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Welcome from the ACADEMY HEADTEACHER



Here we are at the end of another school year – and what a fabulous year we have had. This summer 2018 edition of Levenshulme Life is jam-packed with articles that illustrate both the fantastic experiences our students have been having and their great achievements. Even more activities are taking place as this magazine goes to press, so please talk as families about what is happening during this half-term and how each student is getting involved. This term has also included a very long (and hot!) exam season and we are very proud of how all of our students have handled that. It is almost time now to enjoy a well-earned summer break, and I wish everyone in our school community a safe and happy summer.

I hope you enjoy reading this magazine and take the opportunity to talk to your daughter about it.

Dr J MacKinnon Ph.D.
Academy Headteacher

TIME CAPSULE ENCAPSULATING THE SPIRIT OF LEVENSHULME



On Thursday 10th May 2018, the school congregated to bury a time capsule, which included items that represent the school community, as suggested by the pupils.

Like all schools, Levenshulme High School is a dynamic environment, with lots of change and growth. But it is important that we press 'pause' once in a while and reflect on the achievements, people and values that make our school so vibrant and positive.

Burying a time capsule gives us the opportunity to celebrate our special community. The whole school has explored and discussed how best to represent the school community through the time capsule, and all pupils have suggested ideas for inclusion: we hope that whoever finds and opens the capsule appreciates our school in the way that we do.



**Rafiah Ashfaq, Levenshulme student
leading the project, said:**

"The whole process has brought the school together, from suggesting ideas to reflecting on how we want our school community to be remembered based on what unites us and the values that we represent."



On Tuesday 12th June, 30 Year 9 students attended a session at the University of Manchester entitled 'Powering Transformation'. The brief was to identify issues in society from our wider community and come up with innovative ways of solving them using technology. Our students were mixed with students from The East Manchester Academy and worked well to identify and solve some massive problems that face society and the world.

Problems tackled included mental health and bullying, air and sea pollution and crime. Students researched the issues and then proposed technical solutions to these problems and at the end of the session they presented their ideas. Solutions ranged from using drones, autonomous vehicles, micro-chips in people's heads and roving cleaners on our beaches. The teams were judged by the facilitators in the session based on the presentations. Despite the non-competitive nature of the day, a team from Levenshulme were singled out as the overall winners for their excellent presentation on solving plastic pollution in the sea using self-driving vacuum cleaners that would suck up plastic waste from our beaches.

Over all, the standard of presentations, and in particular from Levenshulme students, was very high. It was also nice to see our students collaborating with the students from TEMA and combining skills and knowledge to create excellent joint presentations. Well done everyone who attended!

“WHAT IS HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES?”

KS4 Mathletes have started this academic year with a maths competition for KS4. Students worked hard in creating a set of challenging questions on Kahoot and were great at hosting it.

At the same time, KS3 Mathletes worked on creating posters that will adorn all maths classroom doors next year. These posters show lots of famous (and not so) mathematicians who have inspired them.

Mathletes were also working very hard on recording videos of some basic skills that all the students will be able to access via Frog. This was particularly challenging as mathletes had to speak and draw diagrams on camera whilst making sure everything was spot on! Well done – especially to our EAL mathletes!



LEAPFROG LEARNING

This year we have launched 'Leapfrog Learning' to support with transition. In HT2 we had students from five of our linked primary schools attend three after-school sessions in art and maths. These sessions were designed to familiarise Year 6 students with our school and staff, as well as giving them the opportunity to experience what lessons are like at our school. The students who attended said they felt that the sessions were an enriching experience and feedback from parents was extremely positive.

The second stage of 'Leapfrog Learning' is taking place in HT6 with students from seven primary schools attending lessons in performing arts, english, science and humanities. We have been so glad to welcome students into Levenshulme High School, and for them to leave with such positive experiences of working here. We can't wait to see many of them back in September!

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF MANCHESTER HILL



In June last year, two students, Noor Hashmi and Nuha Nayem, visited the First World War Battlefields. On their return they undertook a project which focused upon commemorating the Battle of Manchester Hill; one of the last major battles of the First World War where many men from the Manchester Regiment lost their lives defending an area of land from the Germans. At the end of March, a wonderful piece of art, which had been completed by Nuha, and featured Captain Wilfrith Elstob, who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery, went on display in Manchester Cathedral. Both girls were then invited to participate in the memorial service for this event at the cathedral where they did a reading of one of Wilfred Owen's poems. Members of the congregation included local dignitaries from the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers, Manchester City Council, as well as representatives from France. Both girls did themselves and the school proud with many people coming up to them and commending them on both their piece of art and how wonderfully they had read.



