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Welcome from the ACADEMY HEADTEACHER

It is a great pleasure to introduce our new academy magazine: TEMA Life.

This edition really highlights the range of activities our students are involved in and their many successes. We encourage all students to pursue a range of opportunities that not only enhance their academic progress but also their personal growth and development as we equip our young people to be global citizens who are prepared for success. I joined the academy in February and have been astounded by the warm welcome from students and the community as a whole and look forward to working with you all more closely over the coming term. I hope you enjoy the magazine and take the time to discuss the wide range of opportunities available to your child here at TEMA.

Ms. J Bowen

Academy Headteacher



BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT



Congratulations to our Executive Headteacher, Patsy Kane OBE MA, who was recently awarded an OBE by Queen Elizabeth II for her services to education.

Patsy commented: *"It was back in November, at the end of a long and busy week, when I received a letter from the Cabinet Office that I was to be awarded an OBE for services to education. I was thrilled and delighted and the hardest thing was to keep it a secret until 28th December. I have been very touched by the number of warm emails, tweets and letters congratulating me on this honour. It is an honour for the work of all our staff as we all work hard to make sure all the students in our trust have the best education possible."*



INNOVATE HER!

14 girls from Year 9 have been attending the InnovateHer scheme for the past 8 weeks. Working with industry experts Bernie and Liam the girls have completed a range of activities designed to address the imbalance of female representation in STEM industries. The sessions have taken place after school, often late into the evening and have involved the girls giving up a significant amount of their own time.

As part of the scheme the InnovateHer group visited North Coders at Federation House in Manchester to investigate the range of careers available in programming. This was a great opportunity to experience a unique working environment in a rapidly expanding tech start-up. All girls who have participated in the scheme have stated their confidence has increased and they are now more likely to consider a career in STEM. One participant stated: *"I feel more confident about having a career in digital technology and I have learnt that digital technology related careers are not just about boys."*

Both InnovateHer mentors were full of praise for the commitment and dedication displayed by all participants.

#thesegirlsdid



FRANKLY SPEAKING

Congratulations to two of our students, Britney Dias and Sophie Chen, for taking part in the prestigious Frankly Speaking debate competition at Benjamin Franklin's House and the U.S Embassy in London. The students represented the school very well and took part in some fantastic debates!

HINDU RESEARCH

In Year 8 Religious Education, the students have been doing research into the different Hindu gods. The students had to find out the name of the god and why Hindus worship the god. The Year 8's then presented their findings to the class.





ART AND DESIGN CLUB

Students have been exploring the work of artist Keith Haring during lunch club. Throughout his career Keith Haring felt strongly about making his art work readily available to as wide an audience as possible. For this particular project students have been making art work for display in the art corridor, just like Keith Haring did. Students started by drawing around themselves in different positions on to large pieces of paper. Using examples of Keith Haring's work they painted them in bold colours which also link to our four houses. The Year 8 girls have dedicated numerous lunchtimes to creating this work showing fantastic commitment, leadership, team work and resilience. Special mention to Louisa Xue, Zhen Ni-Le, Selina Wang, Talise Tsang, Deborah Onafuwa and Vivian Yuen Ying.



STEM-TASTIC!

This half-term Year 9 students have been enjoying a range of fun STEM activities in their Design and Technology lessons. The 'hands on' programme lets students develop their problem solving skills through a variety of engaging practical tasks. Adam Wawryzniak successfully completed the 'Bridge Building Challenge' using K-Nex to construct a 1.5 metre Truss Bridge which successfully carried a load of five kilos. Precious Ehineboh made a fantastic moving mechanical hand, from corrugated card, string and straws, that flexed and gripped just like the real thing! In their first session, students in Miss Lauder's group used the principle of 'persistence of vision' to create a stunning Thaumatrope. Miss Marchant's group made a delicious chocolate honeycomb just like a Crunchie Bar, looking at the reaction of sugar and bicarbonate of soda. Abdula Al-Khilaifi made some spectacular Slime from glue, soda and saline solution. Magdiel Ardayfio came up with a knock out Passive Speaker for his phone, made from cardboard rolls and plastic cups. The sequence of STEM sessions runs until the end of term with students participating in all six activities on offer.



