

The Macclesfield Academy

NEWSLETTER

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During Children's Mental Health Week we had some brilliant examples of simple things you can do to improve your mental health.

The theme was 'express yourself' and stars such as Oti Mabuse and Bukky Bakray shared how they express themselves during lockdown on YouTube. We of course had our own stars sharing their tips on what they do to improve their mental health. Why not give some of these a try?

Miss Renn and Mrs Locke go for walks in the countryside

Mrs Underhill uses art to express herself and a living room disco!

Mr Levitsky gardens and bakes.

Miss Williams bakes banana bread.

Mrs Ainsworth observes nature and wildlife.

Mrs Lucas has been sewing and making clothes for her new grandchild and is looking forward to seeing her soon

Christian from Year 11 cooks for his family and Alex from Year 7 plays football, hockey and uses his scooter!





By sharing some simple practical ideas we wanted to show you that we all need a way of unwinding and relaxing and how important it is to look after ourselves.

Sometimes focusing on a creative task can absorb you and take your mind off worries and stresses.

Getting outdoors and taking exercise can really improve your mental health as well as your physical health.

Doing things for others, showing kindness can take the focus off yourself and your own internal struggles. There is also the bonus of making someone smile.

If you are struggling the key thing is to reach out to somebody you trust.

Please see the next page for details of pastoral support in your Year group and other local and national organisations that can offer help and advice.

WHERE CAN YOU GET HELP?

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS:

<https://www.mymind.org.uk/about-mymind/young-people/>
<https://www.justdropin.co.uk/>
<https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/contact/need-urgent-help/>



NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:

<https://www.kooth.com/>
<https://youngminds.org.uk/>
<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

Support from School

Pastoral Team 2020 /2021

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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





Miss Harrison

Mr Worstencroft

Miss Parker

Mr Jowitt

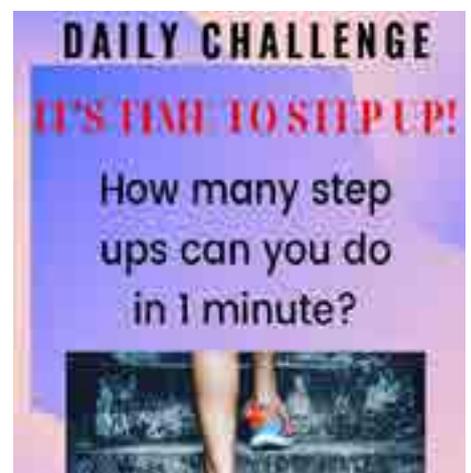
Miss Warswick

TMA PE

 [insta: maccacademype](https://www.instagram.com/maccacademype)

PE have been setting daily healthy challenges for our students including sits ups, step ups and eating five pieces of fruit a day. We also had staff and students tracking how far they could run, walk or cycle! The wonderful 8JAF managed to collectively walk cycle and run 400km in a week! What an amazing achievement! This is approximately 249 miles or 4000 laps of an Olympic swimming pool.

Follow our PE department and join in on <https://www.instagram.com/maccacademype/>
Joining in as a family or individual can really help motivate you to start doing some physical exercise and this will improve your mental health.



Virtual Learning Q&A

Will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

We follow our usual curriculum as far as we possibly can. There are some clear exceptions to what can be taught, particularly around tasks that involve equipment not readily accessible, or tasks that are difficult to support students with via remote learning. We continue to address identified gaps in learning before moving on to new concepts.

How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

Live lessons will take place through Microsoft Teams. Additional support materials may be used across different lessons. These will always be linked on Teams or Show My Homework/Satchel One.

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

All students should attend all online lessons, unless an agreement has been made between home and school, and alternative provision/support put in place

Students should frequently submit their work as evidence of learning & progress. This will occasionally receive feedback, with the same frequency as they would if they were at school.

