

MEA Community News

Keeping us connected during the Academy closure

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Welcome to the second edition of our parent and student newsletter **MEA Community News** where we will keep you up to date with important information in relation to the Academy and your child's education as well as providing other articles and tips we hope you will find interesting during these strange and challenging times.

Keep safe & stay well – **Ms Bradbury & the MEA Team**

MEA Consolidates – Home Learning Curriculum

The **MEA Consolidates** home learning curriculum will be refreshed again week commencing 18 May. This will be an **assessment week** for students who will complete online assessment activities and paper based tasks to self-assess their progress so far. Staff will use the online assessment results to plan work for next half term. More information, including guides to ClassCharts and GCSE Pod, can be found on our website <https://www.manchesterenterpriseacademy.org.uk/1081/year-7-2>.

After half term, we hope to have a new on-line learning platform available that will enable students to submit work and have it marked by their teachers, as well as being able to get help if they are struggling with the work. Please be assured this will be accessible if your child only has a mobile device to work from and alternative resources will continue to be provided for those without access to an electronic device. More details on how this platform will work will be sent out in the run up to half term.



#MEA10 Challenge

This year marks 10 years of MEA! There have been many changes over the years as the academy transformed from a small secondary school to becoming a 'Good' school, with an ever-growing campus and student population.

To mark MEA's 10 Year anniversary during these unprecedented times, the MEA community is virtually coming together to raise money for **NHS Charities Together**.

<https://www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk/>

10 is the magic number! From Sunday 10th May for 10 days, we are asking the MEA Community to choose a challenge, or activity, related to the number 10. Challenges could be to... run 10 miles over 10 days, read 10 books, do 10 press-ups each day for 10 days, not to eat chocolate for 10 days, juggle for 10 minutes — it is up to you!

Why not get involved and send photographs of you/your family engaging with a #MEA10Challenge activity to admin@meacad.org.uk or @MEAcad Twitter account and we will share in the next newsletter.

Staff at MEA are each trying to raise £10, donating sponsorship money to the #MEA10Challenge Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mea10challenge>

Health & Wellbeing

Action for Happiness have produced the calendar below, with suggestions of actions we can take each day to look after ourselves during this difficult time. Why not try a few?



ACTION CALENDAR: MEANINGFUL MAY 2020

"Start Where You Are. Use What You Have. Do What You Can" ~ Arthur Ashe

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	5 Send friends a photo of a time you all enjoyed together	6 Take a step towards one of your life goals, however small	7 Let someone you love know how much they mean to you	1 Take a minute to remember what really matters to you and why	2 Do something meaningful for someone you really care about	3 Reconnect with nature today, even if you're stuck indoors
11 What are your most important values? Use them today	12 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	13 Today do something to care for the natural world	14 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	8 Set yourself a kindness mission. Give your time to help others	9 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	10 Tell someone about why your favourite music means a lot to you
18 Hand-write a note to someone you love and send them a photo of it	19 Find a way to craft what you are doing to give it more meaning	20 Reflect on what makes you feel really valued and appreciated	21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	15 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture	16 Look around you and notice five things you find meaningful	17 Take a positive action to help in your local community
25 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about	26 Recall three things you've done that you are really proud of	27 Today link your decisions and choices to your purpose in life	28 Tell someone about an event in your life that was really meaningful	22 Ask a loved one or colleague what matters most to them and why	23 Share an inspiring quote with others to give them a boost	24 Do something special today and revisit it in your memory tonight

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS www.actionforhappiness.org

31 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together **Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind**

Manchester Women's Aid (MWA) are open, and are continuing to accept referrals and deliver support. The referral line is open weekdays 9:30-16:30, on 0161 660 7999 or email referrals@manchesterwomensaid.org.

The refuge remains open and operational and the outreach service has adapted since lockdown establishing links with key services so appropriate provision can still be made for clients.

Y7 Transition

Do you have a child currently in Year 6 who you would like to come to MEA in September? Please remember that you need to apply for a place on-line with Manchester City Council https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2018

If your child already has a sibling at MEA you won't automatically receive a place, you still need to apply on-line and request MEA. If you need any help with applying please contact the Academy on 0161 499 2726 (10am -2pm) or via e-mail admin@meacad.org.uk and we will put you in touch with a member of the Transition Team. **We look forward to welcoming all our new Year 7 students in September!**

MEA Performing Arts at Home

MEA's Performing Arts Department has launched a **HAIRSPRAY COMPETITION** with their own video montage on Twitter, check out the video and join in by submitting your own content ... What have you got?!



Top Tip



This week's top tip is from **Miss Lister** for learning a new language or developing skills you already have.



There are many apps available now that are designed to help you learn a language. I recommend '**Duolingo**' and '**Memrise**'. They can both be accessed for free and have lots of content. They are a great way to practice a little bit each day.

Duolingo also has an excellent feature for Spanish called Duolingo stories. Try it out!

Book Recommendation

This week's recommendation from Ms Ratcliffe is **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** – a classic novel that can be enjoyed by adults and children alike and is certainly worthy of more than one read (or listen). I feel at this time we can all appreciate disappearing into a fantasy world!



This **Audible** version is a particular treat as it's narrated by Golden Globe nominee Scarlett Johansson; bringing a little bit of Hollywood glamour to your ears!

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B015D78L0U?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-3

MEA Xtras @ Home

FirstNews NEWS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING

We've recently added **First News** to the MEA Xtras section of our website. First News is the UK's only newspaper for children and is packed full of news, puzzles and activities. So, if you are looking to fill 5 minutes or an hour you are sure to find something to keep your child entertained.

Visit the *School Closure - MEA Xtras* section of our website for the latest edition and more suggestions of activities students can engage with at home alongside their independent study <https://www.manchesterenterpriseacademy.org.uk/1104/school-closure-mea-xtras>

Keep in Touch

If you have a recipe idea, book recommendation or an activity you've enjoyed whilst at home, e-mail the details to admin@meacad.org.uk and we'll include some each week in the newsletter so everyone at MEA can try them out!

VE Day – Friday 8th May

The Academy will be **closed** on Friday for the VE Day Bank Holiday and although many events that had been planned to mark the occasion have been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak, there are still many ways you can get involved and mark the occasion.

Manchester City Council's website has a number of suggestions on how to celebrate at home https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/events/event/5124/celebrating_ve_day_in_your_home

Including **Ringing out for Peace**, which encourages you to ring bells or clap pans at 7pm this Friday and let the sound of peace be heard through your community.

