

# Sir Roger Manwood's School

## End of Term Newsletter - Summer 2012



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## **Dear Parents and Members of the School**

### **1. OFSTED Inspection 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – An Outstanding Result**

The Ofsted Inspection near the beginning of term proved to be a very positive experience with the Inspectors judging the school to be outstanding in every respect. The Inspectors make 5 key judgments covering the achievement of the pupils, the quality of teaching, the behaviour and safety of the pupils, the leadership and management of the school and the overall effectiveness of the school. In all 5 key areas the Inspection team awarded the school the top grade.

The Inspectors praised the behaviour of the pupils which they saw as exemplary. They also praised the high quality teaching and guidance from the staff that ensure that all students at all levels make rapid progress towards achieving their challenging individual targets. They viewed the curriculum and the extensive range of high quality enrichment activities on offer as exceptional. They felt the school was led and managed extremely well.

The Inspectors also congratulated the governing body for being effective in supporting and challenging the school to aspire to be the very best.

The boarding community was also inspected and judged to be good, with the potential to become outstanding. The Boarding Inspector confirmed that the boarders enjoy their experience, are happy and very much appreciate the caring support they receive from the boarding staff.

It was very gratifying to receive such positive feedback and everyone should be proud of the contribution they have made to achieve this outstanding result. Our thanks go to the teachers, support staff, governors, students and parents who have all made their contribution to this successful outcome.

### **2. Staff Farewells**

Mr Peter Dean and Mr Howard Pashley have continued to support the activities of the CCF long after they retired from their teaching positions in school. Their contribution has been invaluable and we thank them greatly for all their work as they have indicated that this will be their last year.

Mrs Liz Dack, the Headteacher's PA, is leaving Manwood's to return to work as a Conveyancing Executive at a local law firm. Although her time here has been comparatively brief, she has made a significant impact with her energetic and can do approach. She had a baptism of fire arriving in the midst of our conversion to Academy Status and played an invaluable role in ensuring we met all the tight deadlines imposed. We thank her for all her excellent work and wish her every success in the exciting opportunity that she has been offered at her old stamping ground.

Mrs Martine Hargrave part-time MFL teacher, first came to Manwood's in 2007 to cover for maternity leave. In recent years she has taken on responsibility as the link person with local primary schools, helping to develop MFL teaching there as part of our Specialist College commitment to community work. In this role she has been very successful, organising and running events both for primary school teachers and pupils. We thank her for this important contribution and wish her a very happy retirement.

Mrs Jane Cullis has decided to retire from her position as part-time music teacher after 22 years at Manwood's. During this time she has made a major contribution to the vibrant musical life of the school. Although she will no longer be teaching in the classroom, she will continue to lead the School Orchestra and is also planning to organise another Orchestra and Choir Trip abroad next year. We wish her a happy semi-retirement and are very pleased that she will continue her links with Manwood's, albeit on a reduced scale.

Mr Owen Dyson came to Manwood's in 1979, joining the English Department. As time passed he was promoted to Head of Department and under his leadership the department flourished in the academic results achieved and in the extra-curricular opportunities offered. For example, there were many excellent drama productions in school and also trips organised to the theatre. In 1996 Mr Dyson also took on the role of Head of Sixth Form and, as the Sixth Form grew in size, he gave up the position of Head of English in order to devote his energies entirely to leading this important part of the school. During this period, Mr Dyson also took particular responsibility for debating and public speaking in the school and he established the David Starkey Senior, Middle and Junior Competitions as important events in the school calendar. As Head of English and Head of Sixth Form, Mr Dyson was a member of the Senior Leadership Team and he therefore played an important role contributing to strategy at a wider school level.

In the last few years, Mr Dyson has been teaching part-time having passed on the baton of Head of Sixth Form, and he has now decided to retire fully from teaching. We thank him for his considerable contribution to Manwood's over a long and illustrious career and wish him a very happy retirement.

### **3. Speech Day 2012**

Speech Day next term has been brought forward from the customary Friday before the October half-term to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012. The reasoning behind this change is that it will enable many of the Sixth Form leavers to attend before they go off to university. Many of the prizes are awarded to the Year 13 leavers and it has always been a great shame when they have been unable to attend.

An Old Manwoodian, Mr Jonathan Beale, BBC Defence Correspondent, has kindly agreed to be our Guest Speaker at the event and will present the prizes.

### **4. Newly elected Prefects and Captains of School**

The Year 13 Prefect Body and Captains of School stood down this term after a very successful year. They carried out their duties very conscientiously and responsibly and set an excellent example of leadership to the rest of the school. Elections for the new Prefect Body and Captains were held just prior to the Year 12 students going off on study leave for their AS examinations. On their return to school post-exams they have taken up their role and we wish them an equally successful year ahead. The Captains of School for 2012-2013 are:

Jack West-Sherring  
Ellie Sykes  
Ross Ewen  
Evie Sparkes

### **5. 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2013**

2013 will be a special year in the life of the school as we will be commemorating 450 years since its foundation in 1563. A committee has been set up comprising governors, staff, students, Old Manwoodians and parents to plan events to celebrate Sir Roger Manwood's foresight and benevolence in the best way.

The Committee has not been short on ideas and as they are developed so a clear schedule of events will be made public. One date, perhaps, to reserve in your diary is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 when it is planned that a 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball will be held in school.

## **6. Maths Report**

### **Gifted and Talented**

The Year 7 were entered for the UKMT Junior Challenge, a national maths competition that offers particularly stretching problems for the pupils to solve. The competition is aimed primarily at Year 8, but the timetable meant that only Year 7 were available. The outcome was very pleasing with 5 Gold, 16 Silver and 18 Bronze Certificates being awarded. Gold Certificates were awarded to: Gabriel Lees, Emily Maine, Nathalie Kendrick. Maisie-Jane Tumilty and Hannah Bullard who also received "Certificate for Best in School"

The department also held a UKMT style competition in school for Year 7. Groups of 4 students competed in each form during a mathematics lesson to win the opportunity to take part in a lunch time mathematics relay. Two winning teams took part from each form with house points being awarded to the first four teams. This was a very worthwhile event and will become part of the yearly calendar.

Andrew Carlotti (Y12) goes from strength to strength, and has just returned from Argentina representing Great Britain in the International Maths Olympiad. He was placed 30<sup>th</sup> out of 548 competitors, a fantastic effort.

### **Outreach**

Miss Wadsworth has continued her trips to our local primary feeder schools, other commitments allowing. The focus continues to be number bases and as always the feedback has been very good. The contact made at this stage of a pupil's career is a good thing as it helps with their transition to secondary school. Mr Neeve's mathematics challenges also continue to be sent out to the primary schools on a regular basis and are very well received.

## **7. ICT**

### **British Informatics Olympiad**

Three students took part in the Olympiad. Graham Harris (Year 13) and Alex Dixon (year 12) worked commendably achieving a good range of solutions to the problems set. The results have been received by the school with Graham gaining a Distinction and Alex a Certificate of Participation. Andrew Carlotti (Year 12) performed exceptionally well and was also successful in the final of the Olympiad in Cambridge in April. He will now go on to represent Great Britain as part of a 4 man team travelling to Italy in September.

### **Comenius Hanger Art Project**

The ICT department is working alongside the Art Department in the Hanger Art Project. This came to Manwood's in May with a visit from staff and pupils from the partner schools across Europe. Iceland, Bulgaria, Romania, Germany and the Netherlands were represented in this cross curricular project bringing together art, ICT and the English language. ICT contributed with the creation of the project newsletter and work on the project website. These will be developed further by students next term.

### **Upgrade of Moodle**

After 4 years it was decided to upgrade the school's Moodle VLE in both appearance and functionality. The new look pages have received positive reviews. Much time has been spent by staff who use Moodle regularly and the technicians to gain a good understanding of the new features available.

### **ICT GCSE**

Year 9 students have once again been invited to take ICT GCSE as an after school option. This option will run for two years and be taught by Mrs Wilkinson. The current after school class will move from year 10 to year 11.

## 8. Film Club

Film Club has now been running for two years and is going from strength to strength. Film Club sets out to give students the opportunity to watch, discuss and review films in association with the national Filmclub organisation – [www.filmclub.org](http://www.filmclub.org).

Over the last year we have screened a range of films including Mirror Mask, The Hole, Project Nim, Next year we hope to become more involved with national Filmclub events, including the regular live webcasts with film makers.

Thank you to all members for your contributions to the club this year. We look forward to seeing you and other new members after the holidays.

## 9. Language College Specialism – The International Dimension

### Barcelona 2012

Once again this year's trip to Barcelona in June was a total success. As always, it was oversubscribed and the thirty six students from Years 10 and 11 that went had a fantastic time. The usual tourist sites were visited, with the work of the architect Gaudi being a particular focus, but the students particularly appreciated going out for dinner at a different local restaurant every night which gave them the opportunity to taste a whole variety of Spanish cuisine.

We always go for the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the Summer Solstice, when the citizens of Barcelona go down to the beach in their thousands for a party well into the early hours of the morning. Our students always love this experience if only for the sheer scale of it.

### Comenius

As part of the Comenius Art Project exchange, between Sir Roger Manwood's and schools from Bulgaria, Germany, Holland, Iceland and Romania, spread over this year and the coming school year, Manwood's hosted our European partner schools between 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May, which was a great success. We had outside artists working with participants and the Art department creating sculptures that moved in the wind and which were erected on the beach at Sandwich Bay. On the last full day of their visit, the exchange students and their partners visited London (taking in Damien Hirst's exhibition at Tate Modern) before returning to SRMS for a barbeque, along with the host students' families. Our participating students will be visiting Iceland in October, and Romania in November.



