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Welcome from the **ACADEMY HEADTEACHER**



Reading this edition of our magazine really highlights both the range and the quality of the experiences that our students are enjoying throughout the school year. This breadth of experience enriches their personal and cultural growth as well as building into their academic success - which is truly excellent. We take as many opportunities as possible to be part of what goes on in this great city that we are part of. The career opportunities that are available across our city and region are second to none and the careers programme here reflects that in making sure that our students know what fantastic possibilities are out there for them.

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

Dr J MacKinnon Ph.D.
Academy Headteacher

DREAM DAY FOR ALL

Our exciting and unique DREAM Day curriculum for Year 7 is continuing to develop creativity, understanding of important themes, as well as subject skills in art, design, drama, music and EPR. All students have recently been involved in two trips to experience some of the cultural richness of our great city. On the 18th & 19th December 2018, the whole Year 7 cohort went on a music trip to the Royal Northern College of Music. They took part in some fantastic vocal sessions run by our school singing teacher Carla Jane, learning new songs and everyone (including staff) sang their hearts out. It was a fun and inspiring experience in one of the world's leading music colleges, right here in the centre of Manchester.

In January, we also went to the Manchester Art Gallery to explore ideas around identity and the different ways artists celebrate our city. Yet again, the girls did the school proud with their conduct and engagement. A great time was had by all, analysing and taking ideas from the incredible art work on display, and we are looking forward to more trips later in the year. We will also be appointing DREAM Day leaders this term, so we hope to receive lots of applications by girls looking to develop their leadership skills. Keep dreaming!



CULTURAL CATWALK

A successful sell-out charity event organised by EAL Leaders was held at lunchtime in December. Leaders hosted the event, introducing it to the audience who were wowed by a colourful, cultural catwalk in LHS Errwood Hall.



Students walked the catwalk in their traditional dress, displaying over twenty different countries/cultures. This event was devised by the EAL Department to raise the confidence of all students involved. The preparation and planning stages provided opportunities for EAL Leaders to develop their organisational, communication and time management skills and to achieve LORIC points. Tickets sold by EAL Leaders in form time raised £100 for Lifeshare, a homeless charity.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This year's Young Enterprise group have created their own company, VITALITY, by selling shares to family, teachers and friends. The Year 10 Business group decided to promote wellbeing in others by producing a range of 'survival kits' to help others get through their stress levels. Their product range includes: student survival kit, stress survival kit, teacher survival kits and even a chocoholic's kit! Other products include sweet jars, decorated candles and mini soaps.

Five members of the team had the opportunity to sell their products at Bolton Christmas markets where the team worked well together to compete against 15 other stalls for sales to passing trade. The team had a great day with lots of valuable lessons learnt.



MANCHESTER RECITATION COMPETITION

This term, the English faculty have been a part of a city-wide competition against schools across Manchester to find the best reciter from across KS3 and KS4. This has been an exciting opportunity for our girls to showcase their ability to not only memorise lines, but to bring their performance to life and really grasp the emotions and thoughts behind some key pieces of English literature over time. Students have shown commitment, maturity and the utmost dedication to the task, working carefully to develop their knowledge and understanding of the piece to shape their performance. We feel the experience has been invaluable in developing transferable skills beyond simply memorisation—our students have had to be extremely proactive in how they learn their lines, independent and resilient in overcoming their inevitable self-consciousness that comes with performing in front of their peers. The level of peer support and encouragement has been warming to see and is a true test to the supportive learning environment we harbour in Levenshulme High School. Best of luck to our two candidates going forward for the prize.



WORD UP!

The academic year was off to a great start with the English faculty's ever successful 'Word Up!' competition.

