

July 2006

Dear Parents and Members of the School

1. Staff Farewells

The end of the academic year sees a number of staff leaving Manwood's.

Mr Graham Swindley has worked in the Design Technology Department this year on a temporary contract. He has brought a wealth of experience and a very diligent approach to his teaching for which we are very grateful and we wish him all the best for the future.

Mr Ian Shawcross has for 26 years overseen the development of Manwood's Jazz Band and fostered the musical talent of many students. His inimitable style has been a welcome feature at numerous school concerts over the years and he will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Mrs Lucy Cruttenden has helped cover maternity leave this year in the MFL Department, teaching a Year 12 French Class. We thank her for her valuable contribution and wish her well in the future.

Mrs Christel Vere has worked this year as a Classroom Cover Supervisor as well as teaching in the Design Technology Department. She has also helped out with the CCF. Next year she returns to full-time MFL teaching at a neighbouring grammar school and we wish her all the best.

Miss Nikki Miles joined Manwood's 3 years ago as an NQT. Her contribution to the Maths Department has been excellent and it was no surprise when she gained promotion at another Kent Grammar School. In addition to her maths teaching, Miss Miles has also contributed much to the Girls Games Department, having a keen interest in hockey, and she was also a Resident House Tutor at the Grange boarding house for a time. She has also accompanied a number of school trips abroad. Her talents and enthusiasm will, therefore, be missed and we wish her all the best in her future career.

Miss Sarah Clancy joined the English Department in 2003 and now, after excellent work here, is moving on to another Kent Grammar School to become Second in the Department. In addition to teaching her English examination classes, Miss Clancy welcomed the opportunity to be involved in the teaching of Film Studies A Level and subsequently took charge of that area of the curriculum. She has also helped with drama productions in the school and was Assistant Director of "The Trojan Women". Latterly she took up the challenge of developing a new school web-site and much progress has been made of late in this regard. A very full and rounded contribution, therefore, to life at Manwood's and again we wish her all the best in her future career.

Mrs Anna Madge has been at Manwood's for 17 years as Head of Textiles and Food. Under her leadership the Department has dealt admirably with all the changes imposed on this curriculum area and the examination results have always impressed. Last year an A Level Textiles student scored one of the highest marks in the country. Mrs Madge's concern for her students and commitment to her colleagues and wider life of the school has always been very evident and much appreciated by students and staff alike. These very human qualities will mean that she will be missed greatly and we wish her all the very best in the future.

Mrs Barbara Humphreys has also been at the school for 17 years. For a long period of time she was Head of the Chemistry Department and for a lesser period also Assistant Head of Sixth Form. In recent times she has shed these responsibilities to focus on her classroom teaching. The examination results achieved by the Chemistry Department testify to Mrs Humphrey's expertise and I remember well during our last OfSTED inspection, the Lead Inspector coming straight to my office after having observed Mrs Humphreys teach, to tell me what a superb teacher she was. We all know this to be the case and she will be missed but now we must wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mr David Stone's length of service at Manwood's, 36 years, of itself indicates a career of remarkable commitment to the school. Mr Stone's passion for his subject, and the excellent teaching thereof, has undoubtedly sustained him over these years and means that anyone who sits in his classroom today will have experienced the same level of enthusiasm and rigour as would have been evident to his pupils in the 1970's. Mr Stone has been for many years Head of the French Department and when the school successfully bid for Language College Status he was the obvious choice for Language College Director. His experience has also been brought to bear as a member of the School Management Team. Nor should we forget that for many years Mr Stone made a major contribution to the boarding community as a Resident House Tutor. Manwood's has been the beneficiary of an outstanding colleague and we wish Mr Stone all the best in his retirement.

2. Car Use and Parking

We welcome the improvements made to Manwood Road this year. As we share our school entrances on Manwood Road and St George's Road with people who live on these roads, it is important that parents and other car users drive slowly and park considerately near the School at all times. Space is tight but please do not block school entrances or residents' driveways when collecting children or visiting the School, and please allow for the movement of the School buses, especially at the end of the school day. Cars are not allowed on School grounds without express permission. The School also supports initiatives to reduce car journeys in the vicinity of the School via its School Travel Plan, drawn up and agreed with Kent Highways; this encourages parents to make full use of public transport, and to drop off and collect children up to half a mile from the School - this promotes walking and helps to reduce congestion.

