



Manshead Upper School

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Welcome to the final Arts Newsletter of the academic year and what a year it has been here at Manshead. We have celebrated many exam successes, enjoyed high quality practical work and progressed even further with the opportunities and facilities available for the students. As the New Year approaches we will aim to continue providing as much as possible in order to allow the young people at Manshead room to develop their artistic and creative skills.

Manshead were awarded Artsmark status by the Arts Council of England towards the end of 2009, therefore we are always looking to improve the standards within our successful departments. For more information about the award please logon to:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/artsmark

Mr T Hooper
Teacher of Dance & Music

Musical Mayhem 2011

Musical Mayhem is a joint concert between Manshead and our local Priory Church Girls Choir. The Concert has been organized by Mrs Smart, Martin Hart and Mr Hooper. It is a celebration of local vocal talent, with the addition of the Dunstable Schools' Orchestra. The event will be held at Manshead Upper School, 6:45pm on Friday 11th June. There will be an interval with refreshments. Tickets are available to buy on the door priced at: Adult- £5 and Concessions £3.

We look forward to seeing you there!

100th Birthday Celebration

A group of Year 10 GCSE Dance students represented Manshead at a local dance event at the University of Bedfordshire on Saturday 21st May. We have received a letter of thanks from the University thanking us for taking part and for how well the students behaved. The following are a credit to the school:

Amy Bianchi
Samantha Patel
Shannon Doyle
Tyler Braddon

Thank you Miss Molloy

Dance Students- A Level and GCSE

We would like to congratulate all the GCSE and A Level dance students for all the hard work and effort they have given throughout the two years. The students were mature and some even professional during the moderation days. You have all been a pleasure to teach and we wish you all the best of luck in the future. We hope you all keep dancing...even if it is as a hobby!

Miss O'Hara, Mr Hooper & Miss Molloy

Farewell Mrs Fitzsimmons

Mrs Fitzsimmons is one of the longest serving members of staff at Manshead and is retiring this summer. It is impossible to write the many wonderful things that she has achieved here and also impossible to write exactly how much she'll be missed by us all. She has played an extremely active role in developing the high standard of performing arts at the school and without doubt Manshead will not be the same place without her. I know that her talents will be missed from both the English and Drama departments where she has dedicated her skills for many years. So...Mrs Fitzsimmons, we all wish you a very happy and restful retirement and sincerely hope that you will come back to visit! Best Wishes from us all ☺

Good Luck Miss Molloy

This term we say goodbye to Miss Molloy who has been teaching within the Dance Department since January. Thank you very much for all your contributions to both within the classroom and the extra-curricular activities, namely, 'Fame', *Circadia Dance Company* and the 100th Birthday Celebration. We wish you well in the future.

Goodbye from Mr Hooper

After 5 years I have decided it is the right time to move on to a new school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Manshead and would like to thank each and every student for all their hard work and dedication in making the Arts such an outstanding area of the school. I have so many wonderful memories; the school productions, music concerts, touring around with the Band, developing Dance- and all thanks to the very talented students here at Manshead.

Thank you all very much.

Applied Art- National Success!

We are delighted to hear that a group of 7 GCSE applied art students, with the help of Mrs Cawte, have been selected as one of the final 3 entries to the nationwide BIMA channel 4 future talent competition. They will be presenting their project at channel 4 headquarters on the 5th July. We wish them every luck!

From a very proud Art Department ☺

College Dance- 2011

There has been a change of date for the new College Dance event. This will now be held in the Hall, 1:35pm, on Friday 1st July 2011. Entrance will be 50p.

College pairings are:

Dylan & McCartney

Grey-Thompson & Picasso

King & Campbell

Calling all Fashion students...

A fantastic exhibition of Menswear is currently on show at the Fashion and Textiles Museum, London. This exhibition is based on the work of Tommy Nutter.

Miss Brooks

Madama Butterfly-Covent Garden

On Monday 4th July a group of A level music students will be going to the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden to watch a production of Madama Butterfly, an opera by the Italian composer Puccini.

Summer Music Concert- 14th July 2011

A date for your diaries.

Please join us for an informal evening of wonderful music provided by several of the music ensembles that we have in the school. These include the show choir, wind band, chamber choir, string group, orchestra and soloists.