The focus for term 1 was debate and our girls really stepped up to the mark (or should we say 'the mic')! 9b1 and 8b1 competed in a provoking debate over whether or not misogyny should be recognised as a hate crime. Both teams did an exceptional job of researching the motion beforehand and then putting together a compelling and engaging argument from start to finish, keeping their listeners captivated, and making a very tough decision for our judging panel. It was a close call, but 9b1 emerged victorious. The English faculty would like to take this opportunity to thank both teams for their contribution to the competition and also say that we look forward to seeing more outstanding vocal performances from our students later this year.

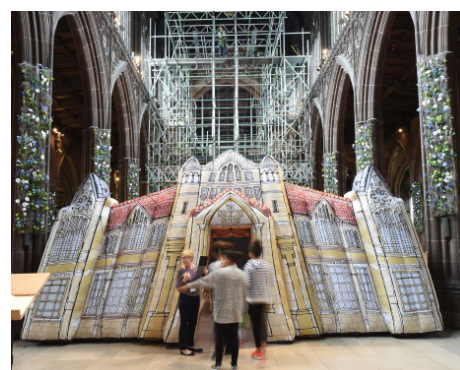


CROSS TRUST CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

As part of a collaboration with WRHS and TEMA, Levenshulme High School students were invited to take part in an exciting creative writing competition. Students were given the choice of three themes: Safe, Lost or A New Life. On December 19th our two talented finalists; Maheen Khan and Samina Jalil, did an incredible job delivering their stories amongst the other finalists from WRHS and TEMA. The English faculty is delighted to congratulate Samina Jalil who was selected as the overall winner as judged by a student panel. She explains, "I was grateful to have been able to share my piece with other schools in the Trust as it allowed me to see different interpretations of my work. An interesting aspect of creative writing is how one story can mean so many different things to other people, and hearing feedback on my story helped me understand that even more. Seeing how beautifully crafted the other stories were was also very inspiring, and I'd take the opportunity again in a heartbeat."

INFLATABLE MUSEUM

At the start of November, Levenshulme High School hosted the 'Inflatable Museum'. The Inflatable Museum is a workshop offered by Manchester Museum, in which primary school children are introduced to ancient Egyptian artefacts, some of which are over 5000 years old. For three days the Inflatable Museum stood in the hall at Levenshulme High School. Children from Acacias, Cringle Brook and Ladybarn primary schools came to visit the museum. A group of our Year 7s were trained by representatives of Manchester Museum in delivering activities which taught the primary school children about ancient Egypt. Our girls worked in teams, educating the younger students about individuals from ancient Egypt and expertly handling the precious artefacts with skill and care. We plan to continue the work with the museum and develop new opportunities for the Inflatable Museum in our school.



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Once again, Mrs Corr did a tremendous job organising Languages Week in September. This also incorporated the European Day of Languages and saw a week of international food served in the canteen. Staff started getting into the spirit on our Open Evening, as you'll see in the picture! We had guest speakers, quizzes, and lots of fun. Best of all though, were the outgoing team of MFL Leaders who did an amazing job of baking delicious treats to sell at the Charity Fair, which had a variety of games, competitions and activities. The girls in the picture managed to raise £318.76 for Médecins Sans Frontières. Thank you Mrs Corr, and thank you girls for all your help! We are so proud of you!



We are the Young Interpreters. We help people who come from different places to make them feel welcome, to help them understand more about our community, and know how rules work, both overall and in each school subject. Furthermore, we translate into different languages and use images and body language to help people to understand. Soon, we plan to visit primary schools in our community to read with children in different languages, and we will also be able to give parents and visitors tours around our school in different languages.

As Levenshulme High School students, we try our best to help foreign and new students who have a problem with speaking in the English language. We make sure that they get as much help as possible to develop their English. Students at Levenshulme High School speak a huge range of different languages, and we Young Interpreters speak 12 languages between us, so there is a Young Interpreter who speaks the same language as the majority of new students.

This opportunity builds us as students: new skills are learned and developed every session. Confidence, patience, body language and communication are some of the skills we have learnt as young Interpreters. Overall, as Young Interpreters in Levenshulme High School, as well as developing our own skills, we are prepared to help anyone at any time and we are pleased to see the smile of every new student who arrives.

