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WE ARE VERY PROUD TO BE IN THE **TOP 10% OF SCHOOLS** NATIONALLY
FOR THE PROGRESS THAT OUR STUDENTS MADE IN 2017!

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NIGHTINGALE

Welcome from the **ACADEMY HEADTEACHER**

Welcome to our first Levenshulme Life of 2018 – and it gives me a great opportunity to celebrate again the fantastic achievements of our Class of 2017, whose exam results put us in the top 10% of schools nationally for the progress that they made, while showcasing the wonderful activities and opportunities taking place now. As I write, our performing arts team and students are in the last stages of rehearsals for this year's show – 'Bend It Like Beckham – the Musical' which we are very excited about. The matinee performance of the show is one of the opportunities that we have, too, to work together with some of our local primary schools – and this partnership working is an increasing part of the next phase of our school's development. The transition from primary to secondary is an incredibly important time for students, particularly as so much has changed – and keeps changing – in the primary and secondary curriculum, and we are working to make sure that no learning is lost as the girls move up to Year 7.

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



CAREER TALK – MOHAMMED AMIN MBE

Our Year 9 students participated in a career talk delivered by Mohammed Amin from 'Speakers for School'. Mohammed Amin is a former partner at PwC and co-chair of the Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester. He has on several occasions been listed as one of the hundred most influential Muslims in the UK. Year 9s got the opportunity to hear his career journey, the choices he made along his way and how despite his parents being illiterate, he managed to graduate in mathematics from Clare College, Cambridge and obtain a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Leeds University. In retirement Amin spends most of his time giving back to the community by writing, speaking, broadcasting, informal mentoring and active involvement in a number of organisations.



LAW & CRIMINOLOGY TALKS

- Career leaders along with other students had a chance to
- participate in a career talk on criminology delivered by Dr
- Muzammil Quraishi - Senior Criminologist lecturer from
- University of Salford. Some useful tips and advice were provided
- for our students looking into this field as a career option.



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW

A group of Year 10 students participated in the national apprenticeship show. The girls got to see a vast range of apprenticeships and traineeships ranging from NHS, ICT and engineering. They also had a chance to meet Grainne McCoy (BBC "The Apprentice" semi-finalist, 2016) who is now the Cube Learning Ambassador for Apprenticeships.



ROUNDTABLE CONSULTATION

Year 10 students were invited to participate in a round table consultation, addressing ethnic inequalities in the GM Labour market. This was to map out some of the key statistics in relation to ethnic minority labour market outcomes in Greater Manchester, understand more about the diverse experiences of ethnic minority groups and offer recommendations for the mayor's office, civil society and local employers on what needs to be done to improve labour market prospects for ethnic minorities.



NCS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Levenshulme High School was among the top 10 performing schools in Greater Manchester in 2017. Well done to all the girls who took part in the challenge. Here's to another fab year!



Our careers twitter account is now live and you can follow us for all the latest careers news in and out of school @Careers_Levy



JOURNEY JOURNALS

All Year 7 students were given Journey Journals at the start of the school year to allow them document their first year of high school. In order to support students in completing these, Journey Journal Club was introduced during term 1. All Year 7 students are encouraged to attend this club where they are made to feel very welcomed by the Journey Journal Year 8 Leaders. Materials are provided to allow them to get creative with their pages, and the Leaders support in inspiring ideas.

Since the start of the school year, together with the Journey Journal Leaders, we have launched three competitions. Term 1 saw Afaf Odeh representing Seacole House win the House page competition, and in Term 2 Amna Imtiaz won the Goals page competition representing Parks House.

