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Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Manchester



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The Eden Message

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Nurturing Today's Young People, Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders.



Principal's Welcome Message

Achieving and sustaining excellence

'He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander' Aristotle.

I would like to welcome you all to this year's first edition of the student newsletter 2018 - 2019. As you read through the updates I hope you are able to appreciate and celebrate in the numerous achievements achieved by our excellent students and very committed staff who aspire to reach for the stars in all that they do, both inside and outside of the classroom.

The new Year 7 students have settled well into Eden Boys' Leadership Academy Manchester and have made an outstanding start to the school. Our year 8 students continue to make an exceptional contribution to school life. We are all coping well in a very small, but well managed space. The new building is coming along on Rayburn Way and will include purpose built classrooms that contain teaching walls, spectacular specialist Science Laboratories, a Food Technology room, Sixth Form study rooms, purpose built dining facilities, ablution facilities, sports hall and reflection hall. The new building development is going to provide the students with brand new facilities which are designed to support them reaching for the stars, and will support them towards outstanding achievements.

Keeping our students safe, happy and well

'If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.' - John Quincy Adams.

An excellent faith education gives focus to supporting students in becoming well mannered, respectful and tolerant. Our boys are developing into respectful young adults who are tolerant, kind and open minded young adults. The school offers and capitalises on leadership development opportunities and charity fundraising events so that students' grow into adults who have empathy for others.

This term the boys have already managed to raise monies for Macmillan Coffee Morning, British Heart Foundation, Breast Cancer and Children in Need.

We are delighted that our school community has grown to 240 students. We are extremely oversubscribed and we continue to be a very popular choice for secondary education with over two applications per place for our 2019 – 2020 year 7 intake.

We wish you a safe and happy break!

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Principal

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Iftaar - Summer Term

The summer term was a very busy term, and it was our first Ramadhan that we celebrated at Eden Leadership Academy. It was very encouraging to spend time at school fasting and striving together with other students. A huge success was the Iftaar organised by staff members for both pupils and staff at the school. It was a rewarding experience to be able to share an Iftaar with friends and teachers. It was a spiritually uplifting evening where we shared Nasheeds, broke our fast and prayed together.



I loved it, I had so much fun and the food was amazing." **Shihaab Year 8**

Alton Towers - Summer Term

At Eden Boys Leadership Academy we had a very busy year, both staff and students worked hard throughout the year. We ended the summer term with a rewards trip to Alton Towers. The trip was a huge success and was an opportunity for the boys to enjoy a fun packed day with their friends, after a hugely successful year. The teachers who accompanied the trip also had a great time, some of them even enjoyed the rides.



Alton Towers was a fun and exciting time that we spent with our friends. I was a bit nervous going on the rides, but enjoyed myself, especially on the water ride” **Year 8 pupil**

Muharram Special

This year at Eden Boys we celebrated Muharram 1440 with a reminder in form time of the virtues of Muharram and the importance of giving charity. There was an opportunity for us to reflect on the past year and to think about how to make our new year more successful. We also had a reminder of the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh) to fast on the recommended days of the 9th, 10th and 11th of Muharram. We further celebrated Muharram by being given a date pack encouraging us to fast. This was a great reminder for both staff and students.



It is nice to know that our school helps and supports us when we fast.” **Danyaal Year 8**



Remembrance Day

This year marked the centenary of the end of WW1. At Eden boys we took part in remembering the soldiers that gave up their lives to save Britain during WW1. This was a time where we reflected on all the people that made our nation great including the Muslim contribution in WW1. Thank you to Miss Leigh, we completed various activities to commemorate this occasion including designing our own commemorative £2 coin and memorial poppies for all British soldiers.



It is sad to know that many died on this day so I am glad we celebrate and remember them." **Ademide Year 8**

A New School and Challenge for Change

A great team building trip was organised for the new Year 7 pupils. This was a great opportunity for them to take part in a number of activities to help them get to know one another and help them team build, making the transition from primary school easier and more fun. The pupils had a great time.

