

# Calendar

Monday 6th Jan 2020  
School Re-opens

Spring Curriculum  
INSET DAY DATE TBC

Thursday 6th Feb 2020  
Parent/Carer  
Coffee Morning with  
PURE Innovations  
9.30 am - 11.30 am

Friday 14th Feb 2020  
School Closes  
Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th Feb 2020  
School Re-opens

Friday 3rd April 2020  
School Closes  
Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April 2020  
School Re-opens  
Summer Term Starts

Friday 8th May 2020  
School Closed  
Bank Holiday



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### FIFA 20 TOURNAMENT

Over the past 3 months students at Melland High School have been competing in a Lunchtime FIFA 20 tournament on the PS4. The format was similar to the world cup with players being drawn into groups and needing to come 1st or 2nd in their respective group to advance. Then it was down to the knockout stages, last 16, quarter final, semi-final and then final. It wasn't always clear who would get through to the final but in the end it came down to two sixth form students, Azman and Baazi. The friends had a very competitive match and the final result was 3-1 to Azman.



### Care and Share at Melland

Melland High School students have been collaborating with the Leonard Cheshire Organisation working towards their City and Guilds certification in 'Building Communities'. This term students took part in a nationwide project 'Care and Share'. This involved groups of young people across the United Kingdom preparing and delivering care packages to homeless shelters across the country. With Leonard Cheshire staff we we joined Manchester United player Marcus Rashford's 'In the Box' project helping the homeless in Manchester. Each pupil prepared a care box with essential items to help combat the winter conditions and wrote messages of good will to include in the parcels. This project was so exciting that the ITV network sent their reporter Rachel from Granada Reports to cover the event. The 4C group were amazing throughout, following instructions, asking thoughtful and reflective questions and really connecting with the project.



During PSHCE lessons this term Melland students and staff have collected food items for Christmas Hampers. Students then delivered the hampers to 'Age UK' based on Mount Rd. Students then visited the day centre and sang lots of Christmas carols, they got to meet the older folks from the community who were absolutely over the moon by the generous donation and the performance of the students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the whole visit and we look forward to doing the same again next year! Merry Christmas from the PSHCE Choir!



### Melland High School is taking part the Global Scholars Programme for the second time this year, following the great success of last year's programme. The programme is a 'world classroom' in which students learn about a specific topic and how it affects their lives and where they live, interacting by email in an 'e classroom' with international students, in a collaboration of different schools from all over the world. This year, Melland is in collaboration with schools from Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Fort Lauderdale/Broward, Hawaii, Madrid, Philadelphia, Shanghai and Warsaw. Students gain a lot from the programme, learning about the diversity of different cultures around the world. In total, there are 25 countries and 51 cities involved and other academies across our Trust. BFET is a truly global Trust!



Our Speech and Language Therapists Siobhan Jeffrey and Louise Paul and Assistant Principal Maree Jordan and English co-ordinator Charlotte Johnson have launched the cross-curricular communication focus at a staff training session this term. We are focusing on improving our Total Communication Strategy, in particular the use of 'visuals'.




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# MELLAND STAR

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019



### Message from our Principal - Sue Warner

It has been another great year for students at Melland High School with outstanding achievements across the curriculum and beyond.

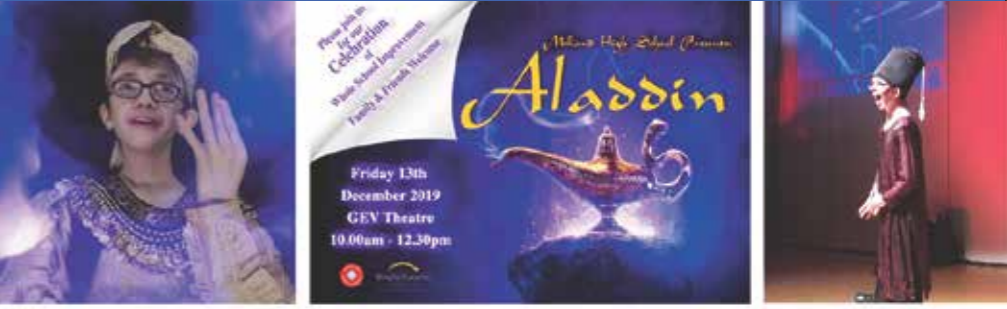
It was a pleasure to share in the end of term celebration last week, to see so many parents, carers, governors, friends and colleagues from across BFET in the audience and to recognise the amazing and diverse achievements of our wonderfully talented students.

The performance of Aladdin that followed underlined these skills and was a truly inclusive experience.

It is great to be able to reflect Melland's involvement in so many exciting and enriching initiatives and experiences, such as sporting activities and work related learning, via the school's Twitter account. This well used social media platform enables us to successfully celebrate and share the school's achievements with the virtual community.

Mental health and wellbeing is at the heart of our provision for all students and it is great to be involved in the third year of the GM Mentally Healthy School project with all the benefits this important programme has to offer.

Our exciting focus on the development of curriculum provision and pathways for all learners continues at pace with updates available via our website in the New Year. As ever, I am so grateful to you all for your continued and much appreciated support and would like to wish you a happy and peaceful 2020.