### The Gambia

This year's Gambia trip during the Easter holidays was a great success, led by Chris Buchanan and Chris Pearce. The charity said that they were the best group of students that they have had.

### China and India

Students from our Chinese and Indian partner schools visited this half-term and very much enjoyed their time here. They were all very grateful for the excellent hospitality offered by their host families, who welcomed them into their homes and gave them an insight into life in the UK. A very full schedule of activities and visits was organised for our visitors.

Mr Riordan and Miss Howard are currently in China with a group of our students. They will teach in Hengshui High School's Summer School and also spend a week in Beijing sightseeing.

In October our students and staff will be visiting the Shree Krishna Pranami School in India again.

### **International Week**

International Week focused on Italy this year. Besides activities arranged during lessons by Food Technology, Business Studies, Geography, Science, RE and Maths, there was a football match against Italian students. The highlight of the week was a 3 day workshop and project for Year 7 students with an outside practitioner working alongside the Music, Art and Drama departments, culminating in a performance in the Italian theatre style of Commedia dell'Arte. The Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed it and the staff who gave up their time deserve the credit for what was a very good experience for the Year 7s in the creative process. Next year's focus will be Greece.

## **10. Cambridge Shadowing Experience Scheme**

### **Headstart Day for Oxbridge Applicants – 15 June 2012**

On Friday 15 June 2012 19 students from Year 12 who are aiming to apply to study at either Oxford or Cambridge universities spent a one-day intensive Application, Admissions Test and Interview Preparation Day, led by Oxbridge Admissions Tutors. Those students were: Phoebe Allebone-Salt (12C), Oliver Blake (12A), Mollie Cheek (12B), Alex Dixon (12F), Ross Ewen (12A), Chloe Forsyth (12B), Kristie Lee (12F), Raphael Keung (12D), Kevin Li (12E), Savannah Lord (12B), Emma Marsh (12E), Tosin Ososami (12E), Charlotte Pape (12F), Laura Reeves (12F), Lydia Sinnett-Smith (12B), Florian Song (12E), Evie Sparkes (12E), Ellie Sykes (12C) and Jack West-Sherring (12C).

In the morning the students took part in an interactive presentation on preparing for questions in the admissions tests and at interview. They then worked individually and in groups, split by type of subject, to tackle questions relating to their subject choice.

In the afternoon each student received one 15-minute mock interview. They were each given written feedback. When not being interviewed, students worked on a relevant mock admission test. It was a most productive day for all these students who looked suitably physically and intellectually exhausted at the end of it! Every student received a personalised guide to the course they have chosen, including recommended reading lists and examples of past questions that have been asked in real Oxbridge interviews.

The Sixth Form staff wish these 19 students, and all the other Year 12 students the very best of luck in their university application process or alternative post-18 plans, whether it be apprenticeship, gap year or employment. Students will all be busy this summer working on their EPQ project, completing relevant work experience, catching up on extra reading which is so important at this stage and writing their Personal Statement in time to start sending off their application on our return to school in September.

## **11. Summer Schools**

Oliver Blake (12A) has been selected to attend a 3-week Summer School in Cambridge University from July 19<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> staying in Newnham College. Oliver was lucky enough to receive a full scholarship for this £3000 course. He will spend his 3 weeks attending lessons and workshops in philosophy, essay writing and debate. But it won't be all work and no play. Several day trips to London, including a visit to the Houses of Parliament as well as Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey have been organised. One evening the students will go and see Billy Elliot at the theatre. Other trips to Ely Cathedral, Sandringham, Windsor Castle, Oxford, Stonehenge and Bath are also on the menu. On 4<sup>th</sup> August, they have tickets to attend an Olympic football quarter final. Oliver has applied for this course through the Cambridge Scholars

programme ([cambridgescholarsprogramme.com](http://cambridgescholarsprogramme.com)). We wish him all the best and look forward to hearing all about his experience next term.

Jack West-Sherring (Year 12) has been chosen to take part in the UK-German Connection Student Study Course this summer. He will spend 3 weeks in Germany, staying with a family, attending lessons and going on a number of cultural visits.

## **12. Sixth Form Summer Ball 2012**

On Saturday 14 July, 226 students from Year 12 and 13 and members of staff arrived at school at 7.30pm dressed up to the nines, looking ravishing in their ball dresses and DJs for the annual Sixth Form Summer Ball. Tables decorated with gold and purple balloons, silver chairs, chandeliers, dance floor, starlights and gorgeous white drapings had transformed the Sports Hall into a most magical setting for the event. The buffet, including a hog roast which, at 85 kilos, just about managed to feed everyone, was delicious. The music provided by CC Music Factory was excellent and kept everyone dancing till 1am. It was a most enjoyable evening, and a wonderful way of saying our final goodbyes to our Year 13 students. Thank you to all the staff who supported the event and, above all, to all the students who attended who made it such a memorable evening.

## **13. Charity Committee**

The Summer Term has proved to be another very busy term for Charity fundraising in school.

After the Easter holiday the Sixth Form Charity Committee organised a raffle for "Save the Children". Over 30 prizes were generously donated – our thanks go particularly to Mr Simon Farrer and Mrs Liz McMillan for their donations of so many of the prizes. A team led by Lucy and Alex Weaver, Catherine Read, Felicity Curwen, Sarah Buchanan and Alice Watts sold tickets each lunch time for three weeks and almost £850 was raised. Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who supported the raffle.

Before the Years 11, 12 and 13 went on study leave a cheque was presented for £5440 to "Save the Children" in school assembly.

Also, before half-term the Music Department held an excellent Soloists Concert at school and donated £240 from the ticket sales to "Save the Children". In addition, a Jubilee themed, red, white and blue non-uniform day raised over £400 for the school charity. The Junior Charity Committee held a Jubilee themed cake sale for the Pilgrims' Hospice which raised over £110. They had already raised over £145 from two raffles earlier in the year.

On the final day of half-term, after four days of exams, 7Tu had a day out at Chessington as a reward for being the form that had managed to raise the most in Charity Week. They had raised over £500 from many different events. Thank you to Mrs Bedford, Mr Williams, Lucy Weaver and Felicity Curwen for their help with the trip. We all had a very enjoyable day.

After half-term the Year 12s returned from their Study Leave and held a final cake sale for "Save the Children" which raised over £110. This meant that the total raised this year for the school's charity, "Save the Children" is £6,200.

The rest of this half-term has focused on raising funds for the local Pilgrims' Hospice in Margate. Fifteen members of the Junior Charity Committee participated in a sponsored ice skate and raised over £350. Thank you to Mr Thomas for his help with this trip.

At Sports Day the Junior Charity Committee helped by the Sixth Form Charity Committee ran many stalls to raise funds for the hospice. These included a Tracey Island Treasure Map, a Steady Hand game, a tombola, a DVD and CD stall, a nail bar and various craft activities. This raised over £130.

The final full week of term included a non-uniform day with an Olympic theme which raised almost £500 and a Zumba lunch time class which raised over £50. This meant that the total raised by the Junior Charity Committee for the Pilgrims' Hospice, Margate is £1300.

Finally, Jay Stedman from Year 7, along with Fraser Rickatson, Josh Tovey-Foster and Lottie Sparkes organised an end of year disco for Years 7 and 8 to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Care. Jay wanted to raise funds in memory of a family friend who had died earlier this year. This was a really well organised event that 70 Year 7 and 8 pupils supported and raised over £260 for the charity. Many thanks to the Year 7 organisers and other members of the Junior Charity Committee who helped. Also, thank you to the year 8 DJs Josh Cooper and Jaime Rosso along with Mr Stedman who provided the great music on the evening, and the many sixth formers who came along to help and teach us all some new dance moves!

Thank you to everyone at school and at home for their efforts, commitment and support during the year.

## 14. Science

### **Astronomy Club: The Physics Cosmic Group, Junior Science Club**

The highlight of Science Club this term has been the arrival of 14 Welsummerchicks!! 24 eggs were provided by Mrs Spencer along with an incubator. Alex Gallagher, Robyn Towler, Gabriel Lees, Scott Oakes, Lucy Stephenson and Sam Baddeley were all responsible for looking after the eggs, ensuring that the temperature and humidity levels were correct. They measured the mass of each egg every three days, discovering that chicks in fact lose weight over the course of the 21 day incubation period as they use up the food store in the egg. They also candled the eggs which involved holding them next to a bright light to check that the chicks were developing as expected.

On day 22 two chicks were hatched followed by the remaining twelve over the next couple of days. Fortunately Science Club students were able to watch some of the chicks hatch and even video their arrival! For some chicks it can take as long as 8 hours for them to 'pip' their way out of their eggs! The chicks were all given names which included Dill, Parsley, Summer and Beale! They were all healthy and remained in school for four days during which time they received much attention from students and staff, owing to their 'cuteness'! Welsummer chickens are very friendly and attractive. They are also excellent foragers which makes them very well suited to being free range. The 14 chicks are now being reared on a local farm and Science Club look forward to visiting them soon!

### **Kent SEPnet Astrodome:**

On Wednesday 2nd May Dr Vicky Fitzgerald, the SEPnet Outreach Officer at the University of Kent set up the mobile planetarium at school. Year 8 students were shown into the astrodome where they watched a full-dome show, 'We are astronomers', featuring computer generated graphics. A full-dome planetarium projection allowed them to explore some of the wonders of the night sky as an introduction to their future studies on Astronomy in Physics.

