

# Sir Roger Manwood's School



Summer Term 2023  
Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We now have well over 1350 followers of the **School Instagram** page, and 270 followers of the School Facebook page (with another 200+ who have 'liked' it). We post news of events to both platforms and we would urge parents to join one or the other if they have not already done so. They really are the best way to stay informed of what is happening at the School. In addition to the School social media feeds, the PE Department has an Instagram page and Twitter account, and the CCF has a private Facebook page and Twitter account. If any parents are alumni of the School and are not already members of the OM Facebook page then I would highly recommend that as a way to stay in touch regarding news of events for alumni.

If families have any unwanted uniform or school equipment at home, please do think about donating them to the School for other SRMS families and students. If you have any such items that you would like to donate, please email Mrs Mosley, our Student Receptionist, on [studentreception@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:studentreception@srms.kent.sch.uk) to arrange a time for it to be dropped off. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Sponsored Walk on Friday was hugely enjoyable...far more so than yesterday's end to Sports Day! That was such a shame as the first 2 and a half hours of competition had been so much fun. If you have not made a donation towards the Walk please do so. As explained in assemblies to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 last week, the astroturf pitch will make a huge difference to what the PE Department is able to offer our students, especially during the winter months. To donate please go to <https://gofund.me/a349393b>, and remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks in advance. The total currently stands at just under £3000 which is short of the £6000 raised last year, and still some way off our £10,000 target for this year.

The next two pages detail arrangements for the A Level and GCSE results days in August, and the term dates for the next academic year. If you are a parent of a Year 11 and/or Year 13 student please ensure that you read the next page.

Finally, I hope that every member of the School community is able to enjoy a restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes

Mr Hunter

**Headteacher**

## RESULTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS 2023

**A and AS Level results will be ready for collection between 8.30am and 9.30am on Thursday 17 August in the Sports Hall.** After 9.30am they will be placed in Reception.

**GCSE results will be ready for collection between 9am and 10.00am in the Sports Hall on Thursday 24 August.** After 10.00am they will be placed in Reception.

If a student is not able to collect their results in person on the day they should email Miss Wadsworth ([p.wadsworth@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:p.wadsworth@srms.kent.sch.uk)) **by noon on the day before Results Day** to give permission for someone else to pick their results up for them. If something arises on Results Day itself, then the student should telephone Reception (01304 610200) and let Reception know who will be picking up the results for them. The Reception staff will see that the message is passed on to Miss Wadsworth. The results for those unable to come in themselves or send someone in their stead, will be posted first class at the end of the day. **Results will not be phoned or emailed to any students - if unable to attend in person, a student should arrange for their results to be picked up on the day by a friend or relative, with prior notice having been given of this, as above.**

Some Year 11 students may find a message in their results envelope asking them to see either Ms Pujadas-Telmon or Ms Kernick to discuss their results. Ms Kernick will be in Room C106 and Ms Pujadas-Telmon will be in Room C107 - the two rooms that face on to the 450th Garden.

Year 11 students who would like to alter their A Level options are required to meet Miss Pujadas-Telmon on Tuesday 5 September in her office according to the following schedule:

Surnames A-F: 12:30pm

Surnames G-M: 12:45pm

Surnames N-Z: 1:00pm

Whether someone will be able to change subjects will depend on the size of the class they wish to join as well as the grade requirements for the subject.

# TERM DATES FOR THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

## AUTUMN TERM

Monday 4 September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 September	Staff Training Day. Students who would like to alter their A Level options are required to meet Miss Pujadas-Telmon in her office: Surnames A-F: 12:30pm; Surnames G-M: 12:45pm; Surnames N-Z: 1:00pm
Wednesday 6 September	Induction day for Y7 & Y12
Thursday 7 September	School starts for all year groups
Wednesday 18 October	Half term holiday starts after school (normal dismissal)
Monday 30 October	School starts for all year groups
Monday 18 December	Carol Service (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 19 December	Speech Day (early dismissal for Year 7)
Tuesday 19 December	A Level Celebration Evening
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of term (noon dismissal)

## SPRING TERM

Thursday 4 January	School starts for all year groups
Thursday 8 February	Half term starts after school (normal dismissal)
Friday 9 February	Staff Training Day
Monday 19 February	School starts for all year groups
Thursday 28 March	End of term (normal dismissal)
Friday 29 March	Good Friday Bank Holiday
Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday

## SUMMER TERM

Monday 15 April	School starts for all year groups
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 May	Half term begins after school (normal dismissal)
Monday 3 June	School starts for all year groups
Tuesday 2 July	Open Evening; early closure (time of dismissal TBC)
Friday 19 July	Last day of the academic year (noon dismissal)

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GIRLS BEING ADMITTED TO SRMS