3. Insurance of personal property and musical instruments

Parents are reminded that any items brought onto School premises must be insured by parents against loss, theft and damage etc as the School cannot accept any responsibility or liability for such items. Household contents insurance may give some cover but if in doubt please ensure you have the necessary cover in place. We discourage pupils bringing valuable items into school if at all possible; any that are brought in must be fully insured and properly looked after by the pupil. If in doubt please check with the School Office or leave the item at home.

4. Lost property

Each term we collect many bags and unclaimed items of unnamed clothing and an increasing number of mobile phones and iPod/MP3-type music players etc. These are kept until the end of each term and then recycled or donated to charity - the amount of such items, some quite expensive, is extraordinary. The bringing of valuables into School is heavily discouraged, but if any such items are brought in they must be insured (as above) and clearly marked at least with the pupil's name - in this way we may have more chance of reuniting lost property and clothing with their owners and saving parents money and the hassle of buying new things! We also collect many sports bags and pieces of kit and equipment (hockey sticks etc), many of which are not cheap and inexplicably are never claimed.

5. School meals

For some time we have been providing a varied, healthily balanced, vending-machine-free and value-for-money catering service for pupils at Break and Lunchtime, and we are also working with KCC to ensure that any additional changes necessary for the introduction of the Government's Nutrition Standards are implemented. We ask all parents to encourage their children to use the catering facilities and to eat the nutritious school meals provided; we allow plenty of time in the timetable for all pupils to have access to a proper meal. However for those parents who still feel they want to provide their children with a packed lunch, we ask that you avoid high fat- & sugar-content items and provide a balanced and filling lunch box - using the School's catering service may seem much more attractive once the reality of school meals at Manwood's in the modern era is appreciated. The Catering Manager will be happy to discuss with parents any queries and also any special dietary needs of any individual pupils.

6. School Web-Site

Under the leadership of Miss Sarah Clancy the school has been developing a new web-site. A lot of progress has been made and I would now like to commend it you for a visit. The address is: www.srms.kent.sch.uk

We now need a lot of "hits" so that it will come up on the first page of any Google search. There is still more to be done and not too far in the future I would like to think it could become a significant vehicle for communication between school and parents.

7. Capital Investment in Facilities

I can confirm that Manwood Road has been improved and it is not an illusion!

We have also received a £400,000 grant from KCC as part of their Modernisation Programme. This will enable us to completely refurbish the four old Science laboratories and to re-equip the Design Technology Workshop with new furniture and some state of the art equipment. This will all happen during the course of the next academic year.

8. Attendance

I am sure you have read in the newspapers the government's concern about pupil absenteeism from school, particularly families taking holidays during term time. Undoubtedly this does create problems for pupils and can I encourage all families to avoid doing this if at all possible.

Lateness to school is another area of concern for a minority of pupils which hinders their progress.

I thought I ought to bring to your attention that Kent Local Authority have introduced Penalty Notices of £50 for unauthorised absence from school and these can be issued for excessive holiday in term time and persistent lateness after the register has closed.

9. *The Good Schools Guide*

We have recently been visited by a representative of this organisation and Manwood's is to be featured in their Guide which will be out in the Autumn Term.

The Good Schools Guide makes a number of A Level Awards each year and the following Departments were recipients this year:

- ❖ Government and Politics for the best results at A Levels achieved by both boys and girls at a Selective School.
- ❖ Film Studies for best results at A Level by girls at a Selective School.
- ❖ General Studies for best results at A Levels by boys at a Selective School.

10. *Uniform*

The School's uniform regulations are in the Homework Diaries that are issued to all pupils. Please take note of them before going out to prepare for next term. The School Outfitters is Ernest Newson and they have shops both in Dover and Ramsgate. Of late we have been concerned with the high and stiletto type heeled shoes that some girls have taken to wearing. Please avoid these as they are not suitable and indeed do damage to some of the floor surfaces in school.

11. *The Boarding Community*

Both the Grange and the Lodge boarders have had busy terms fitting in lots of activities around their work and important public exams.

The hot weather has seen both houses make full use of the swimming pool. The Grange visited TreeJumpers for further outdoor challenges and had a very exciting and tiring day there. They also went paintballing near Sevenoaks on another very full day. The Lodge had a house trip to the Marlowe Theatre to see "Beauty and the Beast". Many girls from Year 9 to Year 12 have also been very involved in Duke of Edinburgh expeditions this term.