### **Young Scientists Journal**

Chloe Forsyth is to be congratulated. Having been an editor for about a year for the online Young Scientists journal (website [www.ysjournal.com/](http://www.ysjournal.com/)) she has recently been promoted to Editorial team leader. The Young Scientists journal is a free online journal for scientists aged 12-20. The journal is edited by, and all the articles are written by, scientists aged 12-20.



## 15. Art

### Art & Textiles Exhibitions

The Summer term has again been a busy time for the Art Department, with the highlight of the department's calendar being the annual GCSE and AS/A-Level Art & Design shows.



Once again, with the kind permission of the Sports department, the school's gym was transformed into a lively exhibition space for our thirty-four final year GCSE students, twenty AS students and fifteen A2 students over the space of a week to present highlights from their portfolios of work. The work on show this year, which included many high quality examples of drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, sculpture and a variety of mixed-media work, provided an excellent insight into the students' own individual interests,



ideas and responses to a variety of themes and the various ways in which work can be developed and explored to exciting outcomes. A hugely successful series of shows, this year's exhibitions were excellently received by the public and yet again demonstrated the fantastic amount of talent and potential for the future we have at our school.

The 'Best in Show' awards for the GCSE, AS and A2 exhibitions, voted for by their peers and the public, went to Jessica Henry, Mollie Cheek and Jake Lamerton respectively – three of the most well-deserved, hard-working and extremely talented young artists to have come through the school in recent years. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's shows and thank you to everyone who helped make our exhibitions the success that they were. Please look out for articles on the exhibitions and participating artists, including a large number of images of the work on show, in 2012's edition of the Manwoodian, due to come out in December.



### Comenius – The Hanger Art Project

The Summer term has been the most significant of the two-year Comenius project so far, as for five days the school, and more specifically twenty-one of our Year 8 students, welcomed thirty students and accompanying teachers from the five participating countries (Iceland, Holland, Germany, Bulgaria and Romania) to work collaboratively on the Hanger Art project. During their stay, the group (over 70 in its entirety) worked with a number of professional artists on a major sculpture and installation workshop, which culminated in a series of large mobile mixed-media sculptures made from re-formed coat hangers (the central component to the Hanger Art project) installed on Sandwich Bay, documented through film and photography. The resulting photographs were then transformed into postcards, which were later posted out with individual messages and drawings to the participating students in their countries as a final reinforcement to the themes of travel and movement explored throughout the visit.

On the final day of their stay, the group were also able to visit the major tourist attractions and a variety of museums and exhibitions in London and, on their return home, enjoyed an excellent barbeque with all of the students, teachers and parents who had helped to support the entire five-day visit, with a variety of food kindly donated by our excellent host families, including a spectacular cake featuring the flags of each country – made by Mrs Clugston – that was eventually shared out amongst almost everybody! The success and impact of such a project was really made clear here and on the final morning, as many students spoke excitedly about their stay, the themes of the project and about the excellent relationships they had formed, with many in tears as they said goodbye to each other.

Perhaps more exciting, however, is the prospect of the exchanges to follow this one, with trips to Iceland, Romania, Germany and Bulgaria planned for 2012/13, and a final international exhibition of all the work

created over the two years to be held in Germany and Bulgaria in March 2013. Thank you to all the teachers, students, parents, friends and members of family that have helped to support this project so far. Your help is so very much appreciated and necessary for such a project to work.

Please visit the Hanger Art project website to see images and find more information on the various art workshops and exchanges involved in this unique and exciting project:  
[www.hangerartproject.weebly.com](http://www.hangerartproject.weebly.com)

### **International Week - Art, Music and Drama collaborative 'comedia dell'arte' workshop and performance.**

The final weeks of the Summer term have also been extremely busy in the Art department, as our entire Year 7 were taken off timetable for three days to work on a cross-curricular workshop on the comedia dell'arte movement in Italy as part of our school's International Week.

During the workshop the year group were able to choose between the three disciplines of Art, Music and Drama to explore the different elements of this creative movement and learn about the cultural and historical relevance and influence of the comedia dell'arte today. In their different groups, students were able to develop and explore their own original musical and dramatic compositions in response to this cultural movement and create drawings, designs, paintings and a series of three-dimensional expressive masks – based on the five main characters found in the movement – to be worn by the acting group during their rehearsals and final performance.

The results of the different workshops were then brought together in a one-off on-stage performance to teaching and support staff at the school and the visiting Year 6s during the afternoon of their induction day. The artwork created is currently on show in the Main Hall of the school and in the Art department, and includes a number of spectacular giant masks which act as examples of the masks made for the performance, also created in groups during the workshop.

Congratulations to the whole of our Year 7, who helped to make these three days so enjoyable and who should feel very proud of what they were able to achieve in a relatively short amount of time. Thank you also to all those who helped support the workshops over the three days. Once again, without your help and support such activities and experiences simply could not happen.

## **16. Music Report**

### **DJ Club 2012**

DJ club has been attended by a small core of regular members. Since the club started in the autumn term, the budding DJs have developed their technical skills and musical tastes. After playing in front of an audience for the first time at the Gambia trip fund-raising disco, they have grown in confidence. This term DJ club provided the music for the end of year disco for Year 7 & 8 pupils and once again they performed with aplomb. The club will start again in September, and as always we will welcome any newcomers with an interest in dance music and the art of DJing.



## Summer Term Music Report

The summer term always promises to offer less in terms of musical activities but in practice never does. True, things are quieter round exams but before and after there seems to have been more 'special' events than ever this year.

The first outing of the term for a few of us was a composite recital for the English Speaking Union at St Nicholas at Wade church on 21st April. Featuring performances from Kate Spencer, James Genders and Kristie Lee alongside Mr Williams and Lord and Lady Douglas, the event was a great success and raised a good sum for the ESU.



The Soloists Concert on 10th May featured performers drawn from all year groups playing a wide variety of solo and small ensemble pieces. This was an opportunity particularly for many of our leavers to give what would be their last public performance as current students, but whilst they will be much missed it is clear from the talent on show on the night that there is a good level of musicianship coming through from the lower years and we can look forward to enjoying high standards for years to come.



Another round of ABRSM practical exams took place in the music department on 18th June and it is pleasing to record that every candidate passed including excellent distinctions from Florian Song (Grade 8 Violin) and Ailsa Newgreen (Grade 1 Clarinet). Congratulations to all concerned and best of luck with the next grades.

If any pupil has music lessons outside of school and wishes to enter for ABRSM exams here during a normal school day rather than attending the public sessions in Dover, Thanet or Canterbury you are most welcome to do so. It is true to say that this option saves a lot of hassle for parents and music teachers. You do not have to have lessons in school to be eligible for this option and we can even provide the services of an accompanist for you as required. For further information your parents or music teacher should contact Mr Williams in the first instance on 01304 610464 or via the main school number.

The Chamber Choir performed with the Manwood Singers in their summer concert at St Mary's Arts Centre on 23rd June. Continuing a long association between the school and the singers, the concert included an orchestrated performance of the magnificent Te Deum in Bb by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford which our choir performed at Founders Day in March.

The Manwood Singers rehearse in the School Hall every Thursday evening and perform a number of concerts in the Deal Sandwich area throughout the year. New members are always welcome and pupils, parents, and members of the wider community are encouraged to get involved. For further details please see [www.manwoodsingers.co.uk](http://www.manwoodsingers.co.uk).

The cross-phase ensemble *Music Makers* which meets in the music department monthly and which brings together instrumentalists from primary and secondary schools completed its first full year with a special session on June 21st led by Sarah Watts, author of the *Band in a Book* material the ensemble has been using all year. *Music Makers* continues in 2012-13 and we do encourage players in KS3 and their younger siblings to get involved with this ensemble. See Mr Williams for further details.





The production for 2013 was announced this term as Phantom of the Opera. We were able to organise a trip on 28th June for potential members of the cast and music theatre enthusiasts to go and see the West End production of Phantom at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket. The trip sold out very quickly and by good fortune (and the availability of Mr Williams' minibus driving / stalling skills) we were able to secure extra seats so that more people could see this excellent production. We look forward to another great show in early February 2013.

Members of the Chamber Choir were involved in a gala performance and English premiere of *The Little Book of Monsters* by composer Stephen Deazley and lyricist Matt Harvey on 2nd July, as part of the 2012 Deal Festival of Music and the Arts. Working with professional musicians and some 300+ pupils drawn from over 15 schools in the Dover Deal Sandwich area, the piece was brilliantly performed to two audiences in the Nye Hall, Duke of Yorks School.



The performances also included further music by the composer, poetry readings by Matt Harvey himself (who was the official poet in residence at the Wimbledon 2010 Tennis Championships - check out [www.thepoetrytrust.org/wimbledon/arc](http://www.thepoetrytrust.org/wimbledon/arc) for some great poems) and a 'Monstrous Prelude' - an instrumental composition put together collaboratively by pupils (including a group from SRMS) and professional musicians under the directorship of Stephen Deazley. The whole event was inspirational in so many ways and the Deal Festival are already keen to co-ordinate further collaborative projects like this next year and beyond. Watch this space!

A further new feature this year, which we hope will continue in future years was the Senior Recital which took place in M1 on 5th July. Featuring performances from pupils in Years 11- 13, this was an informal event but set in the more intimate surroundings of M1 to an audience of family and friends. A very positive musical atmosphere was achieved and it is hoped that more of this type of event (not just music - poetry, drama, readings, talks, debates?) can be scheduled in M1 in the future.



