

Manshead School

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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INFORMATION & DATES ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

I was pleased to see so many Year 10 parents attend the consultation evening last week. Staff really value the opportunity to talk to parents and students about their progress, and in talking to many parents as they left, it was obvious that parents found it useful too. I would like to thank those parents who took the time to answer the Governor's survey – we are reviewing the responses at the moment and will report them back to you in a future newsletter.

I should also take this opportunity to say a huge well done and thank you to the cast of Fame. I know how much time goes in to putting on such a show and understand the level of commitment needed by students. It was a fabulous show and a great team effort. I am now looking forward to the next expressive arts event – the School Dance Show which take place next week.

Don't forget that you can follow Manshead School on Twitter and keep up-to-date on our new look website.

Jim Parker
Head Teacher

CASUAL KITCHEN ASSISTANT REQUIRED

We need some casual assistance in the school kitchens. Hours of work will be 10.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Hourly rate is £6.30, plus 60p per hour bonus – subject to full attendance during the bonus period. If you are interested, please contact **Christine Rose, Catering Manager Tel: (01582) 679413.**

FOOTBALL TOURS

During half-term, Manshead School was involved in 2 football tours around Malta and Ireland. We took two boy teams to Malta and one girl's team to Ireland; who represented the school and the town of Dunstable fantastically well. The students enjoyed themselves throughout the tour, taking advantage of the various activities on offer as well as performing brilliantly in all of their fixtures.

Starting with the boys' tour of Malta, the first team to welcome us to their ground was Sliema Wanderers FC. Their facilities were fantastic allowing us to play on



their brand new 3G pitch and use of their fine clubhouse. Their ground was above a shopping centre and 2 indoor pitches and had only been finished a week before our arrival! It was an unbelievable venue for our first round of fixtures and with the sun blazing it made for a great day for football.

Sliema Wanderers FC was very hospitable and gave our U16 team a real competitive match. The Manshead U16 lost 3-1 to unfortunately record a hard

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fought defeat with **Eddie Leonard-Jones** scoring to add consolation.

The U15's match was just as competitive but we seemed to cause the Sliema defence a lot more defensive problems winning 4-2! Defensively we made a few mistakes and Sliema could have punished us if it had not been down to **Will Conway** in goal who made some great saves. But with a four goal haul from **Sam Burke** we sealed a great win but only just!

Our next fixtures were at different venues with the U15's playing in the afternoon and the U16's playing in the evening. The second team to welcome us into their ground was Floriana FC. The U15's played first which allowed the U16's to watch and support from the sidelines. The U15's really wanted to impress after an average performance in the first game and started this game fired up. We scored a great team goal finished off by Sam again and seemed to control the game. They then hit back and scored a great goal, but we instantly scored after the restart. With a strong performance from **Kyle Peak** at the back and we never looked like conceding anymore. Sam then completed his hat-trick, his seventh goal of the tour to win the game 3-1. This was a much more satisfying result for the boys who fought and earned their victory and dominated the game.

The U16's tournament was a great spectacle of football. There were 3 teams who played each other for 40 minutes. The contrast in styles was clear to see. Floriana FC and Motta FC played short snappy football by passing the ball about comfortably on the floor with quick movement off the ball, compared to our direct and efficient way of playing. But throughout both games the Manshead U16's created far more goal scoring chances in front of goal and were unlucky to come away from both games with only 2 draws. **James Green** ran the front line superbly and caused both teams a lot of problems. He was also rewarded for his efforts with a great goal which we all celebrated vigorously from the sidelines!

On the last night we had a presentation evening involving comical anecdotes and accolades of the students' tour experience. A special mention needs to go to the **Managers' Player of the Tour, Zak Churchyard**, who was inspirational for the U16's over both games and has grown as an individual over the tour. We also need to pay tribute to the **Players' Player of the Tour, Luke Barker**, who was absolutely outstanding and was recognised by 15 out of 24 votes for his efforts!

This year we ran a girl's football tour for the first time and chose Dublin as our destination. The girls were fortunate to share a room altogether and we felt this brought them closer as a group.

The first team to welcome us to their ground was Peamount FC. Their facilities were fantastic they had a 3G pitch and two County standard pitches, which we had the pleasure of playing on. They have 38 teams at Peamount FC so we knew the standard of opposition was going to be difficult. Speaking to their manager we were informed that this team had some Ireland Junior International's and at little surprise they beat us 6 – 0. But to their credit our girls didn't give up or get on each other's backs and played till the end in good spirit. The hospitality after the game was brilliant; they put on a huge spread for us and both teams were socialising together which was great to see.

Our next fixture was on the following day against Cabinteely FC. The girls really wanted to get a win this time and started this game hungry to score. We went one nil down and could easily have conceded defeat but the girls never gave up and scored a great team goal finished off by **Emma Allsopp**. This gave the girls a great sense of achievement and it looked as if we were going on to win the game. They then hit back on the counter attack scoring a great goal, which we could do nothing about. The girls were really unlucky to lose this one as their performance warranted better. Once again the hospitality was great after the game.

Like the boys tour we had a presentation evening involving making up and singing a song for each player and joking about funny moments of the tour. A special mention needs to go to the **Managers' Player of the Tour, Zoe Urbanowicz**, who never gave up and was positive and encouraging to the others. We also need to pay tribute to the **Players' Player of the Tour, Emma Allsopp**, who was absolutely outstanding, scored our only goal, and as the only 6th former was a great leader on the pitch.