We do not expect parents to be experts! We only ask that parents are supportive of the live lessons, and ensure students are doing & submitting work set.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a mixture of the following:

- Live teaching (online lessons) via Teams for the vast majority of lessons.
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers) for independent work, to provide variety to the student experience. This option will also be used if a member of staff is unavailable and work is set by another teacher.
- Printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets) – for those without internet access, or if online learning is not suitable.
- GCSE Pod – for independent work
- Other subject specific online facilities eg Maths Genie – for additional support for GCSE classes.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

School has the ability to provide and support technology and internet access. Where this cannot be done, or online learning is not suitable, work packs are available from school. Students can then drop these back at school for staff to collect when they are due on the school rota.



Virtual Learning Q&A



How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?

We will primarily record attendance to lessons on SIMs, which is then fed back to parents.

Parents are usually informed by form tutors of any issues.

How will you assess my child's work and progress?

We provide class wide and individual feedback in live lessons, and where appropriate, after a student has submitted work.

We continually assess students and their understanding of work in live lessons through quizzes, questioning and engagement. We use a variety of digital platforms to help with this.

What about SEND provision?

Essentially we:

- Deploy TAs to liaise with pupils/parents
- Send out hard copies of work
- Lend out lap tops
- Deliver work to the very hard to reach students every Friday and aim to collect (at the same time) from the same children (the work they have done for the previous week)
- A dedicated email address for parents to contact: askmyTA@macclesfieldacademy.org
- SEND bubble for those children who access school – and they receive 1:1 literacy support on a daily basis.
- EHCP reviews are arranged on line as are SFP reviews on a termly basis.
- Enhanced liaison with pastoral care.

**For more information
technical support and staff
contact details,
please see the 'Home
Working' section of our
website.**

<https://www.macclesfieldacademy.org/home-working/>



SUPPORTING YOU WORKING FROM HOME

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



LOG INTO OFFICE.COM USING YOUR SCHOOL USERNAME
USERNAME@MACCLESFIELDACADEMY.ORG

*Teams is used
for live lessons.*

THEN YOUR SCHOOL PASSWORD

(THE ONE YOU USE TO LOG INTO A COMPUTER AT SCHOOL), THEN CHOOSE THE ICON YOU WANT.

CLICK HERE FOR VIDEOS ON HOW TO USE AND INSTALL THESE APPS ON YOUR LAPTOP AND MOBILE.

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SACHEL:ONE IS USED FOR HOMEWORK.

CLICK HERE FOR VIDEOS ON HOW TO USE AND INSTALL
SACHEL: ONE ON YOUR LAPTOP AND MOBILE.

GCSE PODS ARE 3-5 MIN BURSTS OF GCSE LEARNING,
COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF CONTENT.

TO LOG IN, CLICK THE 'SIGN IN WITH OFFICE 365'
BUTTON AND USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS
AND PASSWORD.



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English News



An ebony veil draped across the sun
The perfect light
Each step is light
Barely an imprint on the crisp snow
Left behind the shape of a crescent pad

Pacing up and down
Waiting for its moment
A caged animal
Testing its limits
It must calm if it is to survive

Through the filtering trees, the crunch of a
beast breaking through the ice surface
Trying to reach the tasty morsels below
Each step is calculated
Its breathing shallow

Waiting

It leaps
No longer concealed
Its paws tense as they hit the frozen snow
Muscles working harder
It needs this

The elk bolts
Desperately trying to regain its footing
It kicks blindly into the onyx night
Missed
This is the end

A vision of onyx wings
Each wing thud like her slowing pulse
Deaths sweet kiss parts her and the world

The predator reigns triumphant
The prey falls
Red ink tipped onto the bleak ground
No remorse
If her cubs are to survive they will need it all

They are full
Yet she is empty
a successful hunt

Yet she yearns for more

Demeter watches over
Afraid of what has become
A daughter lost to the underworld
She turns away her icy gaze
Soon she will return
The sun will arise
For now the arctic
Plunged into impenetrable darkness
Must survive

Wonderful poems from Year 9's.