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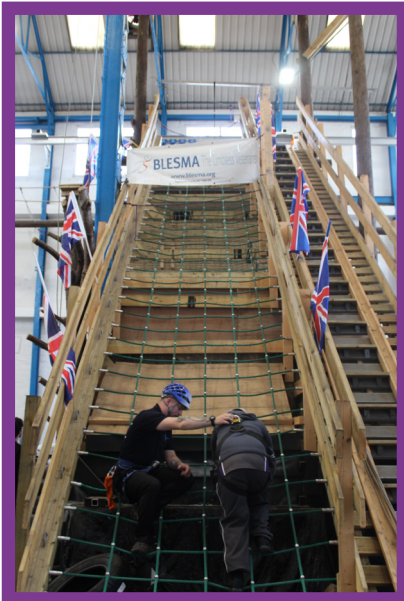
I felt nervous but excited on my first day of school. When we went to Challenge for Change I made loads of friends and started not to feel nervous, as I like this school and I can't wait till we move into the new building.” **Zakariya Waheed 7A**

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I was nervous, but felt that Challenge for Change was an amazing experience! I have made new friends and am excited for years to come in Star Academies.” **Ismail 7A**

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I felt very happy, nervous and excited when I started school. At Challenge for Change I felt anxious because everything was so high up, but I had a great time and made lots of friends.” **Rahim Mir Year 7**





Macmillan Coffee Morning

We proudly supported the Macmillan coffee morning this year by having a successful cake sale. Pupils at our school showed their generosity by donating cakes, not only this, they spent their break and lunch time selling the cakes too. Pupils also came into school wearing something green and made a £1 donation. We successfully raised **£611**.



Wear it Pink Day

Wear it pink day was a huge success at Eden Boys. Both students and staff were involved in cake sales, cake auctions and wearing pink! This was a great opportunity for students to become involved and aware of how important it is to raise money for Cancer Research. Students learnt about the risks of cancer and how it can have an impact on the lives of many people. Pupils enjoyed taking part in the cake sale and wearing their pink ribbons to show their support. In total pupils raised **£414** this will make a huge difference to the research of cancer.



It was an opportunity for everyone to learn about cancer research and how serious cancer is. Moreover, it was a step to teach how it affected people and how to stand up for it."

Year 8 pupil





British Heart Foundation

Once again our boys will not take a back seat when it comes to fundraising. We took part in an amazing dodgeball tournament organised by Mrs Tariq. Pupils also wore a red item to school and made a donation towards the BHF raising awareness of heart disease as well as having a successful cake sale.

