

# Manshead School

# Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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## INFORMATION & DATES ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Welcome back after the Easter break – I hope that everyone has come back refreshed after the extended holiday period.

During this week we distributed our annual parents' questionnaire survey for students to take home and we would be most grateful if you could take some time to complete the questionnaire and return it to school. The results of the questionnaire are very useful to the school in helping us determine our school improvement plan. This will be the third time we have conducted the survey and the feedback we had in the last two years has helped us to make a number of improvements to the school and to address issues raised by parents. To give us the best picture of parent views it is really important to get as many people taking part in the questionnaire as possible so I would urge you to make a response. We are aiming to have all the responses in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Some parents asked last year if there was an electronic version of the questionnaire available. The company we work with to conduct the survey recommend the paper version as, although they offer an internet version, the response rate is so low that the results are not valid. All students will also have their say in a separate questionnaire that will be issued next week.

In the meantime this term is a very important one for all our students but particularly those who are taking GCSE or A-level exams. Students should be well in to their revision programme by now – if you have any concerns about revision do not hesitate to contact the Learning Guide at school. Students know about their exam leave dates already but we have included them again elsewhere in this Newsletter as a reminder.

**Jim Parker**  
Headteacher

## NEW TIMETABLE

This year the school has decided to start the new academic year timetable early. This means that students in Year 9 at the moment will start their Year 10 timetables on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June. Students in Year 10 at the moment will start their Year 11 timetables. We have done this to enable us to make better use of the second half of the summer term. Starting the new timetable will require students to adapt to new groups and routines, however, we are confident that the opportunities that will arise from starting the year early will be very beneficial. We will be explaining this to students in more detail over the coming weeks. If in the meantime your son or daughter, who you think is in Year 9, comes home and says I am starting Year 10 in June – don't worry, they are correct!

**Jim Parker**  
Headteacher

## EXAM LEAVE DATES

The following exam leave periods apply.

### **For Year 11 students**

From now until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May lessons will run as normal. All students should attend all lessons during this time. The only exception to this is in the last two weeks before the half term holiday (17<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May) when some GCSE written papers start. If students have an exam in the morning they would be expected to attend lessons for the rest of the day (after a 30 minute break following the end of an exam). If students have an exam in the afternoon they may choose to be at home revising or be in school in lessons. If a student is at home revising parents will need to have sent a note to the student's Learning Guide beforehand.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May is the last day that the whole year group will be in school and by tradition becomes the 'memory' day. Students will have time to have their

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shirts signed, take photos etc before attending a Year 11 leavers assembly. For Year 11 students school will end at 1.25pm. We expect students to behave appropriately and responsibly during this special day. If students do not behave appropriately they will be sent home and will not be able to attend the Prom. Unless students have an exam on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May they will not be expected to be in school on this day. The school is open as usual for all other students.

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June all Year 11 lessons are suspended as there are many exams taking place. Our general rule during this period is that students should either be in an exam, in an organised revision session, in a study room working quietly or revising at home. If students are in school they should be wearing full school uniform and we would expect them to follow the normal behaviour expectations.

The exam period ends on June 28th and this marks the end point of Year 11. For those students returning to the Sixth Form the induction programme is on 29<sup>th</sup> June - further information will be posted to you about this event.

**For Year 12 students**

Exam leave starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May and students continuing their studies in to Year 13 should return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**For Year 13 students**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May will be the last day in school for Year 13 students.

**Jim Parker**  
Headteacher

**YEAR 10 MOCKS & YEAR 9 FUNCTIONAL SKILLS (ENGLISH)**

Year 10 Mock exams are due to take place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May. Year 9 Functional Skills 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Please remind your son/daughter of the following:  
**All exam regulations apply to Mocks as well as to Functional Skills exams.**  
**No bags to be brought to the exam hall.**  
**Mobile phones and MP3 players to be turned off before entry to the hall and placed in wallet provided.**  
**Correct equipment – black pens, pencil, rubber, and ruler. Clear pencil case.**  
**Water bottle must have label removed.**  
**Please arrive promptly for your exam.**

All students have been given an exam timetable but if they have misplaced theirs a replacement can be obtained from the exams office for 20p.