STEM SPELLING BEE

After a last minute rescheduling from December due to the snow these three determined year 7s took off to the University of Salford in February to complete in the inaugural STEM Spelling Bee. They went up against the elite schools of North West England and ranked in an impressive fourth place. Spelling as many (very difficult) words as they can in a minute the team ranked up 39 between them!



Want to be a pro-speller like these guys? Try some of these words for yourself.

Adiabatic | Reticulum | Sedimentary | Operand | Caldera



Well done to students in Miss Banks' Form G6 for taking part in Red Nose Day by wearing red items of clothing or props for the day.

CYBER DISCOVERY KS4 UPDATE

Year 10 students Destiny, Oluwapelumi, Leon, Naod and Year 11 student Paul have progressed to the penultimate (Essentials) round of the Cyber Discovery competition. Cyber Discovery is a national cyber-security competition run and organized by GCHQ with the aim to promote STEM subjects and to develop the skills need to prevent hacking and digital attacks across the globe.

The students have successfully completed the Assess and Game stages of the competition and if they are successful at this stage they will be invited to take part in 'CyberStart Elite' round which is a unique and exciting face-to-face event designed to help accelerate entry into the cyber-security profession.



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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2019

To celebrate British Science Week 2019 we have had lots going on around school. The students were invited to take part in lunchtime activities, completed formtime quizzes, enjoyed the science department staff video and got involved in the science fair. We were lucky enough to be given a £300 grant to support these activities from the British Science Association for which we were very grateful! The week was a great opportunity to remind ourselves why science is the best subject and why we should celebrate it!



RISE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

In February some of our lucky Year 10 students took part in a workshop delivered by RISE Education. The workshop was about the heart and what happens when things go wrong including all the career links along the way. The event was highly engaging and interactive with thousands of pounds worth of equipment being used by the students. Highlights included: all students performing a heart dissection, 7 students performing open heart surgery in full scrubs and the invaluable opportunity to ask any questions to the three professionals. The event was truly inspirational, eye opening and fun.



BAE SYSTEMS ROADSHOW

On Wednesday 30th January the Year 7 students were treated to the BAE Systems Roadshow. This was a really fun and interactive presentation all about the science of communication. The students threw themselves into the audience participation elements and learnt a lot. We're now looking forward to what's going to be happening next year!

SCIENCE SUPERSTARS

Fabulous scientists from both Year 7 and 8 showcased their work in a science extravaganza during British Science week. The inaugural TEMA Science Fair was a huge success with particularly impressive entries on dinosaurs, space, bacteria, hamsters and smoking to name but a few. The quality of science from all students was simply outstanding. It was also lovely to see so many parents and guardians supporting their science superstars. Congratulations to all of those involved and well done to all the winners.



PALM OIL PROJECT

58 Year 8 students completed their Palm Oil project at Chester Zoo in February. This was following a series of workshops with staff from the zoo and a local theatre company. We had a tour of some of the tropical houses before exploring in small groups. We also saw first-hand some of the damage that had happened from the recent fire. The students had a great time seeing animals that many had never even heard of.



ADVANCED MATHS CHALLENGE

Eight Year 10 students took part in an advanced Maths challenge at Manchester University earlier in the year. Both of our two teams performed really well, competing against some prestigious schools in the North West.

One team even won a challenge and were placed fourth overall, which was a huge achievement. All the students who took part positively represented our school, and showed great resilience and teamwork – well done!

From left to right: Kai Boardman, Allen Zhao, Hope Linkomola, Sam Coker, Ashley Parr, Youssef, Leon Parr, Destiny Okoro



MATHS LIBRARY

This half-term has seen the launch of our new Maths library in a bid to improve the literacy of students. We have a stock of books for all year groups which are dedicated to reading stories about Maths. Alex and Logan have already worked their way through some of them! Books are available to borrow from Miss Williams.