This term sees the end of the first 40 years of Manwood's being a co-ed school. After over 12 years of "will they, won't they", on September 7 1982 the gates of Sir Roger Manwood's School were opened to the first influx of young ladies in its history. The end of 419 years of SRMS being an all-boys school and the start of a new era had begun. The 1982 academic year started with 30 full-time teachers on the staff and 407 boys but that first day also saw five young ladies join the Sixth Form (Melodie Odon, Sharon Wyatt, Janine Yerbury, S Lindsey Mitchell and Oonagh O'Mahony) and a further 33 girls join the First Year (as Year 7 was then known as). Today there are nearly 1,000 pupils and girls currently slightly outnumber boys overall, although that pattern changes in different year groups. Below is the article from the East Kent Mercury reflecting this momentous change:



boys and girls, in their classroom in

Prefect Michael Beale takes two of the girls into the school to show them around. On the left is Jackie Ely, from Marshborough, who is in the first year, and on the right sixth former Oonagh O'Mahony, from Sandwich.

EAST KENT MERCURY 15th SEPTEMBER 1982.

# History in the making

History has been made at Sir Roger Manwood's School at Sandwich this term. For the first time since the school opened in 1583, girls have been admitted as pupils.

On Tuesday, when children throughout the area were returning to their classrooms at the start of another academic year, just over 30 first year girls and five sixth form girls walked into Manwood's to start a new phase in the life of the school.

New buildings are being provided at the school to cope with the increase in the number of pupils. Part of the new extension is already in use.

It is hoped the rest of the building programme will be ready for the spring term, at a cost of £750,000.

The admission of girls to Manwood's will alleviate some of the overcrowding problems at the Dover Girls' (FARMER) School. It will also mean that some girls from the Sandwich and East Kent Area will not have such long journeys to school.

Mr Wandell Todd checks to some of the new arrivals and directs them to their classrooms.

## FOUNDER'S DAY 2023

Thursday 25 May 2023 started with the 4 School Captains ringing the bell in Reception (which is the bell from the original school that sits on the road to Ash) as the Year 7 Form Captains raised the school flag. In the afternoon, Years 7, 8 and 12 attended the Founder's Day Service in St Clements. Our guest preacher was Bishop Rose, the Bishop of Dover, who became the first female to deliver the Founder's Day Address in the history of the school. A very fitting milestone for the academic year that marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of girls being admitted to SRMS. Bishop Rose gave a thought provoking, and highly enjoyable, address which included her singing relevant snippets of songs by Michael Jackson, Labi Shiffre and Bob Marley - we can confirm that she has a great voice! The day's festivities ended with an alumni gathering in the Fleur de Lis pub in Sandwich – well done to the Leavers of 2018 for the highest turnout from one year group.

## FRIENDS OF MANWOOD'S

The Friends of Manwood's have had an exciting year. To date we have raised £2,502. More than raising money, this year FoM started to take a more active role in contributing to the school community.

- We held our first ever *Student Film Night* and *Parent Social* for the new Year 7 families who joined at the start of the academic year.
- During the year, FoM provided refreshments at school concerts including the very successful *Spring Concert* and '*Abigail's Party*' Drama production.
- We had a full house at the ever popular *Headteacher's Quiz*.
- And we introduced the *Easter Hamper Raffle* which was a great new fundraising initiative - plus a wonderful way to start the Easter holidays!
- FoM organised and donated towards keepsakes for Year 11's and gave a small contribution to the Year 13 BBQ.
- We funded the Year 8's E<sup>3</sup> award pins.

Looking forward, we are excited to be able to increase the number of student entries for next year's Maths competition, and this Christmas' Drama production licence is also funded by FOM. We are looking forward to supporting the GCSE & A-Level Art Exhibition and hoping for a big Sports Day as our last event for the year. A big **Thank You** to all volunteers who have given time to help in whatever way you could! If you would like to help volunteer with FoM, please drop an email to [friends@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@srms.kent.sch.uk).

## STAFF NEWS

Welcome back to **Mrs Szczerbicki** after her maternity leave, and thank you so much to **Mr Merrell** for agreeing to come out of his recent retirement to cover for her absence over the last few months.

Huge congratulations to **Ms Deveson** who attended a ceremony on Friday 19 May at which she was presented with her award for being the *Teacher of the Year* for the Dover and Folkestone Districts.

