

Manshead School

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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As some of you with younger children will know, the letters informing parents about which school they have been allocated for places for in Year 9 from September were posted this week. The total school population in Year 8 at the moment is lower than in previous years and as a consequence we have a smaller number of students for admission in to Year 9 in September. I know that there are some parents who have been put off applying to Manshead in the past if they live outside of our catchment area – this year they have a much better chance of gaining a place. If you know people who have children in Year 8 and have not received their first choice place then please mention to them that we have a few spaces left. If they are interested in gaining a place they should contact the school as quickly as possible.

A small but growing band of students and parents are following Manshead School on Twitter. We are using Twitter to keep you up-to-date with what is going on here at school – just log in to Twitter and search for Manshead School.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

GCSE CATERING REVISION RESOURCES

This week the Year 11 catering students have been given a pack of old exam papers to help them prepare for this year's Catering exam. Please encourage your child to work on these, when your child returns them I will mark them and give them feedback. Also I have added a few extra exam papers onto the school portal. (school subject/D&T/food/year11)

The following book is now in the school library to help you with your GCSE Catering Revision and Exam:

- WJEC GCSE Hospitality and Catering: Student Book (WJEC Hospitality and Catering)

If you would like your own copy the cheapest place is Amazon or Ebay. If you have any questions, please email me.

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD NEWS



As we get nearer to the dates for our two Expeditions (May 14th/15th and July 2nd/3rd) please may we offer a good home for pairs of walking boots and/or waterproofs that students may have grown out of. It is always useful to have such things in our stores for DofE students who may prefer to borrow rather than buy (or in the case of waterproofs for anyone who turns up to start an expedition without!). If you have any such items gathering dust in the cupboard at home, please drop them in to Reception at school.

Meantime we are starting to see a steady stream of completions of self-initiated activities from our Year 10 Bronze students and well done to all of them.

Also we are piloting a Gold programme with a view to being able to offer Silver and Gold to our Sixth Form from next year, as well as continuing to offer Bronze to Year 10.

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DofE Programme Leader
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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The procedure to apply for free school meals has been made simpler and can be done entirely over the telephone now.

You may qualify if you are in receipt of the following:-



- Income Support or;
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or;
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income-Related) or;
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit; or
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS) or;
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit), and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.

You can apply by phone on: 0300 300 8306
This line is open 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday

Please make sure you have the following to hand when you call:

- National Insurance numbers for you and your partner, along with your dates of birth and dates of birth for your children.
- If you receive National Asylum Seekers Support you will need your NASS number.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day the library organised a book quiz.
The winning entry was picked at random from all the correct answer sheets received.

Congratulations to the winner **Calum Peters 11McEN**. He has won a £5 book gift card.



Mrs Yates
Librarian

YEAR 9 ISLAND CHALLENGE TRIP - JULY 2011

With only 130 days to go until this trip, preparations are underway, with 58 students and 5 staff attending.

Just to remind you about the next two payments dates:

- 1) 26th March 2010
- 2) 28th May 2010

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.

Also we will be having a parents meeting regarding this trip on **Thursday 16th May 2011**. Please do not buy anything for this trip until after this meeting.

If you have any questions about this trip, please email us at the school.

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YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS INFORMATION

All Year 10 students sat an internal Calculator test before the Spring half-term holidays in their Maths lessons. Students have now had these tests back (with their grades) and as a result have completed a **Post Assessment Target sheet**. This target sheet has been given to all students to bring home and an additional copy will remain in school with their class teacher. Teachers will discuss this target sheet at the forthcoming Parents evening on Wednesday 16th March.

The **Post Assessment Target sheet** contains information about the skills they were tested on, the grades of these skills, their target grade and MOST importantly what skills they need to improve in order for them to reach their target grade.

How can I support my child with the Post Assessment Target sheet?

- Look at the sheet and discuss the skills that have been identified.
- Look at the **2 websites** that have been recommended by the Maths Department.
- Encourage your child to talk about the mathematics they have learnt in the classroom.

Please feel free to contact me.

Mr N Shilvock

Learning Manager of Mathematics

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MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

In the last few days the Maths Department received the results for the UK Intermediate MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE. This competition was undertaken by 179 Gifted and Talented students in the school, ranging from Year 9 to Year 11 and some 600,000 pupils nationally.

The Intermediate Challenge is aimed at the top third of pupils in Year 11 or below **in England and Wales**.

The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions.

The top 40% of students **nationally** receive gold, silver or bronze certificates. A further 5,500 pupils nationally

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from across all three year groups are invited to sit the Grey or Pink **European** Kangaroo Maths Challenge papers. These are taken by pupils from over 30 countries **worldwide**.

