

Dear members of our Trust community,

Welcome back to all our students and families – and particularly those of you who have joined us this term. I hope that you have enjoyed your first half term and have settled in well to your school community. Our first half term of the school year 2022-2023 is nearly over already.

All of our schools have made a really strong start to the term. Thank you to our staff for the dedication and effort that has been put in to ensure that the return to school was welcoming and well planned for all of the children and young people throughout the Trust.

Our vision is to provide exceptional education for children from any background so that they become happy, confident adults with excellent academic knowledge and qualifications. We all know that the students that are in school the most get the best outcomes and that is why we expect attendance of at least 98% from all our students. Attendance is “everyone’s business” and our Trust has a clear focus on supporting the achievement of good attendance. Only through us all pulling together can we support our young people to be in school as often as possible.

We have also decided to have a Trust level focus on sustainability, something of crucial importance in the current economic climate. Our schools are focusing on this with their own action plans that they have drawn up in conjunction with our children and young people.

Wishing you a good half term break,

Linda Jones, Chief Executive Officer

Dave Bell, Executive Headteacher

Andy Park, Executive Headteacher

DEVELOPING EXCELLENCE IN READING

The One Education Reading Award is a reading quality standard for schools and is the only reading quality mark in the UK that supports schools with the development of their reading curriculum. Two years ago, following One Education’s success with their Primary Reading Award, we were approached to help write, develop and pilot a new award specifically for secondary schools. We embraced this opportunity and were keen to help them develop a robust framework that was evidence-informed and that would support our trust schools to further develop our reading offer.

Like the criteria used for primary schools, the Secondary Reading Award helps schools to develop their reading provision in three key areas: reading for fluency, reading for meaning and reading for pleasure. Each aspect of the framework draws upon what we know about the science of reading, guidance provided by DfE, expectations of Ofsted and the work of other literacy experts. We’re extremely proud of the rigor and depth of the framework – even One Education admit it’s probably more difficult to achieve than some of their other awards on offer!

So, a massive well done to **CHS South** and **MEA** for their willingness to be guinea pigs, and for their determination in making a real success of the pilot! We are so proud that you are the **first two schools in the country** to have achieved this new award and look forward to seeing the wider impact on pupil outcomes across the Trust as other schools work towards their award this year. We also look forward to an exciting opportunity to develop and pilot One Education’s Special Schools Reading Award in the very near future!



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENTS

This year there is a Trust focus on **sustainability**, our schools have their own sustainability agendas and this thread runs through all areas covered by the central team from site management to HR practices.

Our **catering team** have implemented changes to make their service more environmentally friendly with their 'serving up sustainability' project covering three key areas:

- 1 Helping the environment 'Sustainable Eating.'
- 2 Food Waste Costing The Earth
- 3 Healthy Eating and Cooking

Many of our schools saw site developments completed over the summer holiday. The **estates team** have been working to adapt our sites and scheduled developments for a more sustainable future. Ceiling lights around our buildings have been changed to LED, cutting electricity consumption by up to 70% with further plans to install sensor lighting.

Prospect House have developed their sensory integration room which includes a climbing wall, trampoline and sensory swing. At **Grange**, the PE hall has been fully sound treated to make it a much more accessible learning and training space.

Brewhog coffee shop, has switched to reusable bioplastic coffee cups, all non-confidential paper waste is now shredded and used as animal bedding, while all the animal manure is treated and used to fertilise the allotments.

CHS have completed the MCC BEE Green Education Audit and are devising an action plan with newly elected Eco Council and Student Council members. A project directly impacting the school community is the preloved school uniform project which has been extended to include the donation of coats and quality footwear, this is just the beginnings of a project which will extend to other students offering workshops on upcycling clothes. Eco Warriors at **CHS South** are supporting the correct ways of disposing and recycling waste, supporting in the canteen and around the school at lunch and break times.

Lastly, we are excited to announce that **Pioneer House High School's** new in-house café '**Strawberry Fox**' is almost ready to welcome it's first customers. Pioneer has worked closely with the estates team keeping sustainability in mind throughout the build to create a space that can be enjoyed by the local community and that will enhance the school's curriculum offer, find out more about this exciting project [here](#).



Chorlton High School's Hydration Station, pictured left. Sensory Integration Room at Prospect House, pictured above. Strawberry Fox cafe, pictured right.

TRUST ECT INDUCTION

On Wednesday 31st August, over fifty Early Career Teachers (ECTs) came to the induction day hosted at CHS South. Materials and resources provided by Bright Futures Teaching Hub, were adapted, and delivered by leads from MEA, MEA Central, CHS South and Chorlton High School. Workshops supported ECTs to gain an understanding of the expectations of the Early Career Framework, along with a focus on Instructional Coaching, Using Praise and Consequences Effectively and Inclusive Practice.

During September, each of the four secondary high schools also hosted training for mentors. Through a series of Twilight sessions, mentors gained an understanding of how to use mentoring to develop strong relationships, support development cycles and improve instruction. The sessions also proved to be an excellent networking opportunity with colleagues across schools sharing knowledge and experience.

