

# PROSPERE

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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**Dear members of our Trust community,**

Welcome back to all of you – and particularly those of you who have joined us this term. I hope that you are beginning to settle in to your new school community.

The summer brought a lot of joy to many of our students when they received their exam results and moved on to their next destination. That wouldn't have happened without the tireless work our staff put in over many years and we would like to thank them.

All of our schools have made a really strong start to the first half term of the new school year. Thank you to our school communities 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.

At Prosper we believe that **great schools thrive because of the great people in them**. In order to create high quality education, and a memorable school experience, we have to work with each other as a team and with our communities. That way we can bring out the best in both our students and staff. The year ahead will no doubt have its challenges and we will need to rely on each other at times. If you have any questions, just ask! There's sure to be someone who can help.

Here's to another great year!

**Linda Jones, CEO**

**Andy Park, Executive Headteacher**

**Dave Bell, Executive Headteacher**

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The Prosper Learning Trust is delighted to announce that from this academic year we will be working in partnership with Bright Futures SCITT as a Lead Partner. This will mean that the schools in the Trust – Chorlton High School, CHS South, MEA Central and Manchester Enterprise Academy will continue to deliver an exceptional school centred secondary teacher training course.

## WORKING FOR PROSPERE

We pride ourselves in being a great place to work, providing a supportive culture with opportunities to grow and develop your career, achieve a healthy work life balance and to be recognised for the great work you do. We continually strive to create a community where all our staff and students feel understood, valued and feel a sense of belonging. Our community of belonging initiative is supported by our schools and stakeholders and is reflected in our recruitment practices.

## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

We offer all employees a variety of benefits including:

-  **A commitment to continuous professional development for all colleagues.**
-  **Access to Cyclescheme.**
-  **Membership of Bupa Level 1 Health Plan which allows employees to claim money back for a range of health expenses such as prescriptions and dental treatments.**
-  **Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) contributions and Teacher Pension Scheme (TPS) contributions.**
-  **Access to counselling, financial, legal and personal advice provided through either our free Bupa or Health Assured Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) including confidential 24-hour support.**
-  **A range of policies which demonstrate our respect for your time and priorities outside work, including flexible working.**

## CURRENT VACANCIES

We regularly offer a range of support staff and teaching opportunities. All our vacancies are available on the [tes website](#), which is where you also begin the application process. This page is regularly updated as new opportunities become available.

### Interested in joining our team of support staff?

We asked our staff to share their experiences to help give you an insight into a range of roles, please click on the icons to find out about what it's like to work as a Teaching Assistant (TA), in our catering teams, or with our estates team.



# NEWS FROM PROSPERE SCHOOLS

## PROSPECT HOUSE

Following the first Ofsted inspection at Prospect House Primary Specialist Support School in July 2023, the school has been graded as 'outstanding' in all areas.

In the report Inspectors comment that, "Prospect House provides an inspiring learning environment in which pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities flourish. Pupils are extremely happy and safe. Leaders and staff have created a respectful and nurturing school where everybody matters."

They recognise that "Adults are incredibly ambitious for every pupil. As a result of steely determination and a high-quality curriculum, every pupil excels."

They also acknowledge that, "The school environment is a sanctuary in which pupils get the best opportunities to learn, grow and develop. The expectations of leaders and staff for pupils behaviour are extraordinarily high. These expectations are pivotal in enabling pupils to learn. Pupils respond extremely positively and their conduct is exemplary."

Headteacher, Tracy Gallier said, "We are already so proud of our staff and students and how well the school has flourished during the first year on our new site, I am delighted to see that this is reflected in the comments and that the commitment and achievements of the team are recognised throughout the report. This is a wonderful achievement for our community."

The full report is available on the school website.



## PIPER HILL



For International Youth Day (12 August), the National Trust (NT) celebrated youth led projects and featured Piper Hill students in their newsletter! The NT commissioned social enterprise group 'Emerge – Touch Wood' to build some planters with Piper Hill students, using wood reclaimed from the grounds of Dunham Massey.