Thank you for your assistance

**Heather Murray**  
Exams Officer

**SCIENCE**

Calling all Year 11 & Year 10 students!!!

In preparation for your exams, Revision sessions are being held in the Science block in the following rooms – Please see table below.



What module	When	Where	With who
B123	Wednesdays lunchtime	S6	Mr Payne
B456	Wednesdays lunchtime	S6	Miss O'Neill
B7	Mondays after school	S4	Mr Payne
C123	Fridays after school	S2	Mrs Norton
C456	Fridays lunchtime	S2	Mrs Norton
P456	Fridays lunchtime	S6	Mr Payne & Miss O'Neill
P7	Fridays after school	S1	Mr Cullen
Scientific Detection	Thursdays lunchtime	S7	Ms Carey

To have the additional support to achieve more from your exams it is advised that you come along!

**Janine O'Neill**  
Science Teacher

**NEW LIBRARY BOOK**

**“Scorpia Rising” by Anthony Horowitz**

**The Last Alex Rider novel**

This shocking and gripping final mission brings together Alex Rider's old enemies to frame the teenage superspy in an unstoppable plot of revenge, from which he can never return.



Pursued from Europe to North Africa and Cairo's city of the dead – this is the darkest and most deadly plot of any Alex Rider mission yet, and will reveal Smithers' ultimate gadget and see the shock death of a major character.

Available to borrow from the school library.

**Mrs S Yates**  
Librarian

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## **ISLAND CHALLENGE ACTIVITY TRIP – JULY 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2011**

We would like to invite you and your child to an information meeting regarding the Island Challenge Activity Trip if your child is attending this year.

This meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the main school hall starting at 6.00pm.

You will need to fill out a medical form at this meeting; please bring Doctor's address, emergency phone numbers etc. At this meeting you will be able to find out more about the trip, see last year's photos, collect kit list and ask questions. You will be able to meet staff from the Activity centre we will be attending.

If you are unable to attend this meeting please let me know by email, as it is important we pass this information on to you.

Just to remind you about the next payment dates:

### **1) Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

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 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 at the email address below.

**Mr J Young**  
Trip Co-ordinator  
[youngj@mansheadschoo.co.uk](mailto:youngj@mansheadschoo.co.uk)

## **REVISION FOR GCSE CATERING EXAM**

**To help students with Year 11 Revision for GCSE Catering Exam (Exam on 18th May)**

**Students should be doing the following tasks:**

Reading Text book (WJEC GCSE Hospitality and Catering: (Student Book) - still copies available in the school library.

Answer exam questions in above book.

Answer all old exam papers (6) which are on the food pages (Year 11 food pages)

Read PowerPoint on the portal. (Year 11 food pages)

Revisit notes made in theory lessons.

**Good Luck**

**Mr J Young**  
Teacher Food Studies

## **SPORT AT MANSHEAD**

**Year 10 Rounder's**  
**Manshead v Cedars**  
**Player of the Match - Kate Lennon**

For the first match of the season we played fantastically. We beat Cedars 18 1/2 rounders to 13. Kate was our star batter who was whacking the ball with confidence. Sam was our most perceptive fielder who managed to gain a few sneaky 1/2 rounders and Briony fielded superbly preventing many points being scored.

As a team you all played brilliantly; I was so impressed. Check the board for the team sheet. Next games:

- **17th May - Away against Harlington**
- **7th June - Home against Queensbury**
- **21st June - Away against All Saints**