MANCHESTER HISTORIES



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What Ofsted said about us:

'A very wide range of sporting, cultural and academic extra-curricular activities attracts the girls in large numbers.'

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As an Arabic class, we got an opportunity to go on a trip and learn about an Arabic film. The trip lasted the whole day and during the day we attended different activities. The main part of the trip was watching the Arabic film and writing notes while watching it. The film lasted around 90 minutes and we got a lunch break after finishing. After the lunch break we went back to the cinema and attended a workshop about the film. We were expected to answer the questions in the booklet we were given; this lasted the rest of the day. The workshop was useful as we got a chance to analyse the film bit by bit. This meant that if we didn't understand some parts of the film it was made clearer to us. The film we watched was set in Saudi Arabia and was the first ever by a female Saudi Arabian director. The film won many awards because of the message about females and their issues in Saudi. Although the things in the film were heart-breaking it made us more aware. The experience was useful as we were shocked that women around the world were still treated like this. The message of the film was so powerful that I recommend anyone interested in this topic to watch it.

PAKISTANI CONSULATE VISIT

A group of students participated in 23rd March "Pakistan Day" 2018 celebrations at The Consulate of Pakistan in Manchester. Students delivered the speeches and songs in Urdu. Students also had the opportunity to meet the different delegates.



"Merci beaucoup and muchas gracias"

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO TRAIN AS A TEACHER AT LEVENSHULME?

This year I have had the pleasure of teaching at Levenshulme High School within the MFL department as part of my teacher training course and I have loved every minute of it! It was great to see how motivated students were to study languages, explore new cultures and how well they participated in classes. I also had the chance to take part in the staff science quiz during Science Week (well done again, Team Seacole!) which was great fun. I would like to thank all of the students I had the fortune to teach and the wonderful, supportive staff in the MFL department; you have all given me a great experience and I have very high expectations for my job in September!

Finally, I would like to wish the Year 11s all the best in their GCSE exams; you CAN do it!

Merci beaucoup and muchas gracias,

Miss Turka



This year at Levenshulme we have been so lucky to have three amazing foreign language assistants: Verena, Mercedes and Ariane. Verena, our assistant from Austria, has written about her experience of working at our school.

"Before arriving at Levenshulme High School I didn't really have any expectations at all - a school somewhere in suburban Manchester in a place I hardly knew how to pronounce. However, the time that I have spent at this school has been one of the most interesting, rewarding and educational for me. As a language assistant I got the chance to spend time with the girls in class as well as in small groups, get to know them a little better and see how they grow. I was incredibly proud to see their progress and their increasing interest in learning foreign languages. Working as part of the MFL team was an absolute pleasure - they are the most supportive, positive and brilliant colleagues anyone could ever wish for. I am very glad that I was chosen for this wonderful experience which I can highly recommend to anyone interested."

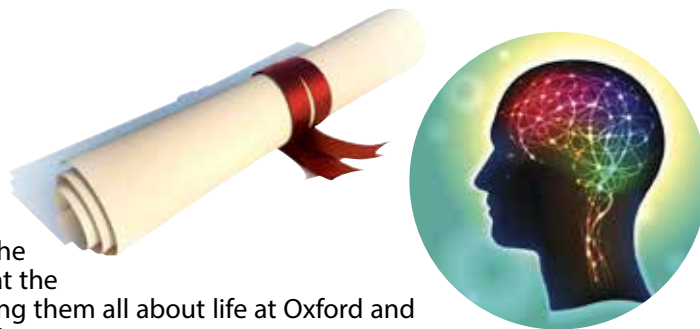


HIGH ACHIEVER ACTIVITIES

OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIP

In May, Mr Holian and Mr Haydn-Slater took 20 Year 11 girls to visit Corpus Crisiti College in Oxford. The trip aimed to give the students a taste of university life at the prestigious University of Oxford. The students were given a chance to explore the college and interact with fellows at the university. On arrival at the university students experienced a university style lecture telling them all about life at Oxford and what they would need to achieve to be eligible for a place at the university.