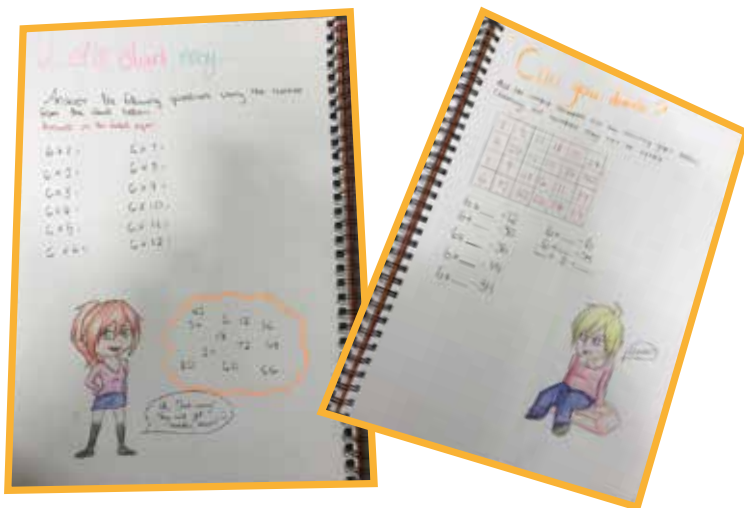
In addition to these Muskan Nadeem was awarded a prize for attending the most Journey Journal sessions last half term.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

A group of our Year 10 Young Enterprise team went to the Christmas markets to sell their Wellbeing booklets and Wellbeing hampers (they also successfully went on sale at the staff Teach Meet). There were 30 teams from a range of colleges and high schools competing at the market and a variety of staff from KMPG and Young Enterprise were around judging the teams on their sales techniques.

Our students won the best sales team of Greater Manchester!

The 'mystery shopper' commented on how the girls articulately shared their company values and mission statement. They were the only group who asked the customers what they thought about wellbeing and the manager commented on how they loved the fact that they got the customers to envisage themselves in a calm and relaxing state. The Young Enterprise manager commented on how enthusiastic the team were and how seriously they took on their roles, engaging with every single customer with respect.



NUMERACY PROJECT

This year we have launched an exciting numeracy project with the aim of enriching and improving the fluency of times tables and basic numeracy skills within form time. Throughout HT2 each tutor group created 4 starter activities focused on one of the times tables. The girls have done a fantastic job creating some inventive and engaging tasks; they have taken great pride in ensuring their project was completed to a high standard. Each House has some truly impressive scrap books with some amazing illustrations alongside their starter tasks. These scrap books will now begin to carousel around each form in the House. We are excited to see the impact this project will have on the engagement during the numeracy days and will update you all with the outcome at the end of the school year.

ALL DIFFERENT - ALL EQUAL

The theme of this year's national Anti-Bullying Week was extremely appropriate for our school. 'All different-All equal' could easily be a motto for the whole school and so the AB team have decided to run with this theme for the year ahead.

During AB week, the team conducted all the assemblies, giving a great show of strength, as the majority of the team of 50 ambassadors took part. They delivered a positive, powerful poem of solidarity to their fellow pupils and explained their role in patrolling school and helping to combat bullying.

The anti-bullying ambassadors can be recognised by their distinctive blue badges and are all very approachable.

At the end of the week staff and pupils alike displayed their celebration of diversity by joining in with Odd Socks Day.



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Modern Foreign Languages

NEWS

LEVENSHULME LANGUAGE DAY

The event took place at the Arcadia Library. Levenshulme High School students took part in activities along with their Urdu teacher, Mr Ali. The event featured information stalls, language taster sessions, games for children, live music, performances and international films. The Levenshulme High School Executive Headteacher, Ms Patsy Kane, also attended the event.

Levenshulme Language Day is a joint initiative organised by Multilingual Manchester (The University of Manchester), Manchester City Council, Levenshulme Inspire, Levenshulme Market and local schools.



HIGH ACHIEVER ACTIVITIES

OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIP

In October, Mr Holian 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 pupils were given a chance to explore the college and interact with students 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, pupils 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 experiencing 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.

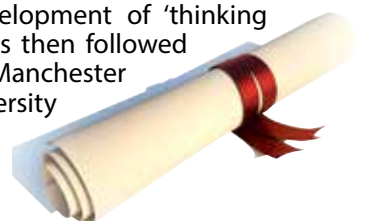
MASTER CLASSES AND DEBATE AT LORETO

Since September, Year 11 pupils have attended a number of master class sessions. These sessions, run at the college, have allowed our pupils to extend their learning experience taking part in exciting subjects such as human psychology and philosophy.



