

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK A

Mon 29th Sept AS & A2 Drama & Theatre Studies Theatre Trip

Introduction to Connexions for Yr 9 - P4 for 10 minutes

WEEK B

Wed 8th Oct Governors' Meeting – Curriculum 4.00pm

REPORTING PROGRESS

By now students in years 9 to 11 will have received their Curriculum Booklets and a letter reminding students and parents about the routines and expectations we have in school. The Curriculum Booklets contain important information about each subject that students study. It outlines the content of the course, how work will be assessed and describes the homework expectations; so if your son/daughter comes home and says they have nothing to do you can check up on this in the Curriculum Booklet!

We are also approaching the time of year when we collect information in preparation for the first progress report that goes home. For Year 9 students parents will receive a call from the Learning Guide giving information on how the student has settled into the various subjects they study. The second report of the year for Year 9 students will contain target levels and attitude to learning grades. Progress reports for all other students will contain more information and will include an attitude to learning grade that gives a measure, on a 1 to 7 scale, of how they approach their studies. Students in some years will also have their target grades and currently expected to achieve grades. When reports are issued all grades and levels will be explained in the guidance notes. Most students will receive 3 reports in each year and they are a useful tool to

ensure that students do not fall behind. By the end of November all students will have had their first report.

If parents have any concerns about progress before the first reports are issued they should contact the Learning Guide.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

ROADWORKS

Could all students please take care when entering the school from the A5 entrance. The path on the subway side is closed. The only way you can get into school from this entrance is by using the subway. Anybody walking up on the side of the Highwayman Pub should cross the road at the crossing and then use the subway. It is too dangerous to cross the road at any other point

Thanks

Mr. T Darby
Director of Student Welfare

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body. A separate letter, inviting nominations from parents, together with information about being a Parent Governor, was sent home earlier in the week via your son or daughter. Further nomination forms are available from the school office and should be returned by Friday 10th October. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held.

If you would like any further information, please contact

Sue Wilson, Clerk to the Governing Body: Tel: 01582 679415.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please ensure that you notify the school of any absence or of any unavoidable holidays. Remember the best way to notify the school is on the first day of absence on the attendance phone number; **01582 679410**.

If for any reason an absence cannot be explained in this way, then you should notify the school of the reason for absence ASAP, either through a phone call or a note addressed to the student's Learning Guide. If any unexplained non-attendance remains as unexplained for 10 school days after the initial absence, then it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

The school can issue a Fixed Penalty Notice through the EWO service if a student has 10 or more sessions coded as unauthorised over a period of twelve weeks.

Please remember that good attendance = good attainment.

Mr T Darby
Director of Student Welfare

USE YOUR LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL

The school library is open after school every day
Monday - Thursday - 3.25pm – 4.30pm
Friday - 3.25pm – 4.00pm

You could:

Complete your homework.
Print your coursework.
Read, return and borrow books and DVD's.
Research, revise and study.

Mrs S Yates
Librarian

ARTSMARK FOR MANSHEAD SCHOOL

During this academic year we will be applying for the nationally recognised award of Artsmark. Achieving this will enable Manshead School to be officially recognised as a centre of strong provision for 'the arts'.

Staff leading each area, Art - Mrs Williams, Dance - Mr Hooper, Drama-Mr Bumstead and Music - Mrs Owen, will be working together with other colleagues to complete the application and ensure that what is already a very strong area of the school will become officially certified as being so. I will be writing a regular section to keep you updated on this application and hopefully be able to share the success with you later on in the school year.

Mr T Hooper
Learning Manager for Dance

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2008-09

We are very pleased to be able to formally announce the title of Manshead's school production for this academic year - ***School's Will Rock You***. This production is a school version of the massive west end hit show *We Will Rock You* and should therefore provide a fantastic opportunity for any student who wishes to be involved.

Auditions for main characters will be held before half term and **any** student wishing to be part of the chorus is welcome to join in with the show also.

Watch this space!!

Mrs Foster, Mrs Owen & Mr Hooper Learning Managers - Drama, Music & Dance

LAST CALL FOR BLUE PERIS TRIP 2009

There are a limited number of places **left (5)** on the BLUE PERIS TRIP which are now open to year 9 & 10's. Cost approx £300. The trip leaves on the 29th March and returns on the 4th April 2009.

This is a life changing trip, where your child will be able to try Canoeing, Climbing, White Water Rafting and much more. This week's trip is also a good time to meet new friends as your child will be involved in many team building challenges

If you are interested please see either Mr Young or Mrs Hopkin for a booking form.

Review of last year trip Written by **Joe Hawkins**

The Blue Peris Centre turned out to be the best place for fun, adventure and danger (sort of!) and was the perfect place for any adrenaline junkies. There was canoeing, sea level traversing, rock climbing and much more. It was really challenging but still pretty cool! At the end of a tiring but terrific day, we were able to chill out in the games room with Pool and Table Top Football and the food was really great. If you want fun, excitement and a real challenge, you must go to Blue Peris, IT'S ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT!

Check out web site www.blueperis.co.uk also look at this years photos outside A2

Mr. J Young
Learning Manager for food