



# NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term 2023



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## Welcome

### to the second edition of our Trust newsletter

In it you will find a number of interesting articles about the trust and its academies and the partnerships we are developing as a community, working together for all of our children. This term we have begun to work with students from across all of our academies in developing a student charter. The charter is a document which will set out what every one of our students can expect to experience during their education with Greater Manchester Education Trust. We have also begun to bring students in our academies together to lead on projects that will make a difference to every one of our academies and our local community, such as charitable work and environmental projects. I am certain that you will hear much more about these developments in future issues. Our aim is to give students an understanding of the value that really belonging to part of a group, and not only one school, can add to their experience and that they can lead significant changes in our community.

You can read about our student conference in this issue and, as well as articles about each of our academies and their recent achievements, you will also find links to really useful resources for supporting your child through exam stress, safeguarding support and staying safe online.



Happy reading!

Damian Owen  
CEO



## Supporting your child through exam stress

This web page is aimed at parents/carers and how you can support your child through the exam period.

[www.gmetrust.org/news/help-your-child-swot-for-exams](http://www.gmetrust.org/news/help-your-child-swot-for-exams)



## E-Safety

If you search online for 'help, children, mobile, phones' you are swamped with sites, downloads, videos and advice that can all seem a bit over-whelming, but you don't need to be an expert to help your child online if you focus on a few key questions. Check out the webpage below for help and advice.

[www.gmetrust.org/esafety/digital-parenting](http://www.gmetrust.org/esafety/digital-parenting)

