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# NEWS LETTER

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# Talented students exhibit their artwork to the public

On the 15th March 2019, a number of art students from Meade Hill School exhibited artwork at a charity auction event at the grand Whitworth Hall at The University of Manchester. The event was hosted by University students who have been studying BA (Hons) Management, Leadership and Leisure.

During the autumn and spring term of 2018/19, our students worked hard in creating a high quality, individual piece of art work to be publically displayed at the evening exhibition. Some of their work was centred around the topic in which the students were studying during their art lessons, such as Indonesian and Graffiti Art.

During the auction, each piece of work was displayed on a monitor with a small description about who produced the work, what materials had been used, and what topic or theme the students were working towards.

Staff supported the auction with the students, alongside their friends and families, who could see the sense of achievement and excitement on their faces.

Each piece of work was listed at the starting price of £10. The auctioneer increased the price by £1 after each bid. By the end of the auction every piece of artwork had been sold, with some pieces selling for as much as £40!

A local artist auctioned 3 pieces of his own work at the event, and



kindly donated the proceeds to Meade Hill School.

Overall, the evening was a huge success and the student's art work raised a staggering £465 which will be donated to a charity chosen by our student council. Congratulations to all those involved.



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# BARBER SHOP CHRONICLES



In March, students from Castlefield Campus had the opportunity to watch 'Barber Shop Chronicles', a national theatre production at the Royal Exchange Theatre.

The production featured professional actor, Emmanuel Ighodaro, who played three characters (Tokunbo, Paul and Simphiwe) in the show and has been working with the students as a teaching assistant at the school. He invited the students to watch him perform and be VIP guests for the day, providing them with a sparkling insight into the world of theatre.

The students took to the stage to meet the cast and take part in a light-hearted dance routine. They found the whole experience to be fun, humorous and appreciated the energy of the production and set; they were spellbound throughout the performance!

One day. Six cities. A thousand stories. Barber Shop Chronicles is a heart-warming, hilarious and insightful play, set in Johannesburg, Harare, Kampala, Lagos, Accra and London.

For generations, African men have gathered in barber shops. Sometimes they have haircuts, sometimes they listen but more often than not they talk. Barber shops are confession boxes, political

platforms, preacher-pulpits and football pitches... places to go for unofficial advice, and to keep in touch with the world.

The play invites the audience into a uniquely masculine environment where the banter may be barbed, but the truth always telling.

Once the show had come to an end, both staff and students had the opportunity to go behind the scenes and enjoy some time chatting with Emmanuel and the rest of the cast.

It was such an inspirational experience for all those that attended, and particularly for one pupil who has a place on a prestigious post 16 drama course to start this September 2019.



**Emmanuel Ighodaro / Actor**

"This wonderful new play is a revelation"  
The Times (National Theatre 2017)





# INTRODUCING SX Talk Buddy

**W**e're delighted to announce our recent social media project, called SX Talk Buddy, led by some of Southern Cross School's very own talented and motivated students.

Ten students have been working on this project alongside the media training organisation, Digital Advantage, who are an award winning CIC (Creative Industries Council) delivering innovative work experiences and effectively teach new business skills to young people of all ages and abilities.

Digital Advantage visit schools and colleges as a 'Pop-Up Digital Media

Agency' to carry out industry-led programmes and projects with students, helping students to gain new perspectives, unlock new career opportunities and reveal hidden talent.

Working together the students set up new social media platforms to allow them and their teachers to share news about a range of ongoing and upcoming school activities. The project has involved designing logos, creating content and developing an overall brand to ensure that a consistent theme is carried across all social media platforms.

A digital newsroom has been created to share information and recent student

success stories with other pupils, teachers and parents. Over Easter, Digital Advantage took the group to visit Sharpfutures, a social enterprise that supports diverse young people into employment in the creative digital and tech sectors.

During this summer term, Digital Advantage will be returning to the school to help support the project to develop even further. The students involved in the project are looking forward to the prospect of a Manchester trip to create their own podcast in a professional studio.

The students are thrilled to be leading on this digital media project at school, having the opportunity to be a part of an online community and learning new skills with their peers.



**C**heck out what the group has been working on and stay updated with their exciting new content by following them on Instagram @sx\_talkbuddy or Twitter @talk\_sx

SX Talk Buddy continue to add fresh new content on a regularly basis and would love to hear your suggestions for any future stories that they can cover.

Contact them directly by sending a personal message via Twitter or Instagram.

Do you know of a pupil that would love the opportunity to share their achievements in school, home life or hobbies? This media project offers a fantastic opportunity to recognise the many talented students in your school.



SX Talk Buddy would love to hear your supportive comments about the content they share or the project overall. Tell them on social media... and please don't forget to like, comment and share!



# Functional Skills brought to life..



**ANDY BURNHAM**  
MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER

**A** Year 10 pupil from our Functional Skills Level 1 English class at Castlefield Campus, wrote a formal letter addressed to the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, regarding the homelessness crisis and Manchester's ever-increasing number of rough sleepers.

All students studying English Functional Skills are required to demonstrate their reading, writing, speaking & listening skills. The Personalised Education Teacher (PET) encourages her learners to engage in practical, real-life opportunities to develop these skills.

Following a formal class discussion on the issue of homelessness in Manchester, **Lewis Partington** sent his letter to Andy Burnham.

To the delight of the class, a reply was received outlining the work undertaken by Manchester City Council to tackle to problem, which encouraged the student's progression in reading and increased overall motivation levels in the class.

## Luke receives praise for his outstanding dedication

Luke Rwathore is one of Meade Hill's year 9 students. Since being in year 7, Luke has every day without fail, tended to the school's chickens. He ensures they have fresh water, food and plenty of bedding. Luke also collects any eggs they may have laid which are used in food technology lessons.

Luke volunteered for the responsibility and has shown nothing but the upmost dedication to them. You will be greatly missed when you move into KS4, by both staff and chickens!



Well done!



priority for the City Region and to an extent that is being improving on the lives of people in Manchester. I will continue to work with the GM local authorities and our key partner agencies to