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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### WEEK A

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Sixth Form Open evening

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Apprenticeship Workshops by  
Connexions

#### WEEK B

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Yr 9 Options Presentation by  
Connexions (P4)

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to everyone and Happy New Year. As usual we return to what is a very busy and important term. It is the last full term for students sitting exams this year and it is critical that all students are focussed on the job of preparing for the examination season. It is also a term where students in Year 9 and 11 are thinking about their options for GCSE and Sixth Form Study. More information about events to support this process will be published in this Newsletter.

We have also started the new term with some snowy and cold weather. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we will always attempt to keep the school open but from time to time the conditions get so bad that there is no alternative but to close the school. If this should be the case there will be announcements on local radio, our school answering service on the main switchboard and on the Website and Portal. If there is no message please assume the school is open as normal. At this time of year some sixth form

students are taking public exams - these go ahead what ever the weather and the exam boards will not make any consideration for students who cannot attend school.

**Jim Parker**  
Headteacher

### IMPORTANT UPDATE - STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We have introduced a number of new procedures to be followed. These are:

1. Students who arrive to school after 9.50 a.m., for any reason, must sign in at Reception so that we are aware they are on the school premises and we can alter their attendance record accordingly.
2. Students who arrive after 9.15 for the morning session and after 2.35 pm for the afternoon session will be marked as unauthorised lateness, unless there is good reason for this. The Education Welfare Officer for the school will look at unauthorised lates as well as absences and a fixed penalty fine may be issued. Therefore it is essential we know why your child is late.
3. Please ensure that you inform the school of the reason for any absences or lateness as soon as possible. Education Welfare guidelines advise all unexplained absences or lates be marked as unauthorised after 10 days.

As a reminder, please continue to call in everyday to report your child's absence stating the reason/s. The direct telephone number will always appear on the bottom on the newsletter and in your child's planner.

## HOLIDAYS

Please be aware that according to Education Welfare Guidelines we are only able to authorise 10 days holiday within school time. This is only authorised if the holiday is requested as an exceptional circumstance and your child has 93% attendance or above.

I am sure you are all aware of the importance of excellent attendance and many studies have shown how this affects GCSE grades. Therefore, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Julie Cooper, Attendance Officer or Thom Darby, Director of Student Welfare.

The attendance policy for students in years 9 – 11 is currently being updated, pending approval by the Governors.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

**Mr T Darby**  
Director of Student Welfare

## DATES FOR SCIENCE MODULE EXAMS.

**B1-3 12th Jan AM Yr 9, Yr 10**  
**B4-6 21st Jan PM Yr11 Triples**

**C1-3 15th Jan PM Yr 10**  
**C4-6 23rd Jan AM Yr 11 Triples**

**P1-3 19th Jan AM Yr 10**  
**P4-6 27th Jan PM Yr 11 Triples**

**B2,C2,P2 15th Jan PM Yr 11 Core**

**B5,C5,P5 23rd Jan AM**  
**Detection 19th PM Applied**  
**Harnessing 15th AM Applied**

Future work  
Yr 11 Triple – Units 7's

Yr 10 Core  
Additional Units 4's and Triple C4-6

Yr 9's C1-3 Units

All students have been given individual timetables and should be aware of what units they are sitting and what time.

**Mr S. McIntyre**  
Learning Manager for Science

## CAREERS CORNER

### **Apprenticeship Workshops for Year 11**

***Interested in learning how apprenticeships work?***

***Want to find out what is available out there?***

The main opportunity this year to find out about what sort of apprenticeships are available and how to apply for them is on

**WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY: 11.10am – 1.10pm**  
**(periods 3 & 4)**

Any year 11 students who are interested must email Mrs Stubbs straight away please at:  
([stubbsj@mansheadschoo.co.uk](mailto:stubbsj@mansheadschoo.co.uk))

### Work Experience Placements in June

Although lots of the Year 10 students who have already applied for work experience have returned the paperwork correctly completed, nearly half the students have not! (They know who they are!). Parents and pupils should know that without this there is no chance of us finding a placement for them. Paperwork includes the completed **Data Agreement** and the printed **Option form** OR the **Student Initiated Form** and **MUST** be returned to me or to the front office for my tray please.