Francesca Mozumder, Fatima Hussnain, Zoya Abid and Silvi Khondoker

MFL Film Club have been watching "Coco" in Spanish, and are now watching "The Breadwinner" – an animated story set in Afghanistan in 2001, following the epic quest of Parvana, a very strong 11 year old girl, to reunite her family after her father is arrested by Taliban forces.

GCSE students in all 5 languages have been offered the chance to go to the HOME cinema for a day of language related film study. So far, Urdu students have seen Hichki, French Students have seen Belle et Sébastien, and the Spanish, German and Arabic classes have visits planned to see Jeffrey, Wintertochter and The Idol respectively. The girls have behaved impeccably on these trips and gained much from them.



Mr Ali co-ordinated Levenshulme's participation in the city-wide MACFest - Muslim Art & Culture Festival. Year 11 students and Mrs Badcock from science made presentations about outstanding contributions in the world of science, from Muslim scientists. Thank you so much, Mr Ali!

We welcomed our Foreign Language Assistants, Mr Daniel Pacheco, Miss Éline Bron, Miss Mirjana Guconic, and Mrs Saima Aamer, who are supporting our teaching, with cultural interaction and LOTS of speaking practice for our students.



YEAR 11 'TAKING MATHS FURTHER'

Last term, our Year 11 students had a fantastic opportunity to attend an enrichment day at The University of Manchester to explore maths beyond school. The day was intended to give a taste of A-Level maths via a series of workshops and puzzles led by female mathematicians. Our girls had a chance to discover a branch of mathematics called mechanics, by designing a mobile model that would identify "faulty fish" in manufacturing process. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day, understanding the application of mathematics in real life. We hope this opportunity will encourage more of our young adults to progress onto taking maths at A-Level. Studying maths beyond school opens many career opportunities as universities and employers are keen to recruit more females than ever before.



CHESTER ZOO

Last term, all the Year 7 students were privileged enough to be taken on a school trip to visit Chester Zoo. As well as seeing the fantastic conversation work that goes on there, they had a maths trail to navigate around the zoo. As many of you will have read in the news, the unfortunate fire the weekend prior to the visit meant parts of the zoo were cordoned off. Our students behaved impeccably and were respectful the entire time. Students showed empathy towards the animals and zoo workers; which ties in with one of our key school values. There were a number of maths problems that needed solving and students were determined to solve the puzzles.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S OTHELLO

GOOD VS. EVIL

In November, the Year 10 drama group mesmerised Z Arts theatre in Manchester with a dynamic and unique performance of Othello. The audience were captivated by the highly physical, fast-paced piece of ensemble theatre. The group worked immensely hard and at the end there was not a dry eye in the house. Drama GCSE is continuing to forge the way in cutting edge forward thinking theatre, and we cannot wait to see how their performances progress.



In February, we are opening the doors to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. Our school musical cast have been rehearsing tirelessly to create an astounding musical production, full of song, dance and comedy. Come on the journey with Charlie, Veruca, Violet, Augustus and Mike into a world of Oompa Loompas and sweet delights. This is not a show to be missed.



During the build up to October, which is Black History Month, the History Leaders organised and ran a whole school Kahoot quiz. The attendance was fantastic with only two forms in the whole school not creating a team. The interhouse heats were won by K08, K07, S06, S07, N01, N07, P02 and P07 who all made their way into the grand finale, with K08 winning and officially becoming the most knowledgeable in the whole school. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to all the staff members who supported the competition.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This year, due to the success of the Leadership Fair at the start of the school year, almost half of our students were appointed into leadership roles within school. Students were asked to submit applications for their chosen leadership roles, take part in interviews before being chosen for the role. The process of the application and interview process, is set out to prepare our students for the real world, whether that be preparing them for college or job applications and interviews. Most students appointed have already been involved in organising activities, presenting assemblies as well as subject specific assignments, thus supporting them in achieving their Bronze LORIC award.

