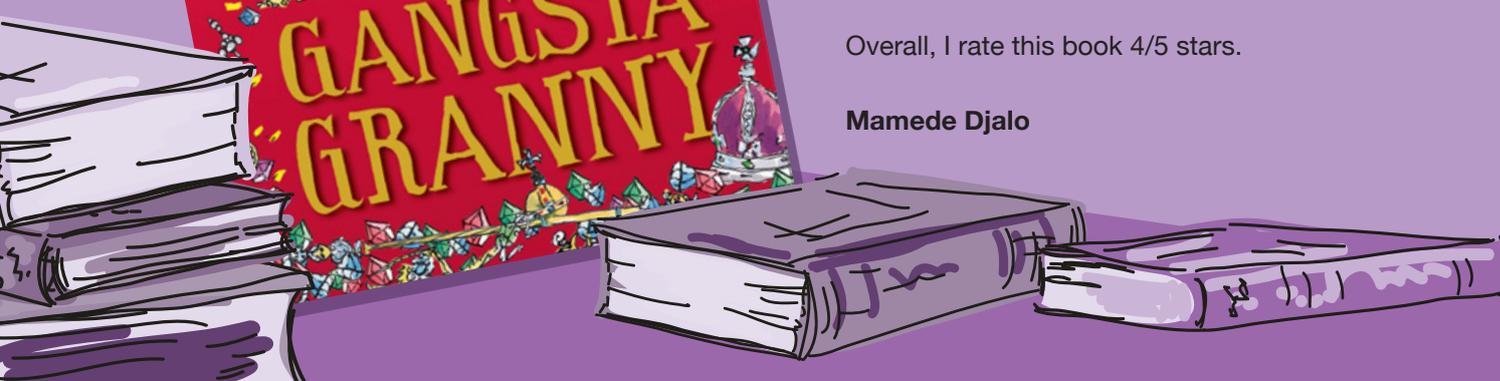
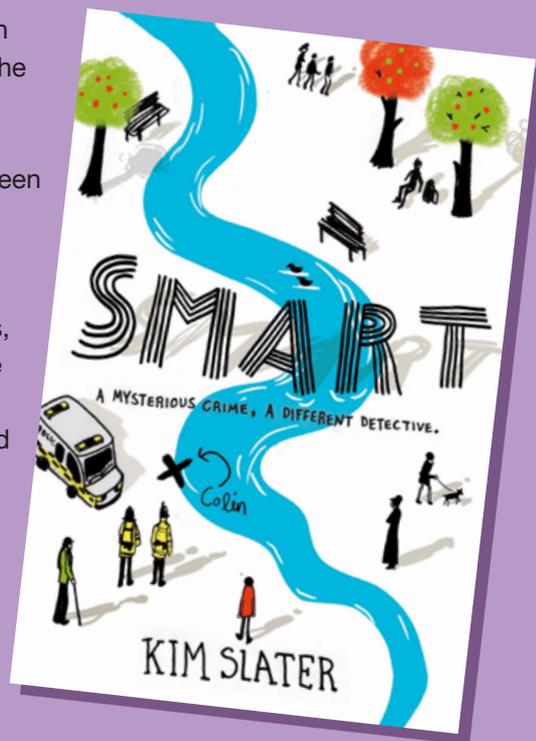
Woods. It can be hard when you’re good at art, but even harder starting your position as an unofficial detective. And Kieran has to do both, with a troublesome family to balance it all.

So far, the story starts with a mysterious murder that has happened at the lake, but the police refuse to do anything about it as it is only a homeless man. But Kieran cares and he is going to solve the case.

In my opinion, the characters have an interesting part in the story. The author has a unique writing style and readers can stay connected to the story. I was really intrigued to read more, and I was able to learn a lot from it. I would really recommend this book to people who like this genre.

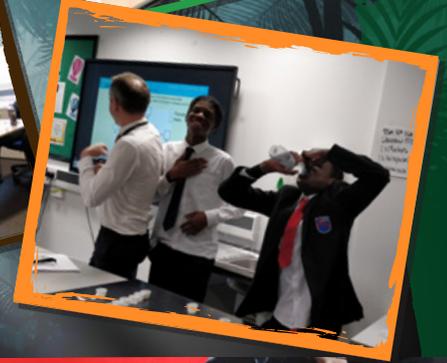
Overall, I rate this book 4/5 stars.