**Miss Lupton** has been at Manwood's for 33 years, having joined in 1990. She was first appointed as a teacher of Religious Studies but was promoted to the Head of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics in 2011. Manwood's has been the first and only school Miss Lupton has taught in and she says that the school has changed quite a bit over the 33 years she has been here - the School has become much bigger both in terms of the physical size of the school, the number of students (from 3 form to 5 form entry and so the number of students has nearly doubled) and the number of subjects available, particularly at A Level, has grown substantially. Miss Lupton also spent many happy years involved in CCF at the school. Throughout her time at Manwood's, Miss Lupton has been on many exciting trips and been involved in many extra-curricular clubs. tennis coaching, helping with CCF, a hockey tour to Barcelona, a Sixth Form Debating Club, taking netball fixtures, being a boarding tutor for 5 years, accompanying or leading to 3 trips to our partner school in India (2010, 2015, 2016) and several trips to Rome. She has also run the Junior and Senior Charity Committees and successfully grew what those committees organised by starting up the Easter and Summer Teas to compliment the Christmas Dinner for the elderly residents of Sandwich and the nearby vicinity. We wish Miss Lupton all the best for the future and thank her for her dedication to teaching students at Manwood's for over 30 years.

**Mr Avery** is leaving Manwood's after a total of 22 years. He was the Head of Physics for 19 of those 22 years and our Physics Technician for the last 3. During his time at SRMS, Mr Avery has run an Astronomy Club, and more latterly, a Bird Watchers Club. As might be guessed from the fact he ran a club in it, he is a very keen astronomer and is intending to set up a very large telescope at the bottom of his garden come retirement – and to then become nocturnal!

**Ms Marsh** and **Ms Steeples** are both going to be attending Canterbury Christchurch University next year. Ms March will be undertaking a PGCE in English, while Ms Steeples will be training to be a primary school teacher.

**Mr Wilson** is leaving us to take up a position in a corporate consultancy in London from September. Quite different but he is looking forward to the challenge!

**Ms Marchant** is leaving us to become a Teaching Assistant at Kingsdown & Ringwould Primary School, which I know is the old school for many of our current students. We wish her well.

## STUDENT NEWS

We have some excellent footballers in school who have been nominated by the PE Dept for trials to get into the county squad. 2 Year 10 boys are already part of the county set up (**Dan Gannon** and **Jem Saldonido**). 9 boys from Year 8-10 were nominated, and 11 girls from Years 7-10. The students nominated were: **Mollie Parker, Isla Davis** (both Year 7); **Finley Corby, Ben Gannon, Bea Lockyer, Lucy Goodman** (all Year 8); Bobby Bale, Jude Lebearl, Harry Smith, Gabriel Collins, Ruby Hodgkins, Juliana Cram (all Year 9); **Ethan Wilson, Archie Young, Freya Farmery, Izzy Murphy, Ella Bowyer** (all Year 10).



**Ruby Clements** and **Abigail Hackett** (both Year 9) represented the tennis Outreach Team run by their old primary school, Deal Parochial at a recent league match at Kings Hill. The girls won their first fixture verses David Lloyd Kings Hill by clinching the deciding doubles match. Ruby and Abigail then started their next fixture against Kings Hill Community Tennis Club with the doubles match, which they lost 4-1 4-2. Both girls played brilliantly to win their singles, Ruby by 4-3 4-0 and Abigail by 2-4, 4-3 1-0. Congratulations to both Ruby and Abigail for winning their league.

Marcus Comlay (Year 11) and Tom Anstis (Year 9) competed alongside other cadets from the Dover Police Cadet Unit in the annual Kent Police Cadets county competition on Saturday 8 July at the Kent Police College in Maidstone. They were at a disadvantage since they had 6 participants instead of the standard 10. The competition included policing-related scenarios, including dealing with a suspicious vehicle (that was found to contain drugs), a road traffic collision, first aid, missing person, an assault, a drill inspection and more. Marcus and Tom commented that it was a fantastic day, with one of the best parts being the opportunity to go out in a marked vehicle on blue lights with Kent Police drivers. It was a hard fought competition, but I am pleased to report that Marcus and Tom ultimately won.





# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Art & Design

Anyone who made the effort to attend the annual Art & Technology Show were rewarded by being able to view some stunning pieces. Congratulations to all of the GCSE and A Level students and thank you to the Friends for selling refreshments at the event.



## Business and Economics

**Finnbar Burgess** (Year 12) organised for the SRMS alumnus, **Jonathan Akeroyd**, CEO at Burberry, to come to school to speak to current Business and Economics A Level students. The Sixth Form quiet study area in the Grange was packed with eager students who stayed after school on Friday 16 June to hear Jonathan speak and to have the opportunity to put their questions to him. Students from The Manwoodian Economic Journal (the group photograph below) posed a variety of questions to gain an insight into Mr Akeroyd's career path and about the CEO role (Jonathan was the CEO of Alexander McQueen and Versace before Burberry). The talk and Q&A session covered a range of topics from fashion, entrepreneurship, leadership, marketing and economics. What a truly inspiring speaker.



