



# Sir Roger Manwood's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

When I wrote to you at half term, I had no idea that just a few weeks later all school sport would be cancelled and this would immediately be followed by school closures and a global lockdown!

Despite the abrupt end to the term's sport, please look out for the PE season report which reports on the 94 fixtures completed from January to mid-March.

Clearly competitive sport is a very distant priority in the current environment but actually the importance of exercise to maintain a healthy body and mind has never been more important. PE classes have received details from the PE Department with a number of links and ideas to consider over the coming weeks. I'm sure many students and other family members have gathered around computer screens and TV's already but please do encourage your children to have a look at the list.

There are many examples of schools and individuals who are sharing activity videos on Twitter. **If anyone would like to video their efforts or take photos to have them posted on the Manwood's Sport twitter page, then please send them to [c.pearce@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:c.pearce@srms.kent.sch.uk) and I will post them after the Easter holidays.** The previous Twitter project #Manwoodstudentsexcel went very well with 20 students being recognised in a variety of sports. Thank you to those who sent details in and if you would like to pass on any details for student success, I will look to repeat this hashtag in the future.

The premature end to school sport this term meant that leagues couldn't be finished, tournaments couldn't take place and a large number of friendly fixtures had to be cancelled. There are plans for one or two events to be moved to the summer term but of course, we currently have no idea when we will return to normality. Unfortunately, I have received emails to say that all Kent Cup School's cricket and the English Schools' Athletics competition we were entering for the first time, have been cancelled already. I think it's fair to assume that school sport won't be seen for a while yet.

On a more positive note, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Manwood's Sport. The sports club fees ensured all pitch hire, transport, floodlight maintenance, competition entries, officials, match teas and affiliations were paid. In addition, the phenomenal number of students engaging in netball club (155) has meant that we are able to have the outdoor netball courts re-surfaced and marked over the summer to give us a higher grade playing surface for the future. Sports club fees will make up half of the costs needed to complete the work.

I have just completed an audit of participation in all of our sports clubs. This includes all lunchtime activities, the paid sports club activities and all other after-school sports clubs. So far this academic year, 428 students have chosen to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity, totalling 42% of the entire school population for 8 different sports. Bearing in mind, summer sports are currently exempt from these figures, I would expect totals to rise for those who enjoy other activities like cricket, tennis, athletics and rounders. It's also worth pointing out that many of our students take part in more than one activity with a number of students doing 4 or more!



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Finally, students in year 9 may already be considering the fact that their GCSE's start in September. To support the students who have chosen to study GCSE Physical Education (AQA specification), the PE Department will be providing work to help students prepare for the start of the course. This will relate to both the practical and theoretical elements of the course. Please ask your children to look out for details via their Google Classroom PE class after Easter.

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. Stay active and healthy and look forward to the sporting celebration that will follow these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,

*Chris Pearce*

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Director of Sport

## Boys' Hockey

### U12

With only 1 boy having played any club hockey before, this was going to be a steep learning curve for the year 7 boys. They enjoyed a mixture of 7 a side and 11 a side hockey with many students getting the opportunity to represent the school during the course of the term. The early finish to the season was the only reason a small number of students missed out on playing competitively.



The goalkeeper problem began with nobody interested but finished with 2 really good keepers in Tumi Owwoye and Israel Abe! Billy Amaouche was very effective in midfield, Freddie Meineck marshalled the defence superbly and Ethan Wilson was everywhere!



The season began with a trip to London to play Eltham College where one team lost 5-2 and the other won 2-1. The season ebbed and flowed from here with wins, draws and losses in equal measure. Highlights included the B team beating St Edmund's Canterbury 4-0 and the 11 a side

team winning 1-0 in a great game against Chatham & Clarendon with a fine team goal finished by Freddie Fairclough and a strong defensive display from Freddie Meineck and goalkeeper Israel Abe.



