



Seven Lessons From Our First Term at School.



The end of a long and challenging half term is a good time to reflect on the things that we have learned.

1. We have been very fortunate so far.

We have still only had one positive Covid test amongst our students and one among our staff. While our thoughts are very much with the individuals and the families concerned, we have fared better than many other schools both locally and nationally.

2. There is no guarantee that this good fortune will last.

We will need to remain vigilant in applying all the safety measures in our Risk Assessment. We have seen how important it is that we all play our part and half term is a good time for students to prepare for the next couple of months by making sure they are fully equipped with face coverings, sanitiser, and antibacterial wipes as well as all the school equipment they would have in more "normal" times.

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3. Our students have shown just how adaptable they can be.

Whether it is our 7's shifting seamlessly into working at home on Teams lessons, our Year 11's rising to the challenge of their extended day, or simply those in all year groups adapting to the very different feel

of life in the Academy, the response of the overwhelming majority of students has been quite outstanding. They have made us very proud.

4. Our staff have been brilliant.

The end of the half term is a good time to put on record just how grateful I am to all of my staff for the magnificent job they have done in such difficult circumstances. Whether it has been in adapting the curriculum to support students in recovering from the effects of lockdown, mastering the skills required for remote teaching or contributing to the huge increase in supervision required across breaks and lunchtimes, they have been awesome beyond words and I believe our students, our parents and our wider society owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

5. For some the last couple of months have been especially difficult.

Whether it has been readapting to the greater formality of school life, coping with the anxiety of the pandemic or simply picking up on the challenge of learning, for some of our students these last two months have not been easy. We have been fortunate in being able to increase the support available from outside agencies to add to what we are able to provide through ASPIRE, through our SEND team and through our pastoral staff. Unfortunately, for a small number of students, responding to the all the requirements of our safety measures has proved difficult and we have seen an increase in the number of exclusions. While this is always a last resort, we will continue to everything we need to do to keep the Academy safe for everybody.

6. These are tough times for our families and our community.

The rise in the infection rates, the imposition of

new restrictions and the effect on employment, social interaction and wellbeing present challenges for us all. For some the challenges are especially great. We will continue to provide whatever support we can. We will also continue to support the food bank in its vital work helping families in the greatest need. Thank you all for your donations of food and money in response to our appeal over the last couple of weeks.

7. We will need to go on making our best better.

While I am really pleased with how the term has gone, I am sure there will be lessons to be learned. Whether it is managing the impact of self-isolation, adapting teaching and learning to the new world we are working in or maintaining our all important sense of community in a socially distances school, there are things to think about and, doubtless changes to be made. There is a long winter ahead of us and we will need to adapt what we do changing circumstances and the best ideas from other schools. One thing, however, will not change. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure our students are safe, happy and learning through these challenging times.

With every best wish to you all.

Richard Hedge
Headteacher
The Macclesfield Academy





It was an extra special pleasure to welcome our new Year 7's into The Macclesfield Academy in September.

A staggered start worked well as we could not have our usual transition activities in the spring and summer terms. Year 7 had the whole school to themselves on the first day which gave them chance to find their way around and meet their new teachers and fellow pupils.

As the other year groups joined throughout the week, our year 7's soon got used to life at The Macclesfield Academy. There was a happy atmosphere as all the children returned to school after such a long time away.

Despite the changes we have made in school due to the Corona Virus, our Year 7 has continued to go from strength to strength. The ClassDojo platform we launched during lockdown has been invaluable as we continue to teach them and give them the best education possible during the current circumstances.

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

Our Virtual Open evening launched in October!

It was clear that we could not invite people into our school for the usual Open Evening, so we did the next best thing and brought our school to your home!

We created a short film that shows a day in the life of The Macclesfield Academy with guides, Year 7 students Ella and Raphie.

The film also included interviews with our Head Teacher, subject teachers, a peek into our classrooms and our Head girl and boy Maisie and Liam talking about their time at The Macclesfield Academy.

Our Year 7's, Mr. Worstencroft and our PE department provided some amazing moves!

All the students loved taking part and we think the film really captures the great atmosphere here.

[Click here to watch!](#)



English News

English Stars of Half Term 1

Year 7

Alfie Bailey
Nathan Brocklehurst
Aiden Critchley
Harry Lea
Ted Wilkinson
Finn Stairmand

Year 8

Owen Banks
Warren Dent
Charlie Egerton
Johanna Harriman
Harley Heywood
Archie Owen

