

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

- Mon 29th GCSE MUSIC Practical exams**
- Tue 30th GCSE Art Exam
College Council Meeting
A Level & GCSE Dance
Performances**
- Wed 31st GCSE Art Exam
Deadline for Yr 9 Option Forms
to be returned
Cancer Awareness Talk from
Everyman – Yr 10 P2 / Yr 11 P3
Yr 12 & 13 P4**

Thur 1st April END OF TERM

WEEK B

Mon 19th April INSED DAY

Tue 20th April SCHOOL RETURNS

Many thanks to all those parents who have returned the questionnaires to school. Although the deadline for return was on Friday they will not be dispatched until Monday afternoon so if there are still any to be returned please send them back on Monday. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

All schools have a School Improvement Partner to help secure continuous school improvement. Our School Improvement Partner, Daphne Such, visits us about 6 times a year to support us in achieving our aims. One of these visits was this week and she spoke to several parents about their experiences of the school. I would like to thank those parents for giving up their time and for their valuable comments. We will add these comments to those that we receive from the questionnaires and will publish the outcomes later in the summer term.

Year 9 students are busy considering their Option choices at the moment. We realise that it is often a difficult decision as there are so many choices available. Having now had the opportunity to speak to subject teachers and Learning Guides at this week's consultation afternoon we hope that choices are firmed up. If there are any concerns about this process please do not hesitate to contact us at school so we can provide more assistance.

This will be the last Newsletter of the Spring term so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work this term and that I hope everyone has a peaceful Easter holiday. For those students in Yr11, Yr12 and Yr13 revision needs to start now - but try to have a break too!

**Jim Parker
Headteacher**

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE WITH SPORT AT MANSHEAD

Football

U16 district cup Manshead 1 Cedars 0

It was not one for the memory bank on a cold, boggy pitch, we grounded out an ugly result with **Luke Hall** scoring the only goal and setting up a semi final with Van Dyke.

U14 county cup semi final Manshead 1 Biddenham 3

No one likes to go out in the semis. With the elusive final awaiting a sub standard performance occurred and we were knocked out on the day by the better team. With a strong team the future looks bright and hopefully more finals will occur if the offside rule is learnt. Special mention goes to **Safiya James** for her electric pace.

**Mr K Gordon
Teacher of PE**

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Hockey

Manshead 'v' Cedars

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Player of the match has to be **Zoe Urbanowicz** who reluctantly played GK having never played that position before and saved the only goal attempt in the game

Really well played to all!

Year 10

Second in the District

Player of the Tournament **Stacey Fensome**

Well played to all.

Netball

Year 11

Second in the district

Player of the tournament **Shamara De Silva**

Year 10

Fifth in the District

Player of the tournament **Rebecca Mathie**

Trampolining Competition

Well done to all of the Students that participated in the competition. Students chose a routine from 3 difficulty levels. The winners were as follows:

Level one: Shannon Carbin

Level two: Imogen Weller

Level three: Hannah Chatterton

Congratulations

Miss N Cross

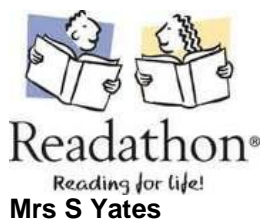
Teacher of PE

READATHON COMPETITION

As you may know our Year 9 students are taking part in **READATHON** – a sponsored read to raise money to help children who are suffering from cancer and other illnesses.

As an added incentive we are launching a competition to find which student can find the most words of 3 letters or more in the word **READATHON**.

Just make a list of words and hand them into the library by Thursday 1st April; don't forget to put your name on your list. The English department will award a prize to the student who finds the most words.



Librarian

THE CAMBRIDGE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Last Saturday we went on a trip to Cambridge University for their festival of mathematical sciences. The trip was very beneficial and a great laugh. Complete with Mr Ash's French dating skills he was able to bring together English and French students. The trip also proved that you cannot go into a lecture with someone falling asleep. The activities allowed students to try their part at some advanced mathematics as well as to discover some applied maths about the 'Maths in Sport' which was very interesting. There was also the opportunity to take part in the 'mathionare' quiz, although we did not do this, the rest of the group said it was 'challenging but fun to be able to get so involved.' All in all a great trip that enabled us to discover why tightrope walkers carry a long pole.

By Clare Atkin 11 PiNS and Sarah Knox 11 KiCJB

CANCER AWARENESS TALK

As part of the Extended Curriculum in Manshead I feel it is important to send students from here with skills for life - in light of this I am pleased to tell you I have organised for all students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 to have a Talk from **'Everyman'** - Everyman are a cancer awareness charity who specialise in advising young people of how to check themselves regularly for signs of cancer, in particular **Testicular and Breast**.

These talks will take place on **Wednesday 31st March** at the following times:

Period 2 - Year 10

Period 3 - Year 11

Period 4 - Year 12 and 13

If you have any questions about this or feel that it is not right for your child to have this talk - please contact me:

Kerry Cordt – 01582 608641 ext 248

Or email me cordtk@mansheadscool.co.uk

Mrs Kerry Cordt

Learning Manager Extended Curriculum

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: Wed 31st Mar & 5th May 8 - 9pm

Meeting at Caroline's house

112 Chiltern Road

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EXAM LEAVE

As we are in the run up to the exam period students and parents need to be aware of the dates of exam leave.

Year 11 students

Lessons will run as normal until Friday 28th May.

A special timetable will run in the two weeks after the half term holiday which will be published early next term. This timetable will include revision sessions for particular subjects as well as supervised study time. Friday 28th will be the day when students get their shirts signed, memory books signed etc.

Year 12 students

Exam leave starts on Monday 24th May and lessons restart on 14th June

Year 13 students

Exam leave starts on Friday 28th May.

**Jim Parker
Headteacher**

COCONUT GARDEN

Following some rave reviews from staff who eat at the Coconut Garden, the proprietors are offering a free bottle of wine (for a table of four, excluding Fri and Sat) to all parents of Manshead school students.

**Mr A Rugoobur
Teacher of Maths**

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