The Year 12 A Level Business students embarked on a fascinating trip to Dreamland - an iconic amusement park located in the vibrant coastal town of Margate. Dreamland's rich history and commitment to innovation, served as the perfect backdrop for this immersive educational experience. What made this trip truly exceptional was the opportunity for the Business students to gain invaluable insight into the operations and management of the park, including an engaging talk and Q&A session with Sarah Handy, the newly appointed Head of Sales. The Year 12 students left Dreamland with a newfound appreciation for the complexities of running an amusement park. The experience provided a unique blend of business education and thrilling entertainment, allowing them to see first-hand how theoretical concepts translate into real-world applications. Armed with a deeper understanding of the amusement park industry and the challenges it faces, these budding entrepreneurs are now better equipped to pursue their dreams and create their own successful ventures.



## Design Technology

Avid readers of this newsletter may recall that one of our Year 11 students, **Cameron Ryan**, has gained a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. This has recently enabled him to take a visit to the McLaren HQ in Surrey. Here is his report of his visit: "First, we went into a meeting room where I talked to other scholars about the event and our personal projects. After taking a



group photo, we went onto their sim racing setups and raced each other in groups. After that, we went on a tour of the site – this involved looking at many cars from the past history of McLaren, but also included being able to observe this year's Formula 1 cars being assembled for their next race. Subsequently, we went to the road car production line and watched the various assembly steps & quality controls that are in place. The visit ended with a talk from McLaren's STEM ambassadors, which gave me an insight into what talents/skills are needed in motorsport, what pathways exist into the sport, what careers are available in motorsport, and what degrees & qualifications are needed to get into the team." The photo below is of the McLaren car used for the 2021 Monaco Grand Prix.



This year we had over 40 entries from Year 9 for the annual Rotary Club Competition. Two of our students made it through to the final held at Canterbury Christchurch University which was attended by schools from across East Kent - **Amelie Rescorla**, with an app design to aid mental wellbeing, and **Marlie White**, with an in-store shopping app to locate items in large stores. Both presentations were very well received and both were awarded runners up prizes. (Marlie is in the photo to the left on her own as she was unable to make the evening presentation!)



Y10 and Y12 Design and Technology students visited the Design Museum located in Holland Park in London to see the Icon product exhibition. The building is a unique landmark from the 1960s, and is Grade II\* listed. It had stood vacant for over a decade but was transformed by a design team led by John Pawson, who made the building fit for a 21st century museum, whilst at the same time retaining its unique spatial quality.



## English

For the first time since 2019, the Year 7 Spelling Bee took place. The three best spellers were selected from each Year 7 form and they then took part in the grand finale in front of the whole year group. In a 3-way tie for second place were Daniel Andrews, Lotte Beavon and Matilda Whittle. In first place, with an incredible 13 words in two minutes, Inioluwa Ojo was declared the best Year 7 speller! Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to the whole of Year 7 for making it an afternoon to remember and Ms Heaver and the Year 12 Literacy Leaders for organising it.

On Tuesday 11 July, 54 Year 9 students attended the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the iconic Globe theatre on the South Bank. For many students this was their first visit to the Globe, and they experienced a little of what it would have been like in Shakespeare's time, standing as "groundlings" in the Yard, with no roof. We had a mixture of sun and rain, as would Shakespeare's London audiences, but thankfully with no pickpockets and the addition of modern toilets! This was an amazing production. Blurred boundaries were the order of the day. The costumes were broadly Elizabethan, interspersed with outfits that could have come from a 1980s pop video. The Globe's habitually flexible attitude to gender in casting added illuminating new layers to the confusion of the young lovers lost in the forest, where their affections are muddled and redirected. This was a challenging and educational experience for the students and will be really beneficial in helping them understanding context in their study of Shakespeare at GCSE.

## Geography

Year 12 Geographers enjoyed a spectacularly sunny day by the sea with Mr Anderson and Miss Lupton in Hastings on Wednesday 24 May. Lots of ice cream, great fish and chips and some excellent Geography were enjoyed!



## History

The following has been written by **Elissa Blacklock** (Year 13) who went on an Ambassador Study Visit to Budapest with the Holocaust Educational Trust

In late March, I attended a study visit to Budapest with the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET). HET is a national charity which promotes and communication about the Holocaust for young people. It is a fantastic organisation which I first got involved in year 12. I took part in their Lessons from Auschwitz Online project despite not studying history after year 9, on completion I become an ambassador for the charity. Since then I have really gotten involved with the trust: I have held assemblies for years 10 to 13 to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in January, I have attended parliament acting as a representative for the charity. For this year's AmCon, an annual convention for ambassadors, I am being featured on a film being shown on the main stage to mark 10 years of the ambassador programme. Doing these things for the charity are some my proudest achievements.

The first day was spent meeting the other ambassadors and exploring the city. A small group of us visited Fisherman's Bastion and the Castle District whilst trying to familiarise ourselves with the currency (Forints) and the public transport (80p for a single tram ticket!). In the evening, we spoke about why we were visiting the city in order to learn about the Holocaust.