MATHS AND THE BRAIN

This year a selection of Year 11, 10 and 9 pupils had an amazing opportunity to delve into the work of Dr Stephen Lynch from the Manchester Metropolitan University, Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics. Earlier this year, Dr Lynch came into school to give a talk about his latest work on the development of 'thinking machines.' This was then followed by a visit to the Manchester Metropolitan University where the pupils got to experience research in action.



What an exciting term for drama at Levenshulme High School! Our year got off to a great start when the Year 10 GCSE class took the Shakespeare Schools Festival by storm with their mesmerising performance of *Macbeth*. The girls created a huge buzz around their performance by doing a flash mob in the school courtyard and this momentum propelled the girls to perform their piece to a professional standard a few weeks later. The performance took place at Contact Theatre in Manchester and was met with rapturous applause and praise from both the audience and the festival organisers. The response was so fantastic that the girls were asked to perform again to the Year 11s to help with their English GCSE. The Key Stage Three Drama club hit full capacity and the girls have been working hard on extracts of *The Lord of the Flies*, producing a fantastically stylised studio performance. This performance has allowed the girls to direct, act and control the technical aspects of the show.



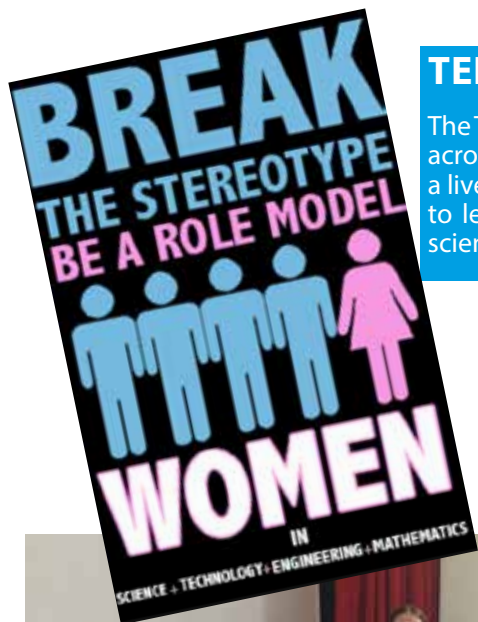
On top of this, the girls have had the opportunity to access some amazing professional theatre. The whole of Year 7 were transported into the woods as they spent a morning at Z Arts Theatre watching the five star production of *Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf*. The girls loved the modern performance with one student saying, 'The show was awesome! Not just awesome, it was AMAZING!'. The girls were able to take away an appropriate message linked to their dream day whilst also watching a piece of spellbinding theatre.



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SHOW

As a result of language barriers and low confidence, EAL students often avoid participating in extracurricular activities and miss out on a chance to shine as part of school performance shows. However, last term at Levenshulme High we witnessed a leap in such students' confidence levels as they planned, prepared and performed in this year's fantastic Celebration, Diversity and Inclusion show. The show consisted of some amazing traditional dances such as the Dhabka, a typical Arabian group dance, as well as fun cultural activities and games that the students used to raise money for the Cancer Research Charity. The students finished the show with a very glamorous catwalk in which they were representing their different cultures and ethnic backgrounds, such as traditional dresses from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Syria, Kuwait, Romania, Spain and Italy. The show enabled EAL and Inclusion students to improve and demonstrate their organisational, social-communicational and leadership skills. In particular, EAL students gained more confidence in speaking English during the regular rehearsals and meetings.





TEENTECH STEM –YEAR 9

The TeenTech experience is an award-winning event, where students from 30 schools from across Greater Manchester joined STEM professionals from many different industries for a lively “hands-on” day of experiments and challenges. It was an opportunity for students to learn more about careers in STEM and to help change their preconceptions about science and engineering.



OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Female physics and engineering undergraduates and graduates from the University of Manchester delivered a physics and engineering workshop to a group of Year 10 students.

This programme intended to tackle gender stereotypes around physics and engineering and to inspire girls to continue studying these subjects at high level. The workshop involved a presentation about the gender differences in these subjects, the job opportunities that lead from them and personal stories from female physics and engineering university students.