MATHS SURGERY

We are finally getting the opportunity to issue our Maths surgery rewards. Students can trade stamps, given for each attendance, in return for our bronze, silver and gold badges. Here, you can see Mo and Malth from Year 7 who regularly attend Maths surgery.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This term the Student Council have been increasing their knowledge on drug and alcohol education. They took part in a training session led by Manchester Healthy schools and the NHS. They will be using this training to deliver form content in half-term 5.

The Voice Box members of the Student Council have also been busy planning their project on *'How diverse is your school?'* Last year we came 2nd but we are aiming for first place this year with a range of different projects and initiatives that we have run.

The Student Council continue to spread joy around TEMA meeting once a week to decide which members of staff deserve to be recognised for their outstanding commitment to our students. The Student Council really appreciate the positive feedback this award has brought to staff.



DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

Last year, two of our Year 9 students represented TEMA on a project run by Manchester University called 'Diversity Champions'. This is a project set up by the university in response to the rise in hate crime recorded after the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. Throughout the year, Aram and Amy took part in a number of training events around different aspects of diversity such as race and religion, mental health and LGBT rights. They ran a diversity day in school, running workshops to a large number of Year 7 students. Aram and Amy also took part in a tour to Krakow in Poland, visiting Auschwitz to witness the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish people.

At the end of the project, Aram and Amy received an 'Outstanding Contribution' award in recognition of their work. They were invited to the Houses of Parliament in March, where they spoke about their experiences and the impact their time in Poland and Auschwitz had on their lives.

We were delighted to be asked by the university to take part in the project again this year and have recently recruited two new Year 9 Diversity Champions.





IGD SUBJECTS TO JOBS WORKSHOPS

TEMA Careers were pleased to host the IGD 'Subjects to Jobs' workshops for the second year running. 30 of our Year 9 students took part and had the opportunity to work with a variety of people working in organisations from the food and grocery industry. They learnt about how their subjects link to future job roles and the wide variety of careers on offer in this industry. They also learnt how important it is to make a great first impression and develop their communication skills by interviewing the company volunteers. Team working was also very much in action! The facilitators commented on how impressed they were with how our students engaged with the session and they saw many future leaders in the room!



NETWORK RAIL VISIT

To round the week off, we had an event in school celebrating NCW and International Women's Day hosted by Network Rail and WISE, celebrating females working in the rail industry! A team of women from Network Rail, including Engineers and Project Managers, each told our group of Year 9 and 10 students about their job roles and the routes they took into them. The girls then had the chance to answer quiz questions and the answers they gave told them what their 'STEM' personality type was! Another opportunity for our students to think about their future career, consider job roles they may not have previously thought about and have their aspirations raised by hearing from positive role models.



INSPIRING WOMEN CONFERENCE

20 Year 9 female students were lucky enough to attend the annual Inspiring Women conference hosted by the Alliance Manchester Business School. We heard from a range of women from different backgrounds and how their family and upbringing has shaped who they are today. They all had different job roles but the common theme was how determination and hard work will lead to achieving your dreams and goals. The students then had the chance to take part in interactive workshops, practising their presentation skills, discussing how to support each other and how to have confidence when planning for your future.

RICS WORKSHOP

TEMA hosted the RICS workshops for the second year running this month. RICS is the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and the sessions involved the students working in teams to plan, design and develop their own community centre. Each team was made up of project managers, building surveyors, finance managers and environmental surveyors and they had to overcome a series of challenges to their project throughout the session. All of our year 9 students took part in the sessions and they really impressed us in how they took on new challenges and worked with students they may not have worked with before. Well done Year 9!

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2019

Our faculty Careers Champions planned a range of exciting lessons linking their subjects to careers. Our History faculty examined jobs in Tudor times compared to now and the worst jobs in the industrial revolution! Geography students had homework tasks that involved students researching a range of jobs related to their subject. In Art, Year 8 focused on Textile artist Shelley Rhodes, looking into her inspiration and the career pathway she has taken. In Year 9, students watched short clips in class showing artists discussing their work and what things they actually do in their jobs. Finally, a former student came into school to work with pupils and to discuss what she is doing at college and the career path she has started on.