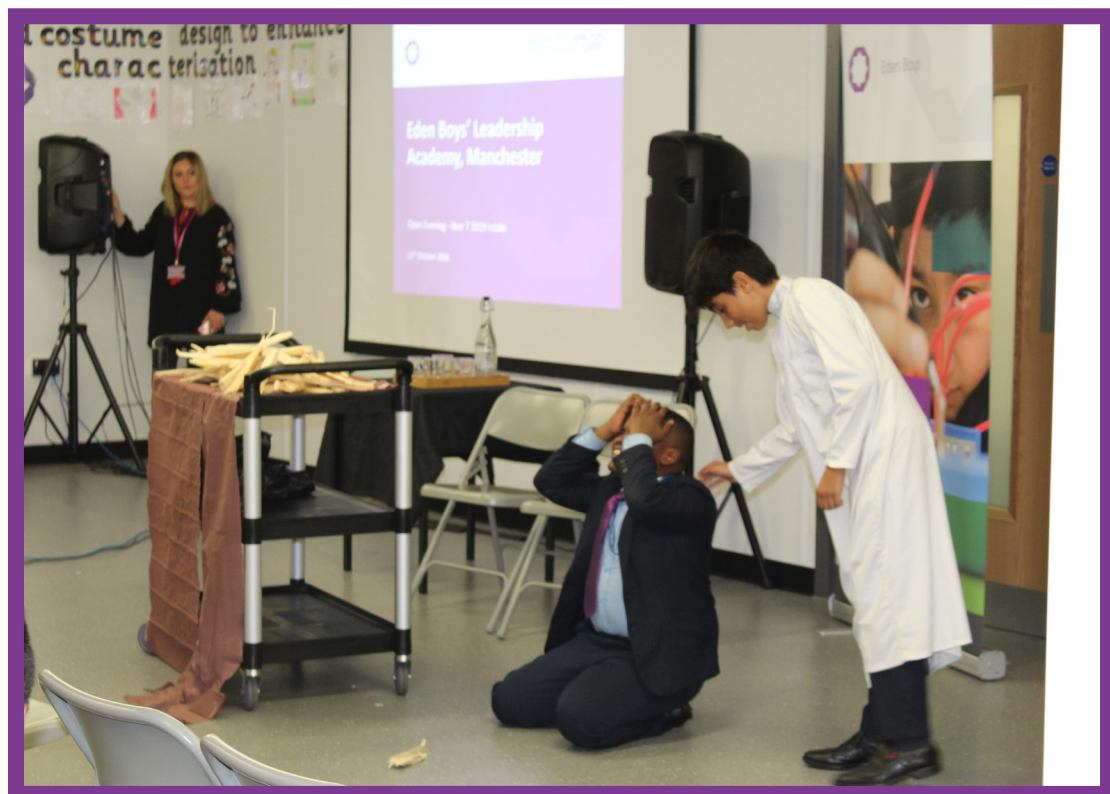


At this event we wore an item of red clothing, to represent our red hearts. We also had a dodgeball tournament to raise money to help in the research of curing heart disease. In my opinion this was a really good event, as it not only benefit BHF, it also benefitted us as we learnt how people suffer from heart disease." **Zain Year 7**

Open Evening

This October we witnessed the second Open Evening in the history of our school. It was an opportunity for prospective pupils to come with their parents and see all the wonderful things we have to offer at Eden Leadership Academy. Despite the bad weather, we had a huge turnout of parents and prospective students. Mrs Merva welcomed all our guests, followed by a speech from our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy. The Performing Arts group stole the show by putting on a spectacular performance for everyone. Our dedicated staff members also had a number of various activities in their faculties to ensure that the open evening was enjoyable and a success for everyone who came along.







Faith Corner

As part of the Religious Studies curriculum Year 8 Boys were given the opportunity to visit the Manchester Cathedral. Pupils enjoyed this immensely, especially learning about the local history and heritage of Manchester. It was a very informative trip where pupils learnt about the beliefs and rituals of the Christian faith. We were also very lucky to witness the afternoon prayer being said.



I really enjoyed the trip, as it reinforced what I had learnt in my RS lessons, the learning was more real.” **Shihaab Year 8**



It was a fascinating experience, expanding our knowledge of the religion of Christianity.” **Mustafa Year 8**

As part of interfaith week Buddhist speakers from the Manchester Buddhist centre were invited to school. They came along and spoke about their faith as well as carry out a meditation session with the pupils. This again was very informative and an opportunity for the pupils to learn about the diverse society that we live in.

Library Visit

Miss Chivers organised an amazing trip to the Central library, where a group of 18 boys were taken. They had the opportunity to meet the author Alan Gibbons, where he talked about anti-bullying and the books he had written. This was a unique opportunity for our boys and it was a privilege to meet an award winning author like Alan. This was a very informative trip and thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and pupils. The behaviour of the pupils was so exemplary that Manchester City Council representatives commented on how well behaved our boys were and have said that they are looking forward to working with Eden Boys in the future. Well done boys.

Children in Need

Once again we successfully supported Children in Need. Students participated in a cake sale in their break and lunch time. The money raised for this cause was a total of **£128**.



I liked the fact that if I bought a delicious slice of cake, I would be helping charity.” **Ahmed Year 8**



There are lots of children without homes or money so this was a good cause, where even 20p would make a difference, and as a Muslim I believe that God will reward you for every act of charity.” **Ayaan Year 7**



Europe Trip

We had a unique opportunity this year to take two pupils to Europe to commemorate the First World War Centenary. The trip was extremely busy and full of lots of activities for the pupils to do such as visit the cemeteries and Museums in both Belgium and France. They even had the opportunity to visit the trenches. Pupils witnessed 'The daily act of remembrance in Ypres' and they paid their respects to all those who gave up their lives in the First World War. This was a once in life time trip and thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff.



It was interesting to see what life was like for the soldiers who fought during World War 1. Visiting the cemeteries, brought a sense of awe. It was an amazing trip into the past, something I would do again." **Ahmed Bizzari Year 8**

Enrichment Activities

At Eden Boys Leadership Academy we have some new and fantastic clubs this year such as Spanish Club, Computer Club and Film Club. This is because our school has expanded from 120 students to 240, and now everyone has a club to go to either before school, at lunch time or after school.

One of the many new clubs is Computer Club. The club is organised and run by Miss Murtaza, and students have been asked to make their own computer game in order to be entered into a competition. They have also analysed some of their favourite games such as Monster Legends and Fortnite. This club is thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and of course Miss Murtaza.



I love running this club and we are going to win the competition." **Miss Murtaza**



This is my favourite club." **Kamran Year 8**



I love the idea of making a game with my friend Abdullah." **Hassan Year 8**

Massive thank you to our dedicated Newsletter team!

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