



Manshead Upper School

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Happy New Year to one and all! 2010 seems to be yet another very busy year within the arts at Manshead, with lots for the students to look forward to. For any more information following on from an announcement in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of staff- email details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

Manshead were awarded Artsmark status by the Arts Council of England towards the end of the last academic year, therefore we are always looking to improve the standards within our successful departments.

For more information about the award please logon to: www.artscouncil.org.uk/artsmark

Mr T Hooper

Learning Manager for Dance

Exam Congratulations

Many congratulations to the following for passing their music exams:

Rebecca Brett	Piano	grade 3
Jamie Chapman	Saxophone	grade 4
Callum Pollard	Bass guitar	grade 6
Conah Snuggs	Drum kit	grade 3
Matt Bufton	Drum Kit	grade 3
Olivia Copeland	Piano	grade 5

Year 9 Art

All year nine are making excellent progress with their Artsmark designs, these are being printed at the moment, they will be scanned when completed then modified using photoshop. The winning designs will be printed in this newsletter and they will all be put on the art department area of the portal when finished.

Mrs. Williams- Learning Manager for Art and Design

New Staff!!

This term we welcome two new members of staff to Manshead.

Firstly, Mr W. Cockram has joined the Music department until the end of January and secondly we welcome Miss D. O'Hara to the Dance department. Miss O'Hara will be with us until the end of June. We welcome them both and hope they have a great time here at Manshead.



Gotta' Sing, Gotta' Dance 2010

Musical theatre master classes for 13-19 year olds. Monday 15—Thursday 18 February 2010—**FREE!!**

A fun packed four days of singing, dancing and acting with professional tutors offering an introduction to musical theatre, taking inspiration from shows such as '**Rent**', '**West Side Story**' and '**Hairspray**'.

Everybody welcome, whether you've got experience or just want to see what it's all about!

See Mrs Owen or Mr Hooper for an application form



'SHUNT' come to Manshead School!!!

On Friday 29th January, GCSE year 11 and A level Dance students will be off timetable for 3 hours at different points during the day experiencing a workshop with a fantastic local talent. Sadie Hunt BA (Hons) now teaches part-time to allow her to run her own dance company that work with secondary dance students on technique and choreography. Sadie will be giving an intensive workshop to allow students to develop individual skills and help create ideas that can be used in their final practical examinations.

Sixth Form Art Visit

The sixth form will have a visit prior to their exam(this is at the end of April) to support their preparation, destination to be confirmed it will be in February, the week after half term.

Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang!- year 9

All year 9 students should by now have received a letter home about the theatre visit to MK Theatre on Thursday 25th February 2010. This is the national tour production of the west-end hit show. Students will be allocated tickets on a first-come-first-served basis. Money should be returned to Students Services asap. This visit will give a helpful insight into the 'Theatre' unit the students will be studying next half term in Expressive Arts.

Art & Design- Yr 13

Well done to year 13 students who have been offered places at universities in art and design courses, names and destinations in the next newsletter.

Looking back at past students Mark Titchner continues to exhibit world wide and Nigel Walker's company That's nice is still flourishing in New York. Let me know of any other successful ex Manshead students please.

'OVERDRIVE' by Richard Alston

Year 12 Dance will be visiting Sadler's Wells Theatre at the beginning of March to meet Richard Alston, British choreographer who has won many awards. They will be watching alive performance of their set work, 'Overdrive'.

Up-coming deadlines for Year 11 Drama students:

There are some important dates coming up for Year 11 GCSE students.

First Draft of Paper 1 Unit 1 Coursework = Friday 15th January 2010

FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER 1 UNIT 1 COURSEWORK = FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2010

First Draft of Paper 1 Unit 2 Coursework = Friday 26th February 2010

FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER 1 UNIT 2 COURSEWORK = FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2010

Paris Visit July 2010

The Paris visit July 4th- 11th has a few places left; this is for year 11 intending to take "A" level art or photography next year. Please see Mrs. Williams if you want to go A.S.A.P. (Itinerary attached)

DSO- Dunstable Schools' Orchestra

The ensemble meets every Tuesday 4.10-5pm in the main Hall. It is FREE of charge and open to any music student in ANY school in Dunstable. Please spread the word! I currently have students from Manshead, Queensbury, Priory, Ashton & Mill Vale.

Thank you,
Mr Hooper

'Swan Lake' by Matthew Bourne at MK Theatre on Thursday 4th February 2010

All year 10, 11 & 12 students will be going to MK Theatre to watch the fantastic contemporary ballet version of 'Swan Lake'. Year 10 & 12 students will be watching this performance as they are both studying the piece as a set work- and although the year 12 students need to know the work in a great deal more depth, it will allow the students to watch the work in the environment it was created for.

Year 11 students studied Matthew Bourne's 'Car Man' last year and therefore it seems very appropriate that they are also able to watch a Bourne performance at the theatre.

Mr Hooper

South Beds Strings Inaugural Concert

On 12th December 2009, 5 students from Manshead joined other young string players from south Bedfordshire for a concert in Leighton Buzzard Baptist Church. There had only been 3 rehearsals, including one on the day, but we worked hard and made a great sound together. We played 'St Paul's Suite' by Holst, a concerto for 4 violins by Vivaldi and quite a few Christmas songs. Judging by the thunderous applause, the audience enjoyed it and the evening was universally enjoyed.