"Excited to have my own classroom and to develop lots of new relationships with both students and staff. Today, I have really benefited from the session on self-regulation, and I want to continue to work on discussion in my lessons." *ECT Year 1, MEA Central*



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Macmillan Coffee Mornings were held across the Trust on Friday 30th September with keen bakers showing off their skills with an array of beautiful and tasty goods on sale to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our Central MAT Team held the very first event in their brand new office hosting colleagues from HR, finance, estates and catering, CHS South held a spectacular multicultural bake off and Piper Hill, Prospect House and MEA all made time for colleagues to get together and fundraise over cake and a cuppa. Over £1300 was raised across the Trust!



WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

RECRUITMENT



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 MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL



**Help for
Households**

The Government has launched the 'Help for Households' scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility, including help with:

- Household costs
- Energy Bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs

Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.



CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Students and staff at Chorlton High School celebrated after receiving a truly fantastic set of GCSE results. Across the country, our young people have experienced a learning journey like no other. Disruptions to their education have needed their dedication and consistent navigation to overcome. Wonderfully, we can now celebrate the outcomes of their phenomenal commitment.



We are delighted to report, despite recent challenges, the school has achieved its best set of examination results in its history.

Exceptional results, again, across all Sciences, Humanities, Languages, English, and Maths. However, we are also incredibly proud to bolster the exceptional Arts reputation with outstanding results in Dance, Drama and Music. Zoe Morris, Headteacher, paid tribute to the great dedication and commitment of students, staff, and parents. **We could not be any prouder of our Class of 2022!** Their outstanding effort, dedication and hard work has created endless pathways to success and contributed to Chorlton High's excellent performance.

PROSPECT HOUSE

This half term, Prospect House celebrated World Mental Health Day by taking part in #HelloYellow on Monday 10th October, with staff and students wearing yellow clothing for the day.

This is an international day to educate, raise awareness, and fight stigmas around mental health. It also allows pupils to reflect on what is important to them and what makes them happy as well as raising money for children and young people's mental health charity Young Minds.



MEA

Students were recently invited to Bolton School by The Diana Award to participate in Anti-Bullying Ambassador training. Students engaged fantastically as they met with ambassadors from different schools across the country and discussed ideas they could implement to make their own school a safer and more inclusive space. Students were given case studies and activities which explored types of bullying, impacts of bullying, and scripts on how to support peers who have experienced or are experiencing bullying. MEA expect students to be Safe, Respectful, and Kind and the Anti-Bullying training will continue to promote this as well as further work on creating a true community of belonging. The school has been awarded the Diana Award badge in recognition of trained ambassadors.

GRANGE

An additional learning space has been introduced at Grange. 'Quad Pods' have transformed the Academy/Futures dining room into an engaging and exciting learning space that can be used by up to 4 classes at once. The Quad Pods now also house the Academy/Futures library with a range of diverse texts available to explore.

The on-site animals have arrived back safely to school after their summer getaways. Nine guinea pigs have also been welcomed, already firm favourites with the students.



PIPER HILL

This term Piper Hill successfully hosted a family for tea event which was well attended by over sixty people. Guests were delighted at the food on offer and as well as connecting with families, it was also a chance to reveal the newly built bike track which spans a circular route around the field. Students are already benefitting daily from this fantastic installation.



CHS SOUTH

CHS South took their Macmillan Coffee Morning to a new level hosting a bake off with the theme of 'multiculturalism', celebrating all of the wonderful languages and cultures within the school community. The aim was to raise £250 but some staff agreed to accept a 'forfeit' if the total was exceeded so in true CHS South fashion, students and staff made a huge CHS South family effort and managed to raise the total to £519.02! This means that some (willing) staff are having a bucket of water thrown over their heads as a forfeit.

Thursday 6th October saw CHS South host Open Evening proudly displaying everything the school has to offer including a Murder Mystery in drama, a Treasure Hunt, Live Cooking Class in Food Technology and Penalty Shoot-Out challenges in PE.

PIONEER HOUSE

This term Break Dance Manchester has been working with KS4 students, doing break dance workshops, and giving them a chance to compete in the Break Dance League in November. This is a fantastic opportunity for Pioneer House students to represent the school and engage in Hip Hop dance from active professionals, with a dedicated teacher to push their development.

The workshops have given students a basic understanding of break dance practice, developing their personal confidence, teamwork skills, and general fitness, as well as learning specific moves such as forward rolls, moon walking and how to do the worm!



BREAK DANCE MANCHESTER



MEA CENTRAL

This half term, MEA Central held a very successful Open Evening for prospective new students and their parents/carers. Prefects greeted the students and parents at the door and showed real kindness towards everyone. Visitors were then given tours around the school by the prefects who wonderfully modelled the school values of Citizenship, Achievement and Participation.

Staff members set up their departments with various activities to really highlight the quality teaching within the school. The Geography department was a firm favourite with live animals in the room for students to hold!