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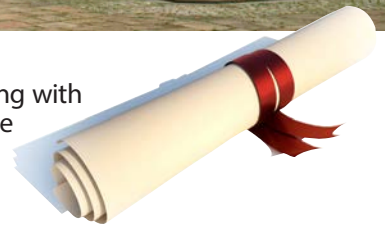
In October, Mr Holian and Mrs Narayanan took 20 Year 11 girls to visit Corpus Crisiti College in Oxford. The trip aimed to give the students a taste of university life at the prestigious University of Oxford. The students were given a chance to explore the college and interact with other students at the university, whilst learning what they would need to achieve to be eligible for a place.

Throughout the day students were given various tours of the university and treated to lunch in the college canteen. The trip gave our girls the opportunity to experience university life for a day and discover if this path is the right decision for them.

OXBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TALKS

This year a selection of Year 11 students had an amazing opportunity to be introduced to life at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. During a trip to Manchester University, our Year 11s were given introductory talks on applying to these two prestigious universities.

As always, our girls engaged with this with gusto, asking inquisitive questions and engaging with the topics. Students left feeling they had a clear picture on what was needed to apply to these institutions.



LATIN AND ANCIENT GREEK



Since September, we have had the privilege of John Taylor coming into school to deliver Latin classes to a group of Year 8 and 9 students. John Taylor is a Professor of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Manchester and a prolific author of many books surrounding the subject. Mr Holian has also run a Year 10 Ancient Greek club. This has focussed on students who have previously studied Latin at GCSE and wanted to continue to explore the languages of the ancient world.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

We have been working very closely with Greater Manchester Citizens this year, a local part of Citizens UK and an organisation that helps bring local communities together to help themselves.

Firstly, we hosted the launch event for 'Make Misogyny A Hate Crime' campaign. Many students gave emotive performances around this theme and all of the students had chances to interact with members from different parts of the local community. More recently, GM Citizens have coordinated visitors from the charity sector to give our students insight into the very alarming issue of homelessness. The students wrote letters to Mayor Andy Burnham (pictured above) to demonstrate their understanding and to feel more included in their local communities; a touching poem written by a Year 8 student was also sent and is printed here.



THE LIFE OF THE HOMELESS

I only wanted a home and equality,
I guess that's my expectation, not the reality
I wish I had someone that looks forward to me,
But sadly, I don't even have a family.

Everyday tears slide down my nose,
Creating a giant puddle underneath my bare toes,
I wonder what life would be like tomorrow,
Probably a suitcase packed with sorrow,
People walk past me without any care,
They just don't understand that it isn't fair,
People look at my clothes that are torn apart,
Which is the exact same thing
that has happened to my heart.

£1, £2, I don't want the donation:
I want peace and equality in our nation.
This is the life of the homeless,
I have nothing to say I'm left speechless.
We can either win or either lose,
Together we can make a difference.
Now it's all up to you.

1 MILLION MENTORS PROGRAMME

This year our Year 10 students have had the opportunity to sign up for a fantastic mentoring programme with a national organisation called 1 Million Mentors. We have been lucky enough to be partnered up with volunteers from a range of careers, including mentors from KPMG, which is one of the leading Accountancy firms in the UK. Mentoring aims to build confidence, develop resilience and character, or raise aspirations. The programme is proving to be very successful and our girls are already commenting on how the conversations with people from the world of work are inspiring them to do even better than they were doing before.



YEAR 11- MANCHESTER GATEWAYS PROGRAMME

Our Year 11 students graduated from Manchester Gateways programme at the University of Manchester where they have been participating in a series of academic enrichment and higher education (HE) awareness activities since Year 7.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT EVENT - YEARS 9 & 10

Year 9 & 10 students from all the three schools across the Trust participated in the Women Empowerment event. The main focus of the event was women's empowerment and success. There was a focus on how women have impacted on history, which was a team work activity where the girls pitched for their women to be the most influential in history. Students had the opportunity to meet and participate in a Q&A session with a panel of inspiring women from Manchester United, BBC and the NHS. These women shared how they empowered themselves and others through their careers and life choices.