Girl's Captain Anyya Hall –

"The girls' football tour in Ireland was an excellent



experience for us all. Not only did we play as a team we played as a family. We developed fantastic football skills together and enjoyed every minute of it. It was

great fun, excellent football and quality girls!"

Well done both boys and girls for 2 brilliant tours, you've represented Manshead School superbly. You should all be proud of yourselves!

Mr G Cook
SSCO

GOLF

We are starting up our Golf Club soon. Anyone interested in Golf, or would like to come along and try a new sport, please speak to Mr Cook asap!

All year groups, boys and girls, are welcome, no need to have your own clubs!

Mr Cook
SSCO

OUR VERY OWN BRIAN COX

On Friday 18th March the Science department received a visit from Particle Physicist and former student **Dan Short**.

Dan left Manshead in 2004 having gained AS levels in Biology and Further Maths, and grade As in Physics, Maths and Chemistry. At A level. Dan was the first winner of the "Duncan Tweed" award presented each year at the Manshead awards evening.

Dan went on to University College London to study Astronomy and Physics; while Dan was at UCL he gained the best performance award for all 4 years, and graduated in 2008 with a first class degree (MSc Hons).

Since then Dan has spent a year working at CERN on the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) just like Brian Cox.

Dan is currently at Merton College Oxford taking a Dphil (Doctorate) in Particle Physics and working on



the ATLAS detector project at CERN.

Dan gave an excellently illustrated presentation to some Year 11, 12, and 13 students who were keen to find out more about the strange world of Particle Physics. He did an excellent job of communicating his enthusiasm for the subject, and prompted many probing questions. He then stayed on to help Year 13 Physics students with their understanding of fundamental particles and choice of topic for their Practical Investigation.

We would like to thank Dan for giving up his time to help Manshead students and hope that he will have inspired others to follow in his footsteps.

R Seldon
Teacher of Science

YEAR 9 ISLAND CHALLENGE TRIP

We have a few places which have come available on this exiting oversubscribed trip. If your child would like to take part in water based activities which include Wind surfing, Kayaking, Sailing, Swimming and Land based activities low ropes, Archery and Orienteering, then this trip is for them.

Sleeping under canvas for 4 nights, on an island off the south coast of Britain will be a great experience for them; they will come back with new skills, new friends and hopefully very tired!

Student comments from last year's trip were ' "Life changing experience" "Great food", "Will have lots of memories from this great trip" and "Can we go again next year?"

We are leaving Manshead early on Monday 18th July and the cost is £260.

If you are interested please email or come and see me ASAP

Mr Young
Teacher Food Studies
youngj@mansheadschool.co.uk

GCSE SCIENCE SUPPORT

The Science department would like to inform all parents that we will be distributing GCSE examination pre-release material to all students studying Additional Science in Year 10, and all GCSE Science students in Year 11.

The pre-release material is distributed before the Ideas in Context examinations. The students are required to read, understand, and research the issues surrounding the articles in the pre-release materials.

The Science department will be supporting all students in lessons in preparation for their Ideas in Context examination, but it is also essential that students

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complete the work required at home.

In addition, Mr Payne will be running coursework support sessions in the library every Monday after school. These will run from 3.15 until 4.30pm every Monday. These sessions are open to all Year 10 and Year 11 students wishing to improve their Science coursework.

E. Norton
Science Innovator

STARLIGHT FOUNDATION

On 16th February, Channel 5 showed the first in a series of programmes featuring the work of the Starlight Foundation who are a charity for children coping with serious illness. The programme featured the family of a Manshead student **Danielle Griffin**, whose sister Beccy had her wish to meet celebrity presenters Holly Willoughby and Fearne Cotton granted. After the programme was aired, Danielle and a group of students asked if they could do some fundraising for this worthwhile cause and they worked extremely hard selling raffle tickets at the production of 'Fame' and baking several hundred cakes to be sold during the interval! At the final count, the amount raised was over £330. Much to their delight, Mr Parker announced that the school would be donating funds to bring the total up to £500! We would like to thank everyone who supported us by buying tickets and donating prizes. Thanks to local businesses **Lombardo's, The Butcher, Big City Gas Co, Bargain Booze and Chicks Crop Shop** for their donations of prizes and money.

We are planning some more fundraisers in the near future so watch this space!

Shani Hawkins
Work Experience Administrator

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be displayed on Monday 28th March until Friday 1st April. This will be displayed outside student services office in C block social area. Any items named will be returned to the student.

Thank you.

Mrs Karen Taylor
Department Services

DUNSTABLE GIGS

The above are a local non-profit organisation which put on live music events .

They would now like to share their knowledge and experience with local young people aged 14 – 19 who are interested in learning Events Management skills. They will be mentored by local promotion professionals and given the opportunity to learn sound engineering by a senior technician at the Grove Theatre.

More information available from:
Amy Sinclair at dunstablegigs@live.com

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		Assessment / Exams	Trips / parent events / other student events
28/03/2011	Mon		
29/03/2011	Tue	GCSE Art Exam (Mr Travell's & Mrs Moody's groups)	School Dance show 7.30pm
30/03/2011	Wed	GCSE Art Exam (Mr Travell's & Mrs Moody's groups)	
31/03/2011	Thu	GCSE Art Exam (Mrs Williams & Mrs Cawte's groups)	
01/04/2011	Fri	GCSE Art Exam (Mrs Williams & Mrs Cawte's groups)	
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	AS & A2 Level Dance (all day, Main Hall / Gym)	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