The Holocaust in Hungary was unique. The Nazis only began to occupy the country in March 1944 and only sent 20 SS officers to co-ordinate the deportation of the Jewish population to extermination camps in neighbouring countries. These facts reveal important details about the Holocaust in this country. Firstly, life continued normally, for the most part, in the earlier stages of the war for both Jews and non-Jews. Secondly, Hungary's own people co-ordinated the majority of the deportations of Jewish people. The Arrow Cross party which was sympathetic to the Nazi party led this. Thirdly, Hungary's deportation system was the most efficient out of any country as 434,000 were removed in the 54 days between 15<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> July 1944. It was so efficient that Auschwitz is now considered "Hungary's largest graveyard".

On the Tuesday, we learnt about how Hungary's history is inextricably linked with Jewish people, there has been a Jewish presence in the country since at least 895AD. We visited 3 synagogues, one for each sect within the city to better understand the complexity of pre-war Jewish life in the country's capital. On the Wednesday, we traced the theme of resistance throughout the city. There are many memorials to Jewish people as well as gentiles. Gentiles



are non-Jewish people who helped Jewish people in the war. One of the most famous gentiles was Raoul Wallenberg, who was a Swedish Diplomat that issued 9000 protective passports. There are many statues, plaques and even a street dedicated to him. On the Thursday, we learnt more about the importance of memorialisation and the different methods used to remember both those who died and those who survived.

I have taken what I learnt from the visit and I have run classes with 120 Year 9 students about the trip as well as the history of antisemitism. It is my hope that the more we are educated by these topics the less likely we are to repeat history.



The fellow Ambassadors on the visit



Teaching Mr Ross's Year 9 class

## Modern Foreign Languages

The French Department organised two day trips to Boulogne to enable them to offer the chance to visit this wonderful French town to the whole of Year 8. The first trip was sadly unlucky with the weather but those lucky enough to be on the second were blessed with a beautifully sunny day. Naturally, the photos chosen for this newsletter were from the latter.



The School took part in the World Languages Day organised by the University of Kent for the second year. All Year 8 students were invited to join the event and 30 attended. They were first welcomed in the Keynes Lecture Theatre by David Hornsby from the School of Cultures of Languages with the talk *Enjoyed your Lunch? – Thank a Linguist!*. Afterwards, they joined in workshops alongside students from other schools – there was a very wide range of language related things on offer in the workshops: from Mexican lottery, African drumming, 'The Big Debate', to Bollywood dancing, ordering a Chinese takeaway and learning Welsh. During lunchtime, the language ambassadors of the university had organised a World Fayre and

language games in the atrium and some students were lucky enough to walk away with some nice goodies. After enjoying another two workshops in the afternoon, everyone came back together in the lecture theatre and prizes were given out to the quiz winners.

## Spanish

In April, we were visited by a group of Spanish students from the north of Spain who were spending a week with host families in Sandwich. They were given a tour of the school, in Spanish, by our A Level Spanish students, who made the most of the opportunity to practise. Then, our Year 10 Spanish pupils and 2 Year 12 Language Leaders spent an enjoyable afternoon with them. Half the group spent a session finding out about local customs and festivals and the other half discussed the similarities and differences between Manwood's and the Spanish school. They also covered GCSE topics covered in Year 10. Conversations took place in a mixture of English and Spanish, so both groups got to practise their language skills! Highlights were a 'snowball fight' where scrunched up GCSE oral questions were thrown until the music stopped - at which point students had to find a partner and ask the questions that were written on the 'snowball'! Our students were also treated to an impromptu performance of the song which opens the 'tamborrada': a festival which involves 24 hours of drumming and parades. For the teachers, the main highlight was to see youngsters from different cultures given the opportunity to meet and discuss their lives and experiences and to practise their conversation skills. We look forward to being able to give our students more of such opportunities in the future.





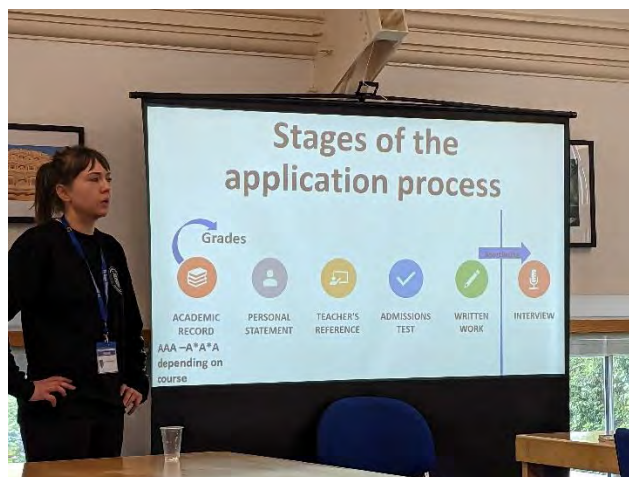
# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS

## CAREERS

During the morning of Wednesday 26 April, Year 12 travelled to the University & Apprenticeship Fair at Kent University. Alongside the universities, apprenticeships and employers' stalls, it also featured a wide range of seminars including: UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice, Why Take An Apprenticeship, Choosing A University Course, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance. The Year 12's left the event feeling inspired and motivated regarding making decisions about their post-18 education and career choices.