Year 9

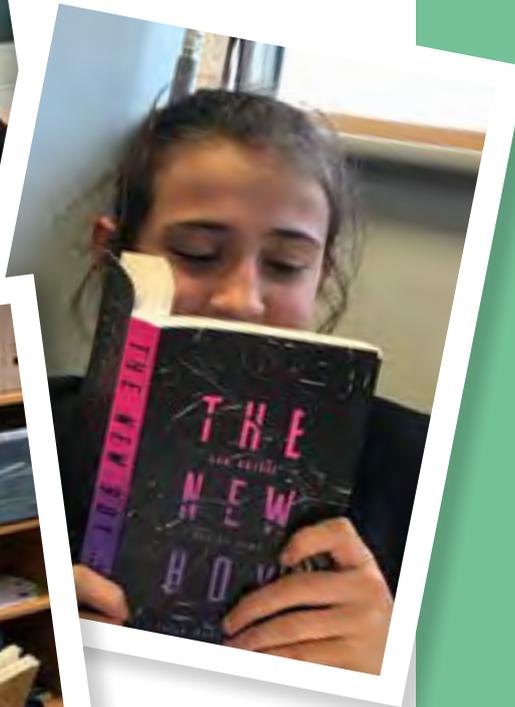
Chloe Adams
Ethan Ellison-Bradshaw
Will Newton
Dylan Thomas
Joe Warren

Year 10

Emma Cox
Alex Dawson
Tom Hooley
Alex McCamon
Gracie Riley

Year 11

Tylor Bradbury-Ford
Tamara Gill
Filip Rankov
Kirstie Tingley
Emily Torbitt
Kade Whittaker



We celebrated National Poetry Day on 1st October by tweeting our favourites poems @TheMaccAcademy and putting them on our classroom doors for students to read.

We are passionate about reading here at The Macclesfield Academy and try to embed it into the school day as much as possible. We have some very happy readers in our 15 minute read during form time!

We are very proud of the year 7s for continuing to work so hard on their poetry assessments remotely.

Safer Internet Tips

Keeping your child safe on the internet.

Where to start

Ensure you have set up your devices safely. This link has a step by step checklist of how to set up devices. Check privacy and location settings.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

Try it yourself

If you are not sure what the latest apps are and what they do, have a go at joining them and see for yourself! This can be the easiest way to learn about them. It can also start a conversation with your child about apps, what they do and what the possible risks are.

Research

Find out what issues could become a concern- these will change as your child uses technology differently depending on their age. Only download apps that you trust and stick to services that you know where the content will be added according to age.

Communication

Talk to your child about these potential issues or dangers. Even if they seem confident and do the 'eye roll' there may be things they have never considered.

Set boundaries

Make sure you know what your child is doing online and who they are communicating with.

Agree when phone/internet use is appropriate and when it is getting out of hand. Smart phones and devices are designed to be addictive and are just as addictive for adults! You could agree on rules about time limits for internet/phone usage for all of the family.

Keep an open dialogue. You want your child to feel they can come to you if they are concerned with something they have done/seen online. Make them aware of where they can get help.

Safer Internet links

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

CREATIVE ARTS

MUSIC & DRAMA

Music Curriculum

Pupils in Key Stage 3 are progressing well in the



new term, learning new skills on the keyboards and developing knowledge of music theory. Pupils in year 7 are learning how to create and perform their own melodies which are contrasting, year 8 are developing their performance skills on the keyboards learning and increasingly complex and challenging set of pieces. Year 9 are developing their knowledge of 20th Century compositional techniques and learning how to compose pieces of music using these techniques. Pupils in Key Stage 4 have made a great start to their GCSE Music qualification following the OCR specification. They are now preparing their first composition and starting to work on their performance pieces.

Drama Curriculum

Year 7 have been developing their knowledge of mime and use of voice through the Godolphin Manor unit of work. Year 8 have been the knowledge of how to interpret a text and characterise through the Film unit and Year 9 have been completing a unit on scripted plays, where they are developing an understanding of the use of sub-text and how this can shape a

Extra-curricular Music

Year 7 currently have 2 opportunities to take part in extra-curricular music activities. On a Tuesday after school we have a rock ensemble which runs from 3pm to 4pm where pupils perform using a range of instruments including voice, bass guitar, guitar, keyboard and drum kit. We also have a vocal group on a Thursday lunchtime in the drama studio focussing on developing singing skills for performance.

Year 8 also have 2 opportunities to take part in extra-curricular music activities. On a Friday after school we have a rock ensemble which runs from 3pm to 4pm where pupils perform using a range of instruments including voice, bass guitar, guitar, keyboard and drum kit. We also have a vocal group on a Monday lunchtime in the drama studio focussing on developing singing skills for performance.



Year 9 have the opportunity to perform as a musical ensemble during their Thursday Enrichment sessions and Year 10 and 11 have a music extra-curricular session every week B Tuesday lunchtime. We have also resumed brass and guitar peripatetic lessons at the academy.

If any pupils are interested in learning to play an instrument via the peripatetic music teachers, please contact paul.blaylock@macclesfieldacademy.org for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM!

We wish the Prefect Team
all the best in their endeavours across the
Academy this year.