Throughout the day students were then taken on various tours of the university, getting a chance to interact with students and discuss their aspirations. They were treated to lunch in the college canteen mingling with students of the college and experience part of the social life of the university. This was a great opportunity for our girls, which many fully enjoyed and allowed them to consider their options of whether university is the right decision for them. Following on from this trip, a representative from Oxford University came and gave a talk to Years 7s, 8s and 9s.



MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

In May, Mr Holian and Mr Millington took a group of students to Manchester University. The trip aimed to give the girls a taste of university life in our city. Students were given the chance to interact with other students and take part in university style seminars. This was a very enjoyable experience for many of our girls, who relished the opportunity to extend their knowledge and explore subjects at university level.



MASTER CLASSES AND DEBATE AT LORETO

Year 10 students have attended a number of masterclass sessions. These sessions, run at the college, have allowed our students to extend their learning experience taking part in exciting subjects such as, human psychology and philosophy.



'WORD UP!'

It's been another amazing year for the English faculty. Following the success of last year's 'Word Up!', the spoken word competitions - including debate, Shakespeare by Heart and persuasive speaking - made a powerful return for 2017-18. We would like to give special thanks to all of the Year 7, 8 and 9 students who took part: from the classroom heats right up until the nail-biting finals. As judges, we felt so privileged to hear and see so many powerful and inspiring performances, and would like to offer a special congratulations to all of our winners from across the three categories: 8A1 (team), Preeti Kaur and Yasmine Kone.

The faculty are immensely proud of our young women as well as the success of the competition. We have big plans to take speaking and listening to the next stage for 2018-19, so watch this space!



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CAREERS WEEK 2018

Levenshulme High School celebrated annual National Careers Week in March 2018

National Careers Week is a celebration of careers guidance and aims to raise awareness of the importance of good careers education. During the week, different organisations and speakers were invited to our school where students were given the opportunity to learn more about the various careers in STEM, creative and digital, apprenticeships and learn about the career choices. Assemblies and lunch time sessions were organised where we had speakers from UKFast, University of Manchester, STEM ambassadors in Software engineering, Chemical engineering, Textiles, Growth Company and The Manchester College. Our Career & STEM leaders also delivered a career options assembly to Year 7s. Leaders also organised a charity cake sale to mark the end the week raising money for the charity called CARE that help save lives, defeat poverty and achieve social justice especially for women and girls.



MANCHESTER GATEWAYS PROGRAMME

Our first batch of Year 7 students went to the University of Manchester to participate in the Gateway programme. The University of Manchester Gateways Programme allows learners in Years 7 to 11 to participate in a series of academic enrichment and higher education (HE) awareness activities.

Manchester Gateways enables students to:

find out more about University life;

explore the range of degree courses at the University

develop a range of skills that will aid success at GCSE and beyond





career choice



CAREER TALK PROFESSOR DAME NANCY ROTHWELL

Our Year 10 students participated in a Career talk delivered by Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell who is the President & Vice-Chancellor of University of Manchester.

Professor Rothwell is a British physiologist. She took up the post of President & Vice-Chancellor of the University in July 2010. She is the first woman to lead The University of Manchester or either of its two predecessor institutions. She is also Professor of Physiology, and has previously held an MRC Research Chair, as well as holding University positions as Vice-President for Research and as Deputy President & Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Her research in the field of neuroscience has contributed towards major advances in the understanding and treatment of brain damage in stroke and head injury.

We asked Professor Rothwell:

*"What one word best sums you up and your vision?
Her answer was... "Enthusiasm!"*



DAMAR TRAINING APPRENTICESHIP SESSION

Students from Years 10 & 11 participated in an apprenticeship session by DAMAR training group. Apprenticeship opportunities in Greater Manchester Police were discussed and students were given tips and advice on how to apply for the roles.



Check out our twitter account where you can follow us for all the latest careers news in and out of school @Careers_Levy



HEALTHCARE SCIENCE WEEK

Our Year 9 students attended the Healthcare Science and Engineering week at the Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation. The week was celebrated by hosting an Event Day which showcased interactive sessions and bite size lectures from healthcare scientists from across all disciplines with an opportunity to ask questions about their work.

