

Manshead School

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

- Wed 26th College Council Meeting
- Thu 27th GCSE Art Exhibition
6.30 – 8.30 in Drama Studio
- Fri 28th Yr 13 Study Leave starts
- Mon 31st May HALF TERM WEEK**

WEEK B

- Mon 7th June Yr 10 Geography controlled
assessment fieldwork to Luton
- Fri 11th BTEC students target leaving date

From time to time we have to deal with situations where students have used social networking sites such as Facebook for the wrong purpose. Very recently we have had several situations where Facebook is being used to bully students on-line. As a school we take this very seriously and will take appropriate action with those students involved and we will inform the police if required. All students in Y10 and Y11 have recently experienced an internet safety/cyber bullying assembly delivered by staff at the school and should be aware of the risks of using social networking sites (Y9 assembly will be happening soon). Social networking sites also have many benefits and positive features and I am not advocating that they should not be used. However, I do think we have reached a stage where students should really think hard about the messages they post and who will read them. I know a number of parents have expressed concerns about their son's or daughter's use of social networking sites. We are talking to organisations who might be able to put on a session for parents at the school about these

issues and will let you know when we can arrange something. This is obviously not a Manshead specific issue and there is national discussion too.

You may be interested in reading the report on the BBC website that highlights the part that Facebook seems to play in young people's lives -
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/10121931.stm>

In the meantime if you have concerns about internet safety or cyber bullying please contact the school.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

The English Department has two important dates for your diaries. The first is Tuesday 8th June when 40 students will have the opportunity to go to Dunstable Library for the afternoon to meet a popular teen author – Lucy Christopher. This visit will be funded by the school as part of our Gifted and Talented provision. Letters will be sent by post so please reserve a place quickly as I anticipate a good response.

The second date is the evening of Friday, 18th June. There are 45 places on offer to go to Regents Park Open Air Theatre to see a production of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'. This is a most compelling play based on the Salem Witch Trials.

This trip is open to all Year 9 students in the first instance as it is a text that appears on the new GCSE syllabus starting in September. Letters are available from all English teachers. The cost is £22.

Mrs L. Peacock
Asst. Learning Manager English

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YEAR 11 GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REVISION

I will be available from 8.00am in B8 on both mornings of the English Language GCSE exams for anyone who needs last minute advice or reassurance. That is Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th June. Please come along for anything you're not sure of - peace of mind can make all the difference.

Mrs R Fletcher
Learning Manager English

YEAR 11 REVISION TOPICS FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Baked Fish products
Food hygiene
Chilling and Freezing
Flow charts
Production plans
Developments of Baked fish products

FOOD TECH REVISION SESSIONS IN T 13

Monday 7th June 9.10am
Wednesday 9th June 9.10am
Thursday 10th June 9.10am

Please use BBC Bite size, GCSE Food Tech Revision books and your Revision Folders to help you.

ISLAND CHALLENGE STUDENTS

There is less than 3 weeks before our big adventure. You need to make sure you are in good physical shape so that you can get the most out of our 5 days. A good idea would be to get in some lengths at Dunstable Leisure Centre before you go or come along to the fitness sessions after school Thursday at Manshead. Either way make sure you are prepared!!

Mr J Young
Teacher Food Studies

ENGLISH NEWS READATHON 2010

Before Easter, Year 9 students were given the opportunity to take part in Readathon, a sponsored reading event which raises money for Clic Sargent and the Roald Dahl Foundation. Both charities work with seriously ill children.

The date for collecting in sponsor money has now passed but very little has been given in. Thank you to those students who have been reading and have brought in money.

This is a reminder to all those students and parents. Please, please, please bring in the sponsor money. It is for such a good cause.

This is a great way to encourage students to read and if every student brought in £1, we could send off over £250. This would be quite an achievement.

Reminder to Return Library Books

This is a general reminder to return your library books when you have finished with them and definitely on or before the date they are due back if you wish to avoid paying a fine.

Year 11 and 13 students must hand in their library books before they leave school – failure to do so may result in delays sending out exam certificates and jeopardise their place at their respective proms.

I obviously encourage students to borrow books but I am also glad when they are returned so other students can borrow them! Thank you.

Mrs S Yates
Librarian

GIFTED AND TALENTED NEWS

This week, five G&T Year 10 French students visited Streetfield Middle School and adopted the role of teachers, introducing Year 5 and Year 6 students to new vocabulary topics like food, animals, colours, sports and the family.

