

MGS HAS A LONG AND PROUD HISTORY OF

-serving the wider community.

WE BELIEVE THAT WE GO FURTHER THAN ANY OTHER SCHOOL IN THIS REGARD ...

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

BLACKDEN TRUST

A member of staff at MGS is seconded to develop the educational work of The Blackden Trust, an historic site and home of the author and OM, Alan Garner. Here, primary and secondary school pupils explore the history of this archaeological site. MGS staff help by teaching courses to visiting schools, as well as offering work experience courses for Sixth Form students to help prepare them for university entrance.

STAFF OUTREACH

Teaching staff provide university interview practice for Sixth Form students from local schools and Sixth Form colleges. In a personal capacity MGS staff volunteer in the community in a wide range of capacities.

Twenty-three staff are school governors, twenty are involved in volunteering or serve as trustees for charities; seven volunteer in a sporting capacity, eighteen volunteer for community groups (religious and otherwise).

Twenty are public examiners, sixteen have published academic journals or books; one is a Justice of the Peace and local councillor.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Seventy-six boys from Years 9 to 11 spend a lunchtime each week working with pupils in local primary schools.

Ninety-seven Sixth Formers are involved in Community Action at lunch times or in Sixth Form options time, offering mentoring and coaching in special needs, Maths and English as an additional language in primary and secondary settings.

As part of our Community Action programme we collect and distribute food to families in Salford at Harvest and presents at Christmas.

PUBLIC LECTURES (HUGH OLDHAM SERIES)

The School offers weekly academic lectures for all in the school and the wider community. These hour-long talks cover a wide range of challenging topics and disciplines from all subject areas.

NEW ISLINGTON FREE SCHOOL (NIFS)

The School enjoys a formal partnership with NIFS – a public-funded primary school situated next to New Islington Marina in Ancoats – which it established along with Manchester City Council, the Homes and Community Agency and Urban Splash in 2012-13. NIFS was rated Outstanding in all categories in its first Ofsted inspection in June 2015. In August 2016, NIFS successfully moved to its permanent site on Hugh Oldham Way.

MANCHESTER SWIRE CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

The Manchester Swire Chinese Language Centre is a partnership between MGS, the Swire Chinese Language Foundation and Manchester Metropolitan University.

The Foundation is funding the employment of Chinese teachers across the United Kingdom. A member of staff at MGS is coordinating the Manchester hub of the project and supporting participating schools.

We are currently working with Manchester Creative and Media Academy, Manchester Enterprise Academy and Manchester Enterprise Academy Central. We are also helping MMU with their new PGCE course in Mandarin Chinese, which started this September.

SPORTING OUTREACH

We host a range of external tournaments, including the Manchester Football and Cricket Cup Finals, as well as competitions involving a large number of schools from the local area (the Alderson Rugby 10s competition, Senior Rugby Development Festival, 2nd XI 8's Football Competition, Dylan Samuels Memorial Cup and the Sutton Swimming Trophy).

Two local schools have used our athletics track for their sports days.

PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTREACH

We work with a number of local primary schools.

Five schools take part in days we run for very able and talented pupils.

Children from St James' Primary School visit MGS weekly for music sessions with our specialist primary music teacher.

400 children in Years 4 and 5 visit the School for the annual Bexwyke Lecture and workshops; this year the title was 'A Day in the Life of an Art Gallery'.

We also hold rugby and football tournaments for local primary schools.

UGANDA PARTNERSHIP

MGS has a long-standing relationship with The Busoga College in Uganda.

This year it sent a shipment of 5 tonnes of books, along with a donation of £2,000.

BURSARY SUPPORT

28 new boys in receipt of a means-tested bursary place joined the School in September 2017.

The average support that they have received is 95% of the school fee.