Mr Tony Smith at the Lodge, and Mr Matthew Vere at the Grange, are giving up their Tutor roles at the end of this term. We thank them both for all their hard work and hope they will continue to drop in on the boarders to check up on how things are going.

12. *School Profile*

This is a DfES initiative to replace the Annual Report of Governors to Parents and Parents' Meeting that followed.

The Report and Meeting will no longer happen. The School Profile is presently being completed on-line and will be able to be accessed by logging on to www.parentscentre.gov.uk.

13. Music Department

The Summer Term has been as busy and varied as ever for the music department. The early part of the term was dominated by exam coursework completion which included some commendable GCSE and AS performances and very good recitals by A2 candidates Jamie Speed and Rob Turner.

Year 10 and 12 music students were involved in a programme of composition workshops working alongside composers Basil Athanasiadis and Martin Suckling on a series of compositions which were premiered by professional performers in Deal Festival concerts in St George's Church Deal on June 30th and in Deal Town Hall on July 6th.

The International Week in school which focused on Central and South America saw a successful whole day of Samba workshops led by Peter Cook on July 11th for the whole of Year 8 and music students in Years 10 and 12.

The department launched its new *Overture* scheme this term which allows pupils to receive a series of free trial lessons on specific musical instruments. This term we have offered lessons on saxophone & guitar and 18 pupils are currently benefiting from this opportunity. *Overture* also held a whole day of brass workshops giving every student in Year 7 the opportunity to play a trumpet, euphonium or trombone and a number of pupils are going on to receive further lessons for free. It is hoped that participation in *Overture* will lead on to regular lessons and a lifelong interest in these musical instruments. Watch out for further *Overture* schemes starting in the new academic year.

A number of our students were involved in external music events this term including performances for the Rotary Club in Deal, and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of St Mary's Church, Sandwich. A group of Manwood's students also attended a concert and workshops around the Mozart celebrations at Bourne Park on July 7th. Several piano pupils of Lady Douglas took part in the recent Clovelly Piano Competition at St Edmund's School, Dover and Matthew Gwyn, Tom Watmough and Angela Liu got through to the final rounds in their own categories. Well done to them.

The School Choir and String Group took part in a joint concert with the Manwood Singers at St Mary's Church, Sandwich performing the *Gloria* and string music by Antonio Vivaldi. Year 12 music student Alex Madgwick also sang the soprano solo in Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*.

The term ended with Rock & Pop concerts on July 19th and 20th showcasing a number of student bands and soloists, including quite a few Year 13s who have contributed so much to concerts in the past and for whom these were their last performances in school. We wish them well in all that they go on to achieve in music in the future.

The department says farewell and thank you to Ian Shawcross who is retiring from instrumental teaching after over 25 years with Manwoods. A Farewell Concert took place on July 11th and included Manwood's Jazz Band as well as Ian's own professional band. Ian will be greatly missed as a teaching colleague as well as for his leadership of the Jazz Band. We wish him well.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to musical activities this term and throughout the year and we look forward to all that the new school year brings.

14. Creative Partnerships

A recent innovation for the school has been its collaboration with Creative Partnerships Kent, a government-backed initiative to encourage creative learning and teaching techniques in schools. Manwoods has been actively involved in two principal projects this year. **Shift** has been a project aimed at Year 7s working alongside students from Sandwich Tech and Year 6s from Sandwich Junior to explore the idea of transitions and change. A number of staff from all three schools have worked with creative practitioners in the areas of music, film and sculpture and a very successful multi-media event was presented at Sandwich Junior school on July 3rd. Some of the exhibit has gone on to be displayed in the CP Gallery in Margate.

The **Box Clever Theatre Company** worked alongside four members of Manwood's Staff earlier in the term to provide creative approaches to teaching and learning in subjects as diverse as Science, Maths, Sports Science and German.

Our relationship with Creative Partnerships Kent is set to continue next year with some more interesting and exciting projects planned.

15. Drama

Drama activities have continued to flourish in school through extra-curricular clubs and also via the GCSE and A Level coursework demands. The Year 11's entered the exam with much confidence as they had had a very successful two years of coursework performances which make up 60% of their final mark. They were commended by the AQA external moderator for the high standard of their work and the very positive and supportive approach that they took towards their preparation and working as a group.