Our Manshead students achieved some great results with 3 Gold certificates (Year 11 - **Gemma Johnson, Stewart Mitchelmore** and Year 9 - **Chris Sykes**)

There were 13 Silver certificates (Year 11 - **Jason Reynolds, Lisa Rumbold, Jack Oliver** and Year 10 - **Kirsten Lee, Lizzie Bollada, Ellis Hatch, Mayur Patel, Steven Cotterill, Sunny Ali** and Year 9 - **William Wood, Adam Luff, Adam Howes, Kevin Peters**) and 24 Bronze certificates (Year 11 - **Emma Webb, Philip Stott, Charlotte Stockwell, Nicola Wykes, Rhiannon Soper** and Year 10 - **Mark Tallett, Zain Ahmed, Dhruv Patel, Kyran Webb, Max Giddings, Ashley Brown, Matthew Reeves, Amy Bianchi, Imogen Weller, Gabriella Szpala, Kate Lennon** and Year 9 - **Cameron West, Henna Amin, Peter Lawrence, Miranda Spoerer, Georgia Scott, Joshua Puddefoot, Benjamin Johnson and Lewis Wale**).

We are really proud of **Chris Sykes** in Year 9 who is now going to compete in the Grey Kangaroo Competition (European competition) in the next couple of weeks. We wish him well.

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ART EXAM PREPARATION

All 6th form art students will be visiting Oxford on March 18th at 8.40am - 4.30pm. This is part of their exam preparation.

Sorry we have had to change the days for Yr 11 exam groups. This is how it now runs:

29th and 30th March Mrs Moody's and Mr Travell's groups.

31st March and 1st April Mrs. Cawte's and Mrs. Williams' groups.

They will be in the exam all day, both days including Learning Guide time and they will be registered in the exam.

On the last day 1st April they must hand their exam book in.

Over Easter they will need to work on their coursework and bring this in to finish straight away. All work must be in school May 3rd onwards to be trimmed and mounted for their exhibition. The work will be marked and moderated at this time.

The exhibition will be open for visitors on May 26th from 6pm -7.30pm.

Thank You

Mrs. Williams
Learning Manager of Art

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

HRVP present "Excerpts from the Shows"

7.30pm - Friday 25th March and Saturday 26th March
Mill Vale School, Dunstable
Doors open 7.00pm
Ticket Office: (01582) 861674 and Mrs A Rolleston at Manshead School

LUTON AND BEDS ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Joe Marr, Michael Moss and Anthony Walters who were this year's runners up in the rotary technology tournament along with the three other teams who took part in the 2011 Rotary tournament. The teams competed against a number of schools from the Luton and Bedford area.

Four teams of Product design students spent the day at Stopsley Baptist church tackling a task, about which they and their teachers knew nothing until the day. They had to design, develop, build and test a motorised model crane capable of recovering a 'dangerous radioactive container' from a 'rail crash', bringing the container out from the crash site and then under a low bridge to safety. The crane had to be made from limited resources, such as strip wood, dowel, wire, cardboard, glue, string etc.

It was generally agreed, even by the organisers, that the task was the most difficult set in recent years. So well done and thank you to all students who took part demonstrating fantastic teamwork and problem solving skills!

Basic A Emmanuel Fadehan Mark Tallet Kyle Peak Tyler Clark	Basic B Cherish Harnett Matthew Turley Alistair Spencer Harrison Spowage
Intermediate Ronnie Clark Shauna Keers Connor Kells	Advanced Joe Marr Anthony Walters Michael Moss

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Learning Manager for Technology

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		Assessment / Exams	Trips / parent events / other student events
14/03/2011	Mon		
15/03/2011	Tue		
16/03/2011	Wed		Y10 Parent Consultation 4.30-7.30
17/03/2011	Thu		
18/03/2011	Fri		Y10 & 11 Geography trip to Walton on the Naze
19/03/2011	Sat		
20/03/2011	Sun		
21/03/2011	Mon	6 th Form Reports sent home this week Y11 Spanish, French and German Controlled assessments this week	
22/03/2011	Tue		
23/03/2011	Wed	Year 11 Reports sent home	
24/03/2011	Thu		
25/03/2011	Fri		
26/03/2011	Sat		
27/03/2011	Sun		
28/03/2011	Mon		
29/03/2011	Tue	GCSE Art Exam (Mrs Williams & Mrs Cawte's groups)	School Dance show 7.30pm
30/03/2011	Wed	GCSE Art Exam (Mrs Williams & Mrs Cawte's groups)	
31/03/2011	Thu	GCSE Art Exam (Mr Travell's & Mrs Moody's groups)	
01/04/2011	Fri	GCSE Art Exam (Mr Travell's & Mrs Moody's groups)	Target setting lesson – Period 2 (Y11)
02/04/2011	Sat		
03/04/2011	Sun		
04/04/2011	Mon		
05/04/2011	Tue		
06/04/2011	Wed		Year 11 Drama Controlled Assessment and parent performance 7:00pm in Main Hall.
07/04/2011	Thu		Year 11 Drama Controlled Assessment and parent performance 7:00pm in Main Hall.
08/04/2011	Fri		Whole School Assembly

Summer term starts for students on Wednesday 27th April 2011