



## Welcome to our Newsletter!

"Happy New Year! I hope that you had a great time with your families and friends so you are ready to start your new year by learning more English at the best school! - Taif, Upper Intermediate.

Contributions from all of you are very welcome. Please speak to your teacher or our Academic Manager Rachel if you wish to take part in the next issue. It is a fantastic opportunity to show off your English skills and the experience may enhance your CV.

## New Year's Resolutions

By Intermediate Students

I am going to set up a new business. I have been thinking about setting up this kind of business for 3 years because I now have a lot of experiences in finance. [Wael \(Saudi Arabia\)](#)

I am going to walk at least 2km every day next year. It is a small resolution but I hope I can stick to it! [Jichen Ma \(China\)](#)

I want to be more healthy so I'm going to go to the gym. I need to lose weight and also I want to change my diet so it is better. [Raed \(Saudi Arabia\)](#)

I'm going to quit smoking because I want to be more healthy. Also, I'm going to find a job in the UK because I love this city and I would like to live here. I would also like to read more stories because I love reading [Federica \(Italy\)](#)

We're planning to have a different year. We're going to have a healthy lifestyle. We're going to do more exercise and try to drink more water. The most important plan for the new year is to pass the IELTS exam with a high grade and start university. We really want to study harder than we were and get high marks in all our subjects. Also, we're planning to spend more time with our families and friends. [Aliya and Taif \(Kuwait\)](#)



I am going to learn English because I would like to find a job. I will travel to other countries around the world because I want to travel a lot. I'm going to improve my English because I would like to find a job, then I am going to study a lot and I want to find a job in England and improve my English. After, I am going to find a job in Spain.

[Itziar \(Spain\)](#)

I am going to improve my English because I want to get a Master's Degree. I have to get an IELTS score. First, I will continue to go to school. Secondly, I will start a language exchange in February. Finally, I'm going to take the exam in Spring. If I fail, I will go back to my country and start my career again.

[Reina \(Korea\)](#)

Our New Year Resolutions are to study harder and read book to improve our English because our weakness is reading. We are also going to be healthier and we are going to change the type of food we eat because we have gained weight in the last couple of years. We are also going to start going to the gym.

[Nasser and Junaid \(Kuwait and Saudi Arabia\)](#)



## Interview

### Interview with your teacher—David

#### *Why did you become an EFL teacher?*

I wanted to teach adults and I love language. I like watching people develop and progress and this is a really good way to help people.

#### *What were you like in school?*

I was very distracted and to be honest I didn't work very hard to begin with! However, about half way through high school I realised I needed to knuckle down and I studied hard for my exams.

#### *What do you like to do outside of work?*

I love playing the guitar and I like spending time with people - I hang out with my friends whenever I can.

#### *Who is your role model and why?*

My dad because he's an English teacher too. He's kind and he's got a great sense of humour. I look up to him a lot because he's an inspiring and enthusiastic person.



#### *How would your best friend describe you?*

Easy-going, friendly and loyal.

#### *What would your autobiography be called?*

The Adventures of a Lanky Manc.

#### *If you could describe Communicate in 3 words, what would they be?*

Lively, fun, friendly.

## The Advantages of Living in Manchester

*Photos by Pre-Intermediate Students.*

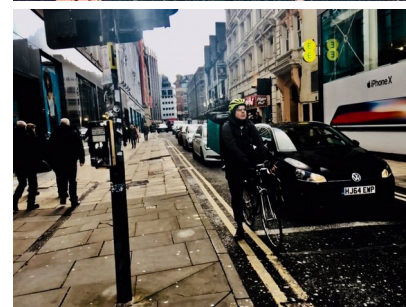
### Public Transport

Manchester has got a very good public transports like bus, trains, metros, trams, taxis. Some of the transports are for 24 hours and it is very comfortable. The train is the fastest and the bus is the cheapest. The taxi is the easiest to use but it the most expensive but people still use it.

### Shopping

Manchester has got a lot of shopping malls, you can find anything you want in it , there's a lot of famous brands also you can find the cheapest things and the most expensive things , all of people can go to the malls because is very near to the city centre and you can find it very easy.

By Zam (Oman), Mohammed (Kuwait), Itziar (Spain)



Camille (France)



Rawwan (Oman)

### The City Centre

Manchester is one of the biggest city in UK. It has a beautiful city centre There is a lot of shopping malls and interesting places to visit. It has a lot of public transport like: buses, trains, tramway and taxi. It has large green space, it helps to makes the air fresh and has a peaceful atmosphere. It has many pedestrian zones. There is a lot of traffic lights it's help to organize traffic to avoid traffic jams. There are a lot of people cycling in cycle lanes to avoid accidents. Some of the buses in Manchester are good for the environment because they are carbon neutral. It's good for the environment. For that, living in Manchester is good for you.