Miss Hart challenged her Year 9 class to write a poem about winter that doesn't use the word "winter".

Thanks to Anya above, Lowri left and Grace next page for their lovely work.

English News

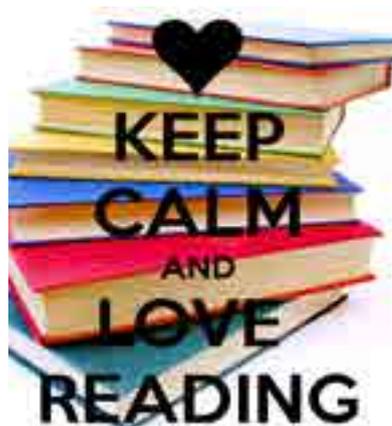
Finally the frost let me free
And officially life had begun
The naked trees awaited before me
Ahead of the silently, glowing sun

The horizon slowly awakened
Bursting through the seams of the fresh blanket of snow
With the warmth taken
Life seemed ever so low

Vibrancy remained uncovered
As snowflakes took their spotlights
And the summer flowers suffered
Looking up to the sky, watching them dance- what a sight!

Everything was frozen still
Normality is around the corner but I like it this way
Although sometimes this season is like a hill
The journey is all worth it, I'll say.

- By Grace R



Reading Challenge



Our Reading Challenge, challenges YOU to read 21 books.

If you can't read 21 books before July, you can still hit the other milestones and win a prize.

You will need to go on Assignments in Teams, where you will find the challenge sheet.

Fill the sheet in each time you finish a book. Don't hand it in too early. The closing date is July 2021.

So, what can you win?

If you read 5 books and complete 5 challenges you will win a prize from the equipment box (pens, pencils, highlighters etc.).

If you read 10 books and complete 10 challenges you will win a prize from the equipment box and a prize from the book box.

If you read 21 books and complete 21 challenges you will win a prize from the equipment box, a prize from the book box and you will be entered in the draw for the Big Box of Books in July.

School News

Looking ahead to GCSE options

Students will soon be selecting their GCSE options and we have some exciting Pathways events planned to help guide you. Right now, these events will be held virtually and you will be informed when they begin.



Year 11

We have launched a Year 11 instagram account which caters specifically for Year 11's with careers and exam news. www.instagram.com/maccyear11_21

Careers Information Advice and Guidance

Check our careers page on our website! We keep it updated with the latest virtual careers events both locally and nationally.

www.macclesfieldacademy.org/academy-life/careers-information-guidance/



Did you know that you can support The Macclesfield Academy by shopping in your local Co-op?

If you become a Co-op member you can choose us as your local cause and every time you buy Co-op branded products Co-op will donate a percentage of their profit to us!

We are currently raising funds for a new minibus.

Click here to find out more.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/49891>

Help The Macclesfield Academy raise money for a minibus so we can...

- Visit universities and workplaces
- Volunteer in the community
- Compete in sports fixtures
- Broaden horizons and raise aspirations



School News

YEAR 7 CREATE INSPIRING ARTWORK

Miss Renn is so proud of her Yr7 Art Groups. For a one-off lesson she challenged them to work as a team using mark making and pattern techniques.

Each pupil was given a letter to get creative with, then the letters were put together to create some positive messages for school. Brilliant work with a lovely message!



BUDDING WRITER INSPIRED TO WRITE OWN SHORT STORIES

Short story writer Lucy, from Year 11 took inspiration from her own reading to write '5 Doors'. Lucy is currently reading 'A Thousand Lanterns'.

Lucy says "I enjoyed writing it because I could write whatever I liked and become lost in thought which was really relaxing and helped me practice my typing skills". Great work Lucy!

Supporting all
The Macclesfield Academy
in September 2021?

ANY QUESTIONS?

Email us at :
transition@macclesfieldacademy.org



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TERM DATES

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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