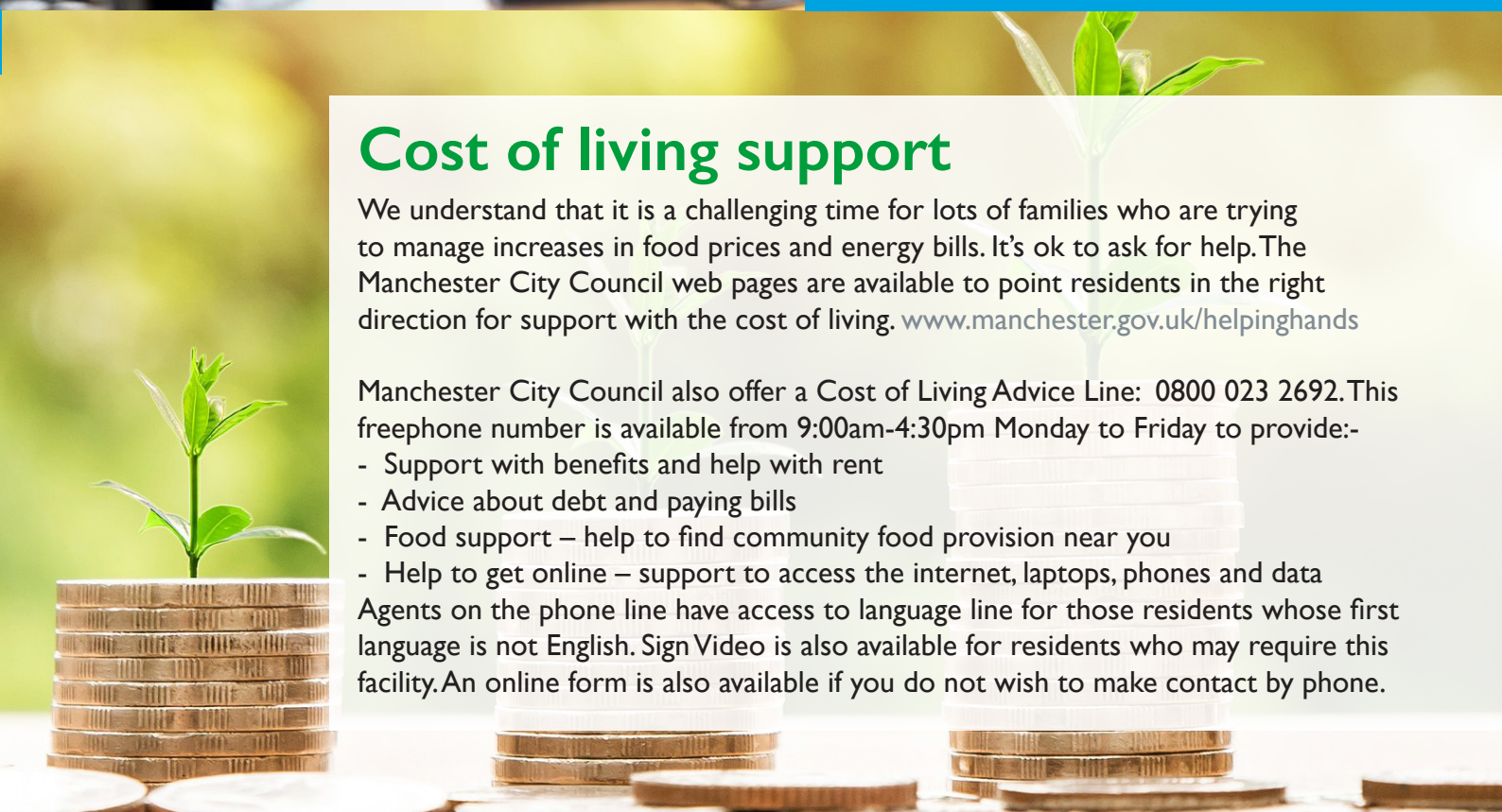
## Cost of living support

We understand that it is a challenging time for lots of families who are trying to manage increases in food prices and energy bills. It's ok to ask for help. The Manchester City Council web pages are available to point residents in the right direction for support with the cost of living. [www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands)

Manchester City Council also offer a Cost of Living Advice Line: 0800 023 2692. This freephone number is available from 9:00am-4:30pm Monday to Friday to provide:-

- Support with benefits and help with rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support – help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online – support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data

Agents on the phone line have access to language line for those residents whose first language is not English. Sign Video is also available for residents who may require this facility. An online form is also available if you do not wish to make contact by phone.