In Maths and Business, students in Key stage 3 and 4 used the Start careers software to continue to build their profiles, identify their skills and qualities and research job roles related to these and their subjects. Students are being encouraged and supported to focus on their aspirations across the academy.



**NOT SURE WHICH
DIRECTION
TO TAKE?**



BASKETBALL SUCCESS!

TEMA have been very busy this year taking on allcomers and ending the regular season top of the table and undefeated!

For the first time in the school's history, our KS4 basketball team have won the league! With impressive performances against St Peters, Trinity and MEA to name a few, the boys have finished with their pride intact and silverware to match. Our boys tipped the season off with an away match against the most feared school in the basketball league, defending champions St Peters. After quickly finding our stride, TEMA managed to gain control of proceedings winning the match 59-36. It was now our turn to host an equally formidable team in Trinity High School. After a cagey start, the game went back and forth ending in a well-deserved draw for both teams.

Keeping the ball rolling, TEMA then went on the road winning the next three games with ease. Overall, the boys have won 5 games in a row scoring a total of 185 points! We look forward to the play off-season where we face either St Matthews or Wright Robinson, Bring it on!



Special thanks to everyone involved including:

Hope Linkomola, Ismael Gariba, Joshua Akande, Tiago Baco, Goncalo Baco, Eric Crowther, Jon Dickinson, Chirs Murphy, Micheal Higson, Emerson Paleme. Mouhamed Samb Gueye.



SPORTS LEADERSHIP AT TEMA

(in partnership with Manchester United FC)

Year 9 students pictured above (Joyce Mzungu, Kacey-Sue Halliday, Felix Ardayfio, Callum Blanchard and Sahand Rashid)

TEMA students undertook the Sports Leadership level one qualification in March 2019. They all demonstrated and learnt important life skills such as effective communication and organisation whilst learning to lead basic physical activities to younger people, their peers, and older generations and within the community.



NETBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball team who became league champions this term! The league table finished as follows:

1. **TEMA**
2. The Barlow
3. MCA
4. St. Peter's
5. Whalley Range 11-18 High School
6. Manchester Academy



They have worked incredibly hard over the course of the season to improve their skills and work together effectively as a team.

TEMA BOYS MEET ENGLAND STAR LUKE SHAW

Our excellent Year 9 Football team took part in an exhibition game at Trinity High School. The boys played magnificently well and were unlucky not to win against a tough Trinity side. The game was played in conjunction with the PlayStation Premier League Star event where Luke Shaw greeted all players and staff after the game. The boys, as always, were a credit to TEMA.

Well done lads! Mr Gorey and Mr Ogden



CHALLENGE FOR CHANGE

A group of Year 8, 9 and 10 students attended a day of teambuilding exercises at 'Challenge for Change' to raise confidence and aspirations. These pupils participated in terrifying activities like high ropes obstacle courses! The day saw students develop throughout the day and built relationships helping and supporting each other. It was a joy to witness these pupils grow throughout the day. They were incredibly polite and focused and were a credit to the Academy.



MENTORING PROGRAMME

A selection of Year 10 and 11 students have been through a mentoring program with Year 9. These KS4 students are supporting and coaching Year 9 to support their progress and attitude to learning. All sessions have been incredibly supportive and productive. This have given Year 9 students aspirations to achieve and to know it is never too early to strive for the many fantastic opportunities available to them.

Exhause says of the sessions, *'I feel these sessions have helped me improve and have had a positive impact on my learning.'*

PRINCE'S TRUST SESSIONS

Well done to the group of Year 7-10 students who are attending the motivational Prince's Trust sessions. We are visited by employees of the huge KPMG accountancy firm in Manchester and pupils develop their understanding of what is required to work for a large company. They build their confidence in team building activities and these sessions will result in the group spending a whole day at the firm to develop their aspirations and motivation for their future.