**One Night More**, a music theatre variety show, put on two performances on 10th July. Arranged and organised entirely by pupils under the leadership of Will Parker-Gorman and Kate Spencer, the matinee played to Year 8 and pupils of Sandwich Junior School. The evening performance played to a good sized paying audience and an excellent £570 was raised for Nordoff Robbins, a superb music therapy charity (check out [www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk](http://www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk)). Well done to all involved.



It is appropriate to pay tribute here to Mrs Jane Cullis who is retiring as a classroom teacher at the end of term. She has been associated with the music department for over 20 years and has taught literally thousands of Manwoodians during that time. Jane has been a much valued colleague and

has brought to her teaching an enormous wealth of experience and a great love of the subject. Whilst Jane is stepping down from classroom teaching, she will still be with us as a violin teacher and will continue to direct the school orchestra so I am pleased to say that this is not a farewell.

As yet another very busy musical year draws to a close can I take this opportunity to thank all pupils, staff and parents who have participated in and supported music in school throughout this academic year. Particular thanks to all leavers - we wish you well in your onward musical journey. There is much to look forward to in 2012-13, not least the school's 450th anniversary in which music will play a prominent part. Happy holidays!!

## 17. Report from Business Studies

### Young Enterprise Kent Finals

At the beginning of term on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May our Young Enterprise Company, 'Fortitude', attended the Kent Finals at the University of Greenwich, Chatham, having won the Dover Area Board Final the previous week.

Other schools in the competition were Rainham Mark Grammar School, Beech Grove Academy, Folkestone School for Girls, Dartford Grammar School for Girls and Walthamstow Hall. Standards once again were higher than ever.

All companies were judged on their Company Report and accounts, trade stand, and their presentation to a large audience.

All members of Fortitude acquitted themselves with excellence. Although, Fortitude was not awarded the ultimate prize of 'Best Overall Company', they did receive the award for the Most Innovative Product. This was a very good outcome to an excellent event.

## 18. Enterprise Week - Monday 18th June – Friday 22nd June, 2012

The year 10 Business Enterprise activity week has once again seen students forming 24 companies with the members of each company working together to find a product or service that they could market. EBP Kent provided a team of business people who initially provided workshops on Monday and then support and advice as the rest of the week progressed. School staff provided workshops and general support to enable the students to develop and promote their ideas. As well as developing their ideas the students produced business plans, financial reports, business materials, undertook product and market research, developed an advertising strategy and built prototypes where possible. The 24 companies competed in round one on the last day of the week setting up stalls and presenting their ideas. 10 groups then went through to round two and competed in the school hall presenting their ideas to a range of judges from local businesses. Five companies were selected for the following awards:-

Best presentation was awarded to Soup Station who were aiming to set up small catering trailers at commuter stations with the intention of selling home produced soup and rolls to busy commuters. Its members included Joanna Bramwell, Katie Latham, James McKenna, Sophia Welton and Dominic Wheeler.



Best idea was awarded to Investigo who had produced the Trako which could be attached to items like keys. If these items were lost then a GPS tracking system would track down the item. The trako app for your phone could be downloaded for free.

Its members included Georgia Ambrose, Amy Asher, Alice Latham, Lucy Morgan and Emily Winkworth

Best written presentation was awarded to iRide who had an iPod/iPhone charging dynamo that was attached to their bicycle. Special headphones were also included that did not interfere with other sounds that the cyclist should be able to hear. Their presentation included the riding of a bike that left many of the audience wondering whether the cyclist was going to crash off the stage, fortunately all went well. Its members included Belle Afzal-Woodward, Jason Bennett, Ellie Cox, Laura Daniels and Darcie Lee.

The runners-up were Solo Product who were keen to push their Solo Shirt idea. This involved shirts that 2-10 year olds could produce designs on but that could then be washed for reuse. Future developments included packs of permanent pens that would enable parents to keep their child's imaginative ideas. The team went on to compete at the runners-up final at Cummins Power Generation. It was clear that they had worked hard to improve their sales pitch and presentation skills. Their efforts were rewarded with a win in the 'Best Oral Presentation Category'. Its members included Lauren Birch, Claudia Fox, Guy Storm, Edward Howlett, James Lord and Megan Newton.



This years overall winner with the best overall idea, oral and written presentations went to NoGo who had designed a temporary system that could be attached to the front door. When the door was opened a barrier would form between the door frame and door to prevent any child or dog from running out into the road. NoGo went on to compete in the final at Barclays in Canary Wharf. The company did themselves and the school proud and won the 'Best Oral Presentation Category'. Its members included Bobby Clay, Sabrina Curwen, Alice Gill, Lucy Roper and Hermione Zawislak.

## 19. Work Experience Summary - Main weeks 2nd – 22rd July 2012

Work Experience placements for Year 11 students have once again been a challenge to find. We are very grateful to the employers who have supported our work experience program for a number of years. We are also pleased that a number of new employers have joined our scheme and enabled more of our students to have a short period of access to the world of work.

The work experience program has provided 158 work experience places for approximately 102 year 11 students. The school is very grateful for the commitment made by all employers involved and we hope that this partnership may continue for many years to come. A number of out-of-county placements were accessed by students, the furthest this year being in Glasgow.

The vast majority of our students on work experience have worked hard to make a success of their experience. It must be noted that they undertake their placements straight after they have finished their GCSE examinations. All students volunteer their time for the placements and a number will be doing placements during the school summer holidays. Most realise the benefits of work experience and gain a great deal from it.

Universities continue to use appropriate work experience as one way to distinguish between applicants. We have been able to help a number of our 6th form students to access work experience opportunities during term time and the holidays. Many of these have been in the field of medicine.

## **20. Design Technology Report**

### **A2 Projects**

Amongst some very strong A2 Product Design Major Projects were those of Jasmine Keohane and Kate Spencer. Jasmine designed and made an interactive display stand for Wingham Wildlife Park to encourage young children to learn about Tigers. It is now installed and in use in the education centre.

Kate Spencer produced a creative metal sculpture which has been installed at the Salutation Gardens in Sandwich.

### **Toyota Technology Challenge 2012**

Congratulations to the Manwood's 'Speed Queens' team of Emma Rudge, Pema Tamang, Marte Van der Graaf, Alana Wennerstrom and Sarah Wood who were elected to compete in the South Eastern Regional Finals at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford in April. The girls gave a confident presentation on the design of their solar powered car and raced it successfully against 6 other school teams. They acquitted themselves well in competing against mostly older teams. Well done girls!!

### **Eastry Village Sign**

A new sign reflecting the rural charm of Eastry has been erected to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Year 11 GCSE DT students Luke Upton, Mark Sugden and Nick Thompson made a substantial input in making 3 signs; this included converting the original design to a CAD drawing, organising the colour scheme and then laser cutting many of the parts. This excellent community project was overseen by Eastry Village Sign Committee. Thank you to Mr Goldsmith (School Technician), Signscope and Eyeball Signs for their valuable support.

### **Design Technology Trip to New Design Exhibition 2012**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 15 Year 12 and 10 students went on a day trip to The New Design Exhibition at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. This was an excellent opportunity to look at the best of graduate design from Universities around the UK. Our students could talk to graduates and get to know about the exciting possibilities of developing a career in the very varied field of design. Thank you to Miss Baker for organising the trip.

### **New Development September 2012**

Year 10 Graphic Product students will take part in Design Ventura which involves designing a product to be sold in the Design Museum Shop. A Year 9 STEM club will commence for pupils who want to extend their skills in D&T. Students will have the opportunity to undertake a variety of mini projects during lunchtime slots.

### **AS and A2 Textile Exhibition – Summer 2012**

The Textile Technology Department joined with the Art and Design Technology Departments to display the hard work and talent of the coursework of the A level students.

The AS students produce two key projects:

The first is a recycle project, whereby students use good quality old textile products to produce a new and innovative textile item, requiring creative thinking. The ideas were highly original: reclaimed sections of a settee destined for the rubbish dump were recreated into a cape jacket, colourful ties became a corset, two

bags were formed from sample books of fabrics and a man's jacket and were embellished with eye-catching bead work and a rather large gents suit (the jacket of which could accommodate three students!) was scaled down to a smart size 10 ladies jacket and skirt.



Work by Beth White



Work by Emma Winslow



Work by Emily Dwyer

The second project required students to design and create a wall hanging for a chosen location and target market, which uses a wide range of techniques and challenging fabrics. The students embraced the challenge to create an array of colourful wall hangings, which pushed the boundaries of design and construction to produce highly individual and saleable products. The themes spanned a range of ideas: two

that were destined for teenage girls' bedrooms, an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday tribute present for a Nan, a mock 'Roberts Radio', cupcakes on a stand and finally a height chart based on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Work by Emma Winslow



Work by Hannah Jackson



Work by Laura Reeves

A2 is the culmination of the textile examinations. This year film and stage inspired the creation of a 1920/30's dress that could appear in the remake of the film 'The Boyfriend', a highly colourful ballet costume, a red-carpet outfit to attend the premier of 'The Black Swan'. The remaining creations were inspired by other factors: a smart day to evening lace dress clearly influenced by Kate Middleton's wedding



dress, a new twist on ladies' skirt suits and finally a highly decorated beach bag with integral waterproof compartments.



Work by Gabriele Quinn – the beads on this dress took ten hours to hand sew! She is hoping to study Fashion at university.



