

# Manshead School

# Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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## LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to everyone and apologies for the late arrival of the first newsletter of this term.

I am pleased to say that the students have settled back in to school very quickly following the break and there is a very focussed atmosphere around the school.

Since the start of term many students in Year 11 have received their GCSE results for English and Maths. I am really pleased with the results and I know many students are glad to have secured their passes. You may also have seen that the school performance table has been published recently and Manshead, for the first time ever, has topped the table in the town in every category. I am really pleased to see that the hard work made by students and staff has had a positive effect. We are confident that we will again make further progress this year.

**Jim Parker**  
Headteacher

## FACIAL PIERCINGS

Since we returned to school after the holiday there are a number of students wearing facial piercings. All of these students have been seen by staff and told that they cannot wear facial piercings in school. We thank you for your support in this matter.

**Jim Parker**  
Headteacher

## YEAR 9 OPTION CHOICES

Over the next few weeks we will be asking all Year 9 students to make their option choices for Years 10 and 11. This year students will start their Year 10 timetable in June. The programme of events is as follows:

**31<sup>st</sup> January:** All Year 9 students will be issued with an Options Booklet and the options process will be explained to the students in an assembly.

**2<sup>nd</sup> February: Year 9 Options Evening**, which is an opportunity for parents and students to find out more details about the options that are available and to talk to staff about what is involved in each subject. There will be presentations in the School Hall at 7.00pm and 7.30pm.

**9<sup>th</sup> February: Year 9 Parent Consultation**, where parents will be able to talk to staff in detail about whether their son/daughter would be advised to study particular subjects.

**18<sup>th</sup> February: Completed option forms returned to school.**

**Mr Jones**  
Deputy Head

## YEAR 10 AMSTERDAM HISTORY TRIP 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May

There are still places available on this trip. It is extremely valuable to students studying Nazi Germany in Year 10 History. The trip includes a trip to the Ann Frank house and the Vaught Concentration Camp.

**If you would like a permission note please see Miss Mawson**

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**Please call in before 9.00am every day of absence**

## YEAR 9 ISLAND CHALLENGE TRIP – JULY 2011

Just to remind you the next three instalments for this trip are due on the below dates.

1. **29<sup>th</sup> January 2011**
2. **26<sup>th</sup> March 2011**
3. **28<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

All monies need to be paid in at Student Services located in C Block at lunchtime (1.25-2pm) in a sealed and labelled envelope stating child's name and trip.

We will be holding an evening meeting for parents and students on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011**. This meeting will give you further information about the trip, the kit list and travel details. Further details of times of this meeting will be sent out after Easter. Please do not buy anything for this trip until after this meeting.

Students, you need to make sure you are in good physical shape so that you can get the most out of our 5 days challenge. A good idea would be to get in some lengths at Dunstable Leisure Centre Pool before you go or start going for a weekly run. Either way make sure you are prepared!!

**In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, email address below**

[youngj@mansheadschoo.co.uk](mailto:youngj@mansheadschoo.co.uk)

**Mr Young & Mrs Hopkin**  
**Activity Trip Leaders**

### **COURSEWORK CATCH UP SESSION FOR YEAR 11 TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS**

Please attend the following sessions to catch up or improve coursework.

<b>Catering</b>	Monday 3.10pm - 4.10pm Thursday 3.10pm - 4.10pm
<b>Graphic Products</b>	Tuesday 3.10pm - 5.00pm
<b>Product Design</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday 3.10pm - 5.00pm
<b>Textiles Technology</b>	Thursday 3.10pm - 5.00pm

**The Controlled GCSE Catering assessments for Year 11 will take place on the following times.**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am -12.00pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9am -12.00pm or 1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9.00am – 12.00pm

Students will be informed by writing in the next few weeks which session they will need to attend.

**Mr Young**  
**Teacher Food Studies**

### **BROOK ADVICE SERVICE**

As many of you know we have an advice service provided by Brook that is proving to be very beneficial for our students. Brook is an independent confidential service offering drop in sessions for any young person who wishes to discuss relationships, body image and sexual health.

We offer the drop in service every Tuesday from 12.30pm until 2.10pm for students in all years. We are also pleased to announce that at the end of January a drop in session for 6<sup>th</sup> Form students will run between 2.30pm and 4.00pm every Monday.

**Andrea Harvey**  
**Learning Manager**  
**Personal Development Education**

### **SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY**

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have donated bikes to the '*Bike Project*'. We are still at the planning stage but making progress. If anyone else wishes to donate an old bike or even bike spares, we will gladly take them off your hands.

As part of some of our creative activities, we are now looking for some Lego. If you have some old Lego bricks taking up loft space, we could use them if you would like to donate. Again, we will endeavour to collect.

Well done to the woodwork students who, under Mr Parker's instruction, constructed beautiful wooden boxes as Christmas gifts. Excellent work **Robbie, Luke** and **Jason**.

Well done also to **Jack Caruana** who attained a well deserved C grade in English Language after early entry in November.