UK FAST - YEAR 9 CAREER TALK BY ARLENE BULFIN

Arlene Bulfin - People Development Manager at UK Fast - visited our school again and delivered an inspiring career talk to our Year 9s.

She shared her career journey and spoke about the work she is currently doing at UKFast, inspiring the young generation to the world of TECH, especially girls, and breaking the stereotypes.

NCS CHALLENGE GOLD CHAMPION

Levenshulme is proud to be awarded and named NCS Challenge Gold Champion school 2017/18. We are extremely proud of all our girls who participate in this amazing programme, which opens up many opportunities and experiences for the future.

WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Our students had the opportunity to learn more about psychology, and about the different careers in this field by Yumna NIHR SPCR PhD at University of Manchester.

Yumna shared her early journey into the field of psychology and how she is now doing her PhD.

"The session was very informative and it was inspiring to hear how the speaker completed her degree while having little kids - this shows anything is possible and this really opened up my mind as to what I really want to do"

Written by Aisha, Year 11 (planning to study psychology in A levels)

CAREERS IN JOURNALISM

What is journalism and why study it?

We were lucky to have Nathalie, Head of Journalism from MMU University, to come and speak to our girls about journalism and share top tips of becoming a journalist.



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

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BRIDGEWATER HALL TRIP

On 28th September 2018 we took our Year 10 & 11 GCSE music students to the Bridgewater Hall to watch the Halle Orchestra in concert. The concert was organised by One Education and was specifically geared to students taking GCSE, as they played pieces that they have been studying for their set works as part of their course.

It was so interesting for the students to see such a professional orchestra playing live and the conductor talked us all through pieces from the baroque era all the way through to pieces of more modern orchestral music. The students learned a lot the experience and enjoyed hearing The Halle play.



LEV FEST 2018

On Monday 16th July, we hosted the school's very first LevFest. As we live in Manchester the idea of a music festival outdoors was a bit risky. So instead the main school hall was transformed into a bohemian, bustling, festival atmosphere with stalls providing henna, glitter, nail painting, snacks and drinks and a photo booth.

This was all the setting for one of the best music shows of the year. Students from all year groups had auditioned and the best musicians were chosen to sing and play and entertain the crowd.

It was a fantastic event and our Levie girls stunned the audience with their talent and confidence. Levfest 2019 will be coming back this Summer!

MUSIC DREAM DAY TRIP 2018

On 18th & 19th December 2018, we took the entire Year 7 cohort to the RNCM in Manchester for a music trip. It was great to visit this world famous music college right here in our city to experience what it might be like studying music at university.

The students took part in vocal workshops learning inspiring and uplifting songs and also how to create a strong performance. The workshops were led by Levenshulme's very own singing teacher and choir leader, Carla Jane, who also said she felt inspired by the energy the students brought to the day.

Carla runs choir every Wednesday lunchtime in the music classroom and all are welcome to join so come along!



THE BIG SING 2018

On 29th June 2018, we took the school choir to The Big Sing. This is a huge singing event organised by One Education where students from all over Greater Manchester get together and sing songs at The Bridgewater Hall. The songs were on the theme of '80s pop and the choir have been taught the words in advance. It was so much fun and great to see some of our peripatetic staff performing on stage.





TEEN TECH

Year 9 participated in the Teen Tech event, where our students joined STEM professionals from many different industries for a lively "hands-on" day of experiments and challenges. This was an opportunity for students to learn more about STEM careers and have their preconceptions about science and engineering changed. Teen Tech works as a great intervention just before students make GCSE subject choices, dispelling gender stereotypes and shifting perceptions of careers that teenagers may have considered "difficult", "geeky" or "boring".