Work by Kate Lyden. The lace motives on the skirt were cut out and machined on.



Work by Molly Little. Highly original product to support the popular trend to 'stay-cation'.

## 21. Library News

The Library has been a place of quiet study for our students in the run-up to the exams. In between revision sessions, a group of Year 7s and 8s have been 'shadowing' The Carnegie Medal. This medal is awarded annually for an outstanding book for young people. While the actual judges are deciding the winner in London, schools all over the country can get involved by reading the books and posting their comments and reviews on the website.

With 8 books to get through in a couple of months, it was a challenge to read them all but between us we did it. And finally the winner was announced – not the one we had voted for unfortunately, but still a very good book. Our winning book was 'Between Shades of Grey' by Ruta Sepetys (- not to be confused with another best selling book with a similar title!) The actual winner was 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness.

Year 7 and 8 also enjoyed a visit from award- winning author Ali Sparkes in June. Ali won the Blue Peter Book Award in 2010 for her book 'Frozen In Time'. She gave a very entertaining account of her journey to becoming a writer and encouraged a lot of audience participation. Describing the various false starts and rejections she had encountered before being published, Ali gave an important message about believing in yourself and not giving up. At the end of her talk she was deluged by students wanting to get their books signed.

Our Reading Group for Sixth Form and Staff has continued this term and despite important exams interrupting our flow, we have managed to read 'Candide' by Voltaire and 'The Sense of an Ending' by Julian Barnes. Our first book for September will be 'A Prayer for Owen Meany' by John Irving. New members always welcome.

## 22. Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University Ancient World Essay Competition

Two of our Year 12 students entered this prestigious competition. Ross Ewen tackled the issue of "Did Racism Exist in Ancient Times?" whilst Jack West-Sherring submitted his essay answering the question whether "In the Ancient World the sea always linked rather than divided people".

The quality of the essays was such that both Jack and Ross were invited to Fitzwilliam College on a Saturday in April to receive prizes – Jack was “Highly Commended” and Ross “Commended”. During the day, they were also entertained by a lecture from the well-known classicist and TV personality, Professor Mary Beard.

### 23. Literary Awards for Our Younger Students

Annie Leeb (Y7) has spent some of her Saturday mornings attending Canterbury Children’s University. She is particularly keen on creative writing and completed the “Imagination Nation” module which she found very enjoyable and interesting.

Two Year 7 students were prize-winners in the Sandwich Library Guild Competition, Sera-Jay Sutherland won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for her piece entitled “Time” and Phoebe Underwood 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for “That Day”.

The school entered a number of students in the Young Writers “Express Yourself” poetry competition. Work was then selected for publication in a special anthology based on perception, imagination, expression and creative use of language. The following students were successful: Anna-Lena Gunemann, Jade Carney, Seamus Canning, Lucy Challenger, Nancy Sharman, Blaise Guy, Joe Benbow, Harvey Butt, Zhinlap Tamang, Utsav Ale.

### 24. Try Angle Award for Sport and Outdoor Activity

Tom Amber (Y10) has been a Dover Sea Cadet for 5 years. He now holds a position of seniority and, indeed, was chosen this year by the Mayor of Dover to be the Mayor’s Cadet at mayoral events and various civic occasions.

As a Sea Cadet he is involved in kayaking, sailing, canoeing and rowing and he has gained qualifications in off-shore sailing and seamanship. At the East Kent Sailing finals he was a winner whilst at the Kayak Finals he was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in two events. It was therefore very well-deserved when Tom was nominated for, and received, the above Try Angle Award for the Dover, Ashord and Shepway area.

### 25. Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



Once again it has been a busy summer term with eight expeditions taking place so far. The Bronze participants had the best expedition weather, staying close to home on the North Downs for their practice expedition and the Elham and Alkham Valley for the qualifying expedition. All rose to the challenge, coping well with the undulating hills in the qualifying expedition and completing expeditions of about 30km in unfamiliar territory.

The Silver participants completed a practice expedition in the High Weald of Kent and a

qualifying expedition in the Ashdown Forest. Both expeditions occurred in more challenging weather conditions and they encountered more than their fair share of mud in the qualifying expedition clogging their boots up, making it heavy going.



The Gold practice expedition to the Brecon Beacons occurred in the first week in July and tested the students’ physical fitness

in mountainous terrain. In addition, it tested their ability to cope with low visibility in the hills and their navigational skills. The Gold Qualifying Expedition takes place in the Yorkshire Dales, starting on Tuesday 28th August.

## **26. CCF**

Current strength of the contingent: 11 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and 105 Cadets

This year the senior cadets were Cadet Company Sergeant Major Tom Mortimer, Cadet Colour Sergeant Richard Everard and Cadet Sergeants Ollie MacKinnon and Rayeesa Mahomed. The CCF Band was led by Drum Major Maxwell Robinson.

The contingent has had an excellent year with regards to number of cadets. In January we took cadets from year 8 and had an intake of almost 30.

### **Shooting Team.**

The Shooting Team Captain was Cpl Maxwell Robinson. He led a very good team who all gained experience from last year's competitions and entered this year's events with some confidence. The results were:

CADSAAM - Seventh Placed School Contingent out of thirteen

L J Page Decimal Shoot - Lost to the OM Shooting Team

Country Life - Lost by only a few points to the OM Shooting Team

Irwin Bowl - Victorious over the OM Shooting Team

Most of the Year 8 cadets had an opportunity to shoot the No.8 Target Rifle on the school rifle range.

### **Signals Competitions.**

The Signals Section was led by Cpl Luke Upton and LCpl Ollie Lyon. The section entered three national competitions, operating High Frequency military radios, and communicating with other schools across the country. Two of the competitions ran continuously for 24 hours, the third ran for 12 hours over two days. The results were:

Christmas Cracker - Eighth place out of sixteen

Easter Bunny - Seventh place out of nineteen

Summer Whine - results awaited

### **Visits.**

An Army Bomb Disposal Team came to the school with all their equipment and gave a demonstration to the cadets destroying a suspect device on the tennis courts and then allowed us to try driving the two remote controlled tractors they use to inspect and destroy targets.

Lt Waldron took 13 cadets to Chatham to visit the Royal Engineer Open Day. Cadets were given demonstrations of Battlefield Engineering and had the opportunity to try some of the armoured heavy plant machinery and vehicles.

The whole contingent spent a rather wet day using the range and assault course day at Howe Barracks in Canterbury. Despite the weather we had some good shooting and a lot of fun on the assault course.

### **Exercises.**

Exercise NIGHT OWL was our first overnight exercise of the school year, held near Lydden. Cadets were able to give orders for and conduct reconnaissance patrols and ambushes through the night, followed by section attacks at dawn.

**Exercise RAW RECRUIT** was a field training day for the new cadets. We spent the day on the Army Training Area and cadets were taught basic lessons in fieldcraft, communications, navigation and first aid.

It was a good day for the new cadets and also the senior cadets who arrived on the Friday evening to set up and then run the training.

A preparatory exercise was held jointly between SRMS and Cranbrook School. Two sections of senior cadets from each school were trained and tested in a number of CCF activities prior to entering the 4 Division Patrol Competition. At the competition the SRMS team came a very respectable third place out of 14 teams.

### **Method Of Instruction (MOI) Courses.**

Seven cadets in Year 10 completed the MOI 1 and were subsequently promoted to Cadet Lance Corporal. The course taught the cadets how to instruct in a range of cadet subjects including Skill at Arms, Map and Compass and Drill.

All the senior cadets completed the MOI 2 course which taught and practiced them in giving formal Orders for a tactical operation. This was the first MOI 2 course and was very successful.

### **Adventure Training**

Twenty Four cadets attended the adventure training camp at Easter in the Lake District. Our own instructors and additional instructors from the local Cadet Training Team led activities including an overnight walking expedition across the mountains, mountain biking, swimming, climbing and abseiling.

### **Summer Camp.**

In July 43 cadets will attend a central camp with other schools at Crowborough. The camp is over six days and will include all of the skills and training that the cadets do in school and much more including paint balling, laser wars and platoon attacks using the conventional cadet weapons. On the Thursday evening the cadets will start a night exercise and the week will end with a visit to the War and Peace Show.

### **CCF Fife and Drum Band**

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) R S Harlow and the Band have had another busy year with performances for the school, civil and military parades and events. Many of the events supported by the Band are annual occurrences. The school has received letters complimenting and thanking the Band. Much credit goes to Drum Major Maxwell Robinson and Sgt Jack West-Sherring, who together have organised and taught the cadets, preparing them for another successful year. Events included:



The Royal Air Force Association Memorial Service (Battle of Britain Day) in Sandwich.

Remembrance School Assembly and Remembrance Day Parade in Sandwich

Sandwich Christmas Carnival - Dressed as Father Christmas Drum Major Maxwell Robinson led the CCF Band in the Sandwich Carnival in festive spirit.

Founders Day Parade

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Weekend. This was a busy weekend for the CCF Band with two events. One in Ash and one in Sandwich.

Armed Forces Day Parade in Deal - The CCF Band led a Drum Head ceremony at Deal Castle and then led a parade to Deal Pier supporting the Royal British Legion

Inspection Day - Colonel Peter Eadie (Late of the Army Air Corps) inspected the Contingent in front of an audience of mayors, councillors, Old Manwoodians, families and friends. The parade was completed with

a spectacular display by the CCF Band while the remaining cadets prepared for the Inter Section Competition, which was won by Cpl Luke Upton's Section. The Inter Section Competition was over six events including a command task, navigation exercise, air rifle shooting competition, first aid assessment, assault course race and signals exercise. Colonel Eadie was very impressed with the enthusiasm and enjoyment displayed by the cadets and he thoroughly enjoyed meeting both the cadets and families.