PROGRESS GROUP

Well done to Mrs Sheard-Pearson's progress group who have met every week and set themselves personalised targets to achieve. They have shown an amazing maturity and passion for their learning and ultimately for success. With guidance and coaching they are developing transferable skills of motivation and organisation for a common goal. These young people are developing their understanding of responsibility and self-belief and I have no doubt they will continue to go from strength to strength in their chosen path.

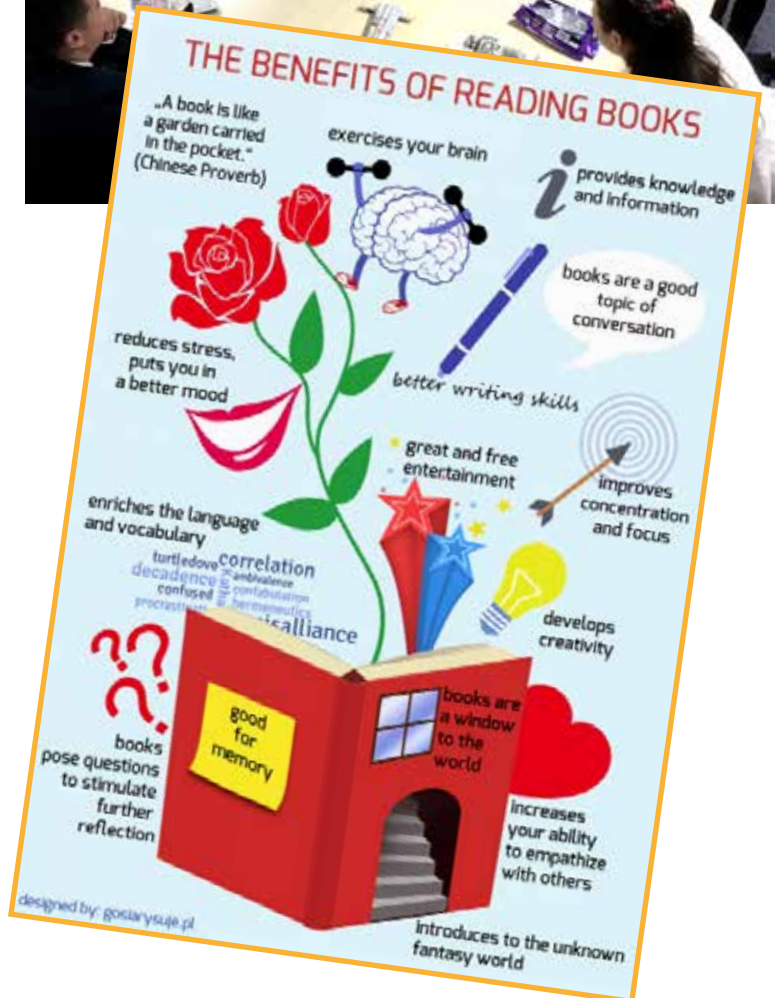
READING CLUB

Reading is such an important part of a person's life. There are innumerable transferable skills that come from reading outside of a young person's lesson time. Year 9 have been attending a weekly reading club which has gone from strength to strength. Our reading club chooses a collective novel and have taken responsibility in reading a designated chapter which sees us come together and share the overall story. They have shown an increase in a love of reading and have supported each other in their reading journey. Numbers for this group have increased and the group is thoroughly enjoyable to be part of.

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

Keep it up Year 9!



BALL ASSISTANT

This year TEMA were presented with the opportunity to select one student to represent the school, as an official Manchester United ball assistant for the 2018/2019 Premier League season. Year 11 Kane Wilmott was subsequently put forward due to his outstanding all round conduct and contributions to school. In addition to sitting pitch side for all of United's home matches, the ball assistant role also develops key skills such as team work, communication, punctuality and problem solving. ***"It's been an unforgettable experience. My highlight this season was the Liverpool game, the atmosphere was the best yet. We play a big part and have an impact on the speed of the game"***

During Kane's journey he has excelled, matured and continues to be a positive role model at TEMA. Most recently Kane was 1 of 12 sports leaders who successfully helped run the Year 9 MU Foundation HUB tournament here at TEMA! **WELL DONE KANE!**



SHOW THE LOVE

On the 14th February, the climate coalition joined forces with the MU Foundation to host a Valentine's Day themed event 'show the love event'. On the day a group of Year 8 students made the trip over to Old Trafford to take part in a variety of fun, interactive activities. Each workshop aimed to educate students about the environment and how they can positively affect it both at home and at school.

