



Dear Parents / Carers

### **SOME MILESTONES ACHIEVED**

When we opened the Academy back in 2011, we set out to put into practice a number of key principles. One was our commitment to achieving excellence for all our students; another was that we wanted to work in partnership with other schools across the town.

One of the ways in which we check the progress we are making towards our aim of excellence is through the scrutiny of external experts. Earlier this month, we were pleased to welcome Gena Merrett, an education adviser from the Department for Education who came to review our progress so far. After a day of detailed meetings with staff, of visits to lessons, of scrutiny of students' books and discussions with students and governors, Gena concluded that we were "well on track" to achieve our aims. In particular she commended the behaviour of our students, the way in which the teaching they received challenged them to be the best they could be and the success with which leaders and governors had ensured that the whole Academy community was working to a shared goal.

In terms of partnership, the Macclesfield Music Festival this week has been the biggest and best example of shared working with other schools that we have yet seen: the delight on the faces of the performers and the pride on the faces of their parents will stay with us all for a long time. I am so grateful to Liz Wolski of Love Music Trust, Pam Childs of Gawsworth Primary School and Dave Rodgers here at the Academy who between them inspired and masterminded such a fantastic town-wide event.

These are two really important milestones along our route to creating a truly outstanding school at the very heart of the Macclesfield community. We are proud of the point we have reached and excited about the opportunities that the future holds as we seek, all the time, to "make our best better".

Yours sincerely

**R HEDGE**  
Headteacher

### **HALF TERM**

**School closes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
February and re-opens on  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

## TERM DATES 2014/15

	Close after school on	Re-open on
<b>Mid-Term</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2015
<b>Easter</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
<b>May Day</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2015	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
<b>Mid-Term</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2015	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2015
<b>Summer</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015	

Staff Training Days : Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL FAMILY HOLIDAYS ARE BOOKED OUTSIDE OF THESE TERM DATES**

## MOCK EXAMS

During March, students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be sitting mock exams. This will enable students to get experience of working under exam conditions and will also enable teachers to assess the level that students are currently working at. If you have any exam related queries please contact Mr Snowball in our Exams Office.

MARCH EXAM TIMETABLE				
		9.00	11.00	13.20
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	FS English Reading Year 9		FS English Writing Year 9
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	Maths Non Calc. Year 10	Business A	Business B
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	Sociology 2 / Engineering	Media / Psychology	Biology Year 10 Set 2
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	Maths Non Calc. Year 11		English Year 11
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>		Chemistry Year 10 Set 2	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	History / Food B	Maths Calculator Year 11	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	Maths Calculator Year 10	RE Year 11	Product Design / PE
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	Physics Year 10 Set 2	Psychology / Spanish	Sociology 1
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	Music		General Studies
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	Textiles / Food A / French	English Literature Year 11	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	FS Maths Year 11		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	FS Maths Year 10		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>			FS Maths Year 9



# THE MACCLESFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

We were delighted to host the Macclesfield Music Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February. Over 20 schools took part. A full report with photographs will appear in our Easter colour newsletter.

## DIARY DATES

WEEK A or WEEK B?		EVENTS
23-27 February	Week B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February SCHOOL RE-OPENS</li> </ul>
2-6 March	Week A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February REVIEW DAY</li> </ul>
9-13 March	Week B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March OPEN MORNING</li> </ul>
16-20 March	Week A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Y7 PARENTS' EVENING</li> </ul>
23-27 March	Week B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER</li> </ul>
30 Mar-3 April	Week A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL RE-OPENS</li> </ul>
EASTER		

Please contact John Davis on 01625 383199 for further information on FSM.

## Free School Meals

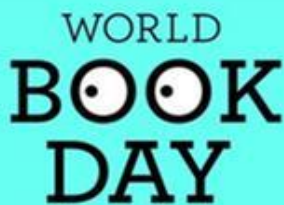
Did you know for every pupil registered for free school meals your child's school receives extra funding from the Government?

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

For further information or to make an application please contact Cheshire East Council.

Visit [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm) or call 0300 123 5012



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Here at The Macclesfield Academy we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 26th February, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children, and we would like parents to share the pleasure they got from reading by donating a copy of their favourite teenage read (or their child's favourite teenage read so that they can share it with other students) to our school library. We would like parents/carers to add a short explanation of why they (or their child) enjoyed the book.

My favourite teenage read was .....

Because .....

From .....

**Please complete and return with your (or your child's) favourite teenage read**



Every Friday 9:00 - 10:30  
@ The Macclesfield Academy



27 February **Self-esteem, self-harm and mental wellbeing**  
Karen Bayley - The Macclesfield Academy

6 March **Youth Support Worker**  
Fiona Ellis

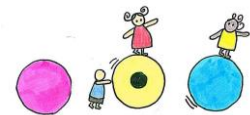
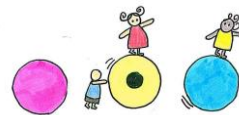
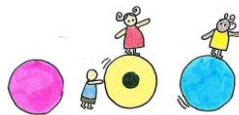
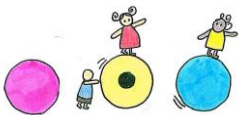


13 March **Police Community Support Officer**  
John Dearnaley

20 March **Just Drop In - Helping young people find their feet**  
Ann Wright

27 March **Macclesfield College**  
Adrian Webster

The kettle will be on from 8.45 and our discussion will take place between 9.30 and 10.15. All parents, carers, relatives and friends will be most welcome!



**REMINDER!!**

**RE REVISION FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS :  
EVERY MONDAY 3 – 4PM, ROOM 72**