SIEMENS - YEAR OF ENGINEERING

As part of the 'Year of Engineering' campaign, SIEMENS Rail Automation Manchester opened its doors to our Year 10 students who got the opportunity to experience a real engineering office. The day included a range of interesting activities/challenges for the students to solve real life problems, engaging with engineers in their organisation and learning about different types of exciting engineering roles Rail Signalling has to offer.

The aim was to show young people in our local community the huge variety of careers available on their doorstep and how these roles contribute to a successful local economy and impact the community around them.



WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Career and STEM Leaders from Years 8 & 9, along with other students, attended a Women in Construction event, organised by North West Construction Hub.

The objective was to showcase women in construction fields and find out about the different careers within the industry. Students had a go at STEM activities and BIM (building information modelling) and VR.

"Going on this trip to meet the many women who work at construction sites or for construction companies allowed me to see how many jobs are included in this field. Construction is not only for men. This made me understand the broad range of careers in this field and how many women are in this field" – Rida / Stem Leader Year 8



FOOTBALL MANCHESTER CUP

During half-term 1, all football teams played their first matches in the Manchester Cup. All teams played some amazing football and showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork. Unfortunately, the Year 7, 8 and 9 teams were all beaten in the first round. However, the Year 10 and 11s have all made it through to the semi-finals. Year 10 beat William Hulme on penalties in sudden death, thanks to Maira Hussain who saved 3 penalties, and Year 11 team beat Parris wood convincingly 3-0 to progress into the semi-finals.

MATCH DAY REVIEW

Before the match I was really nervous that we may get lost if we took the wrong exits as we had never been to Old Trafford before.

When we arrived there the number of people was magical. There were so many people like me who love Manchester United. The amount of people rooting and singing for United. One of the main songs was "Tony Martial scores again" whenever Martial had the ball. I personally think that Rashford, Young and Dalot were the most amazing during the match. Two assists from Rashford and a brilliant swinger. Clean tackles in defence from Ashley Young and both Jesse Lingard and Phil Jones were also in spaces so the ball could be passed easily.

On the way back we left the stadium a few minutes early because of the traffic that was going to be on Sir Matt Busby Way, we were stuck in the same lane for an hour! We arrived home at 7 o'clock, 3 hours after the match. One of the best experiences ever being a Man United fan.

written by Afshan Ashiq - Year 10



Goal!!!!



Old Trafford!

UNDER14/UNDER16 BADMINTON DOUBLES COMPETITION

On Monday 17th September, 4 students competed in the school games badminton doubles competition.

U16 Team - Maira Hussain & Doha Farooq

U14 Team - Amina Ghaus & Mochi Chanchoo

The U16 Team narrowly missed out on a semi-final place (won 3 games and lost 2).

The U14 finished with a silver medal after beating Whalley Range to get to the final. Unfortunately, they lost the final after a hard fought game against Withington High School (who both play county level).

If you see the girls involved please congratulate them as they were all amazing!



UNDER 15 HANDBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday 19th September 9 girls from Years 8, 9 & 10 competed in the U15 Handball competition at Parriswood High School. The girls chosen to compete were:

Maira Hussain, Thoiba Akther, Amina Ghaus, Mochi Chanchoo, Zara Ahmad, Taebah Rajam, Alisha Kashmiri, Emaan Farooq and Soba Zomal.

The team played 2 group games beating the 'Co-op Academy' 2-0 with both goals coming from Thoiba Akther and 'Our Lady's' 3-1 to get to the final, with goals from Thoiba Akther, Maira Hussain and Soba Zomal.



TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX TRIP

On Friday 19th October, 30 Year 7s went to watch the World Taekwondo Grand Prix. It was a fantastic trip and the girls played a really active part in the event. We went by coach to 'Sports City' and got to watch world class athletes compete for a place in the finals. The girls watched Great Britain women compete against Jordan, which was a particularly exciting match. It was great for our students to be able to watch other females competing to an extremely high standard. Levenshulme girls were all super keen to get involved and were first in line when it came to getting to 'fight' the athletes themselves. What a great way to end a brilliant half-term!