**Mrs Stubbs**  
Work-related Learning Co-ordinator

### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 7 PM - 9 PM

An opportunity for existing and prospective students to meet staff and students to discuss options for September 2009.

With 38 A level qualifications and 10 Level 2 BTEC Certificate qualifications on offer, we are sure we can meet individual Needs.

Come and judge for yourself. Please contact the school for further details: Tel: 01582 608641 or email [office@mansheadschoo.co.uk](mailto:office@mansheadschoo.co.uk)

**Mrs D Chivers**  
Director of Standards (16-19)

### SCHOOL'S WILL ROCK YOU

*School's Will Rock You* is Manshead's School Production for 2009. The rehearsals are well underway and with one of the biggest casts this school has seen for many years (near to 60 students involved) it is guaranteed to be a hit. The musical is exactly the same as the west hit show, *We Will Rock You*, that is currently in its 7th year in London's West

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End. The show is just under 9 weeks away and the students are working very hard on learning songs, lines and dance routines.

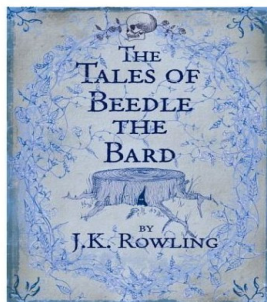
**Mrs Owen and Mr Hooper  
Production Team**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LIBRARY

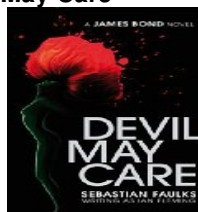
#### **New Year - New Books**

**The Tales of Beedle the Bard  
By J K Rowling**

This book is for all those readers who are missing Harry Potter. It contains five tales and has additional notes by Albus Dumbledore and has been translated by Hermione Granger!



Alternatively Sebastian Faulks has written a James Bond novel in the style of the original author Ian Fleming. **Devil May Care**



**Both books are available to borrow from your school library.**

**Mrs S Yates  
Librarian**

### CADBURY WORLD TRIP

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 60 Graphic and Food students went to Cadbury's World.

The trip was to benefit the pupils by teaching us about advertising, packaging and to show us the making of chocolate.

We first had a tour of the factory and we received free chocolate bars. After this we had some time to look around the shop and for the final part of the trip we went to 'Essence'. In Essence we learned how milk chocolate came about then we all received a small pot of milk chocolate with our choice of sweet.

On the whole the trip was very educational and informative.

**Lisa-Marie Wynne and Amy Geraghty**

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### CADBURY WORLD REVIEW

We had to be at school by 8:30am and we left Manshead at 8:45am. We arrived at Cadbury's World at 10:30am half an hour earlier than expected.

We had a talk about how they make chocolate. Do you know that Cadbury's make crême eggs every day of the year? Then we had lunch and had a chance to look around the shop. Half an hour later we went on a tour of the factory. All you could smell was chocolate. You could see them making the chocolate. After the tour we went to the shop to buy chocolate. There were different kinds of chocolate. The biggest bar of dairy milk was 5kg and it was quite heavy. Then we went home.

We got back to Manshead at about 6:00pm. I had a great time!

**From Daniel Bird 10PINS**

### PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body. The Full Governing Body of Manshead meet 6 times per year in the evenings and afternoons at the school. There are regular, free training courses run by the local authority to enable governors to keep up to date of all current legislation affecting the education of the students. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and would welcome applications from parents of students currently attending Manshead. Nomination forms are available from the school office, together with further information on the role.

If you would like to apply to join the Governing Body please contact

**Sue Wilson  
Clerk to the Governors  
Tel: 01582 679415 or  
Email: office@mansheadschoo.co.uk**

### MUMS' HALF-TERMLY PRAYER MEETINGS

**Ladies,**

Are you keen to see a Christian Ethos promoted in the school? ...

... Then we invite you to our mums' prayer group to seek God's blessing and pray for our children, the staff and all school related matters.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Wednesdays** 14 Jan & 25 Mar 2009

8.00pm - 9.00pm

At Michele's house:

44 Hayhurst Road

Luton LU4 0DA

**For further details contact:  
Caroline Tel: 01582 896259**

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