MATCH TICKETS

As part of the partnership between TEMA and MU Foundation, match tickets to see host of Manchester United home fixtures have been made available to the academy. To acknowledge their personal achievements, successes and attitude to learning, students have been rewarded with tickets throughout the year.

One of the deserving winners Chris Tierney, who was rewarded for his outstanding behavioural improvements had the following to say ***"I was buzzing when I got to see United vs Liverpool, I went with my dad the atmosphere was unreal!"***

Congratulations our other winners; Carson Clarke, Ailand Burkevics, Courtney Hardman, Kevin Ayres, Jennifer Adenekan, Osonti McGinty, Owen Wilson. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**



HUB TOURNAMENTS

Since the turn of the year TEMA have competed in 3 MU Foundation HUB tournaments. Hosted at various partner schools throughout the year, HUB tournaments aim to increase competitive football opportunities for both female and male pupils.

Year 8 & 9 girls-January saw a joint Year 8/9 girls' team make the trip to Manchester Health Academy, to participate in the first tournament of the year. The girls performed extremely well, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals by only 1 point! To cap a fantastic morning and to their surprise all of the girls were gifted a pair of brand new football boots, courtesy of the Michael Carrick Foundation!

Year 9 boys - For this seasons Year 9 tournaments it was TEMA's turn to host. Thanks to incredible efforts of our Year 11 young leaders, who were instrumental on the day the event was a massive success and TEMA were crowned champions!

Year 8 boys - With a record of W2, D2, L1 the Year 8 boys were unlucky not to make finals in a closely contested battle at ESSA Academy Bolton. The boys nevertheless were great ambassadors for the school playing in the correct spirit, showcasing skill, character and most importantly sportsmanship!

In the coming months TEAM will go again as we look to bring some more silverware home, from the upcoming girls and boys Year 7 tournaments!

SPORTS LEADERS COURSE

Well done to Year 9 students; Joyce Mzungu, Kacey-Sue, Callum, Callum Blanchard, Felix Ardayfio and Sahan Rashid who successfully completed a two day Sports Leaders UK qualification. Held at Manchester United's historic Cliff Training ground the course gave students a basic introduction to the role and qualities of a leader on day one with a variety of theory and practical based activities. Day two saw them go on to plan and deliver their own 5-10 minute practical session.

A special mention to Joyce, who won an individual award as 'stand out' performer across all students in attendance. This initial course will now feed into the Level 1 in sports leadership scheduled to commence next academic year. To celebrate the achievements of those who completed the course a celebration event will take place later in the year at Old Trafford stadium.

BESWICK LIBRARY

Recently Beswick library opened its doors to our students during break and lunchtimes. Many of our students were thrilled by this and snapped up the opportunity to take themselves off every day for a good read and to get away from the hustle and bustle of school life. Not surprisingly, numbers of students turned up on the opening day and have been coming ever since.

We have seen students from all age ranges using the library not just as a quiet space to delve into a world of their own through a good book, but also we saw some of our GCSE students using the space to revise and come together to share ideas.



STEPHEN KELMAN VISIT

Stephen Kelman is the author of *'Pigeon English'*, our GCSE English Literature modern novel. He visited TEMA on the last day of Spring Term 1 to talk to our students about his life experiences and what inspired him to write the novel. Our students were involved in a question and answer session with Kelman who was impressed with the calibre of questions he was asked by our Year 10 and 11 students.

