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Autumn Term 2020

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A busy first term

At the beginning of term, Year 9 created some amazing portrait artwork in art classes, inspired by the artist KEEMO. They also looked at the work of Amedeo Modigliani, an Italian painter and sculptor; students were given the task of copying one of his portraits on an A4 page lightly before adding colours and details.

Pupils have also enjoyed the great outdoors, cycling in Priory Woods and exploring nature in Bolton woods. Sometimes it helps to include practical work alongside our theory lessons, our Year 9 pupils enjoyed a practical science lesson with Mr Oldham. We help our students to gain a greater understanding by seeing how it works for themselves.

Pupils from our Year 9 maths class are continuing with their digital learning and working hard to improve their maths skills through Sumdog, a platform that makes learning fun through educational games.



Portrait Artwork



Food Tech



Maths and Science



First lesson in Food tech making...
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Class of 2020!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 leavers who showed great determination and resilience under the most difficult of circumstances. When lockdown was announced many of our pupils did not have all the evidence they needed to show their best abilities.

To ensure that they weren't disadvantaged due to COVID-19, they were invited in to school for an intensive two week assessment period. Pupils and staff worked tirelessly to ensure that they could be awarded the fantastic grades that they deserved.

On results day, pupils and parents queued eagerly to collect the final assessed outcome of their hard work and they were not disappointed. All pupils achieved an excellent set of results including all pupils passing their English and PE qualifications. We wish them all the very best for the future!



CONGRATULATIONS



We are incredibly proud of all our pupils in the Class of 2020! The Headteacher's Award was given to Patrick Kavanagh for his outstanding hard work throughout Year 11, even during the lockdown period!

Making our pupils feel special on our prom day.



Meade Hill turns Hogwarts

Pupils had the opportunity to make potions in their science lesson in the style of Harry Potter. They looked at mixing powders and liquids and saw that some combinations caused a reaction.

The pupils had a lot of fun and enjoyed the lessons. This group have also been learning how to debate effectively. They can now use good body language, clear speech, evidence and facts, opinions and write a good debate to get their point of view over clearly.



Let's debate



A big thank you to Helen from Brook for coming to our school and delivering a great safety session to our pupils, including discussions about STIs and contraception. It was a really insightful lesson and we hope all our pupils were able to take something away from it.

Pupils in our Dove group have created some fantastic pieces of artwork using watercolours!



Our new Year 7's, Becket Group went out for an education walk around Dovestone Reservoir. It turned out to be a great class bonding session!





Our New School!

The start of the summer holiday was the beginning of the construction work for our new school building! In August some of our pupils were able to have a look around the new site. We also had the exciting opportunity of seeing aerial views of the new school building site with just 9 months to go!

Nine months to go!



LEARNING OUTSIDE



Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a lovely outdoor education day exploring Styal woods at Quarry Bank.

One of Britain's greatest heritage sites.





Budding Artists

Year 7 have been getting creative in their art lessons focusing on work by Alexander Calder, and American sculptor best known for his mobile and monumental public sculptures.

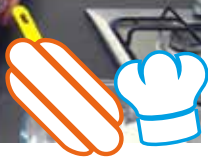
Studying his work inspired them to draw and colour patterns in a similar style.

Our Year 7's have also been working on mark making and recreating lots of different ways we can make marks on the

paper such as dots, lines, scribbles, curves and cross hatching.

They developed these skills further by creating continuous line artwork of two different portraits using pencil.

We also looked at creating continuous line pictures using string.



We believe that cooking is an important life skill and strive to teach all our pupils how to make a range of different meals. Here are some of our Year 7's getting stuck into their cooking lesson.



Getting Active

Year 8 pupils have been practicing their passing and shooting skills in PE lessons. They have also been working on their handwriting skills and the hard work is paying off! We took the time to enjoy some outdoor education at Tandle Hill, a country park in Royton.



Tandle Hill



Goal!



Special guests: The Children's Society



We were delighted to welcome The Children's Society to our school, who delivered engaging sessions to our Year 7 and Year 9 pupils, including work on safety.

The Children's Society is a national charity who work with young people through serious life challenges and help them make positive changes for a better future.



Mindfulness

An enjoyable day at Lytham beach was had by some of our Key Stage 4 pupils, where they played a game of football and swam in the sea! KS4 also took some time out to complete mindful colouring and created some wonderful pieces of work.



Wading in and having fun!



Patterns & colours



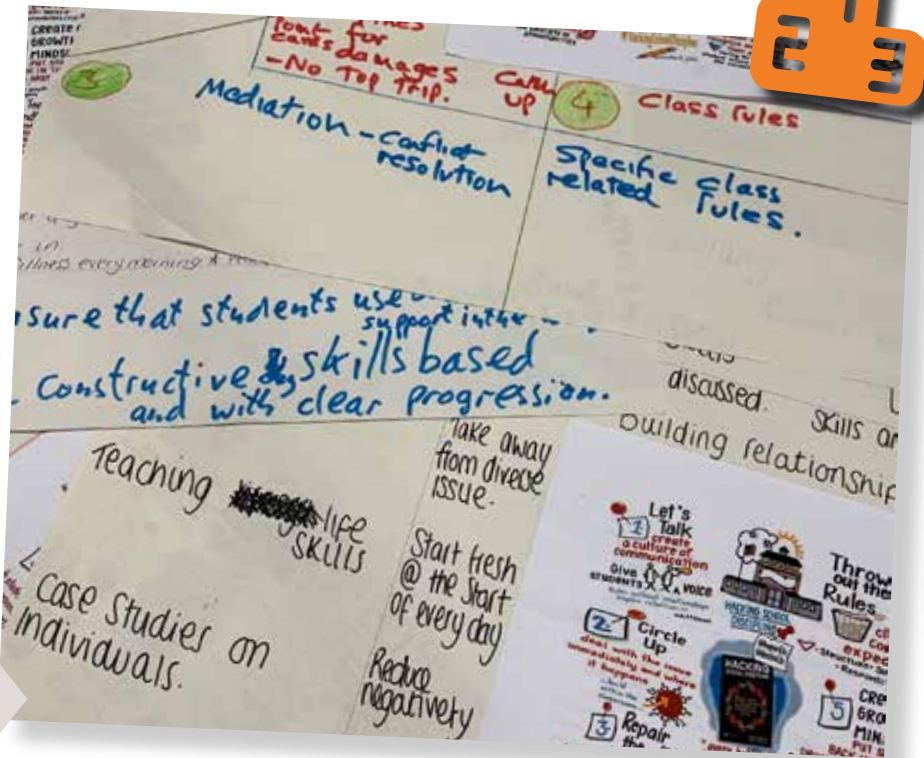
We have been amazed at the work KS4 have created in their art classes. In September, our pupils started AO1 developing skills by adding different patterns, colours and shading to a portrait image. Since then, they have also created some fantastic watercolour landscapes. We can't wait to see their future artwork!



Empowering our staff

We always ensure that our staff are getting the best and most up to date training. We are pleased to say that our teachers and teaching assistants completed their Nessy training in September to improve their awareness of dyslexia and relating difficulties.

In addition staff had a brilliant CPD session refreshing their knowledge about the techniques for creating a culture of empathy and restorative practice.



Students use their voices

Members of our school council attended Manchester Healthy School's first ever virtual Voicebox student network. Voicebox is a pupil participation network for secondary schools, which encourages Manchester pupils to use their voices in meaningful and effective ways.

We want our young people to engage with strategic planning at decision-making levels in the city, and feel like their opinions matters and makes a difference. Lots of Manchester schools and students collaborated and two workshops took place; anti-bullying and national burn awareness.