Mamede Djalo



# BUSH TUCKER TRIAL

Well done to all staff and students who dared to take part in this year's devilish Bush Tucker Trial! Mrs Hough really upped the stakes this year... We think the snail was definitely the worst!



# VIP LOUNGE

The VIP Lounge is one of the greatest rewards that the school has made (based on the time that I have been here) you get to do whatever you want!

Even go on your phone, which is usually, as you know, against the school rules! If you don't want to go on your phone you can do many things whilst watching a movie! Can you believe it?! A movie playing, phones allowed with friends to talk to and best of all you miss a lesson that might be tedious to some people!

It really does sound like school paradise and coming from someone that has been there it really is all amazing as it sounds!

But you can't get this reward lightly, you must get 100% attendance and/or have 0 actions this year! It sounds very difficult, but it is possible; I did it so don't give up! I encourage you to not give up because the rewards are worth it! So, try to be a bit better next year and you may be able to go to this amazing place of chilling and playing.



Leonardo B. Souza



# Staff & Student SHOUT OUTS

Journalism Club reporter Mamede Djalo has collected this term's staff and student shout outs. Well done to all who got a mention!

- I would like to shout out **Miss Roy** because she is an amazing teacher.
- I would like to shout out **Mr Jervis** because he always makes his science lessons fun.
- I would like to shout out **Bethany O'Neill** because she is a nice and caring friend to have.
- I would like to shout out **Kai Cordova** because he deserves to be recognised for the hard work he has done.

- I would like to shout out **Myah Holdcroft** because she is a very nice and supportive friend and encourages people through hard times.
- I would like to shout out **Katie Derbyshire** because she can always put a smile on your face when you're having a bad day. She's also a very hardworking person and I respect her for that.
- I would like to shout out **Beatriz Santoz** because they are a very hardworking person and they always do everything they can to help me, which I appreciate immensely.

- I would like to shout out **Evie-Jo Baylis** because she works hard all the time and is very intelligent. She is also very caring and could be described as the "mum friend."
- I would like to shout out **Mr Chadwick** because he has helped me to understand more of English and other things.
- I would like to shout out **Miss Ogden** because she is a good pastoral leader for year 7.
- I would like to shout out **Miss O'Brien** because she is a really nice teacher who helps me a lot.

# Raffle tickets

The raffle tickets are an addition to the school that happens close to the Christmas holidays.

## How to get them:

Every time you show the nine habits or do well in lessons you are rewarded with a raffle ticket.

## What to do with them:

After you are awarded with a ticket you write your name at the back (and it is better if you write your set, e.g. 8.1) and then you drop them off in a box close to your pastoral leader's office (for Y7 Mrs Ogden, Y8 Mr McGrattan, Y9 Mrs Staley, Y10 Mr Bailey and Y11 Mrs Hall) or sometimes someone will come with the box and you can drop your ticket there.

## What if you win:

If you win you get awarded a cylindrical packet of sweets, in them are chewing gum, lollipop, gummies and small sweet colourful spheres (3D circles).

Leonardo B. Souza



# Christmas JUMPER DAY

The second to last Friday before the Christmas holidays, Oasis Academy MediaCityUK had their Christmas jumper day.

Everyone that wanted to wear a Christmas Jumper had to bring a donation of £1, which went towards Oasis charities. **We have now raised £1956.27!**

People wearing jumpers had to still have the normal uniform underneath (except the blazer) and were allowed to take the blazer off in class.

"There were many people wearing Christmas Jumpers! It was so lively and Christmassy".

Leonardo B. Souza



## Christmas Pikachu

By Lola Williamson

# Journalism CLUB

Finally, we would like to extend our appreciation to our wonderful Journalism Club, who worked tirelessly to put together the content for this newsletter. It would not be what it is, without their hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm.

Special thanks must go to Leonardo B. Souza, who edited the layout, and Lola Williamson who designed our official mascot – Gary the Mushroom!



The Journalism team

## Christmas Card Making

Well done to our artistic Year 7 students who made some brilliant Christmas Cards this term, which were then sent out to local care homes.

We know they will be greatly appreciated wherever they end up!



## UPCOMING DATES

DATE/TIME	EVENT	YEAR GROUP
FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER	Academy closes for winter	All years
WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY	Academy reopens	All years
FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY	Academy closes for half-term	All years
MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY	Academy reopens	All years

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