At the end of the session he signed books and Beyonce from Year 11 had made and presented Kelman with his very own piece of unique artwork which he was thrilled with.



WRAPPED IN POETRY CLUB

WRAPPED in poetry club has been a huge hit with the students and has provided our pupils with the means to express themselves through poetry and rap. The group run by Miss Khatun-Ali has not only formed a bond like no other, but they have been highly successful producing the first EVER TEMA track. The members of the group are so extremely talented and do our school so proud. They are enthusiastic and passionate about the topics they care about and really epitomise our famous saying of *'be the change you want to see in the world'*.

The group are not only successful in their own right, but they are committed to raising the success of others and gave up a day to help younger students in the academy learn about their futures in the format of rap.



TEMA UNIVERSITY

The English department put on a KS4 English lecture after school every Wednesday. Year 10s and 11s are all welcome and they cover a range of topics that are connected with their GCSE English Literature and Language. They last around 30 minutes and cover topics and information that students can really connect with to achieve the higher grades at GCSE.

We have seen attendances well over 100 students and they are really beneficial to the teaching and learning in English and they often cover the mass of content needed in English.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all staff for taking part in World Book Day 2019. From Mrs Trunchball to the Dictionary, a wide range of literacy was covered by the outstanding costumes staff prepared for the day. Which was your favourite?



READING CLUB

Mr Bahrami's Film club (above) met Yinka Edwards (a BAFTA winning cinematographer) in January 2019. Film club meet every Thursday after school and always have a high number of attendees who are committed and passionate about film. Yinka was so impressed with our students who asked him lots of exciting and interesting questions during his visit.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

In November, TEMA launched a new initiative that boosted our pupils' relationships with reading. Blind Date with a book saw students from all parts of the academy picking up a book that they had previously never seen and falling in love with literature. This was done by Mrs Shelmadine who carefully wrapped each book and handed out the books to the students who were overwhelmed with excitement.

DRUMMING CLUB

Drumming club is also a new addition to the extra-curricular life at TEMA. We have lots of students interested in playing the drums here at TEMA and this gives students who don't have a drum lesson a chance to be a part of the drumming club and perform together. Anyone can join the club in school and it would be great to see more new faces in the PA department with an interest in joining the drumming club.



DANCE SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Year 10 dance class who have had an incredible success with their first dance exam. They have now secured 50% of their grade. 100% of these young people were above target with 71% of the class achieving Distinctions. This is the equivalent to an 8 at GCSE. They are on track to do extremely well in Year 11 and the class are growing in skills and techniques every lesson. I am very proud to teach such a friendly, supportive and mature group of young people and am excited to see the excellent standard of work they will continue to produce in future.



TEMA CHOIR

TEMA choir is a new ensemble to the Music department and it is proving to be a positive addition. It is well attended by those who have singing lessons in school, but it is open for anyone to join. We will be performing in the 'Music Spectacular' in May and it will be the first performance for the choir where we hope to sing songs by Queen and Emelie Sande.

MUSIC SPECTACULAR

Rehearsals are under way for the Performing Arts Department's next production; Music Spectacular. This will showcase the huge amount of musical talent we have at TEMA. We will be showcasing what students have been learning in their private peripatetic music lessons, music clubs and GCSE Music lessons. There will be performance with the drum ensemble, acapella singing group, our rock band and so much more. The performance will be on Thursday 9th May at 6pm in the MUS, tickets are available on ParentPay. Please come and support your children.



PUPPET MAKING

Students have been working hard this half-term designing and building their own puppets and masks for their GCSE performance exam. Students have worked entirely independently and spent a lot of their own time creating them. They have all come up with some really creative ideas and this has resulted in the majority of students achieving a Distinction for their work. In lessons they are not developing their use within performance.

FOOTLIGHTS THEATRE

We have had the pleasure of having Footlights Theatre in Education Company visit us on numerous occasions. These have shown students performances and question and answer sessions on topics including Hate Crime and Grooming. They have been hard hitting giving pupils an alternative access to the information they need to stay safe. Students responded excellently and Year 9 went on to learn further about Theatre in Education in their Drama lessons. This gave them additional experience to practically develop their understanding of important messages for young people.