The Melland Annual Celebration of Whole School Improvement and Christmas production of Aladdin was recently performed in the GEV theatre creating a ripple of excitement throughout the school. Melland welcomed parents & carers, governors, staff, students and community partners to this fabulous collaborative showcase, which saw many students and staff taking on a variety of roles from performers, designers and production to staff and student media crews. The performance was fully inclusive with a wide range of learners highlighting all their hard work from the last year. During the first half, the school improvement plan priorities were highlighted including students sporting and work related learning achievements as well as outstanding progress, behaviour and attendance. New student leaders were introduced and highlights from Melland's involvement in year 3 of the Greater Manchester Healthy Schools & Colleges Programme was celebrated and in memory of one of our sadly missed students; The Ahsan Raza Personal Achievement Award was presented to our hardworking and talented year 8 student Lily. The whole school community looked back on film clips highlighting some of this year's fantastic collaborative events including the BFET Sports Day, the Summer Festival, the 6th Form Prom, The Fifa 2020 lunchtime tournament and the Parents & Carers Information Day and Christmas Fair. A particular show stopping highlight from the first half was the A1 group signing to 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman. During the second half students and staff performed a remarkable interpretation of the traditional pantomime Aladdin. Mr Hughes and Mr Barry's LG1 and LG2 groups joined together to develop key drama skills for their OCR accreditation. Every actor performed to the best of their ability and created a fun filled morning with all the elements that make a great pantomime. Also joining the acting team were Mr Freeston and Mr Hughes classes with pupils from the A groups who are accessing the semi-formal curriculum 'My Drama'. The inclusive drum group performance led by Rome was seamlessly integrated into the production and Miss Hammond's class created props and costume as part of their Art and DT lessons. They recycled materials and up scaled furniture to help create the world Aladdin lives in. As always, students from MHS renowned Media Crew worked closely with Mr Morgan, Mr Sadoo and our resident creative practitioner Fiona to create the multimedia aspects of the performance as well as Twitter promotional videos.

# MHS Governors

A huge thank you to our Melland High School governing body for all their support, hard work and commitment this year. Our Governors support us in so many ways, in addition to the half termly governors meetings they have attended many of our whole school events. Governors this term joined senior staff on a learning walk this looking at our expansion project.



Melland Governors celebrating pupil achievement during a recent Governor learning walk

**Top Tweet** earned 2,531 impressions

Mixing with celebrities who have a huge interest and passion for disability sports as we do. Thank you @adamhillscomedy for taking the time to see our students flourish and take part in something fabulous. @lancscricket @MellandHigh @Rob\_Cricket @LordsTaverners pic.twitter.com/23vCMVLD8d

# Sporting Achievements

**Media Tweet** earned 1,915 impressions

Students enjoying the morning snooker @WDBSofficial #BFETpassion ETCommunity twitter.com/WVaMI2eiD9

**Top Tweet** earned 15.2K impressions

@MellandHigh football girls just met @RyanMason from @SpursOfficial. What a fantastic opportunity to meet a great player and lovely man. pic.twitter.com/98jkYQI1hy

**Melland High School** @MellandHigh · Nov 13

Melland football team are attending the CITC 'One City' disability league round 2 at the MFCFC Academy. A big thanks to Paul Kelly and his team for organising such amazing opportunities.

**Marcus Rashford** @MarcusRashford

Replying to @MellandHigh

Great to see! Thank you for your support ❤️ x MR

12:23 PM · Dec 8, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

4 Retweets · 105 Likes



# Communication

G1 and G2 groups have been working hard as part of the Pre Formal Curriculum, focusing on improving their communication skills. Cha Cha has been doing really well 'anticipating' during her 'Body Awareness' sessions.



# Careers & Work Related Achievements

**Melland High School** @MellandHigh · Nov 26

Thank you to Rawlinson's Knitwear factory @RawlinsonKW for hosting a 6th form group yesterday for a QA and tour of the factory and to Pure Innovations for organising the Discovery Day. #workrelatedlearning

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Some more of our pupils who were successful in applying for jobs around the school campus; Librarian, School Nurse and Zac Keeping our sports field clean and tidy. Keep up the good work! #BFETintegrity #bestofBFET #ncw2019 @CareersWeek

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V group. After collecting and sorting the school's recycling today they finished the job off by taking the rubbish to the recycling centre. Great job boys. #ncw2019 @CareersWeek

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4B group look very interested in all things medical as they consider the many job roles in a hospital and the medical sector. #ncw2019 @CareersWeek

Check us out on Twitter @MellandHigh and for more news see our website at www.melland.manchester.sch.uk

# Parent/Carers



This term Melland hosted their Annual Parent/Carer Information Day and Christmas Fair. Melland students were joined by students from across BFET, from Cedar Mount & South Shore and from Grange School and Lancasterian. Governor Cath Stone helped school staff organise the day and worked hard sourcing a wide range of community groups who came along to give parents, carers, students and staff lots of useful information. A big thank you to all the community groups for giving their time and sharing their information and expertise. They included: The Manchester Parent Carer Forum, Lifted, Breakthrough UK, Internships Send Transition Officer, D.W. P. Pension Support, Manchester Brokers, M/C LA Send Local Officer, People's History Museum, Digital Advantage, School Travel Training, Bridgewater Hall, Family Fund, AJ'S Academy, Talbot House Parent/Carer Support team, Venture Arts, The Edge Theatre, Central Library, The Play Leader Manchester Royal Children's Hospital, The Specialist Resource Team, Short Breaks, The Expert Patient Programme, Pure Innovations, Career Connect, Northmoor Community Association and 4CT Neighbourhood Community Programme. Julie Hicklin our Manchester LA SEND Lead, Directorate for Children and Families commented that it is "Great to see Manchester's SEND Local Offer come to life"



6th form parent & carer transition coffee morning with representatives from Loreto College, The Together Trust and Manchester College.