This term also saw the Year 10's undertake their first major Drama coursework performance of Act 3 of 'The Crucible'. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Coles have been very pleased with their focus and commitment and maturity in preparation and performance and they will enter Year 11 next term with a very solid foundation.

This year we have had a very strong, focused and enthusiastic group of 10 Year 12 students, whose work throughout the year has been exceptional. During the Canterbury Festival (October) they visited the three local theatres for a variety of shows; the highlight being a two man performance of 'The Importance of Being Ernest' which had the audience crying with laughter.

Later in the year they spent the day in London, visiting the Globe and Covent Garden Theatre museums; Dury Lane for a back stage tour; and a challenging performance of 'Sejanus' by Ben Jonson (who also wrote 'Volpone', our set text) by the R.S.C in the West End.

Just after the Easter break the group put on their two devised pieces which were supported by strong portfolios: one piece was set back-stage at an amateur production of 'Romeo and Juliet' and explored the tensions of actors in a confined space and created comedy from mistakes, bad timing etc. The second piece explored the memories of a group of teenagers on a mini-bus on their way from a detention centre to do community service. Both pieces had been influenced by a mime show they had seen by 'Familie Floz' and by their course work on Stanislavsky.

The year was completed with a residential weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon where they watched a fascinating Japanese production of 'Titus Andronicus': the symbolic use of red thread making it less gory than the current one at the Globe, but still full of emotional tension and power.

16. Art

Another very busy term culminating in two exhibitions in School, one showing the pupils' GCSE work and the other AS and A2 work.

A Year 10 trip to Tate Modern saw our pupils standing alongside ex-James Bond, Pierce Brosnan, contemplating the surrealist painting on display.

The géant, Morgan Le Fay, is now complete and ready to take part in processions both within the locality and northern France. Pupils in Year 9 took part in a workshop on heraldry to make designs for flags and banners to accompany the Géant.

A selection of GCSE work went into a public art exhibition at St Peter's Church, Sandwich in July.

Members of year 12 are currently involved in painting a mural at Sandwich Junior School based on a jungle scene which incorporates images made by Junior pupils. Adam Vian from Year 13 also ran two very successful animation workshops with pupils from years 3-6 from Sandwich Junior School. The 'Shift' project involving pupils from Year 7 culminated in an exciting exhibition at Sandwich Junior School.

17. Work Experience

198 Work Experience placements have been organised this year and all students requesting placements have been offered at least one placement. The majority of work placements take place in Year 11 post-GCSE and the vast majority of these have been provided by a range of very supportive local employers who support the school year on year. However, we also have a number of students on placements in out-of-county locations which include Nottingham, London, Oldham, Kettering, and also a number of international placements have been undertaken in locations as far away as Hong Kong and Canada. These international placements generally prove impossible for school staff to visit; however, rumour has it that the student placed in Calgary, Canada during the summer holidays may get that surprise visit!

A number of the retail work experience placements have once again resulted in summer jobs being offered to our students.

Universities are increasingly looking to the successful completion of appropriate work experience to help distinguish between applicants. We are therefore pleased to help 6th formers undertake work experience placements during their vacations and an increasing number are seeking to do this.

18. Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This term has been very busy on the expedition front. 30 Year 10 students have successfully completed their Bronze practice and qualifying expeditions. Their qualifying expedition involved a range of routes, walking 24 – 32 km over the two days through Bedgebury forest, around Bewl Water and the surrounding countryside in the High Weald of Kent.

20 Year 9 students have also completed their Bronze practice expeditions and seven of the students have thoroughly enjoyed a lifeboat course in Dover as part of their service section. The course involved amongst other things witnessing a launch, putting to sea with the crew, observing exercises such as the 'man overboard' situation, navigation exercises, radar and search demonstrations. They were also able to handle some of the apparatus and go in the inflatable Y boat.

Year 12 students prepared and participated in a practice Silver Expedition over three days walking approximately 55km. Their route involved part of the North Downs Way and they are now looking forward to their qualifying expedition in the Ashdown Forest in late October.

19. Young Enterprise

Our two Young Enterprise companies attended the Dover Area Board final on 27th April. 'Imagine' won Best Company and Best Report and went on to the Kent Finals on May 10th at Kent University, where they presented their company very well, just missing out on further trophies.

Congratulations to all those concerned.

