



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that our £10 million expansion is *nearing the final stages of completion*.

**Next week we move into a new building for Maths and English.**

Supporting the Academy's commitment to improve standards in Maths and Literacy, the final phase of development is the opening of the brand new three-storey building you have seen being built over recent months.

This has also allowed classrooms in the existing buildings to be used for two new, extra science labs and an extra food/nutrition classroom. The new building has a main atrium, providing a welcoming entrance and flexible space for both the Academy and community.



The purpose of my letter is to inform you that **the Academy will need to close early on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** in order to allow for the setting up of rooms for the next day because we move into the new buildings on Wednesday. I need to give my staff time in the afternoon and the evening to relocate into new teaching areas.

To minimise disruption **we will only close at 12.15pm**, meaning that students just miss out on the afternoon's lessons. Students eligible for free school meals will of course be provided with a packed lunch (which they will need to eat on the premises before leaving).

If you have ever moved into a new house or flat then you'll appreciate the time and effort needed to do that and I want our students to thrive in the new surroundings from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. It is a big ask to complete the move in one day, but we intend to be ready for Thursday.



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You will perhaps be aware that several phases of expansion have already been completed and these include;

### **The New Dining Experience**

Students from Year 9 worked with the architects to design the extension to our dining room. Featuring new flooring, benches and tables and a bold new graphic panel highlighting diversity and aspiration, it opened for students and staff in October 2016. It is now complimented with a fabulous new catering provision.

### **Sports and Community Facilities**

Legendary former Manchester United FC defender Denis Irwin officially opened Manchester Health Academy's new all-weather pitch in November 2017. The new floodlit playing surface, which is used all-year-round, compliments the school's other football facilities. These include two full-size grass pitches; two 7v7 pitches; one 9v9 pitch and a small-sided AGP.

The Academy worked in partnership with the Manchester FA to secure a £390,000 grant from the Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund, which is delivered by the Football Foundation.

As it is our Open Evening on Thursday, you are very welcome to have a look around – doors open at 5.30pm. Come and have a look at how amazing our world-class facilities are! It is a fabulous school to have on your doorstep!

Yours faithfully



**Mr K Green**  
Principal