



Message from Mr Mellen



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Thank you all for another great week at Cedar Mount. It was great last night to see so many students and families, supported by staff, giving careful consideration to their option choices. It was important for everyone to take their time and get their choices right – hopefully you all did! Thank you to staff for taking the time to support students in this important set of decisions. Only two weeks of term to go now before the Easter Break and a quick reminder that we close at 1.30 on Thursday 30th before returning on Monday 16th at the normal time. Have a great weekend and keep an eye out for snow updates!



Business Trip to Manchester United

Last week Year 10 business students visited Old Trafford Football Club. Pupils spent time admiring the trophies in the museum before embarking on a behind the scenes stadium tour where they looked around the players changing room and press suite.

As this was a business trip, pupils learned how sponsorships, broadcasting and matchday sales make up their revenue, staff discussed the importance of building their brand on social media and how it enables #MUFC to engage with their fans and communicate important information such as player transfers and match highlights.



Round 2 of the Urban Debate League.

On the 8th of March, five of our debate squads competed at East Manchester Academy in the second round of the Urban Debate League. The last round had left us in 9th place across Manchester so the pressure was on; especially knowing only one School can make it to the London final!

The prepared motion, tabled by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, was a tough one – “This House Regrets the Demise of the High Street”. Despite having lost our preparation session the week before because of the snow, three of our teams won their rounds! The second motion, an impromptu debate on “This House Would Allow Students to Leave School at 14 to Enter Full-Time Employment” was received with both great enthusiasm and disgusted shock! A number of students were forced to vehemently argue against their personal views. Despite this, three of our teams again emerged victorious.

Special mention to Mia, Oscar, Mollie Hassan, Isaiah and Ahad, and Blumartha, Sahara, Esohe, Ben, Caroline and Sacha who won both their debates against formidable opponents.

The results aren't out yet, but while we wait we are already busy preparing the next competition – the Debate Mate Cup takes place on the 28th of March at the University of Manchester.

Maybe we'll make it to London, maybe we won't. Either way, we are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, teamwork and great sportsmanship that our debaters have shown throughout.



Maths

On Monday 5th March a team of 4 pupils, Johnzaib (Y9), Seemab (Y9), Chloe (Y8) and Mikael (Y8) travelled to Manchester Grammar School to take part in the regional maths challenge team competition. The day consisted of a number of different challenges where they had to work together to solve increasingly difficult mathematical problems. This included a cross-number puzzle, which would have been straight forward apart from the fact that they only had half of the clues each! This needed lots of good team work and clear communication to try to get the puzzle completed successfully. All four pupils showed excellent resilience in the afternoon's relay race where the questions were exceptionally challenging and it was great to see them racing to get their answers in before the final whistle went. Well Done!