### U13

This season we had a mixed bag of results, 1 win, 2 losses and 1 draw. We have noticeably improved greatly as a side, in Year 7 we were all relatively new to the sport and we lost almost every game. This was proved through our performance against Simon Langton, in year 7 they smashed us very clearly and we didn't put up much of a fight. This season, we beat them 2-0, with a stunning performance. We lost narrowly to Norton Knatchbull, a school known for its exceptional hockey ability, with our goalkeepers Jamie and Noah making some game changing saves to keep us in it and keeping the score at 0-0 for the majority of the match but unfortunately they got one past us to make it 1-0 in the end. Our first game of the season against St Ed's Canterbury, did not go very well, with their team out-playing us in the first half, but we managed to get 2 goals back with a better performance in the second half, with the final score being 5-2. Our match with Chatham and Clarendon had everyone on the edge of their seats with a brilliant performance from both sides, with a final score of 1-1. This Season we also had 2 tournaments. The first one, the Minis Tournament, was held at Kent college, with many very good hockey sides from all over the county and even some from London. We did very well in this tournament, although we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6 in our group, we played some very good hockey, and didn't let the more experienced sides smash us. We put up a good fight in every game. The next tournament, the John Maylam Tournament, did not go very well for us, we came bottom of our group, with one win in the afternoon, despite playing some good hockey, some of the other sides were more experienced, and got the better of us. This season we have improved more and more with every game and the future is bright for the seasons to come.

Ben Marsh



## U14



Played 7

Won 3

Drew 3

Lost 1

Goals for 19

Goals against 9

The U14 Boys hockey team had another successful season, only losing one game all term. In the Kent Cup competition we played a strong Norton Knatchbull team in the first round, winning 4-1 in what ended up being our best performance of the term. Unfortunately we lost to Eltham College 3-1 in the Quarter Finals due to their outstanding level of hockey. We had an exciting 3-3 draw against Simon Langton, with Eddie Rowney playing as striker instead of in goal & scoring a hat trick!! We had an impressive 7-0 win against St Edmund's Canterbury, this time it was Henry Carruthers who scored a hat trick in another outstanding team performance. Our last game was against rivals Norton Knatchbull which ended a 1-1 draw thanks to a brilliant individual goal by Josh Kitson.

Thank you to all the Year 9 boys who committed to the team, but special mention goes to Jake Smith who stepped in for the last few games when we were short of players having never played a game of hockey before.

Sam Ericson

## U15

This year group enjoyed its' best set of results to date and were unfortunate not to complete their season, particularly due to missing out on their all day tournament at Polo Farm. The final record read 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats. Victories were gained against teams who we normally lose to - St Edmund's Canterbury, Chatham & Clarendon and Harvey Grammar. A highlight was actually the 3-3 draw with a strong Norton Knatchbull side where the team played some excellent hockey in an exciting game. Christian Beggs led the side superbly from midfield with Euan Bunn providing the goals and Rory Marles doing a superb job at the back. Year 9 students Alfie Pearce and Eddie Rowney (pictured) covered goalkeeping duties between them.



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## Seniors

Mock exams, poor weather and the early school closure all affected the senior hockey season. As a result only 10 fixtures were possible (5 for the 1sts and 5 for the 2nds) and the



OM Day was cancelled where we compete with the Old Manwoodian's for the Peter Firminger trophy. On a positive note, the early scheduling of the Frank Mason tournament ensured the annual highlight went ahead. We were in a very tough group and competed admirably all morning. We qualified for the plate competition in the afternoon where there was lots of drama including a sudden death penalty flicks victory. We finally bailed out to a last minute goal in the semi-finals but enjoyed an excellent day.

Other highlights of the season included a high scoring victory against Chatham & Clarendon with a hat trick for Harry King and 4 goals for Finn Upton. The 2's enjoyed victories against King's Rochester and King's Canterbury.

It's such a shame that the season didn't reach a conclusion to allow the year 13's to finish their Manwood's hockey experience. So I'd like to thank all of those who are leaving us, in particular captain Noah Upton and 2<sup>nd</sup> team goalkeeper Dan Spain who was outstanding all year and was able to represent the 1st team – something he would never have thought possible just a year ago!

### **Girls' Netball**

#### **U12**

Although cut short, we played 6 games in a short space of time. This was a great opportunity for year 7 to get to know one another as a team and start to feel confident in our positions.



We had a great season, home and away. Out of 6 games, we won 4, drew 1 and lost 1. We also played a tournament and won every game!

Here are our results:

St Lawrence vs Manwoods - drew 3-3

Langton Girls vs Manwoods – won 7-3

Manwoods u12 A Vs Kent College - lost 14-4

Manwoods u12 B Vs Kent College – won 5-3

Manwoods u12 C Vs Kent College - won 8-0

Northbourne Park Vs Manwoods - won 6-5

These games were played well by both sides and we enjoyed them all. Thank you Miss Bryen and Miss Deveson for organising these games and coaching us so well.

