

Manshead School

Parent email newsletter 20th October 2011

As parents know we have been trying different approaches to communication in an effort to make sure that important information finds its way home. Our fortnightly newsletter has until now been a mixture of reminders and celebrations and all sorts of things and we have been sending this out as an attachment to an email. This is probably not the most direct way to get important reminders home so we are proposing to split the newsletter into two separate pieces of communication now; firstly, a weekly or fortnightly email with an emphasis on brevity and important reminders and secondly a longer termly or half-termly document with an emphasis on sharing and celebrating successes. Here is our first weekly email in the new style. Please do let us know what you think - all that matters is whether it works for parents!

Jim Parker

Headteacher

Examinations 2011

To all Staff & Students at Manshead School

I am writing to you all, on behalf of the Governing Body, to say a very big WELL DONE for your incredible achievements and exam successes this year. I understand from Mr Parker that it has been a record year for our students achieving 78% A*-Cs grades at GCSE with 56% achieving 5 A*-Cs including English and Maths. Also, I believe the A level results were very impressive this year with all students achieving progression to their chosen universities or employment.

Excellent News – Well Done Everyone !

Gill Short

(Chair of Governors)

PE Kit

As a reminder the following is compulsory kit for the Autumn term: black shorts, Manshead polo shirt, rugby shirt/jumper, white football socks, shin pads, studded boots and trainers. Black tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside between October and Easter. It is departmental policy to bring PE kit

to all lessons, regardless of ailment or injury. Please can all students make sure that they bring the correct kit to all PE lessons.

Facial Piercings

A number of students have been wearing nose studs and other facial piercings to school in recent weeks. I would like to remind all students and parents that we do not permit nose studs and other facial piercings to be worn in school. Students found wearing them will be asked to remove them. Thanks for your support with this

Year 11 Consultations

These will be held on Wednesday 9th November from 4.30pm until 7.30pm. Letters and appointment booking sheets have been handed to all Year 11 students (copies attached). We really hope to see you (and your son/daughter too) at this event - the three-way relationship between school, student and home is so critical. Please do make sure that you get to see your son or daughter's Learning Guide too

Year 9 Whipsnade Trip

As part of the year 9 Design & Technology course students have been invited to join a trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The trips are on Monday Nov 14th (X Band), Tuesday Nov 15th (Y Band) and Wednesday Nov 16th (Z Band). This trip is an important part of the research for the students' technology projects. The trip costs £11 and consent forms and payments need to be with Student Services by Tuesday November 1st. (Letter and consent form attached.)

Sports Results

Results and Roll of Honour

U18 Hockey: Manshead 1 - Vandyke 1 (Roll of Honour: Sam Patel)

Yr 10 Football (District Cup): Manshead 9 - Oakbank 1 (Roll of Honour: Callum Horgan, Jake Arch, Brayden Judge, Josh Mundy)

Yr 9 Football (District Cup): Manshead 4 - Cedars 4 (Roll of Honour: Connor Blennerhassett, Kai Gardner, Jamaal Jackson, Daniel Grantham)

Yr 10 Football (County Cup): Manshead 1 - Sam Whit 1 (Roll of Honour: Robbie Dill, Olakayode Awomolo, Josh McGeoghan)

U16 Girls Football (County Cup): Manshead 5 - Mark Rutherford 1 (Roll of Honour: Emily Tickell, Rebecca Calder, Shannon Mortimer, Briony Clews, Emma Hawkes, Shannon Mortimer)