Tickets will be available soon.

Manshead Band out and about

On Saturday 21st May, the school band played at Houghton Regis Lower School for their May Fayre. We hoped for good weather and we weren't disappointed. Thank you very much to the band for their commitment, especially as many students were busy revising for their exams.

Mrs Owen



So long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

We couldn't let this Arts newsletter go out with out saying good bye and a huge thank you to the person behind setting it up. As you will have already read, Mr Hooper is leaving us at the end of this term to move on to pastures new. He has a passion for the Arts and believes, along with the other Arts staff, that the achievements of our very talented students should be celebrated. This can be clearly seen in everything that he has done whilst at Manshead.

I know that I speak for staff as well as students when I say we will miss you, your energy, your enthusiasm and your friendship. There will never be another Mr Schue!

Wishing you lots of luck at your new school.

V & A Museum, London

A new exhibition showing the work of Yohji Yamamoto is on display at this prestigious London museum. For any student studying Textiles, this is a real opportunity to witness the work of a renowned designer.

Miss Brooks

Paris Trip

The annual Paris visit is drawing closer- 9th-17th July. Students will have exposure to some prolific sites such as, Eiffel Tower, Monet's Garden, Pompidou Centre and many more. Any final queries, contact Mrs Williams.
Art Dept.

GCSE Technology Students

A huge well done and thank you to all GCSE technology students who came to so many afterschool sessions to complete their coursework to the highest possible standards. You have all impressed staff with your commitment and we wish you the best for your results. Thank you to the parents of these students for being so supportive too!

Mrs Malster and Technology team

University of Bedfordshire Dance Showcase

I wanted to write and share with you all about the magnificent Dance Showcase that Manshead student's participated in on Thursday 9th June. Myself, Miss O'Hara and Mrs Blackmore were all left speechless when we watched a truly outstanding performance by the following students:

Tyler Braddon, Molly Beswetherick, Emily Powell, Zoe Chalkley, Shannon Doyle, Rebecca Calder, Megan Perry, Ellie Reay, Abigail Waller, Amy Bianchi & Samantha Patel

All students will receive 10 credits for representing the school at an external event.

Also, it is nice to hear good comments from other schools, such as 'Wow...are all the dancers at your school so elegant and lovely to watch'. Well done girls- you have made Manshead very proud! Well done also to Miss Molloy for choreographing such a stunning piece ☺

Mr Hooper

GCSE Product Design

A special well done to Ronnie Clarke and Tammy Dimmock for their hard work and dedication to their Product Design work during the last few months.

I hope you're dedication pays off in the summer results- good luck!

Miss Chewter



Update for Year 9 Students

By now the year 9 students have all completed the first piece of Arts Award homework and are working towards their second piece of homework. They have all seen a live production of something (theatre/art gallery) and are currently writing their reviews. The next, and final, important event to take place will be the Arts

Award Conference. This will take place at school on Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July, 3.30–5.30pm. Students will be involved in session where they will choose an artistic skill they have and lead a group of peers through a workshop on that skill. They will then share and celebrate these new skills at the end of the two sessions. Any further questions, please ask.

Mr Burt, Mr Hooper, Miss O'Hara & Mrs Owen
Teachers of Expressive Arts

GCSE Music Classwork

Over the recent term we have been studying 3 pieces. These are 'All Blues', 'Grace' and 'Why Does My heart Feel So Bad?'. After analysing them, we have acquired a sense of knowledge regarding them all. For instance, 'All Blues' is in a jazz style, the key signature is 6/4 (very unusual for jazz) and gives the piece a swing feel. The solos are improvised but based around modal scales. The saxes and trumpets give a traditional feel to the piece.

Olivia Copeland & Amy Bianchi. Year 10

Music Exam Success

Olivia Copeland- Grade 6 Piano

A very big well done to Olivia! Music exams are often hard to fit in around all the other school work and these grades take a great deal of commitment and hard work to pass!
Mrs Owen & Mr Hooper

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ART & PHOTOGRAPHY
EXHIBITION 2011**

**Monday 27th June, 6:30-8:00pm
Manshead Upper School Art Department
All Welcome**