

Manshead School

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

Tue 29th	Yr 12 Induction Day
Wed 30 th	Yr 9 Drama workshop (X Band) G & T Geography local trip
Thu 1st July	Futures Day – Current Yr 12 Summer Concert 7.00pm Yr 9 Drama workshop (Y Band)
Fri 2 nd	Yr 11 Prom Yr 9 Drama workshop (Z Band)

WEEK B

A Level Art Trip to Paris All Week
Yr 10 Barnfield College Taster Day All Week

Tue 6 th	Yr 8 Induction Day
Wed 7 th	Yr 8 Induction Day Fiesta Fiddle Concert 6.30pm

Over 70 Year 9 students enjoyed a great residential experience on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour last week. They took part in a number of adventure activities including sailing, kayaking, archery and problem solving challenges. The group were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their time away.

This week also saw the return of the second group of Year 10 students from their work experience. I am pleased to say that we had excellent reports from employers who hosted our students - many of them commented about the positive attitude they showed.

Opportunities such as these really enrich a student's experience of school and allows them to try something that they cannot do in the classroom. We are planning to add to our extra curricular activities next year to give even more students the chance of doing something different.

Last week several students represented the school at the County Athletics Championships and they did really well. Special congratulations go to **Sophie Billington** who won the 200 and 800m races and in doing so broke the County record for the 800m which has stood for 39 years! Well done Sophie and good luck in the Nationals.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER

Presently we have two incoming phone numbers (608641 and 679400). This can cause bottlenecks and engaged tones because when the 'channels' are full on one number the calls do not overflow to the other number. During the summer holidays we are going to consolidate all our phone channels onto just one number. Therefore from September 1st our only live number will be:

01582 679400

We will leave a message on the closed number (608641) but since the continuing number (**679400**) is already live you might like to save this to wherever you keep the school number (eg your mobile phone, kitchen noticeboard etc)

Ian Stowe
Business Manager

DIRECT DIAL TEL NO. FOR REPORTING SICKNESS ABSENCE: 679410

Please call in before 9.00am every day of absence

RECEIVING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

This newsletter is also sent out by email so that parents can be sure to receive it quickly. If you are not receiving it by email and would like to, please send your email address and your child's name to office@mansheadschoo.co.uk

Many thanks
Ian Stowe
Business Manager

INVITATION TO ALL MOTORCYCLISTS

You are invited to get your riding assessed for FREE with a Bedfordshire Police Advanced Motorcyclist to get expert and impartial feedback on what you do well and where you may be able to improve your skills.

This is part of the Bedfordshire and Luton Casualty Reduction Partnership's 'Motorcycle Training Matters' initiative to reduce the casualty toll amongst motorcyclists. One in four serious injury road traffic collisions involves a motorcyclist. Some are due to rider error and some are due to other road users' errors. In either case, we believe that better, defensive riding skills will help reduce motorcyclists' risk of being involved in a collision.

To find out more or book a place call Alison in Roads Policing on 07787 704716 or visit www.MotorcyclingMatters.org/RideSafe/.

Ridesafe dates: Kempston 20th June, Luton 4th July, Kempston 8th August, Kempston 3rd October

Ian Stowe
Business Manager

ENGLISH NEWS

Drama Workshops

Important information for ALL year 9 students!

Year 9 students will be taking part in Shakespeare Drama Workshops within the next week. These were postponed earlier in the year. Students will need to wear loose clothing – PE kit is best for the activities – and trainers. Each workshop will run over a normal school day and finish with a presentation session during Period 5. The days are as follows:

X Band – Wednesday, 30th June
Y Band – Thursday, 1st July
Z Band – Friday, 2nd July

We will be using next year's GCSE text which is 'Macbeth'.