The students showed excellent organisational skills, developing and producing all of their own lesson resources. The Streetfield students enjoyed the experience of being taught by students from their partner school. All teaching staff involved would like to thank the students - **Koyin Awomolo, Kristal Clair, Jack Oliver, George Herber and Jamie Day** - for their professionalism and hard work. Bravo!

Miss Brooks and Mrs Bell

UNDER 14 GIRLS DISTRICT FOOTBALL FINAL

Manshead 4 Van Dyke 0

Manshead destroyed a team who beat us 5-0 in our first friendly at the beginning of the season. Goals from **Briony Clews** (2) who had an impressive debut, and further goals from **Safiya James and Victoria Glanville-Bailey** secured the win. This result shows how far we have progressed throughout the season and a remarkable performance from **Kate "The Engine" Lennon** shadows this performance. Next year we have our sights on the county cup and a strong run in the Nationals.

Mr K Gordon
Teacher PE

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UNDER 16 DISTRICT CUP FINAL

Manshead 3 Queensbury 2

This was for many pupils their last game of football for school and, more importantly, under whom can only be called the Jose Mourinho of School Football - Mr Gordon.

The scene was set, a capacity crowd, glorious day and the opponents our local rivals. We started slow, leaking an early goal, but pulled 2 back just before half time, from **Jack Parker**. We were not playing to our fullest, and conceded another goal but in the dying minutes and extra time looming, the chorus of 'Parker scores goals' rang again to clinch the title with a hat trick. This is the first time we have won this trophy and taking it back to where it belongs instead of Queensbury's trophy cabinet for the last 6 years.

This result makes us finish on a high, with the bitter taste of losing the county cup final feel slightly better. This team have been one of the most successful in recent years and also one of the most able.

Shaun Parker, Luke Kenney, Connor Smith, Matthew Cantellow, James Taylor, Matt Custance, Liam McMenamin, Daniel Collins, Brett Roberts, Thomas Holliman, Stephen Riley, Jay Tamarro, Luke Hall, Will Orchard, Aston Bicknell, Marcus Campbell, Jack Parker

Year 10 Rounders

Manshead v All Saints Academy

Captain: Zoe Urbanowicz

For the first game of the season we played spectacularly. In the first innings we were ahead with 11 1/2 rounders to 4 with some fantastic batting from **Zoe Urbanowicz, Lauren Duffy and Annya Hall** to name only a few. In the second innings we scored 7 rounders and finished with a total of 18 1/2 to 10.

Player of the match **Zoe Urbanowicz** for fantastic batting particularly her backhand and brilliant team play

Next game Manshead v Vandyke 25.05.10 at home

**Miss N Cross
Teacher PE**

YEAR TEN WORK EXPERIENCE 2010

Year Ten will be taking part in work experience after half term and I wanted to take this chance to communicate with parents about the plans and expectations for the week.

K Band go: 7th-11th June 2010

L Band go: 14th-18th June 2010

All students have been given the opportunity to go on a placement and the process started back in October when the initial letters were sent out and students were given their pin number to make their selections on the website.

Congratulations to those who have found their own placement. We have students going to some really exciting and innovative places - and thank you to those parents who have helped by encouraging and helping them.

Unfortunately some students have not been able to organise themselves or find a placement they feel suits them and therefore they will be staying in school and will miss this unique opportunity - part of the Work Experience process is for young people to be independent and this starts with the planning.

Those who are going should have had the following paperwork

- A Placement Confirmation Letter
- A Job Description

If you think you should be going but do not have that letter - it means the paperwork has not been handed in correctly - please see Mrs Breese or Mrs Cordt asap

The Job description will tell you what you need to wear and where you need to go on your first day - please make sure you read that so you are completely prepared. Any students who need **Toe-protector boots** can hire them for £2.00 but I need to know about this by Wednesday 26th May - if not, you will need to provide your own footwear.

It is completely normal to be nervous and apprehensive on this first day but don't worry. Make sure you speak clearly, ask if you don't know what to do and take your time with any task set for you - most of all try to enjoy yourself!

Any questions -please email
cordtk@mansheadschoo.co.uk

**Mrs Kerry Cordt
Learning Manager for Extended Curriculum**

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display in C Block, outside the student service office until Friday 28th May.

**Mrs Karen Taylor
Departmental Services**

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