

The Macclesfield academy

NEWSLETTER : 5th JUNE 2015



Dear Parents / Carers

READING IS FOR LIFE!

I am writing this on the day of the GCSE English exam. It has been an absolute delight talking to many students (including some who have needed considerable support with English over the last five years) about how the exam has gone. Almost without exception they have emerged confident in the belief that they could access the paper well and write answers which really addressed the demands of the paper. Obviously time (and the exam results) will tell but, in over thirty years of teaching I don't think I have ever known a cohort of students emerge so confident from a major exam.

The ability to read and write well is essential not just for English exams but for almost every aspect of our lives. This year we have made the development of literacy a real priority across the whole of the Academy. Mrs Skarratt, our literacy leader, has played a central role in this process. Anyone entering our entrance hall will have found it impossible to miss our giant reading totaliser and our Book of the Month display. Visitors who have come in further will have marvelled at the work going on in our new look library. Even staff are proudly displaying their current reading on classroom and office doors!

Sitting underneath this "public face" of reading, and possibly harder to notice, something else important has been going on. For the first time in the history of the Academy and any of our predecessor schools, all of our students are having their reading and spelling ages regularly tested and retested so that every single one of them can see the progress they are making term-by-term. By using this information we have been able to provide targeted support to those who need it most and I am hugely grateful not only to Mrs Skarratt and Mrs Dickinson who have been leading the formal literacy intervention programme, but also to the team of staff volunteers who have given up their time to be reading partners for students who need just a little bit of extra help.

These are exciting times for reading at the Academy. I have no doubt that, as a result, there will be many groups of future students emerging from their English exam (and all the others) just as confident as the ones I saw today.

Yours sincerely

R HEDGE
Headteacher

A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE TWO STAFF TRAINING DAYS ON

Thursday 18th June 2015

and

Friday 19th June 2015

THE ACADEMY WILL BE CLOSED TO STUDENTS ON THOSE TWO DAYS

TERM DATES 2015/16

	Close after school on	Re-open on
Autumn Term		Wednesday 2 nd September 2015
Mid-Term	Thursday 22 nd October 2015	Monday 2 nd November 2015
Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2015	Monday 4 th January 2016
Mid-Term	Friday 12 th February 2016	Monday 22 nd February 2016
Easter Date changes in italics	<i>Thursday 24th March 2016</i>	<i>Monday 11th April 2016</i>
May Day	Friday 29 th April 2016	Tuesday 3 rd May 2016
Mid-Term	Friday 27 th May 2016	Monday 6 th June 2016
Summer Date change in italics	<i>Wednesday 20th July 2016</i>	<i>Tuesday 6th September 2016</i>

Staff Training Days : Tuesday 1st September 2015, Friday 23rd October 2015, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th June 2016.

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

DIARY DATES

WEEK A or WEEK B?		EVENTS
8-12 June	Week B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday & Friday 18th & 19th June STAFF TRAINING DAYS. <u>SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS</u> Thursday 25th June SPORTS DAY Tuesday 30th June OPEN EVENING Thursday & Friday 9th & 10th July SCHOOL PRODUCTION Tuesday 21st July SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER
15-19 June	Week A	
22-26 June	Week B	
29 June – 3 July	Week A	
6-10 July	Week B	
13-17 July	Week A	
20-24 July	Week B	
SUMMER		

WANTED!

We are short of good quality, second hand school uniform, particularly blazers, skirts and PE kit.

If you have any unwanted items of school uniform which you are willing to donate, please ask your son or daughter to leave your donations at the school office. Thank you.

ANNUAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION

"BUGSY MALONE"

Thursday 9th July 2015 and Friday 10th July 2015 at 7 pm

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our Annual School Production. This year sees a re-working of 'Bugsy Malone'. Many of the dances this year have been devised by teams of our students and many of them have been going into Ivy Bank, Hollinhey and Parkroyal Primary schools to teach the dances to their pupils. Many of our art students are also being very creative by producing different styles of costumes and scenery. There will be over 200 students involved in total. Tickets go on sale from Monday 22nd June. Adults £3. Under 18s £2. Since there are more students than ever involved, please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



10 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE MACCLESFIELD LEARNING ZONE

For the safety of all our students and visitors, please adhere to the 10 mph speed limit throughout the Learning Zone campus.

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OPEN EVENING Tuesday 30th June 2015



6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Every day is an Open Day
Please call 01625 383100 to book your tour

Park Lane, Macclesfield, SK11 8JR

MUSIC LESSONS

Individual Music lessons from visiting professional teachers are available at The Academy on the following instruments:

- piano/keyboard
- guitar
- woodwind
- brass
- strings

We have also recruited excellent new teachers for **drums** and **voice** and paired lessons are often also available thus halving the cost. Please ask your child to obtain a green form from Mr Rodgers if you are interested or email Mr Rodgers directly at

dave.rodgers@macclesfieldacademy.org



SCHOOL UNIFORM

FANTASTIC CLEARANCE

New low prices on selected items

Starting 12th May, The Academy uniform is available from both Trutex and More and Price & Buckland online

Visit Trutex & More (King Edward Street, Macclesfield)

or

Visit www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/macclesfieldacademy

Limited time only – while stocks last!

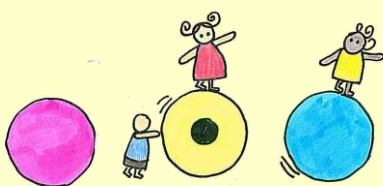
FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

On Thursday 21st May we said farewell to our Year 11 students at our Leavers' Assembly. It was great to see all these young people who have come up through the school and contributed to our community in so many ways. Mrs Mathers, our Year Coordinator, put together an excellent slideshow showing pictures of the students from Year 6 up to the present, involved in many different aspects of school life such as our shows, enrichment, visits in the wider community and sporting events. Each form tutor gave a tribute to their form and we were very lucky to have a video clip sending good wishes and advice from former form tutor Mr Hooley, all the way from sunny Melbourne, Australia. Musical performances from Lilian Gilbert, Oscar Heath-Jones, Lysette Marshall, Will Windsor, Arik Ross, Rene Kovak, Mason Thomas and Mr Halsall were uplifting and much appreciated. To finish off, Bradley Clarke and Sophie Buxton read the poem 'Desiderata' which gives all of us such good advice for life's journey.

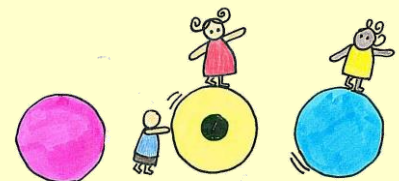
Now we wish our Year 11s all the very best with their final GCSE exams and look forward to celebrating again with them at The Prom, Hollin Hall on Thursday 18th June.



**Our *Allsorts* Group meets on Friday mornings here at
The Macclesfield Academy from 9.00 am until 10.30 am for:**



- ☺ **Friendship**
- ☺ **Speakers**
- ☺ **Demonstrations**
- ☺ **Crafts**
- ☺ **Information**
- ☺ **Chat**



Free tea, coffee and nibbles!

**All parents / carers / relatives and friends are most welcome!
Just drop in or come for the whole time!**

Contact Pauline Holt for more information

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