

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 1

Meeting Free week

WEEK 2

MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED **05/05/08**

King Lear – Year 13 Drama 06/05/08

Governors' Finance Meeting 07/05/08

Key Stage 3 exams 07/05/08 - 09/05/08

A level Art Exams 07/05/08 - 09/05/08

This week I was fortunate to be able to visit our new exchange school in Germany. Sixteen students from Manshead School have been staying with German families this week and have been experiencing life in a German school. The students have been able to practise their German language skills as well as visiting local sights. We hope that next year we will be able to take more students on the exchange and develop collaboration between the two music departments as well. I hope that some students will contribute to further Newsletters to give a more detailed insight to their experiences.

You will have read about our new systems to eliminate disruptive behaviour and I am pleased to say that they are having a very positive effect. Thank you to all those students who have responded so well.

We forgot to publish the credits scores for each College last term so here are the totals to date (from September)

College	Points	Position
Dylan	3223	1
Grey-Thompson	3023	2
McCartney	2874	3
Campbell	2840	4
Picasso	2796	5
King	2751	6

Dylan still lead but Grey Thompson have made big gains!

Jim Parker

DRAMA DEPARTMENT EXAM PERFORMANCES

The exam period is fast approaching and for the last month the drama department has been a hive of activity. Students from Years 11, 12 and 13 have been coming in at lunchtime and after school, finding any space that is available to rehearse and prepare for their performance exams in May.

Year 12 AS Level students present their full directed production of Bertolt Brechts' *Mother Courage and Her Children*. Whilst the Year 13 A Level students present their own versions of *The Pillowman* by Martin McDonagh, *4.48 Psychosis* by Sarah Kane and *Closer* by Patrick Marber. All the performances are looking extremely good and promise to give us an excellent day of theatre. The Year 12 and 13 performance exams are on Thursday 15th May, taking place throughout the day in the Drama Studio and the School Hall.

Year 11 are also working towards their GCSE performance exams and bring us a selection of extracts from The National Theatre's collection of plays for young people, including *Baby Girl* by Roy Williams, *Chatroom* by Edna Walsh and *Blooded* by Isabel Wright. The Year 11 performance exams are on all day Thursday 22nd and during the morning of Friday 23rd May in the School Hall.

Parents, friends and family are all welcome to attend all of the performances.

The only thing left to say is GOOD LUCK to everyone performing this year!

Keith Bumstead,
Learning Manager for Drama

ART/FRENCH

Reminder for those students going to Paris that all forms/photos etc. need to be in as soon as possible.

ART YEAR 11

Remember that all coursework must be in your art room from May 6th and not taken home again.

The Exhibition will be put up on 19th May and open for visitors on 22nd May from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Thanks

Caroline Williams
Learning Manager for Art

LUTON CHORAL SOCIETY BRING & SING - MOZART REQUIEM FROM SCRATCH

Sunday 18th May at St Augustine's Church in Luton. Rehearsal starts at 4.30pm. Prices £5 adults, £3 children. This includes tea and vocal score. All voices welcome to come and join in.

The Concert starts at 7.00pm. Tickets available on the door - £5 adults and £3 for children.

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