On the same day as the event above, Lena Sorachina, the Outreach Officer from St Hugh's College in Oxford delivered a talk in the Library to students interested in applying to Oxford.



As part of our extensive careers curriculum, Year 9 students undertook Business Enterprise for two days this week. All students in the year group participated and formed small 'business groups' to come up with a concept and presentation. External speakers came in provide tailored workshops to develop teamwork, finance, marketing and business ideas. Each form picked a winner for the 'Grand Final' held in the school hall. Five groups presented and the winner was chosen by Ms Parfitt and Mr King. The winning team was 'Lingua' – an app designed for businesses in need of sign language assistance. The runners up were 'Branching out' to help combat loneliness, 'Brew' a self-brewing coffee cup ( a staff favourite) 'Serenity' for mindfulness and 'Flyte' a new parcel delivery concept. Well done to everyone involved and we very much look forward to running this event again next year.





## ECO SOCIETY

On Wednesday 12 April 2023, 25 nesting boxes for swifts were put up around the site, just before swifts return to breed in Sandwich - have a look at the picture below that shows their amazing annual migration route. The funding for the boxes came from the R&A Golf Club. Fingers crossed that the swifts like their new accommodation!



As a result of this project, the Eco Society were selected as this year's REACH award winner by Dover District Council in the Green/Eco Friendly School Category. The judges commented that they "loved the work they had been undertaking with supporting the local swift population and the ongoing work of the Eco Society". Emily Hill and Dr Wilson attended the ceremony on Sunday 2nd of July at the Billiards Room in Kearsney Abbey in order to receive the award on behalf of the Society.



The school's Earth Day flag flew from our flagpole on Friday 21 April. All money raised from the day's non-school uniform day went towards cutting our electricity use by installing motion sensors in the classrooms and corridors that don't have them fitted yet - they automatically switch off lights when the rooms aren't in use. A cake sale and chocolate tombola were organised for the week after in order to maximise the funds raised. Thank you everyone for your contributions.



# ALUMNI NEWS

## Alumni & Family Open Day

On Saturday July 1 SRMS and the OMA held the second ever Alumni & Family Open Day. Over 200 alumni and their families came along, with many stepping on to the school site for the first time since they left. We were especially pleased to see OMs from 1941 to 2020 - a 79 year spread. Judging by the smiles, laughter and immense buzz of conversations the day was deemed a great success.

In addition to guests being able to access most parts of the school including the Grange, Lodge, HMH and all the main buildings and grounds they could also benefit from entertainment. On HMH lawn, a BBQ (meat supplied by OM **Alice Dunn** (1995-2002), a bar (which was an extension of the Fleur de Lis bar supplied by OM **Richard Harris**, 1999-2004), and, the school jazz band played. OM **Carrie Horwood** (1986-1992) of Cats Eyes Carvings exhibited her work and shared her skills with the children of OMs. The OMA desk had numerous visitors who signed the visitors book, purchased our lapel pin and some even joined the OMA. Our special thanks to them all. In the School Hall there were a number of displays including:

**The Wall**, sponsored by the OMA. This project was born when **Mr Anderson** (Head of Geography) and a group of students he had taken to Harvey Grammar School for a competition spotted posters describing what alumni had gone on to do and were struck by them. The aim of The Wall is to enthuse current Manwoodians by highlighting "successful" alumni. Potential candidates (our Notables) are identified and each term six will have their achievements publicised by a poster on the wall of the School Hall. Headmaster **Lee Hunter** unveiled the first six Notables who will appear on The Wall, who are:

1. **Jonathan Akeroyd** (1979-1984) - Business
2. **Tammy Beaumont** (2002-2009) - Sport
3. **Fiona Galbraith** (1984-1991) - Military
4. **Richard Taylor-Jones** (1990-1993) - Wild Life Film Maker
5. **Laura Westcott** (1991-1998) — Singer & Journalist
6. **Nick Wilton** (1970-1975) — Actor & Script Writer

It was great to see Fiona, Laura and Nick present while apologies were received from Jonathan, Richard and Tammy.