This year the contingent staff was joined by Miss C Baker. Miss Baker has spent the spring and summer terms learning about the various CCF activities and will soon be Commissioned. She has filled the vital role of female adult cover and will soon take over the first aid training.

Mr Waldron rejoined the contingent to assist with the administration and training. Mr Waldron was commissioned this year and in addition to his administrative role he will be a Rifle Range Conducting Officer.

I would like to thank all the school and CCF staff for their continued support.

As the year closes, in addition to the senior cadets listed above who are leaving the school, we also say thank you and farewell to Cadet Corporals Kyle Sampson and Luke Redman. All eight cadets have been a real credit to the contingent and we wish them all well in the next chapter of their lives.

Three key individuals who provide external support to the contingent are leaving their jobs this summer. Miss L Capper was the Cadet Clerk at the Army Brigade Headquarters in Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Miss Capper has been managing local school contingents for 'a number' of years and has been a constant source of advice and encouragement 'from above'. Warrant Officer D Haighton has been our Administrative Assistant, providing our point of contact for logistical supply by the Army. We hope to see WO1 Haighton again in a new role in the area cadet environment. Sergeant Naylor has been our dedicated visiting Cadet Training Team instructor who has visited the contingent most Wednesdays and led or assisted areas of our training. Sergeant Naylor is leaving the army and we await confirmation of who our next instructor will be. He has been a wealth of knowledge and enthusiastic supporter of our contingent both in school and on our exercises, range days and camps. All three will be sadly missed.

Finally, after a combined total of sixty eight years service at SRMS CCF, Major Howard Pashley and Captain Peter Dean are retiring this summer after the CCF Summer Camp. Both officers were commissioned in 1978 when they were teachers in the school. Major Pashley was the Contingent Commander for a number of years. When they retired from teaching both chose to continue as CCF Officers. They have been invaluable members of the CCF staff since they joined but moreover, in the last four years, when all the other current staff members have joined and been training, their experience and commitment have enabled the contingent to run smoothly and indeed flourish. They will leave a difficult gap to fill but we hope the new staff will now be able to take over the reins and allow them to take well deserved retirements!

Both Major Pashley and Capt Dean have been awarded the Cadet Force Medal with three clasps for the years they have served at SRMS.

## **27. Sports Report**

### **Girls' Summer Games Report 2012**

#### **Tennis**

Our intermediate team started off the tennis season by visiting Bromley and taking part in the Kent competition in January. The standard at this competition is very high and Manwood's narrowly missed out

on going through to the next round. The girls worked very hard and gained some valuable experience. This is something to aim for next year.

In the summer term the girls' senior squad started off well with a win against King's school in the Kent Cup followed by a draw against St Edmund's, Canterbury. This was the first time a year 7 pupil had been picked to play in the senior team but Anna Pullen is just too good to leave out and she played with a great deal of skill and maturity. She was definitely worthy of her place.

After that, however, a number of senior matches that were scheduled to be played before study leave started were sadly cancelled due to wet weather. We carried on with the intermediate team and played 5 matches, winning 4 of them and drawing 1. One of our strongest wins was against Simon Langton who we beat 6-0. This team performed really well considering we had only one Year 10 pupil representing the team. This illustrates just how good some of the younger players are.

The U14 team played 3 matches. They won 2 and drew 1. Again, this team was made up of pupils from out of their age group but they showed just how good they were by playing some excellent and exciting tennis against students who were older than they were. This team consisted of:

Andrea Sreckovic, Phoebe Urquhart, Jemma Bright, Molly Farley, Maddie Evans, Sarah Blanchard, Rebecca Lines and Anna Pullen.

The junior squads also have a great deal of talent within them and it was encouraging to see a good number of year 7 pupils who wanted to play. The U12 team played against Wellesley House, once against their own age group and once against an U13 team. They won the first match 6-3 and gave a very good account of themselves showing a great deal of promise for the future. Their second match was against the older side and despite the games being very close, they lost 3-1. This team consisted of: Anna Pullen, Fien Van Der Graaf, Beth Gossip, Emily Spain, Lucy Stephenson, Jessica Bramwell, Emily Maine, Chloe Parker, Marte Van Der Graaf, Olivia Sims, Jemma Veness

Once again, our tennis results are excellent and we hope that this will continue for the foreseeable future. Congratulations to all of those who took part and we look forward to continued success next year.

### **Athletics**

Girls' athletics at Manwood's continues to flourish. The season kicked off with the S.E. Kent Championships in early May, which was held at Duke of York's. The intermediate team, led by Alex Clay, won 7 out of 10 events including the 4 x100m relay. The other key performers from Year 11 were Harriet Jackson, Imogen Stocks, Ellie Borlase, Kirstie Leightley and Hannah Sykes who deserve a special mention for their huge contribution to the athletics teams over the past five years. Their collective efforts ensured first place overall and Manwood's walked away with the Cup for another successive year. The junior squad also rose to the challenge but unfortunately missed out on first place to a very strong Sandwich Technology team. However, there were some standout performances by Poppy Collins and Adele Eke.

There were three Quadrangle competitions scheduled but due to bad weather only the Year 7 one went ahead. Good all-round performances ensured Manwood's victory and some bright new talent was spotted. Jessica Bramwell is an exciting new prospect and someone to watch closely. The year 7 team then went on to compete in the Super 8's competition. This was a qualifier for the Kent School Games and as the winner Manwood's went through to the finals at Canterbury High School, representing the Dover District Team alongside the boys' team from Dover Grammar. Competition was tough but we finished a very respectable 7<sup>th</sup> out of 16 Districts overall.

The final match was the Powell Trophy at the Julie Rose Stadium. Each school is allowed 30 entries across two age groups and the points are combined to give an overall winner. Once again the girls rose to the challenge and produced some outstanding performances to win the cup. Captain Bobby Clay deserves a special mention as she won all her events in convincing style. She is pure poetry in motion! Also, Poppy

Collins once again excelled in the sprints achieving a time of 13.31 in the 100m and 27.47 in the 200m and JemmaVeness won both the high jump and the long jump. Many congratulations to all the girls who competed this season; it is very rewarding when all their hard work pays off.

### **Rounders**

Rounders is always a popular choice for the girls and, on the whole, their enthusiasm and commitment has paid off this season. Congratulations to the U12 team who, after a slow start in practice and an initial narrow defeat (11-10) against a well-drilled St Lawrence side, really got to grips with the game and stormed through all their matches and also won the Year 7 District Tournament. It would be difficult to single out any particular players, as it was a real team effort, but the captain Rebecca Doherty showed good leadership skills and played in the bowler's position like a seasoned professional.

The U13 team has had a disappointing season. With a number of ties cancelled due to poor weather the remaining fixtures turned out to be against strong opposition. Despite some initial defeats the team were able to put in a very solid performance in the District Tournament and managed a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 7 teams. This proved to be the highlight of their season. Over the term the girls worked well on their batting skills and now need to concentrate on improving their fielding further in preparation for next year. The team should be credited for the positive manner in which they have approached all the games. A special mention goes to Sophie Card and Olivia Sims for their solid performances throughout the season.

The U14 team were badly hit by cancellations and only managed to play 3 matches and the District Tournament. Their first game against Dover Girls Grammar was hard fought but lack of practice due to wet weather took its toll and resulted in a 22-20 loss. However, things improved significantly and the girls proved what they could do in the remaining matches beating Sandwich Technology and Chatham and Clarendon with ease and walking away with first place at the tournament. Molly Farley once again excelled in her position as backstop and Phoebe Urquhart and Maddie Evans also maintained consistently high levels of play.

The U15 team, captained by Jo Bramwell, fielded a different team for each game due to some other commitments that clashed. Considering the difficulties faced Jo did a fantastic job as captain in assembling and managing the team for each match. The season had more highs than lows as the team won all their matches but one and also came first in the District Tournament. The loss early in the season against Dover Grammar was redressed in the tournament much to the girls' satisfaction. Phoebe Ward stood out as bowler as her deliveries displayed spin and pace and proved a real challenge for the opposition.

Well done to all the teams this term for persevering through some of the incessantly wettest weather we have had for many years. Also, a big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to coach and take matches.

### **Boys' Athletic Report 2012**

This year has seen an improvement on last year's results for boys' athletics. However, there have been fewer competitions due to weather conditions forcing cancellations.

The 1<sup>st</sup> event of the year was the South East Kent Athletics Competition held at Duke of York's. In previous years it has been close between 3 schools; Duke of York's, Dover Boys' Grammar and Manwood's. This year was no different, with overall standings changing throughout the afternoon in both Junior and Intermediate boys competitions. Manwood's junior boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Dover Boys' and Duke of York's who were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. Impressive performances came from Dan Woodward in the javelin and Dash Eyles in the discus. The intermediate boys finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Duke of York's, who finished as clear winners. Impressive performances came from Joe Hawkins in the 200m, Jack Smith in the 800m, Callum Mason in the 1500m and Josh Botchway in the shot put.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event on the athletics calendar was the Year 7 Quadrangular competition that is held annually at Astor in Dover. The boys went into the competition with very little practice as this was held at the beginning of their season. Manwood's finished second with impressive performances from Oscar McCartney, Joe Clifton and Harpo Randall in particular.

