

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

Mon 26th Yr 11 & 13 Leavers Photos
Yr 12 & 13 Chlamydia Screening

Tue 27th College Council Meeting
Gifted & Talented (Eng) Trip to
Stratford Upon Avon

WEEK B

Mon 3rd May **MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tue 4th –
Fri 7th **A-level Art Exams**

Welcome back after the Easter holiday - I hope that students have had a chance to rest and have come back refreshed for the challenges that lie ahead.

Last term we spoke to a number of parents about how we communicate with them. It was a useful discussion and one of the suggestions made was that we should publish a list of important dates at the start of each term. Attached to this Newsletter are the important dates for the summer term. We have not included all details about the exams as students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will shortly receive a personalised timetable for exams. The exams that are included on the list are those for students in Year 9 or 10 or for those exams that fall outside of the main exam period. As with all things this list of dates is accurate now but we may have to make some changes as the term progresses - if we make a change we will inform you. I hope that this list will be a useful addition to your fridge door!

Many thanks to all those parents and students who returned the questionnaires that we issued recently.

The company who administers the questionnaire on our behalf will be analysing the results very soon. Later on this term I will give parents and students a summary of the main points raised.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

POLO SHIRTS

Students are reminded that they should not wear their school polo shirts to school until after the May half term. Therefore all students until that point should wear their blue school shirt with the school tie.
Thanks

Thom Darby
Director of Student Welfare

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

Please see the attached letter and information which explains the role in more detail and how to apply.

Sue Wilson,
Clerk to the Governors

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do remember that if you are in receipt of certain benefits then your child will be entitled to free school meals. There is a very well-established link between eating properly, behaviour and achievement. Please phone if you would like us to send you a Free School Meals application form; once completed, it can be sent back to school or direct to the Local Authority at the address on the form.

From this term we are going to make breakfast available as part of the free school meals entitlement, as well as lunch. We will also provide a bottled drink. So students will be entitled to:

- Breakfast up to the value of £1.60
- Lunch 'meal-deal' plus bottled drink (£2.65)
- Some students prefer to buy their lunch at break-time if they have club activities etc; this is fine

We will review this policy on an annual basis, depending on the level of funding that we receive

Ian Stowe
Learning Guide

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Please call in before 9.00am every day of absence

EXAM TIMETABLES

Individual candidate timetables for external exams will be issued to students during next week.

Additional information regarding exam requirements and results days can be found on the school portal and external website. www.mansheadschoo.co.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact the exams office if you require further information.

Heather Murray
Exams Officer

ROMANTIC FICTION

As you know the fiction books in the library are arranged alphabetically in order of the author's surname.

To help with selection we try to classify books according to their genre and put an illustrated sticker on the spine to indicate whether a book is about horror, war, crime, fantasy, humour, mystery or science fiction.

By popular request we have recently added a romance sticker to our collection to make it easier for those wanting to read romantic fiction to find these books.



Titles include:

P.S I love you by Cecelia Ahern,
Twilight by Stephenie Meyer and
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.

Please ask for help if needed and feel free to request any books not currently in stock.

Mrs Yates
Librarian

YR11 & 13 PHOTOS

Van Cols will be taking Year group and individual photos for all Yr 11 and Yr 13 students on Monday 26th April 2010.

ART DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

"A" level exams

A\S art and photography 4\5th May
or/and 6\7th (if they do both).

A\2 4th 5th 6th May 3 A\2 students who do photography will also do 10th May.

GCSE coursework in May 6th
17th - 20th trim and mount work
21st put up display in drama studio

Exhibition open Thursday 27th May 6.30-8.30, all welcome

Applied "A" level in May 6th

All other "A" level 7th June

Exhibition up 8th June

Open 24th June 6.30pm -8.30pm

Paris Year 11 visit 4th-11th July

Meeting for all students and parents May 12th 7.00pm

Caroline Williams
Learning Manager for Art

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Key dates – Summer term 2010

3 rd May	School Closed May Day Bank Holiday
4 th -7 th May	A-Level Art exam
6 th May	Y10 Fast track French GCSE exam
11 th – 14 th May	Year 10 Mock exams (All subjects)
13 th & 14 th May	Year 11 Drama exams (practical)
14 th May	Y10 Fast track French GCSE exam
18 th May	Year 10 philosophy, ethics and religion GCSE exam
21 st May	Year 9 GCSE science module examination Year 12 study leave starts Y10 Catering controlled assessment (Group D)
25 th May	Y10 Catering controlled assessment (Group A)
26 th May	Year 10 GCSE science module examination
28 th May	Year 10 GCSE science module examination Year 13 study leave begins Year 11 exam leave starts
29 th May – 6 th June	Half term holiday
7 th June	Term starts Year 10 work experience (group 1) – all week
14 th June	Year 10 work experience (group 2) – all week Year 12 return from study leave
18 th June	Y10 GCSE science module examination
22 nd June	Y12 University visit
28 th & 29 th June	Y12 induction programme (for year 11 students continuing to 6 th form). There will be a meeting for parents of prospective sixth form students at 6.30 on the 29 th
30 th June	Y9 drama workshop (X band)
1 st July	Y9 drama workshop (Y band)
2 nd July	Y9 drama workshop (z band)
7 th July	Higher Education evening (for Y12 students and their parents) – 7pm
12 th July	Y9 expressive arts performance evening
15 th July	Summer concert
16 th July	Community event day and Sports Day
20 th July	School ends at 3.10 – end of the summer term

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PE PRACTICES TIMETABLE SPRING TERM
 ALL PRACTICES ARE FOR ALL YEARS AND BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS UNLESS STATED

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH Sports Hall:	BASKETBALL (COACH)	CRICKET (JC)	HANDBALL (NS)	CRICKET (KG & JC)	BADMINTON (NCS)
Gym:	BOXING (KG)		ATHLETICS (JFL & NS)	YOGA/PILATES (LG)	TABLE TENNIS (IW)
Fitness room:	BOYS FITNESS (GC)	GIRLS FITNESS ROOM (NCS)			
Outside			CRICKET (COACH)		
1:25 - 2:05	GCSE REVISION IN D1 (CDE, NCS, NS)	COLLEGE COMPETITION (GC, LG, NS)	COLLEGE COMPETITION (GC, CDE)	COLLEGE COMPETITION FINAL (GC, JFL)	
AFTER SCHOOL	TRAMPOLINING (NCS)	ROUNDERS MATCHES (CDE & NCS)	ROUNDERS PRACTICE (NCS & CDE)	ATHLETICS (ALL)	STAFF ACTIVITIES
3:30 - 4:30		GOLF (GC)	TENNIS (NS, LG)	GIRLS FITNESS (NCS)	

Enrichment: Dance, Cheerleading, Rugby, Sports Leaders, Boxing, Canoeing, Sporting activities, Martial Arts, Swimming.