Jess Coleman

### **U13A**



This year girls U13 netball has been great. The A team have had some really close matches, like the 10:12 loss to Northbourne Park, and a great 10:5 win against Simon Langton girls. The girls have put so much effort in to all of their matches and always have fun even if we



lost. We came 8th out of 12 in the Wellesley House tournament and we have suffered some unfortunate losses against Simon Langton U14 girls, Kent College, Kings Rochester and Junior Kings Canterbury. I have played with both A and B teams and watched the C's and there is so much potential and support from everyone. The B team had some amazing wins, 21:3 and 13:1 against Kings Rochester and Kent College and an unlucky loss with the St Lawrence A team. The C team only had one match but they had an amazing 21:3 win against Kings Rochester. Overall netball has been great and all of the girls have enjoyed it and are looking forward to next term's sports.

Jaime Cooper



### **U13B**

The Under 13B team had a quite successful season winning 2 of their 4 games, drawing one and losing one. The season started with a draw against Junior King's, Canterbury 4-4. This was a good result because we did not expect to win. Next, we played Kent College and won 13-1. We were very happy with this result, as we worked well as a team to produce a good performance. After Kent College we played King's Rochester, this was our best game of the season winning 21-3 which we were all very happy with. We all worked very hard to achieve this higher score. In this game the whole team were very confident in what we were doing. Our final match was against the St Lawrence A team which unfortunately we lost 3-17, but we still played really well, because we played their A team and we are the B team. We enjoyed this match a lot because we had fun together. Unfortunately, our final match of the

season was cancelled which was disappointing but we had still had a great season. I hope all the other players have enjoyed the season as much as I have and I hope that we all carry on with netball next year. Finally, I would like to thank the teachers who have taken training and matches and supported us all the way.

Millie Dack

#### **U14**

This season, the netball matches unfortunately ended abruptly, but the season that we had was filled with team spirit and a combined effort from all the players. In all the matches, every single teammate played their part which was why we worked so well together as a team, and even though we may not have always obtained the amount of goals or result we would have liked to get, we always tried our hardest and never gave up. Throughout all the games, we had a variety of wins and losses, with some being lost by a lot more goals and some much less. However, no matter what happened, we always held our heads up high and when we won, we took them in our stride.

Madison Parnham

#### **U15**



This season has been great for the U15A team this year despite it being cut short. We started off well against a strong Kent College side drawing 10-10 which boosted the teams spirits for when we went into the next game. A highlight of this season was playing against Duke of



York's in a great game which we won 9-5. We competed in the Sutton Valance tournament in which we played many of the teams from around Kent helping us build ourselves as a team. Although we have experienced losses in several matches, the team as a whole have kept focus and stayed in good spirits. Despite the season being cut short, it has been good to develop our skills individually and as a team. I would like to thank everyone on the team for their consistent commitment and continuing to put in 100% effort, making the games fun. The team are grateful for all the effort of Miss Deveson and Mrs Bryen in training and supporting us. I look forward to playing with the team next year!

Eve Pryde

### **U15B**

In this cut short season, the U15B's were only able to play 3 matches, two against Kent College and one tournament. Unfortunately, the Kent College matches did not go our way, being two losses, however we were very happy with a second place in the District Comp. As a team we progressed throughout the tournament, becoming a tighter team and strengthening our communication. Sadly, the season was cut short by having to shut the schools.

Carlotta Harmeyer



### U16/2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> VII's

The depth of the netball squad was evident this year and I wonder how much more could've been achieved if it wasn't for poor weather and the early school closure. The 2nds won both of their games against St Edmund's Canterbury (16-4) and Duke of York's (14-12). The U16's won all of their games at the District tournament and the 3<sup>rd</sup> VII had a wonderful tournament in Rochester. Hosted by King's Rochester, we were the only state school present out of 9 teams and went on to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. This was the first attempt at running a 3<sup>rd</sup> team so the work done by Mrs Young, Mrs Bryen and Miss Deveson is clearly bearing fruit and gives us real optimism for the future.



### 1sts

The 1<sup>st</sup> Netball team started their pre-season competing in weekly fixtures in the Sandwich Women's league. This was a higher standard than what we anticipated and had previously played against before, however we feel we rose to the challenge well and the benefits did display when the school's netball season started. We then began doing our morning fitness sessions and afterschool practices throughout the entirety of the season led by Mrs Young.