MARY POPPINS

TEMA's first production of the school year, Mary Poppins, was a huge success. Students across years 7 to 10 took part in the production singing, dancing and acting. Many students had not been involved in a production before but by the time it came to the performance every pupil involved performed with professionalism and enthusiasm. There were also pupils involved behind the scenes helping to create and sell the programmes and tickets, working the light and sound during the production and performing in the band at the start of the performance. It was a massive team effort and the students should be incredibly proud of their achievement.



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YEAR 8 ATTENDANCE

Well done to Dionne Quinn, who has won the most improved attendance award this term, with an impressive 21% increase on last year. Thank you to David Williams who supports the initiative with Vision Education and provides various rewards throughout the year, helping to promote attendance in schools. Congratulations to all those students with 100% attendance this year and keep up the good work in order to be in the draw for the Kindle at the end of the year. Thank you to those students attending the intervention Wednesday mornings with me on Wednesday mornings. This will continue into the new term with some new faces and more rewards up for grabs.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY CLUB

An excellent improvement has been made by the Year 8 punctuality and attendance club on Wednesday mornings. It has been noticed that there is a big impact on student's positive attitude towards attending school. Each week they discuss and develop ideas on the importance of being in school and on time. This group has become a strong team and work together to support each other with their improvements.

Well done to all that attend and keep it up!

"A massive improvement has been made by the Year 8s attitude to learning, when observing them in lesson, I am seeing students keen to learn and make progress in lessons. I have had many discussions with students about the importance of behaviour and affect it has on their achievement and they are really taking it on board.

Keep it up Year 8's!"

Mr C Winfield-Copeland

REACHOUT PROGRAMME

During the Year 8 ReachOut program mentees in the boys group spent some time reviewing expectations and thinking about the benefits of attending ReachOut which helped build the enthusiasm and motivation in the group. Mentees were involved in productive discussions with mentors and shared their ideas with the whole group. Positive behaviour was carried into football challenges encouraging teamwork, and Nathan was chosen as star of the week due to his self-control during the games. The girls group held a debate and all of the mentees and mentors were able to participate and voice their opinion. There was a good level of fairness shown by everyone so that the group were comfortable to ask questions and present their points. The girls reflected on their SMART goals and had productive discussions about their goals for upcoming weeks. Summer was chosen as the star of the week for her thoughtful contributions throughout.

Keep up your hard work and commitment.



YEAR 9 HOSPITALITY EVENT - MU FOUNDATION

8 students from TEMA travelled to Old Trafford this half term to participate in an employability workshop event for the hospitality industry. To achieve maximum impact, students were chosen on the grounds of the selecting hospitality and catering option for their upcoming GCSE in year 10.

As part of the 'Next Move' event students visited a carousel of pop up interactive workshops lead by a host of commercial partners. In attendance were representatives from Yo Sushi, Victoria Warehouse, Radisson Edwardian Hotel & Spa and Dishoom. The event gave the students an insight into the 'real world' after education and the potential opportunities for employment in the future. The day was informative, with companies offering the students advice on the roles and responsibilities of staff in addition to pathways into employment. Overall the event was well received by TEMA students.

When asked about the event Year 9 Alwiya commented, "I learnt a lot about careers in hospitality and how you can travel the world from a job linked to hospitality and catering."

YEAR 10 ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

During our Super Learning Day in February, all of our Year 10 students took part in an Enterprise Challenge co-ordinated by Our Futures. Prior to the event, the students completed a questionnaire and this helped determine what their job role would be on the day. They were then placed in teams that would be their 'company' for the day. Each team had to buy and sell products, design and create exciting products, negotiate with people from industry to enable them to make a profit and then make sure they were balancing their books! No mean feat in the space of 4 hours! Prizes were awarded to the winning team, along with individual awards for the best sales managers and those who showed the most initiative! Overall a very successful event which allowed our students to develop many key employability skills.

