



# Manshead Upper School

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Welcome to what seems to be yet another very busy term for everyone at Manshead- the exam season has definitely begun and all Arts staff wish their students the very best of luck during this demanding time. Please read through the following newsletter to find out what's going on locally and some achievements from our students over the last term.

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 log on to: [www.artscouncil.org.uk/artsmark](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/artsmark)

**Mr T Hooper**

**Acting Learning Manager for Dance & Music**

Good luck to all Drama students who are taking their final GCSE, AS and A2 performances over the coming weeks. You have all worked really hard and deserve to get great grades in the summer exams!

### **Farewell Mrs Owen!**

Many of you will have noticed that Mrs Owen (Learning Manager for Music) is pregnant, therefore on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Owen left Manshead for her maternity leave. She will be sorely missed by the entire music department, students and staff alike. May I take this opportunity to wish her well in the birth of her 3<sup>rd</sup> child and look forward to seeing her back with us during the next academic year. We welcome Ms Janitorova as her replacement whilst she is away.

Mr Hooper

### **Creative & Media Diploma**

This exciting new course is being offered across all schools in South Bedfordshire for students in years 10-11 as of September and MANSHEAD are the LEAD SCHOOL! The course takes up 3 options yet allows the students involved to learn about a variety of different art subjects, such as: 2D Art, 3D Art, Acting, Dance, Design, Graphic Design, Music and Textiles. You will also be given the opportunity to learn in work experience environments throughout your two year course. This course allows you, as an individual, the opportunity to decide what sections you wish to specialise in and

### **'Grove Dance No1'**

Manshead Dance students contributed to the outstanding dance show again this year at the Grove Theatre. The show was a big celebration of all local talent- Manshead were joined with students from Stella Mann Performing Arts College, Bedford, Grove Theatre Dance Club, NKB Dance, Leanne Hughes School of Dance to name a few. This was a fantastic event and I urge you to buy tickets for next year's show when they are available. For details of any of these local dance schools, please email me.

Mr Hooper

### **Manshead Dance Show**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March students from years 10-12 performed in the first of what will hopefully become a successful tradition at Manshead. Students had the opportunity of performing work they have been creating during lesson time and the event was well received by friends and family. Thanks to all involved.

Mr Hooper and Miss O'Hara

### **Beauty and the Beast- Dunstable Amateur Operatic Society- October 2010**

If you have a love of the theatre then why not join the local group DAOS who are to stage the Broadway musical *Beauty and the Beast* at the Grove Theatre this coming autumn. The piece is being directed by the very

experienced Alastair Brown, Musical Director is Chris Young and Choreography from Mr Hooper and Lynette Driver. We rehearse every

Tuesday and Friday evening 7.45-10pm.

Good luck to all students who are taken Instrumental exams this term. Apart from there being lots of exams going on at school this time of year, other students within the school will be embarking on their graded music exams- these can be difficult and at times stressful. All the very best and please email to inform us of your success.

### **Breaking Culture**

Matthew Bufton, Joseph Young, Steven Barrett and Imogen Snee are the members on the band 'Breaking Culture'. The band performed one of their first big events at the weekend in Dunstable's 'Party in the Park 2010'. They were a massive hit with the crowd and were recognised as being so good that the event organisers have asked for their details as they would like the band to perform in other events that come up in and around the town. All 4 year 10 students have a natural talent for music and it was my pleasure to watch them perform live in the band stand at Grove House Gardens. Well done to all 4 members of the band!  
Watch this space.

### **SHOW CHOIR**

Watching Glee? Loving it?? Well, why not join the show choir on a Monday lunch time in M1 from 1.40pm. We have a really large choir and make a fantastic sound! We are looking at pieces such as 'Don't Stop Believin', 'Man in the Mirror' and various other show tunes. Soloists are Amy Bianchi, Jahale Jureidini-McLeod, Mercedes Smart, Nadine Turk, Anna Lawrence and Courtney Spoerer. Come and join in- anyone is welcome!

### **A LEVEL and GCSE Dance**

Well done to all students who participated in the practical examinations this term. Performances all ran really smoothly and we can anticipate good results from these students. Well done.

Mr Hooper and Miss O'Hara

### **Guitar Festival to be held at Manshead Upper School**

Central Beds Council will be holding the annual Guitar Festival at Manshead again this year. The rehearsals are during one day, with a performance on the same evening- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## Drama & Dance Studio availability for open rehearsals

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
<b>Monday</b>	Open Rehearsal Space for Exams	Year 13 Lessons
<b>Tuesday</b>	Open Rehearsal Space for Exams	Year 10 Diploma Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christian Union	Open Rehearsal Space for Exams
<b>Thursday</b>	Self Defence classes (Drama Studio) Target Drama Help Sessions (Library)	Year 12 Lessons
<b>Friday</b>	Open Rehearsal Space for Exams	

We are now into the time of year when students are preparing for performance exams and so the Studio will be available for Open Rehearsals at lunchtimes and after school (see table). Students wishing to rehearse will need to book the space for rehearsals.

### Circadia Dance Company

Circadia is a dance group that will be running every Tuesday after school. We will be rehearsing in the Hall and working towards displaying the final piece in a competition at the University of Bedfordshire during June. The dance style will be a fusion of contemporary with street, hip-hop and others.

For more details please speak to Miss D. O'Hara

### DSO

The DSO (Dunstable Schools' Orchestra) rehearses at Manshead Upper School on a weekly basis during term time. The ensemble meet at 4.10-5pm and any student from any school is welcome. The ensemble, unlike most other things in life, is completely free-of-charge!

Thanks, MrHooper

### **Year 9 Art**

Here are a couple of the very best Artsmark design pieces from our year 9 students. For more examples see Newsletter 8b



Previous page Chloe Garwood; this page Leo Featherstone



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