**Miss N Cross**  
PE Teacher

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		<b>Assessment / Exams</b>	<b>Trips / parent events / other student events</b>
09/05/2011	<b>Mon</b>	Y10 exams	
10/05/2011	<b>Tue</b>	Y10 exams Y9 Functional Skills in English exams GCSE Dance – practical moderation (all day, Main Hall / Gym)	
11/05/2011	<b>Wed</b>	Y10 exams	
12/05/2011	<b>Thu</b>	Y10 exams	
13/05/2011	<b>Fri</b>	Y10 exams	Y12 Study Leave starts
14/05/2011	Sat		DofE Weekend – Yr 10 Bronze group
15/05/2011	Sun		DofE Weekend – Yr 10 Bronze group
16/05/2011	<b>Mon</b>	Start of summer exam period	Y10 Work Experience - Campbell, Dylan & Grey Thompson.
17/05/2011	<b>Tue</b>	Year 12 AS Level Drama & Theatre Studies Exam 6pm (Students off timetable from P5, 15 Yr 12 students involved)	Y10 Work Experience - Campbell, Dylan & Grey Thompson.
18/05/2011	<b>Wed</b>		Y10 Work Experience - Campbell, Dylan & Grey Thompson. Governors Finance 4pm
19/05/2011	<b>Thu</b>		Y10 Work Experience - Campbell, Dylan & Grey Thompson. Year 10 History trip to Amsterdam
20/05/2011	<b>Fri</b>		Y10 Work Experience - Campbell, Dylan & Grey Thompson. Year 10 History trip to Amsterdam
21/05/2011	Sat		Year 10 History trip to Amsterdam
22/05/2011	Sun		
23/05/2011	<b>Mon</b>		Full Governors meeting 7pm
24/05/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
25/05/2011	<b>Wed</b>	GCSE Science Module (Y10 triple science students modules P4,5 & 6) am	
26/05/2011	<b>Thu</b>		Year 11 Study Leave starts GCSE Art Exhibition 6:30pm – 8:00pm
27/05/2011	<b>Fri</b>		Year 13 Study Leave starts
28/05/2011	Sat		
29/05/2011	Sun		
30/05/2011	<b>Mon</b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>	
31/05/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
01/06/2011	<b>Wed</b>		
02/06/2011	<b>Thu</b>		
03/06/2011	<b>Fri</b>		
04/06/2011	Sat		
05/06/2011	Sun		
06/06/2011	<b>Mon</b>	<b>New timetable begins</b> Year 10 reports sent home this week	<b>New timetable begins</b> Year 12 return from Study Leave
07/06/2011	<b>Tue</b>		
08/06/2011	<b>Wed</b>		
09/06/2011	<b>Thu</b>		Y10 History revision day Governors Pay and Personnel 4pm
10/06/2011	<b>Fri</b>		
11/06/2011	Sat		
12/06/2011	Sun		
13/06/2011	<b>Mon</b>		Y12 return from study leave

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16/06/2011	Thu		
17/06/2011	Fri		
18/06/2011	Sat		
19/06/2011	Sun		
20/06/2011	Mon		
21/06/2011	Tue		College Dance competition (lunchtime)
22/06/2011	Wed	GCSE Science Modules (Y10 and Y11 additional science students modules B4,5 & 6) am.	
23/06/2011	Thu		Governors Student Welfare 4pm
24/06/2011	Fri		
25/06/2011	Sat		
26/06/2011	Sun		
27/06/2011	Mon	Y10 Target setting Y10 Geography controlled assessments this week Y10 Spanish, French & German controlled assessments this week	Gifted & Talented geography middle school visit this week.
28/06/2011	Tue	Summer exam period ends GCSE Science modules (Y10 triple science students modules C4,5 & 6) am	
29/06/2011	Wed	Year 12 Induction Day	A-Level Art exhibition 6:30pm – 8:00pm Governors Finance 4pm
30/06/2011	Thu		
01/07/2011	Fri		
02/07/2011	Sat		DofE Weekend – Yr 10 Bronze group
03/07/2011	Sun		DofE Weekend – Yr 10 Bronze group
04/07/2011	Mon		Year 10 Work experience - King, McCartney and Picasso
05/07/2011	Tue		<b>Y9 Induction Day</b> Year 10 Work experience – King, McCartney and Picasso
06/07/2011	Wed		<b>Y9 Induction Day</b> Year 10 Work experience – King, McCartney and Picasso
07/07/2011	Thu		Y12 Futures Day Year 10 Work experience – King, McCartney and Picasso Governors Health and Safety 4pm
08/07/2011	Fri		Year 10 Work experience – King, McCartney and Picasso
09/07/2011	Sat		Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing
10/07/2011	Sun		Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing
11/07/2011	Mon	Year 9 Reports sent home this week	Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing Full Governors meeting 4pm
12/07/2011	Tue		Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing
13/07/2011	Wed		Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing
14/07/2011	Thu		School Summer concert 7pm Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing
15/07/2011	Fri		Paris Art Visit German Exchange outgoing