Our first match was away against Duke of York's and we gained a confident win of 25-11. This was a huge achievement for us as we were yet to beat this school for the past four years in the 1<sup>st</sup> team. From this win we began to feel more confident in our capabilities and all came to the agreement that the weekly matches in the women's league were paying off. Our next match was at home against St Edmund's Canterbury, a team who previously beat us and subsequently, we were all fairly surprised with the outcome of this year's match. The result ended in a draw, however with the last centre pass being mistakenly given to the opposing team, we feel we could've edged in front of them. With that being said, we were extremely proud of the level of netball we had demonstrated. This led onto our next away match against Queen Elizabeth school in Faversham whereby despite the initial struggle for the lead, we pulled through with a 30-16 win, with Katie Carney showing some incredible shooting. This was a difficult match to begin with however as we settled and the opposing team's tactics became more evident, we began to make an advance. Unfortunately, the Rochester netball tournament was cancelled this year due to the poor weather and therefore we felt that it was a shame we couldn't show our progress to wider teams. However, our final match was at Simon Langton at home. This team has been fairly consistent throughout the years we've played them and this year was no different. They consist of great defenders as well as shooters which are hard to mark, leaving the result at a respectable 24-12 loss. We set out knowing this was our last match together before most of us left Manwood's and therefore wanted to enjoy it together and have fun, regardless of the outcome.

Although the season has been cut short for knowing reasons, we feel as a team we have improved significantly and displayed an increased level of netball due to the help Mrs Young

has provided. We have all gained so much from being a part of this netball team and many of us hope to continue playing within the near future. Overall, regardless of the short-lived season it is evident that we have improved our standards of the sport and also gained more confidence whilst playing. We have thoroughly enjoyed representing Manwood's netball and the leaving Year 13's from within the team wish every success for the future.

Lauren Chapman

### **Indoor Athletics**

In January we entered the Dover District Sports Hall Athletics for the first time. The year 7 boys narrowly missed out on qualifying for the county finals, finishing second overall and the year 8 boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both girls' teams won overall to qualify for the county finals. We were particularly strong as a team on the track where we won almost every race! The standard at the finals was very high, providing a great experience for the girls, who enjoyed their day out at Medway Park. The year 7 girls finished 11<sup>th</sup> and year 8 finished 8<sup>th</sup>, both out of 14 districts.





### **Kent Individual Swimming Championships**

In January, 10 of our swimmers competed at Hartsdown Park in this individual event. Everybody did well but special mention must go to Amelie Niblett who took third place in the 100m Fly and 100m Free and Alex Dack who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m Fly and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200m Individual Medley. It's also worth noting that a number of officials commented on the respectful behaviour our team showed throughout the competition. Well done team!

### **Badminton**

For the first time there was due to be a league format East Kent Badminton Competition for schools. Unfortunately, the current situation meant only one game was completed before schools closed where our year 10 boys enjoyed a thriller against Sandwich Tech. The final match score was 3-3 leading us to lose on countback by 194 points to 224! Hopefully we'll have better luck at getting this competition off of the ground next year!

### **Trampolining**



Early in February, the trampolining squad competed in Canterbury with 12 students going on to qualify for the Kent Schools Games Finals in Gillingham. The finals themselves were scheduled for March just as the outbreak was having an impact. As a result, we couldn't travel as a squad but three of the squad still managed to attend and compete as individuals.

Megan Rook won the U15 Elite Category and Beth Dobson finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U15 Advanced Category. Skye Witte won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the U19 Advanced Category.

### **Girls' Indoor Cricket**

The U13 team competed in the Lady Taverner's Indoor Schools Competition in Canterbury. Our opponents were St Lawrence College, Kent College and Highworth. We were well beaten by Kent College, lost narrowly to Highworth and then beat St Lawrence. Our bowling was superb all day but tactically, our batting meant we struggled to score enough runs. The highlight of the day was Amy Watkins taking 3 wickets in one over! Hopefully the girls will get to progress further with their cricket in the summer term.





### **Kent Schools Cross Country Championships**

Sixteen Manwood's runners represented South East Kent at the Championships held at Duke of York's in January after a fantastic set of results in the District event during the Autumn term. Alex and Millie Dack finished 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> place respectively and Daniel Gannon finished 17<sup>th</sup> in the year 7 boys' event. Daniel qualified to represent Kent in the regionals as a result. Alex and Millie both competed in the National Cross Country Championships finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> respectively. Alex's 4<sup>th</sup> place led to him being selected to represent Kent Schools' in Liverpool where he helped Kent win the year 8 and 9 English School's cross country title. Alex (far right in the photo) finished 32nd out of 335 year 8 and 9 students and was the 3rd year 8 to finish in the race.



### **Boys' Basketball**

Once again, we hosted the annual District Basketball competitions for U13 and U15 boys. The only basketball currently played in school takes place as a lunchtime club once a week so this was really just a chance to engage in a great event. The U15 team did finish 3<sup>rd</sup> and the U13's won their 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> playoff game.