**Mrs L Peacock and Mrs G Dumbleton**  
**Small Learning Community Team**

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		<b>Assessment / Exams</b>	<b>Trips / parent events / other student events</b>
24/01/2011	<b>Mon</b>	GCSE Science modules (Y10 triple science students Modules B4,5 & 6) Y10 English controlled assessment this week	
25/01/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
26/01/2011	<b>Wed</b>	Year 9 reports sent home	
27/01/2011	<b>Thu</b>		Year 9 options assembly
28/01/2011	<b>Fri</b>		Y9 Gifted & Talented geography trip to Cambridge
29/01/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
30/01/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
31/01/2011	<b>Mon</b>		German Exchange (incoming)
01/02/2011	<b>Tue</b>		German Exchange (incoming)
02/02/2011	<b>Wed</b>	January exam period ends (A-level)	<b>Year 9 Options Evening 7-9pm</b> German Exchange (incoming)
03/02/2011	<b>Thu</b>	Y10 Btec Performing arts assessment (25 students P1-3)	German Exchange (incoming)
04/02/2011	<b>Fri</b>		German Exchange (incoming)
05/02/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
06/02/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
07/02/2011	<b>Mon</b>	Y10 Controlled assessment Catering (40 students) this week	Leavers photos – group picture for Year 11 and Year 13  Governors Student Welfare sub cttee – 4pm
08/02/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
09/02/2011	<b>Wed</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Art & Photography Mocks	<b>Year 9 Consultation 4.30-7.30</b>
10/02/2011	<b>Thu</b>		
11/02/2011	<b>Fri</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Art & Photography Mocks	
12/02/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
13/02/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
14/02/2011	<b>Mon</b>		
15/02/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
16/02/2011	<b>Wed</b>		
17/02/2011	<b>Thu</b>		
18/02/2011	<b>Fri</b>	Y11 Btec Performing arts assessment (40 students all day)	<b>Deadline for return of Y9 option forms</b>
19/02/2011	<b>Sat</b>		Malta Football Tour (25 x Y10/11)
20/02/2011	<b>Sun</b>		Malta Football Tour (25 x Y10/11)
21/02/2011	<b>Mon</b>		Malta Football Tour (25 x Y10/11)
22/02/2011	<b>Tue</b>		Malta Football Tour (25 x Y10/11)
23/02/2011	<b>Wed</b>		
24/02/2011	<b>Thu</b>		Ireland Football Tour (Girls)
25/02/2011	<b>Fri</b>		Ireland Football Tour (Girls)
26/02/2011	<b>Sat</b>		Ireland Football Tour (Girls)
27/02/2011	<b>Sun</b>		Ireland Football Tour (Girls)
28/02/2011	<b>Mon</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Mock exams	
01/03/2011	<b>Tue</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Mock exams	
02/03/2011	<b>Wed</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Mock exams	
03/03/2011	<b>Thu</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Mock exams Y11 Maths Mock exam	
04/03/2011	<b>Fri</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Mock exams Y11 Maths Mock exam	
05/03/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
06/03/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
07/03/2011	<b>Mon</b>	Y10 French controlled assessments this week	School Production (Fame) dress rehearsal
08/03/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
09/03/2011	<b>Wed</b>	Year 10 reports sent home	School Production (Fame) Middle school performance (Periods 4 and 5)

**This Plan is subject to continuous review during the year. Please refer to web/portal copy for the latest information. DO NOT rely on printed copies**

		<b>Assessment / Exams</b>	<b>Trips / parent events / other student events</b>
10/03/2011	<b>Thu</b>	January A-level results published	School Production (Fame) 7.30pm
11/03/2011	<b>Fri</b>		School Production (Fame) 7.30pm
12/03/2011	<b>Sat</b>		School Production (Fame) 7.30pm
13/03/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
14/03/2011	<b>Mon</b>		
15/03/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
16/03/2011	<b>Wed</b>		<b>Y10 Parent Consultation 4.30-7.30</b>
17/03/2011	<b>Thu</b>		
18/03/2011	<b>Fri</b>		Y10 & 11 Geography trip to Walton on the Naze
19/03/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
20/03/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
21/03/2011	<b>Mon</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Reports sent home this week Y11 Spanish, French and German Controlled assessments this week	
22/03/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
23/03/2011	<b>Wed</b>	Year 11 Reports sent home	
24/03/2011	<b>Thu</b>		
25/03/2011	<b>Fri</b>		
26/03/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
27/03/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
28/03/2011	<b>Mon</b>		
29/03/2011	<b>Tue</b>	GCSE Art Exam (Mrs Williams & Mrs Cawte's groups)	School Dance show 7.30pm
30/03/2011	<b>Wed</b>	GCSE Art Exam (Mrs Williams & Mrs Cawte's groups)	
31/03/2011	<b>Thu</b>	GCSE Art Exam (Mr Travell's & Mrs Moody's groups)	
01/04/2011	<b>Fri</b>	GCSE Art Exam (Mr Travell's & Mrs Moody's groups)	Target setting lesson – Period 2 (Y11)
02/04/2011	<b>Sat</b>		
03/04/2011	<b>Sun</b>		
04/04/2011	<b>Mon</b>		
05/04/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
06/04/2011	<b>Wed</b>		
07/04/2011	<b>Thu</b>		
08/04/2011	<b>Fri</b>		Whole School Assembly

**Summer term starts for students on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2011**