Head Girl Masie Whittaker
Head Boy Liam Belford
Deputy Head Girl Chloe Vickers
Deputy Head Boy Jason Bailey

Prefects

Luca Ambrosino	Gabriel Geary
Ruby Ault	Izzy Harrison
Isaac Blackman	Holly Hurst
Sam Bradley	Estelle Jones
Beau Brookes	Erin Newsome
Christain Cains	Erin Newsome
Reuben Clifford	Alex Pacitti
Emma Cox	Alex Pacitti
Amy Davies	Ashley Tomlinson
Rosie Dawes	Amber Whalley
James Dellow	Amber Whalley
Jess Diamond	Harry White
Ffion Edwards	Nathan Wood



CANTEEN REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TOP
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PREFERABLY THE DAY BEFORE
AS PAYMENTS DO NOT ALWAYS
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LOCKDOWN LITERATURE



Year 11 student Christian Cains wrote and illustrated a children's book during lockdown! The book is aimed at children and follows the adventures of Joey the Stingray in an undersea world.

Miss Hart, Subject Leader for English at The Macclesfield Academy said "Christian has created a lovely piece of work entirely by himself. The attention to detail is amazing and the bright colours really appeal to children."

FOODBANK COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind donations to the Silklife Food Bank on our Non-Uniform day. We collect for the Food Bank all year round so please feel free to send donations to us or use the Gateway App to make a monetary donation. You can deliver directly to the Food Bank on George Street, Macclesfield between 9:30am and 11:30am on Tuesdays or alternatively drop your bag in the drop box behind the tills at Sainsburys, Macclesfield.

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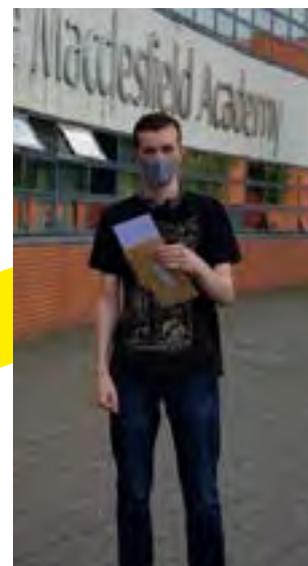


During Enrichment, students have been designing hands free key pad pressers and door openers. The students have learnt how to use a programme, 2D Design to create their ideas which have then been cut out on the laser cutter. The door openers were judged on ergonomics and aesthetics. The winners are: Lexi Doorman, Rose Swithenbank, Preston Newsham and Kaylea Williamson. Well done!

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GCSE CLASS OF 2020

We had a great GCSE results day this year and it was wonderful to see the students again for the first time since March. All students and staff adhered to covid-safe rules however, there was still time for celebration! It was also a good opportunity for staff to say a proper goodbye to our Year 11's. We wish them every success on their learning journey.

SUPPORTING YOU WORKING FROM HOME

[HTTPS://WWW.MACCLESFIELDACADEMY.ORG/HOME-WORKING](https://www.macclesfieldacademy.org/home-working)



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Staying Safe



Since the start of term, have had to implement new rules in line with Covid regulations.

As you can appreciate, this guidance can change rapidly according to the local and national situation.

For up to date and accurate guidance please use the .gov.uk website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

We also recommend that you check Cheshire East Council's website for local guidance. <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>

Support for you in the Local Area

Mental Health

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/campaigns/covid-19-information-point/covid19-mental-health-information-point.aspx>

<http://www.justdropin.co.uk/about-us/>

<https://www.mymind.org.uk/services-and-contacts/east-cheshire/>

Domestic Abuse

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/staying-safe/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence/domestic-abuse-getting-help.aspx>

Support from School

Pastoral Team 2020 /2021

Year 7

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Year 9

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Year 10

Mrs Murray gaynor.murray@macclesfieldacademy.org

Mr Davis john.davis@macclesfieldacademy.org

Year 11

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Family coordinator - Mrs Pauline Holt
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Ms Lesley Milloy SENCO
Lesley.Milloy@macclesfieldacademy.org

Safeguarding

Should parents or members of the public have any safeguarding or welfare concerns about a student of The Macclesfield Academy they should be reported via one of the routes shown below:
safeguarding@macclesfieldacademy.org
01625 383100

If a student or parent has any concerns regarding bullying they can send an email here:
tellus@macclesfieldacademy.org

National Helplines

Kooth

Mymind

Childline

NSPCC

NOTICES

Term dates 2020/2021

	Close after school on	Reopen on
Autumn Term		Wednesday 2nd Sept 2020
Mid-Term	Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas	Thursday 17th December 2020	Monday 4th January 2021
Mid-Term	Friday 12th February 2021	Monday 22nd February 2021
Easter	Thursday 1st April 2021	Monday 19th April 2021
May Day	Friday 30th April 2021	Tuesday 4th May 2021
Mid-Term	Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer	Tuesday 20th July 2021	

Staff Training Days : Tuesday 1st September 2020, Friday 18th September 2020 plus Friday 18th June 2021.

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

Term dates 2021/2022

	Close after school on	Reopen on
Autumn Term		Monday 6th September 2021
Mid-Term	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Mid-Term	Friday 18th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter	Friday 1st April 2022	Tuesday 19th April 2022
May Day	Friday 29th April 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Mid-Term	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer	Friday 22nd July 2022	

Staff Training Days : Friday 3rd September 2021, Friday 17th September 2021 and Friday 17th June 2022.

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Key dates: Please refer to the website here.

Key dates are subject to last minute changes due to the current pandemic.

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