The Kent School Games Super 8's was the 3<sup>rd</sup> event of the year. This was an event only for year 7's to take part in. A team of 8 students all competed in one track, field and relay event each and the winning school would go onto the Kent School Games finals. It was a close competition with the relays deciding the outcome. Manwood's finished in second, just missing out on a place in the Kent School Games finals.

The last event of the year was the Powell Trophy held at the Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford. In the past this has been an event where Manwood's boys have finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> position, but with the strength of this year's team, Manwood's managed to finish in second place behind Dover Boys' Grammar. Impressive performances came from James Davis in the 800m and shot put, James Janaway in the high jump, Ed Spencer, Lewis Parsons and Michael Rowarth who all made it to the 100m sprint final, and lastly team Captain Josh Botchway in the shot put and high jump.

Thanks go to all athletes who competed for the school and who regularly attended training sessions in order for the standard to increase as it has, and also to all the staff who regularly make themselves available for lunch time sessions and run events.

### **Boys' Tennis Report 2012**

Boys' tennis at Manwood's this year has been yet another high performing season with players competing in the Aegon Cup and League, Kent Cup and the Kent School Games, and like so many sports this year, due to weather conditions there have been a large number of fixtures in a short space of time.

The U13 Aegon League team were made up of predominantly year 7 students who were experiencing competitive tennis for the first time. A close match with Wellesley House resulted in a 4-3 defeat in a shoot-out but a defeat to Kent College by 6 games to nil meant a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, something we look to improve on next year using this year's experiences. Mentions go to Yusha Sheikh in year 7 and Laurie Marshall in year 8 for their performances in the league.

The U15 Aegon League team had a successful season with 4-2 victories over King's Canterbury and Queen Elizabeth's, both well-known tennis schools, meaning they won the league as clear winners. Victory in this league has resulted in the team qualifying for the National Competition which will start in September. Mentions go to James Davis and Tom Pullen in year 8, Jono Sparrow in year 9 and Alex Chapman in year 10 for their performances in the league.

The Kent School Games took place this year and Manwood's looked to repeat previous achievements to make the finals at both U15 and U13 age groups. The U13 team successfully made it through to the finals by beating the Charles Dicken's School but the U15 team missed out with a narrow defeat to Chatham & Clarendon. The U13's were 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group with their only defeat coming against Maidstone Grammar. Qualifying for the semi-finals meant they were to face a strong Simon Langton 'A' team. Manwood's unfortunately lost meaning they were to face Harvey Grammar in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoff. Harvey managed to grab the victory by a few points leaving Manwood's finishing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams in the county. Mentions go to all boys who took part; Laurie Marshall, Damon Short, Alex Waldron and Tristan Jackson (all year 8 students).

The Kent Cup was particularly successful for Manwood's this year. The year 7 junior boys' team made it to the semi-finals beating Kent College 4-2 in the quarter-finals before losing to a strong Queen Elizabeth's team. The intermediate boys team made up of year 8 & 9 boys had a very successful competition, beating Kent College (6-0), Harvey Grammar (4-2) and King's Canterbury (4-3) on route to the final where they faced a very strong Sevenoaks team. This was a closely fought match where the score does not quite reflect the result. In the end Manwood's lost the final 5 matches to 1, but all the players, James Davis, Tom



Pullen, Jono Sparrow and Laurie Marshall should be very proud of how well they performed throughout the competition.

With the Senior team losing previous Year 13 players, this year was about trying to bring in those who would be future seniors to add to already high performing senior players. A 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team friendly against St Lawrence gave us a chance to look at the up and coming players, with the 1<sup>st</sup> team losing 6-3 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team winning 3-1. The main competition this year for senior tennis was the Aegon Cup where our team consisted of 2 year 8 players who were ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school. The team made it to the semi-finals of the competition, beating Chatham & Clarendon 6-0 and King's Canterbury 4-3 on the way to the semis. The semi-final saw Manwood's come up against Langley Park, the same team who knocked Manwood's out of the competition last year. Manwood's unfortunately lost 5-1 to a very strong team. Mentions go to Elliot Woods and Rory Elliott (Year 12) and James Davis and Tom Pullen (Year 8) for their performances in the Aegon Cup this year and especially to Josh Spink (Year 13) who leaves Manwood's in the summer, having played for the senior team since Year 11.

Thanks go to all the players for their commitment in training and their performances in all matches and also to all staff who helped out with boys' tennis this year. It has been a successful season for boys' tennis which set's Manwood's up for exciting seasons in future years to come.

### **Cricket Report**

The Under 12s, led well by James Ball, had an encouraging start to their cricket careers at Manwood's, winning three and losing four matches of this rain affected season. On the batting side our running between the wickets was aggressive even if it did lead to a rather high number of run outs. Harpo Randall, Harry Peirce and James Ball all scored good runs, with James top scoring with 41 in our thumping win against Dover Christchurch Academy. It was good to see a real improvement in the batting of the rest of the team. When they were accurate, our bowling could be devastating. Ben James' pace caused real problems for the opposition and the accuracy of Harry Brown and James Ball meant that they were our leading wicket takers with 8 and 12 wickets respectively. They were supported well, with another eight players taking at least one wicket this season. Finally, this has been a great fielding side, led by Michael Eastman's good performances behind the stumps. The dramatic catches taken by Lucas Moran, Harpo Randall and Harry Brown will live long in the memory.

The U13's have enjoyed a successful season, particularly considering they won just one match in Year 7. The progress made by the team is shown in a season record of 5 wins and 4 losses from 9 games played. This included a magnificent cup run where they accounted for Maidstone Grammar, Dane Court and Kent College to reach the semi-final before bowing out to Skinners. Tom Sumner showed a great deal of promise captaining the side and scored a season high 51 not out against Walmer. Many others contributed good scores during the season with Alex Waldron (29), Freddy Woodward (32), Robert Payne (34) and Tom Pullen (20 not out) excelling on different occasions. The outstanding bowling performance belonged to James Ball from Year 7 who had figures of 4 for 4 in the Kent Cup Quarter-Final in a very close match.

The weather reduced the U14 season to 8 matches which included another fantastic cup run and another Kent Cup semi-final appearance (once again losing out to Skinners). Captain Rory Smith and Peter Eastman were integral to the team's success, with Peter particularly consistent with scores of 35, 42 and 52. Victories came against Dane Court, Folkestone Academy and Chatham House and one game was tied against St Lawrence College.

The U15 team finished a ground-breaking season as unbeaten Kent Cup champions and Kent representatives in the National Cup. Led superbly by Ollie Collins and inspired by Alex Smith the side was successful in part due to outstanding individuals but mainly due to a squad of determined, disciplined, committed and extremely talented players. To win the county competition we defeated Harvey Grammar, Simon Langton, Dane Court, Sevenoaks, Judd and then Borden Grammar in the final. Major contributions came from Ollie Collins, Alex Smith, Rory Smith, Jake Ling, George Peirce, Aiden Michaels and Brad

Higgins but the entire squad played their part. After being crowned Kent champions we were drawn to face the winners of Surrey, The Whitgift School. Batting first, good innings from Ollie Collins and Rory Smith gave us a competitive score but despite 2 wickets for Alex Smith, Whitgift reached their target with 3 overs to spare, handing the team their first defeat for two years.

The end of Year 10 means the side will no longer all play together again and so they finish unbeaten by any school in Kent for two years. Many of the side will go on to represent the First XI in years to come and this bodes well for the future as we aim for more Kent Cup trophies. The team should be commended for the extremely competitive but fair way they have played the game and the team spirit they have built up along the way. It is clear that many of them will go on to be extremely successful sportsmen in future.

The Senior cricket season is always disrupted by exam leave and a string of student commitments, but this year was a fixture disaster because of inclement weather. Cancellations in traditional fixtures against The Forty Club and Sandwich CC made the beginning of the season impossible and we also lost other friendly fixtures too. Nonetheless, a talented 1<sup>st</sup> XI have enjoyed their most successful season ever, reaching the Kent Cup Final for the first time. Once again the weather intervened and the final has been postponed until the end of term meaning we can't publicise the result here!

The route to the final included a first round bye, before a very wet second round tie away to Dane Court. We scored 106 for 7 in 25 overs with Michael Jones scoring 37. A solid team performance in the field included 6 of the 7 bowlers used taking wickets, reducing our opponents to 71 all out. Will Thurgate led the way with the ball in the third round with bowling figures of 4 for 11 as Harvey Grammar were bowled out for 80. Mason Denning (47 not out) and Alex Smith (26 not out) made light work of a low score, reaching the target in 14.5 overs for a 9 wicket victory. We hosted the current cup holders Rochester Maths in the semi final. Batting first we scored just 91 with Mason Denning offering lone resistance with 28 runs. Our only chance of victory would be to take regular wickets early on and thanks to fine bowling from Will Thurgate (5-3-5-2) and some stunning catches from wicketkeeper Connor Michaels, Fraser Meldrum and Michael Jones we reduced Rochester to 81 all out to reach the final against Langley Park.

Aside from the Kent Cup, the season has been a farce thanks to the weather. Just three fixtures proved possible which included a match against Carey Grammar School from Melbourne, Australia. This was a great experience for the school as we hosted their squad for two nights and played a 40 over game against them. We hope to do a similar thing in the future and were pleased to win by 48 runs in the fixture.