Theatre Trip

36 students and staff went to Regent's Park Open Air Theatre on Friday, 18th June to see a production of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'. We were entranced by the moving performances and stunning choreography. Unfortunately, it was also the night the heavens chose to open and the theatre, the audience and the actors were drenched by the seemingly endless rain! However, it did not matter one bit. The students were riveted! One even felt that the awful weather conditions actually added to the tense atmosphere of the play. It was also the night of the second England match and I think we were all in agreement that, despite the cold and the rain, we were the better entertained! Well done to our students who never moaned once about the rain and thank you to Zain for the loan of his Co-Op carrier bag. It kept my head nice and dry!

Mrs Peacock
Assistant Learning Manager English

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Is your Year 10 student struggling in a subject, or behind in completing homework or coursework??

Extra Help Available
for all subjects on Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.30 pm
In School Library

Students can drop-in or may be referred by Teachers.

If transport is a problem, alternative arrangements may be possible.

Any questions, contact: Miss G Martin on 01582 608400 or Email: marting@mansheadschoo.co.uk

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 MEETING: Wednesday 7th July 8 - 9pm
Meeting at Caroline's house
112 Chiltern Road
Dunstable
LU6 1ET

For further details contact:
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CURIOSITY, LEARNED THE CAT.....



Curiosity
Learned
the cat
allows
students at



Manshead to experience a variety of things from car racing to the commitment of handling a police dog. Each session increased the knowledge of every student individually allowing them to voice their thoughts and questions on the subject. It's an enjoyable class but also allows you to walk out of school knowing something new. So far the class has been entertained by a Police Dog Handler, a Zoologist and a Formula One Car Designer and is looking forward to the Fire Brigade visiting.

Kayleigh Rafferty and Shannon Elliot

Please visit Manshead School Website www.mansheadschoo.co.uk to view more pictures of the various activities experienced by the students.

YEAR 9 CRICKET

County Cup Second Round

Manshead beat Stopsley by 1 run
Manshead 106-1 Stopsley 105-4
D.Patel 24* D.Patel 2-25
J Macdiarmid 22*
R Hassel 21*
M.O.M. D. Patel

Friendly

Manshead beat All Saints by 6 wickets
Manshead 60-5 All Saints 59 all out
D.Mortimer 13* T Clark 3-11
J Hignins 13* W Evans 2-19
M.O.M. D.Mortimer

County Cup Third Round

Manshead beat Harlington by 11 runs
Manshead 106-7 Harlington 95-4
R.Hassel 41 M.Patel 2-30
D.Mortimer 27
M.O.M. R.Kinnaid

Mr K Gordon
Head of PE

SUMMER CONCERT

Manshead School Hall, 7.00pm, Thursday 1st July 2010.

The annual Summer Concert this year will be slightly different in layout and presentation as previous years have been. There will be contributions from fairly new music ensembles, including - **Dunstable Schools' Orchestra** (set up in 2009 - an orchestra that is held here on a weekly basis where students from any school can participate, including Mill Vale, Queensbury, Ashton) and also the **Chamber Choir** - this choir is the advanced choir that is audition based only and we focus on singing works that have a religious connection. Performances will also be made by:

Show Choir
School Band
School Orchestra
School String Group
School Big Band
Various soloists from all year groups.

Please do come and support all the many students who are involved. Tickets are **£4** which includes some food and are available from **Mr T Hooper or Mrs S Fitzsimmons.**

Many thanks,

Mr T Hooper
Acting Learning Manager for Music

COUNTY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Nine Pupils represented South Beds on 16th June in the County Athletics at Bedford International Stadium. It was an enjoyable evening which saw the Year 9 girls winning the overall trophy.

Special mention for **Sophie Billington** who was selected for the 800m, 200m and Relay. She won her 800m convincingly with a time of 2 minutes and 15 seconds and broke the county record which had stood for forty years, she also went on to win the 200m and be in the winning Relay team. Congratulations to all.

Kate Lennon - 200m & Relay
Briony Clews -100m
Sophie Billington - 800m, 200m & Relay
Maria Kayani - Shot
Nicole Randolph - 300m
Charlene Dill - High Jump
Sam Burke - 400m
Ben Fowler - Discus
Brandon Smith - Long Jump & relay

Miss N Cross
Teacher PE

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