20. Edge Hill Mathematics Challenge

This is a national competition organised by Edge Hill University in Ormskirk, Lancs. for Year 9 pupils working in groups.

Manwood's entered 5 groups into the first round competing against 250 entries nationwide. 2 groups were invited to enter the 2nd round and 1 group was invited to the final round Presentation Day along with 29 other successful schools.

This group comprised:

Rosie Burnham, Sheena Edwards, Jasmine Knight and Charlotte Swanson

In Ormskirk, each group had to explain to and then discuss with the judges how they had reached their solution. Rose and Sheena met the challenge well and although not placed in the top 3 did superbly well to reach the final.

21. Schools Charity Work

This year's charity has been Leukaemia Research and over £4,000 has been raised for this cause, notably by many cake stalls and individual efforts and also a Charity Week in the Spring Term which is a major fundraiser.

In the last days of this term the Lower Sixth form have raised almost £1,000 for an HIV and AIDS charity, founded by an Old Manwoodian, Matthew Craven and supported by two others, Luke Bradford and Hannah O'Keefe. This money will be used at Christmas 2006 to help start an AIDS awareness course in the Solomon Islands. Also by the efforts of just one pupil, Jeannette Smith, two desks will be able to be purchased for the GAMBLE project, to help refurbish a school in The Gambia.

Another individual who raised money for a particular charity was Pearl Gibb. Pearl spoke in a School Assembly on the fight against meningitis and septicaemia and subsequently raised £151 by holding collections in school.

22. The International Dimension

One of the highlights of this term was the visit of 8 students and 3 staff from Hengshui High School, our partner school in Hebei Province, China. Many thanks to those families and staff who accommodated a guest and helped with the organised programme of activities.

We presently have two parties of students and staff in China. One comprising Lower Sixth form students is teaching English to Chinese students at Hengshui. Having completed the two week Summer School they will have a week's R&R in Beijing.

The other group also visited Hengshui before flying on to Kunming in Southern China where they are staying at a University. Each day they have Mandarin lessons in the morning, and excursions and activities in the afternoon and evening.

The penultimate week of term was designated International Week with a focus on Central and South America. A very varied programme of activities provided by both our own staff and students and outside expertise has encompassed music, dance, food and talks exploring issues such as "Street Children", growing up in Peru and Mexico and spending a GAP year in Central America.

23. Thanet Mathematics Competition

On Wednesday 12th July, the school hosted the yearly Thanet Mathematics Competition. Fourteen teams of three students were entered from Clarendon House, Chatham House, St George's, Dane Court and Sandwich Technology School as well as Manwood's. As usual, the standard of questions was demanding, set by John Plant the Kent Maths advisor, and the competitive spirit very evident. A close competition was won, after 90 minutes of hard graft, by a Manwood's team. The team members were Elliott Goodrich, Andrew Ross-Parker and Gavin Chan. It was very good to host this event, with friendships with the other schools being renewed. It was also excellent that a team from the host school triumphed against such strong opposition.

24. AS/A2 Resists

Just a brief reminder that in future students will be required to pay the examination entry fee for all AS/A2 resit examinations. This will bring us into line with schools across the country.

25. "Manners Maketh Man" and Woman

I would like to share with you an email which I recently received:

Subject: a note of thanks

"My sister and I were waiting for a bus in Sandwich at 4pm on Friday. There were a lot of young people from your school also waiting for the bus who surged forward as it arrived at the stop. We were, however, ushered to the front by them and allowed to get on the bus first. We were tremendously impressed by their courtesy and congratulate you and them. You must be very proud of your pupils."

26. CCF

The CCF has had a busy term. The Band led the Parade in Sandwich on Civic Sunday. Inspection Day in May went very well although poor weather prevented the planned arrival of the Inspecting Officer, an Old Manwoodian by helicopter.

The Annual Camp this year is taking place in the last week of term at Wathgill in Yorkshire.

27. Girls Games

The girls' tennis teams have enjoyed a very successful season. Under the captaincy of Hannah Michael (12L) they have celebrated wins over Dover College and Duke of York's, and the junior teams retained the District Invitation Tournament Cup, held at Walmer Tennis Club. Once again several local fixtures were cancelled by the opposition because they were unable to raise a team. This was disappointing and we may need to travel further a field for matches next year.