RADIOGRAPHY RAD SHOW

Final year students from Salford University studying Diagnostic Radiography degree delivered ‘Radiography Rad-Show’ to our Year 9 students in order to raise awareness of Radiography, a profession at the heart of modern medicine. The aim of the event was to give the students the opportunity to consider their career pathway carefully and with as much high quality information, advice and guidance as possible. To ensure they are fully aware of their own educational choices and needs, and to assist them in making informed decisions.

CAREERS IN MEDICINE

Year 11 students had the opportunity to hear from an occupational physician and oncologist from University of Manchester who shared their learning journeys on their medical pathways and the entry requirements for medicine at the University of Manchester. This was followed by a lunchtime session open to all year groups.



CAREERS IN MEDIA

Senior Lecturer in Creative Media from the University of Salford, Dr Umran Ali, spoke to the career leaders about the future and demand of media studies and the impact it has on our everyday lives. The importance of learning STEM subjects and the many career options. Umran shared his career journey followed by a Q&A session by the students.



MATHS COMPETITIONS

Thank you to all pupils and staff who participated in last term's maths competition focusing on times tables. The students approached the competition enthusiastically and it was great to see such a good turn-out with each form represented. Heats took place within each House and the competition culminated in a final which took place on Friday 24th November. Congratulations to the winner N03! We hope that all students enjoyed taking part and look forward to the next Maths competition which takes place in March 2018.



MATHS COACHES

We have been delighted with the work that our new maths coaches have been doing. Year 9 are working with Year 7 and Year 10 with Year 8, assisting them with aspects of maths that they need a little more help with.

We have been delighted with the commitment, dedication and patience shown by our coaches, in preparing the work for their coachees. Year 7 and 8 have been responding very positively to their coaching and have been making great progress and can be very proud of themselves. Well done to our new coaches on a fantastic job!

Mrs P. Taylor and Ms D. Patel

YEAR 10 MATHS ROADSHOW

In half-term 2, 60 Year 10 pupils took part in a Maths Roadshow (in conjunction with Manchester Metropolitan University), which involved approximately 30 students from Loreto College, who currently study A-level maths. The format of the session was a carousel of activities for pupils to participate in. There were 8 activities available consisting of leap frog, 10 lines, 3D cubes, and all of them involved a problem solving element.

Feedback from the organiser at Loreto College was complimentary of all students involved, stating that they had worked collaboratively and demonstrated enthusiasm throughout the session.

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the event and comments from the pupils included improved skills and confidence with problem solving, confidence built working with different people, activities were fun and interesting, maths can be more fun and it will not be hard if we try it and not giving up when it became difficult.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student leadership continues to go from strength to strength at Levenshulme High School. After the launch of the programme in October there are currently 451 leaders who are doing a whole array of exciting activities to help develop a range of leadership skills. This includes numerous trips, such as the STEM leaders attending 'Teen Tech STEM' at the University of Manchester, running and leading competitions, such as the Scavenger Hunt by the geography leaders and leading pupil voice which has brought about change already, such as the year captains planning a Year 7 Futsal competition. A whole host of exciting opportunities are to come and the opportunity to earn even more LORIC points!

ENGLISH LEADERS by Miss Patrick

A record number of applications for the English Leaders was a promising start to the academic year. We now have a solid team of focused, organised and creative leaders of the future who are determined to spread the joys of reading, writing and getting your voice heard!

In September the leaders judged a poetry competition with some impressive entries, all based around the topic of 'freedom' to celebrate National Poetry Day. In half-term 2 the leaders judged the Word-Up competition, communicating their constructive criticism with clarity and positivity. Our first SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) surgery of the year included superb games and quizzes (and will possibly be stolen for my lessons!).

With all of their creativity and initiative, as well as their developing communication skills, I can't wait to see what else is in store for us this year.

"WORD UP" by Miss Williams

Our first Word Up! competition of the year culminated in a fiercely-contested final between our top two semi-finalist teams from 9b1 and 8a1. The motion was deliberately current-affairs inspired: This House believes that the British media should prioritise the UK news above global news – and this allowed the speakers to make relevant, engaging and sometimes quite challenging references to things happening in the world around us right now. From a KS3 wide set of teams and debaters right down to our final 8 speakers, our girls did us incredibly proud by demonstrating confident, disciplined and passionate speaking throughout the competition.