Students got a taster for healthcare science, which covers a very wide range of specialist areas from the more patient-facing physiological sciences, including hearing and balance disorders (Audiology), echocardiography and heart rhythm disorders (Cardiac Physiology); to life sciences including genetics, blood transfusion and microbiology & prevention of infection; to physical sciences and engineering including nuclear medicine and clinical photography. Healthcare Science week is an opportunity to learn about how science and technology is vital in modern patient care and how it can change lives for the better.



promote team working, problem solving and communication skills through a simulated construction project

explore careers in construction

introduce enterprise skills in the form of costings, tendering and profit

TECH TASTER DAY AT WRHS

A group of Year 9 students were invited to participate in the first Whalley Range 11-18 High School Tech Taster Day as part of showcasing STEM careers. Businesses such as BBC, UKFast, Thales, and Deloitte delivered interactive sessions and students were given the opportunity to discover new and exciting careers in STEM. The sessions showcased Women in STEM careers and covered labour market information on a wide range of jobs along with the skills and qualifications required for these specific career pathways. All three schools across the Trust were invited to the event.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

As part of STEM provision and International Women's day, our Year 8s were invited by WRHS to visit the Manchester Airport Transformation Programme organised by Laing O'Rourke. They were introduced to the different roles available in construction and met some inspiring women in this field. They took part in a tower building activity where they were split into different teams and each team acted as small construction companies. The teams were asked to plan, design, and cost (tender) and construct a tower made from Lego bricks. The results are pictured above.



We asked Year 8s: 'What was one thing they learned from the trip?'

"WOMEN CAN DO ANYTHING MEN CAN DO!"





STEM - NOT JUST FOR BOYS!

Career and STEM leaders had an opportunity to learn about engineering and environmental sciences pathways from two inspiring females studying STEM subjects with one of them pursuing PhD in atmospheric science. They spoke about their career journey, their passion for STEM, breaking the stereotype and being a role model for many of our girls.



THE SCIENCE OF CARING – MOSI

A group of Year 10 students went to Museum of Science and Industry to attend the NHS Science of Caring event. Students participated in a carousel of interactive workshops which included professionals from microbiology, medical physics, ophthalmic science, pulmonary function and reproductive medicine. The aim was to raise awareness in a range of NHS healthcare professions and to break the stereotypes.



GOALBALL COMPETITION

On Monday 12th February, Levenshulme High School came out victorious in the Manchester Goalball Competition with two KS3 teams placing on the podium with bronze and gold medals. The KS4 team finished 4th overall. It was a fantastic finale to what has been lots of hard work and dedication from the girls attending weekly practices in an array of inclusive sports with Mr Williamson. The girls did themselves and the school proud and cannot wait for the next competition!



KS3 FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINALS

On Thursday 24th May, the KS3 football team played in two Manchester School football League finals for the first time in the schools history. They worked incredibly hard to get to the finals beating tough opposition throughout the year during league matches each month at Whalley Range. In the first match they got off to a great start. The team initially played William Hulme who they beat 5-0. The second game they lost 4-1 in a hard match against Wright Robinson High School and finally lost their third match 5-0 against Trinity. The team finished 3rd overall, which is an incredible achievement. Levenshulme demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a credit to themselves and the school.

YEAR 10 CUP FINAL

On Thursday 10th May, Year 10 played against Wright Robinson in the Manchester School Football Knock out cup final for the first time in school history. They worked incredibly hard to get to the finals, beating tough opposition. In the first round beating Abraham Moss 1-0 and the current champions Trinity 6-2 in the semi-final. Levenshulme made a good start to the game and scored a goal to equalise 1-1. However, at half-time it was 4-1. The team continued to fight and work hard for each other but unfortunately lost 9-1 in the end. Maira Hussain made some excellent saves to keep Levenshulme in the game. Mahmuda Begum scored the only goal for Levenshulme. Levenshulme demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a credit to themselves and the school.

KARATE CLUB

Levenshulme High School karate club has been in existence for the last 5 years. The club has seen many pupils progress from grade to grades over the years. The current group of girls have been outstanding in their attitude towards their karate. Our most senior student is Tasnia Akthar who has been training in the club for over 3 years.

On March 25th the girls attended their grading to achieve their next belts in which they all passed their tests with flying colours. They showed resilience and determination during the tests. The girls are a joy to teach. As a coach watching the girls exhibit the benefits of karate such as self-defence, discipline, confidence and respect is very rewarding. I am very proud to be their Sensei. I would like to thank Miss McLeod for all the support she has given and continues to give our club.