Thanks to all those involved in senior cricket this year in what has been a highly successful wet summer. We wish all the best to our Year 13 leavers, in particular Ben Thurgate, Michael Jones, Conor Michaels and Alex Newson.

### **Individual Sporting Achievements**

After their success in the English National Cross Country Championships both Alex (Y11) and Bobby Clay (Y10) were selected to represent England in the ISF World Cross Country U18 Championships held in Malta in the last week of the Spring term. Alex was placed 4th and Bobby won the individual Gold medal. Both girls won team Gold for the winning England team.

At the English Schools Championships held at Gateshead in July, Alex won the Silver Medal in the 3000m and Bobby a Gold Medal in the 1500m. Bobby is now ranked number one in the UK for the 1500m, running the fastest time recorded this season for the U17 girls, 4 minutes 25.55 seconds.

Both Alex and Bobby have been selected to represent the English Schools in the SIAB Internationals on 21<sup>st</sup> July which is being held at Ashford.

Katie Latham (Y10) and Bobby Clay (Y10) were invited to compete in the UK School Games held at the Olympic Park earlier this term. Katie therefore had the opportunity to swim in the Olympic pool and Bobby to run in the athletics stadium. In addition to competing they had the opportunity to watch many

Olympic and Paralympic sports and to deal with other aspects of being a top athlete. For example, on the day of her race Bobby had to get up at 4.45am to go the Olympic Stadium where she had television interviews for the BBC and ITV as well as CBBC Newsround. She finally raced in the 3000m at 4.30pm winning a Silver Medal.

Katie Latham (Y10) was selected to represent the South East Division in the English Schools Swimming Association National Swimming Championships in Liverpool at the end of June. She competed in the 100 Back, 200 Back, Free and Medley Relays. Both Katie and her sister Alice (Y10) also competed at the National Youth Swimming Championships in July.

Emma Marsh (Y12) and Charlotte Pape (Y12) represented Kent Cricket U17's at the Taunton Cricket Festival in mid-July.

James Davis (Y8) was selected to represent the Kent U14 Boys' Tennis Team in the County Cup Event 2012. He is now ranked number one in the country in his U13 age group.

At the annual schools gymnastics competition organised by the East Kent Acro Gym Club, the following students competed with distinction:

Lizzie Beech-Garwood (Y7) Novice Gold + Certification for Highest Score in the Vault.

Yves Brown (Y8) Intermediate Gold + Certificate for the Highest Score on the Vault.

Tasha Everitt (Y8) Advanced Gold.

Catrina Glanville (Y8) Elite 4th.

Megan Bartlett (Y8) Elite Silver.

Elizabeth Westbrook (Y8) Intermediate Bronze.

Freya Kennedy-Harper (Y7) Intermediate Silver.

Malindi Parker (Y8) Elite Gold + Certificate for Highest Score on the Vault.

Toby Freeland (Y9) George Hyett (Y9), Chris Thomas (Y13) and Mark Thomas (Y11) represented Kent at the National Schools Sailing Association Regatta in Weymouth in mid-July.

Harry Willett (Y11) came 3rd in the RYA National Youth Championships held in North Wales and has been selected for training with the National Youth Squad.

Malindi Parker (Y8) and Natasha Everitt (Y8) were part of the Vista Twisters team that gained two first places at the British Cheerleading Association International Championships held in Telford in July.

### **Solo Channel Swim 2012**

Lewis Young (12B) will be attempting to swim the English Channel as a solo swim between mid-August and September 2012. He will be raising money for Cancer Research UK. Lewis has already completed 3 Channel Relays, in 2008, 2010 and 2011. But this will be his first solo swim. Anyone wishing to support his fundraising efforts can do so by making an online donation through the Just Giving site <http://www.justgiving.com/LewisYoung1994>. Lewis also has set up a blog <http://lewisyoungsolochannelswim.blogspot.co.uk/> where he regularly posts updates about his training and the swim itself. Updates are also available through his Facebook and twitter accounts: <http://www.facebook.com/ljb1994> or @LewisYoung94. We want to wish Lewis good luck as he prepares for this challenge.

## **28. Schools Fantasy Football League**

### **House Fantasy Football Competition – current standings**

The competition this year was a great success and with 250 teams entered by our students very competitive. It certainly led to good banter throughout the season! Manwood's did very well as a school

and finished the season ranked 11<sup>th</sup> nationally out of around 1600 schools. The winner of the overall competition was Mr Acourt (488 points), with Mason Denning of Year 12 in 2nd (452 points) and Thomas Pullen of Year 8 and James Abbott of Year 9 sharing 3rd place (both 443 points). Mr Vere ensured both major competitions were won by members of the staff as he was the overall winner of the FA Cup competition (99 points). Dorman were victorious in the house competition, which was based on the top four results of members of each house.

House Competition result:

1st = Dorman 446.25

2nd = Tudor 437

3rd = Trappes 430

4th Knolles 400.5

Year group winners:

Year 7: Harpo Randall – 413 points

Year 8: Thomas Pullen – 443 points

Year 9: James Abbott – 443 points

Year 10: Dan Nicolson – 421 points

Year 11: Ellie Borlase – 432 points

Year 12: Mason Denning – 452 points

Year 13: Luke Redman – 409 points

Staff: Mr Acourt – 488 points

Unfortunately the competition will not be run next season as the company who provided the service, 'The Original Fantasy League', have not found it financially viable in its present format. We have been told that they will look at different options to facilitate a return for the 2014/15 season.

## **29. Summer Term 2012 House Results Summary**

This year the House Competition has been an exciting and close run affair. A number of great events have been organised throughout the academic year, ranging from a wide range of sporting events to travel photography and a Maths relay competition.

The summer term has been a busy one. With so much going on in Britain this year House events were designed to celebrate 'Britain in 2012'. The Junior and Middle Public Speaking competitions were held on topics that stretched from whether we should replace the monarchy with a republic to the British accent and "keeping calm and carrying on". The Heads of House were impressed with the high quality performances given by all competitors. The Year 10 event, down in speakers on the day due to absence and other commitments, was won by Josh Edeki (D) and Jacob Werth (TR) with their comical discussion on the ultimate British food. The representatives in Year 7 were unfazed by the task of speaking to their year group and produced some excellent speeches which were delivered with confidence and clarity. The overall winning House for Year 7 was Dorman. Rory Parker-Gorman and Mia Lord produced a very entertaining account of the British Accent, highlighting actor David Tennant as their main case example. Dorman had a successful event also winning the Year 8 competition. Ted Missons discussed "the oddest sports to play" and Marte van der Graaf spoke about the history behind the modern advertising craze of 'Keep calm and carry on'. The Year 9 competition was the closest fought but it was eventually awarded to 9K's Tom Wiltshire & Stephen Bettles for their role play debate on whether "The voting age should be lowered to 16" and Jemima Sparkes & Marianna Panteli's talk on "the ultimate British food". Judging for the overall individual winner of the David Starkey Junior Public Speaking Competition was so closely contested that judges were unable to decide the winner on the day, with both Marte van der Graaf and Caitlin Wagstaffe emerging as prospective winners. Both repeated their speeches during a main assembly in front of a large and somewhat daunting audience. With the judges deadlocked over the decision the overall winner was decided with the help of the Deputy Heads and it was awarded to Caitlin for her speech on

there is “no such thing as Britishness”. Well done to all involved and hopefully more students will now have the confidence to enter the competition next year

The Olympic competition, held for year groups 7-9, focused on project work on Olympic host nations. Students researched the history of the games, famous athletes, record breakers and the art and design of the games and produced large display work that also incorporated the Olympic values of friendship, respect and excellence into their work. The designs produced were amazing and it was evident that individual forms had put a lot of time and effort into their pieces. Each form presented their work in their respective Year Assemblies. Olympic Value medals were awarded to the winning presentation team for each year. Euan Walters in 9K, Robyn Manning and Megan Cattle in 8K and Lucy Stephenson and Yusha Sheikh in 7TU received these awards. The display competition was won by 9TR for their work on the 1968 Mexico games, 7K who produced some excellent art work, including ceramic medals and an Olympic torch for Moscow 1980. 8TR, who had London 1948, were the overall winning form. They produced a visually outstanding display piece. The winning forms have been awarded with the opportunity to attend Deal Pier to watch the Olympic Torch Relay from a prime ticketed location.

The overall House scores were closer than originally predicted at the start of the summer term with the final House competitions making all the difference in the race between Trappes and Tudor. Knolles had a disappointing start to the year which made it impossible to make a significant comeback, especially after they were pipped into second place by just 7 points at Sports Day by Tudor. Dorman had some great success in the fantasy football leagues and public speaking events in the summer term and will be aiming to build quickly on these results in September and regain the House cup that they won in 2011.

Well done to all students who represented their Houses in competitions this year. All students and staff wish to thank Mr Stevens, who retired in April, for all his work as House System Coordinator over the last few years. The Heads of House, who have done a great job this year, look forward to welcoming Mr Davidson to the team in September as temporary Head of Knolles.

### **Final Positions for Summer Term**



1<sup>st</sup> = Trappes (3603 points)



2<sup>nd</sup> = Tudor (3527 points)



3<sup>rd</sup> = Dorman (3111 points)



4<sup>th</sup> = Knolles (2777 points)

I am very conscious of the increasing length of these termly newsletters, but it is a testimony to the richness and variety of life at Manwood's. Even so I must also make an apology for those many worthy activities not given a mention, for this is not an exhaustive account.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their hard work over the term and wish everyone a very happy Summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Morgan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Chris Morgan**  
**Headteacher**