WORDUP!



BIG DRAW 2017

The Levenshulme Big Draw 2017 was a fantastic event. The week was jam-packed with activities, competitions and tasty treats. We had the annual Win, Lose or Draw competition, which the mighty Parks House won (huge congratulations to P06)! We also had a 'Hunt for the stolen artwork' competition. Teachers drew quick self-portraits to hang on their doors, and our 'Quiz of the week' was a Big Draw special that included many teachers' artworks. Students were pleasantly surprised at how good their teachers' works were!

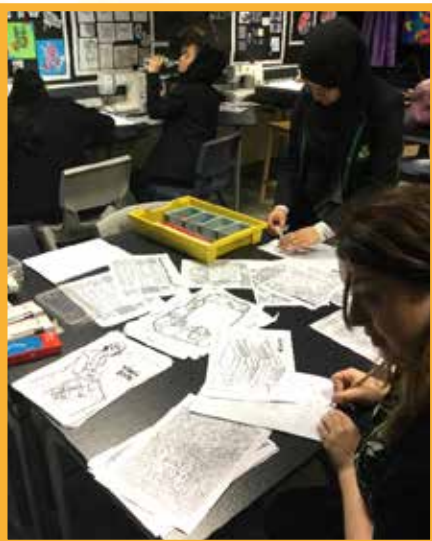


The Doodle Wall was a great platform allowing the students to express themselves and to have fun doodling at break times. Everyone contributed to the same large-scale wall drawings, which ended up with lots of references to our school values.



Mr. Martin worked really hard to make all the delicious Big Draw biscuits. Or at least, that's what he said! After some investigating, we discovered these photographs that prove Mr Martin's year 11 food class deserve all the credit for their sell-out bakes! They raised £46 for their chosen charity, Art Refuge. For more information visit www.artrefugeuk.org

Challenge Club has continued to innovate and inspire this term, with students being tasked with drawing without holding pens in their hands! They had a short time to invent and problem solve, with some very creative solutions being explored...we're not sure if the artwork was as good as the tools they invented! Come along on Tuesday lunch times in C032 to get involved... all welcome!



COLOURING BOOK CLUB

Miss Valentine launched a colouring book club this term, which invited students to come along and produce their own line drawings based on our school's community and wellbeing, so that we will be able to make our own colouring book out of all of the beautiful drawings produced. Look out for more information next time, as we may even sell some copies and donate the proceeds to a mental health charity. See Miss Valentine for more information or to get involved.



ANIMENIACS

Watch out for the next issue of Levenshulme Life, as this group of creative and skilled illustrators will be presenting their very own comics and illustrations in this summer's edition. We can't wait! To get involved with the AnimeNiacs, come along to C032 on Thursday lunchtimes.





CHRISTMAS LECTURE – MEDICAL PHYSICS

Our Year 10 triple students attended a Christmas lecture given by Dr Heather Williams (@alrightPET) on 'Rise of the Antimatter Machines'.

In this entertaining lecture, medical physicist Dr Heather Williams introduced her favourite imaging technique, Positron Emission Tomography, from its fundamental principles and initial development to current applications in clinical care and research, before looking ahead to imminent advances and blue-skies dreams of the future.

The lecture was illustrated with creative demonstrations, real-life examples, and a spot of audience participation. This was also used as an opportunity to celebrate and promote the work of women in science, technology, engineering and maths.



JODRELL BANK TRIP

Last term a number of Year 11 students went on a trip to Jodrell Bank. The pupils enjoyed a number of hands on activities such as making a model of a pulsar and using the latest technology to identify new stars and supernovas. They also learnt about the important role that Jodrell Bank and the University of Manchester has played in developing our understanding of astronomy.

The theme of the evening was the contribution women have made to astronomy and there were inspirational talks given by some interesting and fun female astrophysicists who are at the forefront of some very important research.



FARADAY CHALLENGE

Five students from Year 8, who have previously expressed an interest in Engineering, were chosen to take part in the Faraday challenge organised by the IET (the institution of Engineering and Technology).