By Hamad (Kuwait), Camille (France), Rawwan (Oman)



## Netflix Recommendations

# NETFLIX

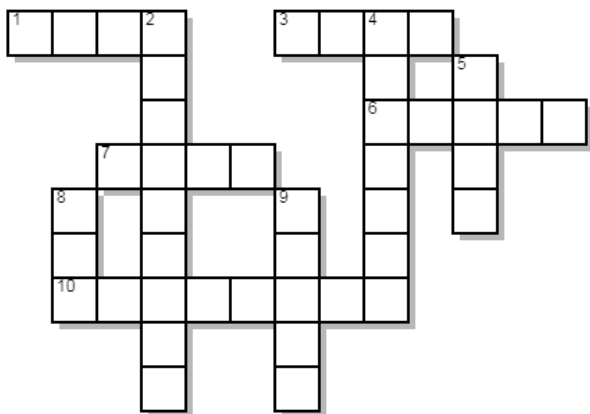
### Stranger Things

"I would suggest 'Stranger Things' because it's unpredictable. It's not fantasy, well it's a mix of fantasy and suspense. It has a lot of mystery and in every episode you can figure out something new. It's about 4 kids and there's this mysterious creature. In the beginning a child goes missing, he was kidnapped and no one understands why so all the cities are trying to figure it out. It's like a thriller because they never found the body, and so they're looking for the body. We won't spoil it but it's really really good!"



### Puzzles

Complete the puzzle below and leave the answers in the box at the reception to win a prize. The winner will be announced at the student meeting on the last Friday of the month.



#### ACROSS

- 1 It's the same as a train but it goes on the street around the city.
- 3 It's the same as a train but it runs underground.
- 6 It's like a bus but it goes long distances.
- 7 It's like a car but on the water.
- 10 You carry this at the airport.

#### DOWN

- 2 It has two wheels but it is very fast.
- 4 It has two wheels but it is slow.
- 5 It's a car but you pay to use it.
- 8 It's a very big car and a lot of people can use it.
- 9 It flies in the sky.

### Sense8

"Another one which I think is the best series I've ever watched is Sense8 it's only two or three seasons but the director is the one who made the Matrix. It's mind blowing! It's about these eight people all around the World and they are connected by something, but they don't know why. They help each other like they can meet in another reality. The can communicate and they have different skills. So if one is in trouble they can help each other and give each other these skills. It's like, not fantasy but kind of futuristic, like it's really realistic but wow I absolutely love it!"

Angela (Italy) and Maria (Argentina)



## IELTS Top Tips

1. In the listening exam, don't just put the first thing you hear! They sometimes have trick answers!
2. Learn good vocabulary for the writing tasks.
3. Don't spend too much time reading the text in the reading exam. Skim read it first for the overall idea.
4. Plan your writing!
5. In the reading test, don't use your own knowledge - find the answers in the text!
6. Always keep an eye on the time!
7. Don't panic in the speaking exam! Try to relax as much as you can and be confident!
8. Be honest in the speaking exam! It's easier to tell the truth rather than lie...



Faris (Oman)  
and  
Morsal (Iran)

By Elementary Students

## Useful Info

Do you know who to contact when:

... you have an emergency and need to contact the school out of hours?

Call our emergency number 07482660030

... you have a problem with accommodation?

Contact Dora or Federica at the reception

... you want to write an article for the school newsletter?

Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel

... you have a new phone number or new address?

Email the new details to [office@communicateschool.co.uk](mailto:office@communicateschool.co.uk)

... you need help with a personal issue or have a complaint?

Speak to the School Manager Camilla

... you missed a class and you want to know about homework?

Contact one of your classmates or if not possible, email the reception

... you want to change your timetable?

Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel

## Student of the Month

... of December was Marwan! His teachers said, **"He has a fantastic attitude in the classroom and is the life and soul of the class! He works very hard and we can really see the results of his hard work."**. Congratulations Marwan and keep up the good work!



## We Recommend ...



1. Play football—every Wednesday. Pay £4 at the reception by Tuesday.



2. Ladies Club - every Wednesday - come and join us for tea and cakes!

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3. New IELTS Speaking Club - 11.00am - 11.30am every Thursday! A great chance to build confidence for the IELTS speaking exam - book your free place at reception!



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## Photo Competition

Do you like taking photos? This is your chance to show your photos in the monthly newspaper!

The title for next month is **'Winter in Manchester'** - send your photos to [office@communicateschool.co.uk](mailto:office@communicateschool.co.uk)

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