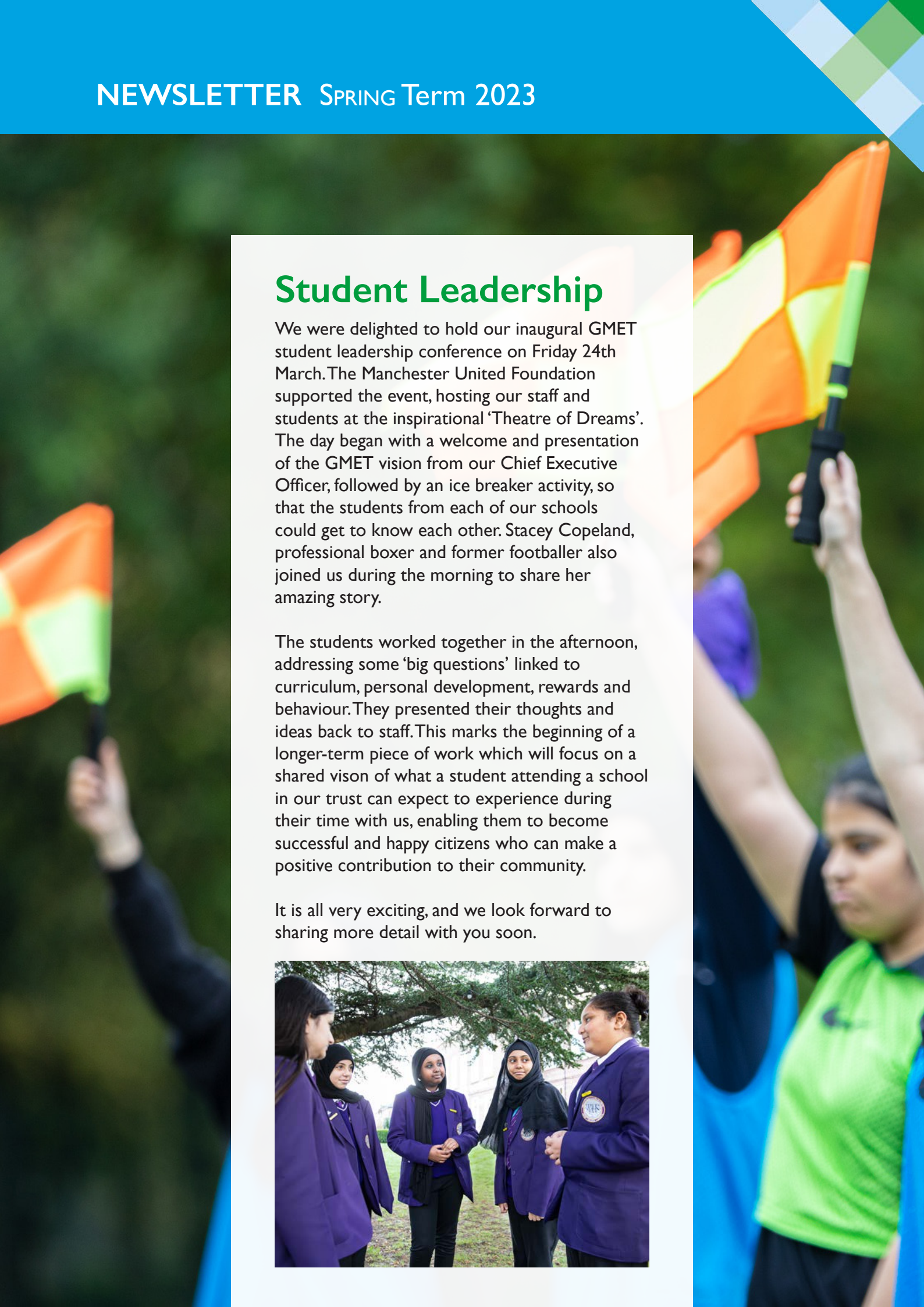


## Student Leadership

We were delighted to hold our inaugural GMET student leadership conference on Friday 24th March. The Manchester United Foundation supported the event, hosting our staff and students at the inspirational 'Theatre of Dreams'. The day began with a welcome and presentation of the GMET vision from our Chief Executive Officer, followed by an ice breaker activity, so that the students from each of our schools could get to know each other. Stacey Copeland, professional boxer and former footballer also joined us during the morning to share her amazing story.

The students worked together in the afternoon, addressing some 'big questions' linked to curriculum, personal development, rewards and behaviour. They presented their thoughts and ideas back to staff. This marks the beginning of a longer-term piece of work which will focus on a shared vision of what a student attending a school in our trust can expect to experience during their time with us, enabling them to become successful and happy citizens who can make a positive contribution to their community.

It is all very exciting, and we look forward to sharing more detail with you soon.





# News from our Schools



## Cadbury World Visit



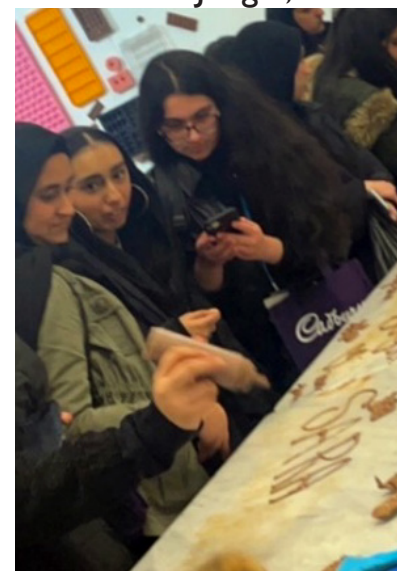
Our Key Stage 4 Business Studies and Enterprise pupils enjoyed a visit to Cadbury World in February. It was a great adventure, uncovering the world of their favourite chocolate brand through a fun packed, educational day out.

Pupils attended a marketing workshop which offered a unique insight into how Cadbury utilises marketing planning tools.

The pupils were able to apply their business knowledge to identify the target market of Cadbury, the research methods used and gained an understanding of how Cadbury use advertising campaigns to achieve and maintain competitive advantage.

Pupils were given an opportunity to enjoy the Cadbury World main attraction and journey through the chocolatey zones where they learnt about the heritage, the size, and the scope of Cadbury's company. They discovered Cadbury's manufacturing processes, explored the Aztec Jungle, made their own chocolates, had a go at making art with chocolate and of course were given plenty of chocolate to enjoy along the way.

A great day was had by all!





## Celebrating the Year 2022



On Tuesday 31st January 2023, Year 10 Student Leaders were invited to attend an event organised by the Manchester City Council, to celebrate all of the projects that were successful in 2022.

The event was booked with talks and performances from a variety of speakers and schools, including The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Commonwealth Games gold medallist Diane Modahl, and Love Island contestant and entrepreneur Scott Thomas.

The students were also given the opportunity to visit many of the exhibition stalls, further highlighting all the successes of the previous year. As usual, the charm and charisma of TEMA students shone through as several were asked to take part in the official photoshoots and various interviews for the event.



## World Book Day 2023

There was a real buzz in the Learning Resource Centre on World Book Day. Those who dared to enter the LRC – also known as the Chokey for the day – were greeted by Miss Trunchbull (from Matilda)!



During the day, our Year 7 Craft Club had great fun creating and making their own bespoke bookmarks, and all students took part in a Treasure Hunt organised by Miss Trunchbull (also known as Mrs Davies, LRC Manager). Students had to follow clues around the LRC to find the 8 book characters that would be filling the 8 seats available around the dining table. This created lots of conversations about various books, the characters in them, and different genres.

Thanks to Read Manchester, Marcus Rashford books were also distributed to selected students in every class, to help encourage further reading and discussion.



## Fundraising for the Community

It's fair to say that 2023 has, at times, reduced us all to tears: the earthquakes that devastated Turkey and Syria, the unprecedented floods that ravaged Pakistan and the heart-breaking war in Ukraine.



Yet, pupils at Parrs Wood have been determined to show their solidarity to those suffering with some fantastic fundraising. From cooking some tantalising Turkish treats to baking buns and biscuits. Our whole school community has come together to show you really can make a global difference in your local community.

Our students continue to inspire us every single day and they have more fundraising plans over the coming weeks and months. We can't wait to get involved!



To find out more about the amazing things our schools are doing...

Follow them on Social Media