Emilie Sanders Year 11

Music over the festive season

Once again, the end of the autumn term was a busy one for the music department. The school band played at the Quadrant in Dunstable and at London Luton Airport and on Monday 16th December we held our annual Christmas carol concert. This was a successful evening involving all of the extra curricular ensembles. Well done and thank you to the students and staff who participated in these events.

Mrs D. Owen- Learning Manager for Music

Music Lessons

Any student who would like to learn a musical instrument- now is the best time! We have spaces in some instruments and would love to see more students playing music. Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Cello, Bass, Saxophone...whatever it is!! Speak to your music teacher for more details- and get playing music!

BBC Proms Young Composers' Competition 2010

All styles and inspirations welcome!

Fancy hearing your composition broadcast on BBC Radio 3? Enter your own, original piece of music – no more than five minutes long – to the BBC Proms Young Composers' Competition by 28 May 2010 for the chance for your work to be performed and recorded by BBC musicians at Proms events.

Last year's winners were commissioned to write for the Last Night of the Proms! Who knows where your commission will take you?

Visit www.bbc.co.uk/proms or email promslearning@bbc.co.uk for entry details.

Students of the half-term

In Year 10, Olivia Cummings, Chloe Radford and Asher Noblett have made considerable progress in their BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting) and are stars of the last half-term. Isobel McMaster, Bonnie Cox and Kaytie Allen also made significant progress towards their target grades as well. In Year 11, Christopher Aherne, Nadine Turk, Rebecca Brett and Danielle Fitzgerald all received excellent marks for their work towards the practical coursework they have been working towards during the last half-term. Matthew Rickman and Joe Hawkins are stars of the term though for making superb efforts against their target grades.

MUSIC EXAMS

Good luck to all students who are taking practical and theoretical music exams this term! We know you work really hard during term time and we hope you achieve the best you can!

Mrs Owen & Mr Hooper

GCSE Art exams

Year 11 have their art exam the week before Easter and will receive their exam paper before the end of January so that they have eight weeks to prepare, this is marked separately from coursework and is worth 40% of their final mark. LOTS of homework will be needed!

The Arts Staff

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PARIS VISIT ITINERARY: Outline of the week. A sketch book of work will be produced in a variety of materials in preparation for next term.

See the more detailed daily sheets that will be handed out each day.

Sunday 4th July Arrive 6.45 to depart	Manshead School 7.00am DONT BE LATE		Arrive Compiegne settle into Lycee. Drawing taking photos outside to get evidence of first impressions. Set the mood for the week. <u>Outline</u> Monday's agenda and organise collection of lunches etc.	EVENING MEAL 7.00pm Settle in, sort out the rooms, be informed what the day by day plans are.
Monday 5th July	Breakfast 7.30 am Depart by 9.00am	10.00am 3.00pm	Pierrefonds Chateau and town, taking photos and drawing, visiting small town, market and lake. Chantilly, horse museum .	EVENING MEAL 7.00pm Working in the class room on ideas from the day (probably painting) 8.00-10.00pm
Tuesday 6th July	Breakfast 7.30 am Depart by 8.15am	10.30am 2.00pm	Drawing \ photos in Musee d'Orsay. Boat trip to Notre Dame.(At least two drawings and photos).Or boat to the Eiffel Tower either go up or work below.	EVENING MEAL 7.00pm Working in the class room developing a final piece 8.00 – 10-00pm
Wednes day 7th July	Breakfast 7.30 am Depart by 8.15am	10.15 am 2.45 pm	Visit Monet's garden, detailed work in suitable materials. Ouers-sur oise a small town that Van Gogh worked in, retrace his steps, drawings and photos.	EVENING MEAL 7.00pm Working in the class room work in the style of Monet 8.00 – 10-00pm
Thursday 8th July	Breakfast 7.30 am Depart by 8.15am	10.30am 2.00pm	Visit L'Orangerie gallery and j'de poume – Draw and notes on Monet's work and at least one other artist/ photographer. Outside taking photos of the Tuilleries Gardens – Drawing/photographing sculptures. Visit Sainte Chapelle, stain glass windows, at least one drawing, photos	EVENING MEAL 7.00pm Working in the class room on the days ideas 8.00 – 10-00pm
Friday 9th July	Breakfast 7.30 am Depart 8.15 am Meal at 1pm	10.30am 2.00pm	Picasso museum – 2 drawings in a range of materials. Photos. Pompidou Art Gallery – look at a selection of art photography; make notes on what you like. At least one drawing.	meal out,6.00pm and shopping View Paris by twilight. BACK LATE No classroom!
Saturday 10th July	Breakfast 7.30am Depart by 8.45am	10.30am	Tour the town of Compiegne, visit castle museum gardens, town centre a minimum 3 drawings and/or a set of photos.	EVENING MEAL 7.00pm Completing work from Wednesday. Clearing up. Social event 8.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 11th July	Breakfast 7.30 am Depart by 8.00 am	8.00am 9.00am	Visit to the hyper market (if there is time)	HOME 5.30pm. Approximately.