On the day, the students were presented with a genuinely tough engineering problem. They were asked to design and build a new amusement ride for Thorpe Park which would attract all age groups. The students were very well organised and worked extremely well as a team. They were able to use knowledge from science lessons to build a ride that moved using an electromagnet. The girls' performance was largely praised by the judges.

The challenge allowed the students to be creative and be able to use their own problem solving skills to explore their capabilities as engineers.



NEW AGE KURLING COMPETITION

On Monday 15th January, Levenshulme High School came out victorious in the Manchester New Age Kurling Competition with both teams placing on the podium with Bronze and Silver medals. It was a fantastic finale with lots of hard work and dedication from the girls attending weekly practices in an array of Inclusion Sports with Mr Williamson.

The girls did themselves and the school proud and cannot wait for the next competition! Levenshulme Sports Leaders officiated, encouraged and supported all competitors. All leaders were inspiring and enjoyed the experience.



ROWING COMPETITION

We were hosts for the city-wide school rowing competition that were held on Tuesday 12th December 2017. Over 1000 students from across the city took part in the competition which was an incredible event to be part of. Over 50 sports leaders helped to run the event as part of their leadership role and they did an amazing job, receiving excellent feedback from participating schools and staff. The school entered 90 teams into the event across all key stages. It was fantastic to see the girls compete against some of the best in Manchester. Well done to all girls involved!



Team B - Second Place

- Kiran Khalid Year 8
- Zenib Raja-Akhtar Year 8
- Manahil Niazi Year 9
- Nimra Nawaz Year 9

Team A - Third Place

- Rafia Zahid Year 7
- Aisha Hussain Year 7
- Aleemah Ahmed Year 7
- Minahil Nushad Year 7

BADMINTON COMPETITION

On Tuesday 16th January Levenshulme KS3 badminton team played in the Greater Manchester School Games county finals competition for the first time in our history. Before reaching the School Games, they had to face tough competition in two qualifying rounds at Parrs Wood and Whalley Range High School.

The team of four (Maira Hussain, Doha Farooq, Saniyyah Ali and Amina Ghaus) played some awesome badminton and gave a good account of themselves despite being very nervous. The opposition were very experienced with a number of competitors playing at county level. The team played 3 games. The first game the team played the Kingsway in which they lost 4-1. Levenshulme began to find their form, beating St Thomas More 5-0 before losing the final game narrowly, 3-2 to Bramall.

I am extremely proud of the way the girls played and conducted themselves. Well Done. Miss McLeod



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular sport started with a big bang this year with 25 sessions being offered in a wide range of sports which include: fitness, football, basketball, karate, dodgeball, netball and many more. There has been a great buzz around the PE department with many of the girls competing for the school teams.

Year 10 have been a dominating force within the first half-term. 96 pupils in the year group have attended followed by Year 8 (81 pupils). Year 7 are currently third with 69 pupils and Year 11 (64 pupils) in fourth.

Nightingale are leading the way for the houses in the first half-term, 106 pupils in the house have attended followed by Parks, Keller then Seacole.



What Ofsted said about us:

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



HISTORY LEADERS CASTLE BUILDING

Over the Christmas holidays, Year 7 were busy researching and crafting historical castles. The aim of the competition was to see who could build the most accurate castle with an accompanying fact file on the history of that castle. The competition was devised by Tahrim Yaseen in 10N08 and then promoted by the History Leaders.

There were a lot of amazing entries as you can see in the photographs, which made the History Leaders' judging job a very difficult one. However, in the end they came to the decision that Amna Nayab's (S08) Motte and Bailey Castle was the winner with Maham Imran's (S06) model of Chepstow Castle and accompanying information pack a close second, Rafiah Zahid (K07) came 3rd.

Congratulations to everyone who took part!



What Ofsted said about us:

Younger and older pupils enjoy building relationships with each other through the organisation of mixed-age tutor groups."



GEOGRAPHY ON THE ROAD

Year 11 geographers have recently completed two different fieldwork trips as part of their GCSE course: one to the Peak District to complete a river study and another to Salford Quays to investigate the impact of urban regeneration. During the river study the Year 11 needed to get their hands dirty (and sometimes feet wet!) to complete a number of different activities on how the river changes downstream. Luckily it was a warm, sunny day! We were less fortunate with the weather at Salford Quays as the wind blew a gale, but we still managed to complete our questionnaires, field sketches and a land use survey. The prospect of shopping at The Lowry Centre or a Nandos at the end certainly kept a few going!



WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

March 21st will see the centenary of one of the last major offensives from World War One, The Battle of Manchester Hill. This battle gained its name from the area which was being defended by soldiers from the Manchester Regiment in 1918. However, the majority of these soldiers died whilst defending this area of land. As part of the commemorations, two Year 9 students will travel to Belgium and France from March 18th – 21st, with students from around 25 other Manchester schools, to visit key sites from World War One and participate in a memorial service at the location of the battle. The visit promises to be one which will be extremely moving, as well as providing the students with many memorable first hand experiences. Look out for a full report in the next edition.

LIFE FOCUS

The Year 11 students have made a fantastic start to Year 11 and have already completed a PPE exam and have all applied for college placements. There has been a focus on study skills and revision classes and attendance at these sessions has been excellent.

Study Skills and revision opportunities:

35 students are part of the ongoing ELEVATE programme, which aims to improve study skills habits and advises on the best strategies to use for revision

31 students attended the Greater Manchester Higher study skills session, which gave the students an opportunity to practice a variety of study skills

Faculties have been focusing on the use of study skills within some lessons and have a wide range of intervention sessions on offer during and after the school day.

WORD MILLIONAIRES

Congratulations and very well done to our first Word Millionaires of the academic year! These students were the first to read a million or more words since September, as logged by the Accelerated Reading system, making them very deserving prize-winners.

Amina Imran, 8NO2

Fatimah Alethari, 7SO1

Saman Ali Bibi, 9KO3

XMAS HAMPER CAMPAIGN



Each year, pupils and staff surpass their own generosity by donating food, clothing and hygiene items to local charities. This year, the pupils elected to support Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Action on Street Health, Ronald MacDonald House and Safe Families UK; each charity delightfully received the thoughtful hampers. The

pupils also learned about the equity issues which result in these organisations, with representatives from each charity delivering powerful assemblies on how even the smallest gesture of goodwill makes a difference. Finally, all proceeds from the own clothes fundraiser, held on the last day of term, were donated to these charities and we look forward to working with them all in the future.

READY. SET. GO!

The Autumn term saw competitions get off to an exciting start with a range of artistic and sporting challenges, and then in HT2, the intensity stepped up with even more opportunities to compete for each house. Highlights have included full houses (pun intended!) of teams for the Maths Times Table Competition, a heated and passionate final for the Word Up! debating series, and an inter-House Dance Competition, where huge audiences were in attendance to watch some incredible talent. To top all of this off, our wonderful Year Captains for Year 7 then led in organising a football competition during the last very busy week. This was another huge success, and a sure marker that competitions are in high demand...And that's good news, because we've got another geography competition, inter-House basketball tournament and History Pictionary coming up this half term!

Remember, you've got to be #inittowinit



What Ofsted said about us:

'Teachers are highly qualified in their subjects and use their knowledge to plan interesting and motivating activities which build on each other to help the girls to progress'.

GETTING POLITICAL

At the start of the year, all pupils voted in the Make Your Mark campaign, contributing to a national discussion of issues that affect young people. First Aid training for young people and transport were considered the most important to our pupils. A group of Year 11 pupils are also involved with the Manchester Youth Parliament, and have been invited to participate in the European Youth Parliament, giving them the chance to represent the UK and continental level. This is extremely exciting for all at the school as we look to learn from other young people and discuss important issues with our pupils.

ENERGY BOX

The Energy Box is Levenshulme High School's health and fitness centre. We have gym facilities and classes available every day of the week. Memberships are available from £15 per month. For more information and class timetables call 0161 224 5787.

PREPARATION FOR THE PROM

Letters of application were submitted and the following students were selected and have started to plan fundraising events for the Prom:

Uswah Nazir, Nimrah Mazher, Najma Al Heybe, Natalia Daley, Aisha Akram, Fiza Ashraf, Minaal Awan and Hafsa Akbar.

Watch out for the all the fun activities that are being planned to ensure you have an amazing end of year celebration.