The students contributed to each stage of the process. In the design phase they helped measure the site, checked the practicality of the plans with their equipment and took inspiration from the garden at Dunham Massey for what could be planted before returning to school

to research plants. They helped to build the planters and filled them with the plants that they had chosen, the students will then maintain the planters during their regular visits and the vegetables / herbs will be harvested by them and taken back to school. Katy, class teacher from Piper Hill said, 'All our students look forward to going to Dunham Massey every Friday and say it's the best day of the week. Some of our students have progressed phenomenally from not wanting to engage with any of the work experience to not only enjoying it but wanting to seek the same experiences outside of school.'

## CHS

Students and staff at Chorlton High School enjoyed a fantastic celebration of an equally fantastic set of GCSE results. We could not be any prouder of our Year 11 students, the Class of 2023, who have not only contributed to the school's excellent GCSE results but to our outstanding communal spirit. The last few years have been incredibly challenging for schools across the country, and this was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the phenomenal work of our young people.

We are delighted to report that, despite the recent challenges, Chorlton High School has achieved an exceptional set of examination results, again, across all Sciences, Humanities, English, Maths and the Arts.

**"Our school is committed to and, as these results prove, succeeds in delivering, uncompromising academic excellence while enabling students to learn from the rich cultural experience embedded in the Chorlton High community. Congratulations to all!"**

Zoe Morris, Headteacher.







CHS South's first ever set of exam results were received this summer and the outcomes are fantastic! The school is delighted to report that, despite the challenges presented to our wonderful students over the past few years, they have outstripped national expectations in a number of subjects, including the crucial core studies of English, Maths & Science. Outstanding outcomes in the Arts and Physical Education are also testament to the school's commitment to building the next generation of trailblazers in these important areas for the school and the local community. David Prophet, Headteacher said,

**"I am so proud of the achievements recognised in this inaugural set of results. From our inception as a new school as part of the Prospere Learning Trust in September 2018, all we ever wanted for our young people was to see them fulfil the incredible potential we always saw in them as our founding students."**

## MEA

Manchester Enterprise Academy held its annual presentation on Wednesday, 19th July '23. The event was held to recognise and reward students who have strived to achieve their best in a range of areas and truly embody the values of the school. A range of awards were presented, including:

- MEA Leadership Award
- MEA Outstanding Contribution to Academy Life
- MEA Enterprise Award
- MEA Highest Achiever Award
- MEA Academic Progress Award
- MEA Community and Belonging Award
- The Hive Award
- MEA Ambassador Award
- MEA Sports Achievement Award
- MEA Outstanding Attendance
- MEA Principal's Award



The event was a great success and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the students and to reaffirm the school's commitment to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in college and beyond.

## PIONEER HOUSE



Students at Pioneer House had a fun filled two weeks throughout the summer holidays during our summer school! There were plenty of smiles all-round. Activities included: Projects Skateboarding, CrockyTrail, Simply Cycling, Museum of Science and Industry, Heaton Park, Smithills Farm, Pond Dipping, Longford Frisbee Golf, Delamere Forest and the New Brighton Beach.

The feedback from students and parents was fantastic, with staff helping, encouraging and supporting students through activities which were exciting, challenging and at times out of their comfort zones!

**'I loved learning to use the tram on my own and going to places that I have never been before.'** (student)

**'My son loved the summer school! He had such a great time – I can't thank the school enough for the opportunity. He really benefits for doing activities during the holidays and I can't believe how far he's come since joining the school, it's like he's a different boy, I'm so proud'** (parent)

## GRANGE

Grange School have 3 new additions to Buddy Barn Far. Our Ouessant sheep will be joining the alpacas, pigs, ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits and tortoises. Our Trust schools can come and see them all by booking a class onto our Animal Experience or arrange for our Mobile Petting Farm to visit.



## MEA CENTRAL



MEA Central celebrated the end of the 2022-23 academic year in style. Years 7 and 9 went on a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Years 8 and 10 went to Alton Towers. All students arrived at school early and then travelled to their destinations by coach. Some students had never been to a theme park before, so this was an amazing experience for them. Not even the rainy weather stopped our students and staff from having a good time!