

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

- Wed 17th School Council Meeting
Yr 9 Options Evening -
7.00 – 7.30pm in Main Hall
- Yr 9 Shakespeare Drama
Workshop
- Thur 18th Yr 9 Shakespeare Drama
Workshop
- Fri 19th Yr 9 Shakespeare Drama
Workshop
Deadline for A-level entries June
2010 series

WEEK B

- Mon 22nd Yr 12 Interim Assessment week
Music/Drama review
- Tue 23rd Wind Band Day Concert 6.00pm
- Wed 24th Yr 9 Parent Consultation
Yr 11 Reports sent out
A level Music Evening
Performance
- Thu 25th GCSE Music Practical Exams
Full Governors Meeting 2.15pm
- Fri 26th 6th Form Reports sent out

Next week we will need your help. Your son or daughter will be bringing home a questionnaire for you to complete. The questionnaire is very important to us as it identifies areas in which we can improve so I hope that you can find the time to complete it

and return it to school. Students will also be given a questionnaire to complete and again the feedback from this will help us to make changes in the future. We know that pupil post can be unreliable at times so if you have the chance to empty out a school bag at the end of next week you should find the questionnaires!

Students in Year 9 will be introduced to the options process in the next two weeks and parents will have been invited to an options evening and a parent consultation event. Both sessions will be very important so I would encourage all parents to attend. The options available for students as they move from Year 9 to 10 seem to get more complex each year. This year is no exception - we have the new diplomas to consider as well as a number of other pathways available to students. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

ACTIVITY TRIPS IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ISLAND CHALLENGE & PGL TRIP

On **Thursday 25th March** the activity staff from **Island Challenge** will be visiting the school. All students who are attending this trip will need to come to the hall for a **meeting at Lunchtime (1.30pm)** for more information about this trip.

On **Thursday 22nd April** we will be holding a 'parents and students information evening' meeting for students and parents attending **PGL Trip (July 2010)** and **Island Challenge Trip (June 2010)**. A letter will be sent out confirming times before Easter.

Just a reminder about payment dates;
**Island Challenge (£40) - Friday 26th March 2010 and
Friday 28th May 2010**

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PGL (£50) - Friday 26th March 2010

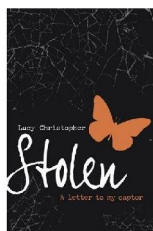
All monies need to be paid in at Student Services located in C Block at lunchtime (1.25-2.00pm) in a sealed and labelled envelope stating child's name and trip.

Mr J Young
Learning Manager Food Studies

MANSHEAD SCHOOL BOOK GROUP

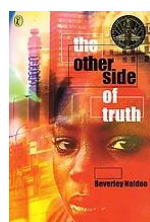
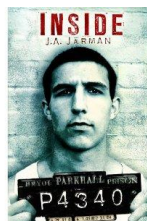
To celebrate World Book Day I decided to set up a book group for each year group.

The first books that the groups will read have been chosen and we will meet up again on Thursday 22nd April at 1.40 in the library to discuss the books and choose the next ones.

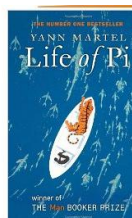


Year 9's will be reading **Stolen** by **Lucy Christopher** (an author that some year 9's will be meeting in June).

Year 10's will be reading **Inside** by **J.A Jarman**



Year 11's will be reading **The Other Side of Truth** by **Beverley Naidoo**



And the Sixth Form will be reading **Life of Pi** by **Yann Martel**

It's not too late to join - just pop into the library and pick up a copy of the book.

Mrs S Yates
Librarian

MATHS TESTS

Year 11 will be having maths Tests in class on **Tuesday 23rd** March and **Friday 26th** March respectively.

Please ensure appropriate equipment (Scientific calculators, Maths set, stationery) as such

equipment may not be lent out by teachers. Further information from your class teachers.

Mr Ashwin Rugoobur
Learning Manager KS 4 Maths

LOST PROPERTY

This will be on display from Monday 15th March to Friday 19th, outside student services office.

If any items are not claimed they will be disposed of to a charity.

Mrs K Taylor
Dept Services

SPANISH EXCHANGE

On Sunday 21st February 13 Manshead students and two teachers flew to Barcelona to take part in the Spanish Exchange. Students spent two days at school and had two days in the city where they visited la Sagrada Familia, Camp Neu football stadium, the Olympic complex and the old city. One day was spent swinging through the trees at El Bosc Vertical. It was sunny all week so we managed two trips to the beach for a picnic. Students settled in really well with their host families and many have formed lifelong friendships. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students on their impeccable behaviour, they were a credit to the school.

¡Hasta la próxima!

"The best thing about going on the exchange was the family I was staying with. They made me feel so welcome and taught me so much Spanish, but still spoke English to help me. They have invited me back to stay with them in the Summer, and I hope I will stay in touch." **Juliet West**

"The Exchange was a very good experience and one I would not have missed for the world. The best thing of the whole experience was seeing what a Spanish family's life was like. To be honest, it wasn't a lot different to ours, except for the times. Dinner was at 10pm!" **Matt Gray**

"I think the best thing was actually going and experiencing the culture of Spain, because I found out so much more about the way of life there than if I'd have gone to a hotel. I think although the idea of staying with another family is a bit scary at first it's a great experience once you've done it and it's something that I will be able to remember for the rest of my life." **Sarah Clayton**

Mrs M Bell
Languages Teacher

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