In athletics the girls' teams have performed exceptionally well, proving that there is great strength in depth. Early in the season the Junior team beat six other schools to win the South East Kent Championships, which was held at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. As a result of this Roanna Hamilton (Hurdles) and Amy Hill-Turner (800m) were selected to compete in the County Championships. Roanna Hamilton became the Girls U15 Kent Hurdle Champion after achieving a personal best time at the County Championships held at Ashford.

There are also some very promising athletes lower down the school who put in a good team effort to win the Powell Trophy and also the triangular match against Astor and Sandwich Technology School.

All the rounders teams were unbeaten throughout the season and the highlight for them was winning the U12, U13 and U14 District Tournaments. Very well done to everyone who took part in the school teams this term.

28. Boys Games

Boys' tennis has had a very successful term entering a number of competitions. Good wins were recorded against St Edmunds, Canterbury and Dover College.

The Dover District Tournament for Years 7 to 9 was won comprehensively. Teams were also entered in the Kent Schools Tennis Tournament held at Bromley. Although none progressed beyond the group stages, the opportunity to play against top county players was very much enjoyed.

The athletics season was also very busy. An Under 16 and Senior competition held at the Duke of York's saw Manwood's finish in a creditable 3rd place.

At the South Kent Championships held at the Julie Rose Stadium the Year 8/9 team finished in 1st place and the Year 10/11 team 3rd.

In the Powell Trophy Competition the boys' team was just beaten into 2nd place by 3 points.

Notable performances during the season and on Sports Day were achieved by: Kenny Ojini (Triple Jump), Jason Read (800m, 1500m), Sam Weller (Senior Captain), Chris Ralph (U16 Captain), Romain Dennison (Yr9 100m), Adam Asher (Yr8 100m) and Chris Thomas (Yr7 800m, 1500m).

A very busy term of cricket has seen many fixtures for teams in every age group.

The U12's scored some notable victories over St Lawrence College, Kent College and Harvey Grammar School. They have reached the final of the Thanet Cup where they will face Chatham House Grammar School.

The U13's had a string of victories against Chatham House Grammar School, Dover College, St Lawrence College, Ursuline and Dane Court. Their only loss was to a strong Simon Langton side in the Kent Cup.

The U14's have had a mixed season but could end on a high with a Thanet Cup Final appearance awaiting them against Chatham House Grammar School.

The U15's too had a mixed season but posted good victories against St Lawrence College and Dover College.

The 2nd XI had good wins against Chatham House Grammar School and St Lawrence College.

The 1st XI had a pleasing season with good wins against Dover College, Chatham House Grammar School, St Lawrence College and Dover College.

“Cricket Week” at the end of term resulted in convincing victories against a staff XI, the Forty Club, the OM U21’s and a draw against the OM Veterans.

29. Golf

Golf continues to flourish in the school with a solid group of individuals playing to a high standard. This year we entered 4 teams into the British Heart Foundation Golf Championship which is a Stableford competition. Chris Cleary (2nd highest individual score), Ed Cannons (3rd highest individual score) and Joe Douglas and Stephen Chidwick (4th highest team total) had a particularly successful day.

Joe Douglas, Ed Cannons and Stephen Chidwick represented Manwood’s in the Kent Schools Championship, bringing back two very impressive trophies. One was for winning the team competition and the other was awarded to Ed Cannons for best individual score. They now go on to represent Kent in the National Finals in Lancashire. Ed Cannons has qualified to play in the English Boys U16 Championships.

30. Fencing

The school has had a fencing club for a number of years now and so it is good to hear of a student excelling in this field.

Lydia Fuller (8K) recently competed in the Kent Championships and achieved 1st place in the U16 épée and 1st place in the U14 foil.

31. Horse Riding

Lottie Gambrell (8M) and Sarah Gadd (Y10) represented Manwood’s at the National Schools One Day Event which encompasses the disciplines of Dressage, Show jumping and Cross Country. Both gained a very creditable 6th place in their class.

I am acutely conscious of the increasing length of these newsletters. However, I hope they give some insight into the busy nature of life at Manwood’s. The above is far from a comprehensive account of all the activities at school this term and apologies to those that failed to get a mention. For instance, French trips to Boulogne, History trips to the Somme, English theatre trips to London and the activities of the Friends of Manwood’s are just some things deserving of recognition for the contribution they make to school life and for the hard work that went into organising them.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

C R L Morgan
Headteacher