MANCHESTER UNITED

YEAR 7&8 HUB COMPETITION

Eight girls represented Levenshulme High School on Friday 9th March in the Manchester United Foundation hub tournament at DTA. The girls were extremely excited and this was reflected in the positive attitude on and off the pitch. The girls had 3 group stage games: the first game they appeared anxious but the skill amongst Levenshulme was hard to hold off and two quality goals came from Amina Ghaus. The opponents, Loreto, managed to score in the final minute of the game making the final score 2-1. Levenshulme took the win into the next two games, playing with confidence and pride winning the group stage. In the semi-final we came up against Middleton, who were able to score in the first 30 seconds. This put Levenshulme on the back foot. Reaching the semi-finals is a fantastic achievement but most importantly all girls enjoyed the day and represented Levenshulme High School in a positive light. Well done to Aleemah Ahmed (7), who was the winner of 2 Manchester United tickets for her outstanding contribution and exemplary sporting etiquette throughout the tournament.

INTER-HOUSE ROUNDERS

During HT5 students came together to represent their house by participating in the Rounders Inter-House Competition. Nine students from each house took part in the competition which was a great opportunity for students to develop their teamwork skills and resilience. Over the course of the week each house player in a round robin and played each other once. Each team had to score as many rounders as they could in 15 good balls. The week involved a good level of competition with a high level of challenge and excitement while getting students involved and it was fantastic to see the girls compete with a great level of sportsmanship. The winning house was Nightingale followed by Keller in 2nd place, Seacole in 3rd place and Parks in 4th place. Well done to all girls involved and spectators including staff and students who supported the competition!



BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM

On 14th and 15th February, we put on our musical production of 'Bend It Like Beckham'. We followed the story of Jess and Jules and their passion for football, and all of the social and cultural stigmas they had to overcome to follow their dreams. It was a tremendous celebration of friendship, family and working hard to achieve your goals in life through drama, music and dance. The students brought the story to life through their hard work and passion for the arts and what a fantastic production it was.



TOGETHER FOR PEACE

On Tuesday 22nd May, 16 girls from Year 7-10 had the amazing opportunity to open the Manchester Together concert in memory of those who lost their lives in the Manchester Arena attack last year. Our choir was selected out of 200 choirs who applied to be one of those featured at this event. Their rendition of 'This is why we sing' was mesmerising and the girls performed with full professionalism and star quality. Their performance was broadcast to over 3 million people on The One Show and the BBC News Channel, as well as to a live audience of 13,000. The girls showed an immense amount of resilience and really exuded the spirit of Levenshulme with their abundance of enthusiasm and amazing teamwork. I have never been more proud to work with such a talented, energetic and kind spirited group.

Mr Dipple



YEAR 10 TRIP TO THE BEATLES MUSEUM



On 18th April, our Year 10 GCSE music class had a fantastic visit to The Beatles Museum in Liverpool.

The group have been loving learning about the music and history of one of the world's most famous and influential bands. As part of the trip the students also had the opportunity to attend a lecture on the famous album, Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band which they are studying for GCSE. This gave them a real insight into how advanced and ground breaking some of the technology and musical ideas were that The Beatles used to create their adventurous and catchy songs. The students also impressed the staff at the museum with their knowledge of some of the songs!

Ms Ryan



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Stitch Club

Mrs Coffey has been running a very successful stitch club this term. Pupils in Year 8 and 9 have designed and constructed their own fashion garments including dresses, skirts and accessories. Look out for our upcoming fashion show where you can see all of the designers alongside models wearing their garments on the catwalk! More details to be announced soon...

Year 7 Dream Day ceramics project

Year 7 have been designing their own money banks to help them save for the future and get their finances in order! All of the money banks have been individually handcrafted using stoneware clay ready for firing in our new kiln! We are so excited to see what these will look like painted. Well done, Dream Day-ers!



Masterchefs of Levenshulme High!

As part of their final coursework submissions, Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students worked under immense pressure to produce 3 dishes of their own creation in just 3 hours. All of our students did themselves proud so look out for them on future episodes of Masterchef! Here are some examples of the multicultural menus inspired by foods from around the world that they created.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our very first NCFE group for completing their courses to an excellent standard. We had fantastically positive feedback from the visiting examiner who came to look at all of the art work produced by our students on the NCFE Level 1 Art course. Here are just a few examples of their creative achievements over the last year...

HOME CINEMA VISIT

Year 10 Urdu students took part in an Urdu film study session with their Urdu teacher Mr Ali who also led the film session. Students learnt about different social issues through film and media.