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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.'



HISTORY LEADERS CASTLE BUILDING COMPETITION

In the build up to the Christmas Holidays, all of 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.

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. But in the end they came to the decision that Malayka Mohammad's (K07) Motte and Bailey Castle was the winner with May Ali's (K05) version a close second. Maryam Kayani (S07) came 3rd with a fantastic model of The Tower of London

Congratulations to everyone who took part!



LIFE AS A GEOGRAPHY LEADER

Since September, we have succeeded in being a productive leadership group. Our first responsibility was to run a leadership stall to recruit new members and since then we have been planning some very exciting projects! For example we have been working with a campaigner from the Manchester Environmental Education Network to develop our understanding of environmental issues. We have focused on the topical issue of climate change by investigating the causes and impacts linked to our energy consumption. We have also been thinking about how we can share our knowledge with others e.g. primary schools and the wider public. In addition to this, several of the geography leaders volunteered as subject ambassadors at the school's open evening earlier in the year. Watch this space for more updates and competitions coming your way!

Written by Hilan Kazmi, Leena-Noor Khan and Maria Yaseen (Year 10 Geography leaders)



YEAR 11 SALFORD QUAYS FIELD TRIP

As part of our geography GCSE we visited Salford Quays in October to see how it had been affected by regeneration. We did this using many different data collection methods such as environmental quality surveys, where we rated different factors of the surroundings, and questionnaires where we got to talk to lovely members of the public about their thoughts on the area. This was all extremely useful as it helped us remember information much better and allowed us to actually experience both the positives and negatives of our methods. Along with the research side to the trip we got to see many attractions, like the Imperial War Museum, and experience the facilities of the area by spending time (a small amount!) shopping with friends in the Lowry at the end of the day.

Written by Roshaney Aftab (Year 11 Geography Leader)

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PSHE AND SMSC PROVISION

It has been a busy time in school with areas surrounding PSHE and SMSC. In December, all year groups participated in our first Focus Day of the year. The day included a wide variety of activities and visitors including first aid, speakers from the George House Trust and Brook, activities to develop team work skills and resilience, as well as looking at healthy relationships and friendships. The Well Being Leaders continue to work on getting a 'Well Being' room opened within school so that all years can have somewhere to go when they need some time out. We are also hoping to get training for our student leads in mental health awareness.

Finally, in January, 12 Year 9 students were involved in a joint project with Burnage Boys Academy, working together to look at domestic abuse and healthy relationships. This 3 day project culminated in a drama performance done first to students at Levenshulme and then back at Burnage. Not only did the students learn a lot and develop greater awareness, they were also a huge credit to the school with their maturity and positive attitudes.



Year 7 have had a fantastic start to life at Levenshulme. They have gained over 10000 merits so far since September and have over 80% of the year group on target in almost all subjects.

Due to their hard work and attitude, Year 7 have had a number of rewards including: postcards home, positive phone calls, text messages and our fantastic Autumn Rewards trip bowling at Parris wood. It was a great trip where the girls competed against each other and some learnt a new skill. They had fun and made new friends in the year group too.

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Each year, students and staff surpass their own generosity by donating food, clothing and hygiene items to local charities. This year, the students elected to support four homeless charities Coffe4Craig, Food Cycle, Barnabus and Mustard Tree; each charity delightfully received the thoughtful hampers. Furthermore, the pupils 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. As the year develops, we look forward to working more closely with these fantastic causes. Finally, all proceeds from the own clothes fundraiser, held on the last day of term, were donated to Mayor Andy Burnham's, 'A Bed Every Night campaign'.

A bed every night



so no one sleeps rough in Greater Manchester

BedEveryNight.co.uk