Also on display were photographs by retired Head of Science and both Lodge and Grange Housemaster in his time at SRMS, **John Aust** (1971-2000). In addition, there were tributes to **The Girls Reach 40** (many thanks to Head of Drama Steve Mount for putting that together), **Life at Manwoods in the 70s** (thanks to OM Keith Simpson for that) and an old and new **School Uniform display** (thanks to Mrs Hammond, the mum of a current Manwoodian, for loaning the tailor's dummies to enable this display). A number of artefacts from the school archives were also on display e.g. whole school photographs, old reports, the punishment book, etc. There was also a "Drumhead" display by the **CCF** which included the drums, the CCF colours and a uniformed dummy. There were also many photos that had been taken by the late **Ray Harlow**



(1957-1996). Mr Anderson, Head of Geography and the school's new Development Officer, talked to interested alumni by a display of the school's **Funding** initiative. Mr Anderson also led two tours of the Grange, while **Mr Hunter** led two tours of the Lodge.

Of course we have to mention **Tamsin Beaumont** (2002-2009) in this section! Tammy hit the first ever double-hundred by an English woman in Test cricket while playing for England Women against Australia Women in mid-June. Back in 2017 Tammy Beaumont was a member of the winning women's team at the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup, and was voted player of the tournament after scoring 410 runs throughout the tournament. Her contribution to England's success was recognised by the award of an MBE in the Queen's 2018 New Year Honours list. Tammy joined Sir Roger Manwood's School in 2002 and her story proves that it is possible to achieve your dreams if you are prepared to work hard. When she was in Year 7, Tammy was interviewed for the Manwoodian magazine. At that time there was no girls' cricket teams at school and so she played in the boys' team. In her interview, Tammy explained, "I took up the game because my dad and brother both play and also because I wanted to show the boys that girls can play cricket!" Despite being in Year 7 Tammy played at Under 13 level (i.e. most of those playing were a year older than her). As a Year 8 student Tammy captained the SRMS U13 cricket team. Tammy said: "Becoming the school U13 Captain is a great honour. Getting my first century for the Kent Girls' was also one of my highlights of the season". As an U15 Tammy contributed 63 not out in a score of 210-2 against St Lawrence College. Whilst in Year 11, Tammy represented the school 1st XI as wicket keeper/batsman. The Manwoodian article noted, "Tamsin has continued to set high standards in terms of ability, hard work and commitment. She has been rewarded for her efforts as she has now been included in the senior women England squad for the first time." Whilst in Year 12 Tammy played for Kent Women's first team, and captained the Kent U17s side against Middlesex. At the time of being interviewed in the school magazine she had already scored over 1400 runs that season, and had scored 154 runs in a match for Kent U17s against Middlesex. As a Year 13 student Tammy scored 73 against Kent College in an exciting one run win. Tammy is an inspiration to current students to take up opportunities in School as you never know where it could lead! Your dreams can come true but only with hard work and dedication. If you have enjoyed a sport that you have tried this year, join a local club in that sport, and maybe one day you too will represent England.

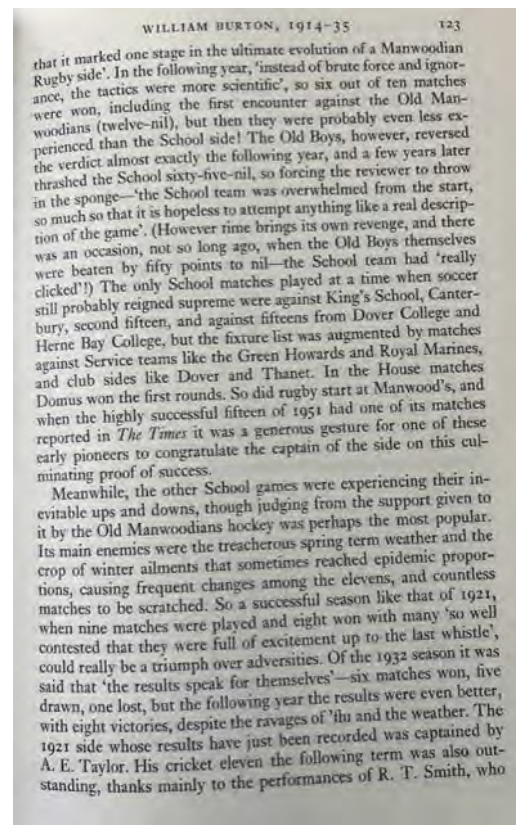
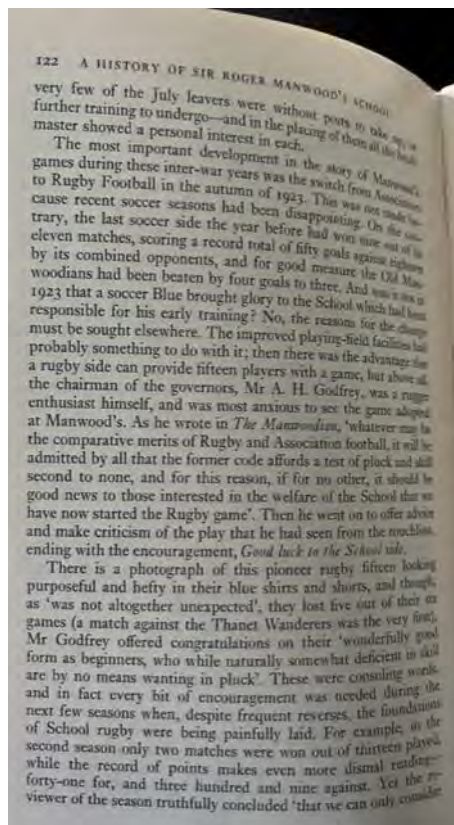


WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BATTING PERFORMANCES AT TRENT BRIDGE			
1999	K. SMITHIES	110no	ODI EvI
2023	A.J. SUTHERLAND	137no	TEST AvE
2023	T.T. BEAUMONT	208	TEST EvA

**George Simcox** (2021 Leaver) took his mum with him to Buckingham Palace recently for the celebration of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. 3 weeks earlier, they had attended Windsor Castle to receive the Queen Scout Award – which is a level above the Gold D of E. George was

the first successful applicant in 20 years from the Dover District! Rather than take the university route, George decided to undertake a degree apprenticeship and is working at the Cabinet Office – currently based in Whitehall – whilst studying for a Cybersecurity degree at the same time. In addition, he is training to be a Duke of Edinburgh assessor and is off to South Korea in July as an expedition leader.

## 2023 is the 100th Anniversary of Rugby Being Played at SRMS



The School is hoping to organise a Dinner in the Autumn Term for those alumni who played rugby whilst at SRMS in order to commemorate this milestone. More details will follow as they planning develops.

**Richard Taylor-Jones** (1990-93) has spent his whole career with a camera, telling stories about the natural world. He is one of the UK's best known BBC wildlife cameramen having presented for BBC Springwatch, Countryfile and The One Show. For the last 10 years he has also been photographing the sea obsessively from his home on the Kent coast in the UK. The fine art photographs he produces have sold to collectors around the world. In recent years he has taken his expert knowledge of British wildlife and started to work with house builders to make their developments more wildlife friendly through his Nature Box scheme.

**Nick Wilton** (1970-75). After making his first professional appearance in 1979 as a blue coat entertainer at Pontins, Nick has appeared in numerous West End and provincial stage productions. He has also appeared in television and film productions including Mr Lister in the BBC soap opera EastEnders as a recurring character; and Carrott's Live and Jackanory. He is also widely remembered for his Specsavers advert and has been a pantomime dame every Christmas since 2000.

**Laura Westcott** (1991-98) is a classically trained musician with first-hand experience of stage fright and anxiety. She shied away from a career as an opera singer and retrained as a journalist instead. She joined the London Philharmonic Choir as a Soprano and worked for The Times newspaper as a tech reviewer and PR manager. She overcame her fear of public singing /speaking with mental health coaching and founded non-profit Music for Mental Wealth to help improve mental health in the music industry. She organises concerts with performers sharing the personal meaning behind their music to open conversations around mental health, build communities and help musicians connect with record labels and managers in attendance. Laura is also a professional singer and storyteller under the guise Aura and her fans include Stephen Fry: "Beautifully somniferous!" and Joanna Lumley: "Aura is literally hypnotic. I emerged fresher and calmer than ever before".

**Robin Knowles** (1971-78). After Trinity College, Cambridge, and some work on the Townsend Thoresen cross-channel ferries out of Dover, Robin became closely involved in access to justice and pro bono legal advice and representation. He became chair of a number of charities including the Bar Pro Bono Unit (now Advocate), was appointed CBE in 2007 for pro bono work, and remains chair of the National Pro Bono Centre. Outside the law he chaired London's first children's hospice from 2002, and became chair of the UK umbrella charity for children's palliative care, Together for Short Lives (2011-2014). Robin earned his living at the commercial Bar, was appointed QC in 1999, and was chair of the Commercial Bar Association 2005-7. He is now a High Court Judge after appointment in 2014, when he was knighted, and is particularly involved in international judicial work. He is a huge admirer of the work of his brother, **Simon Knowles** (1972-1979), in the field of technology, AI and machine learning.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of **Robert Stewart Chandler** (1930-38) on the 16 June 2023, aged 102. Robert was possibly our oldest OM. Born on 20 May 1921 Robert entered Manwood's in September 1930 from his family home at The Laurels, Goldstone, Ash. He represented the school in 1st XI Cricket 1937 and 1938, and 1st XI Hockey in 1938. He left school in July 1938 with a School Certificate grade "A". He was a Lance-Corporal in the Officer Training Corps (the forerunner of the CCF) and was awarded hockey colours in 1938 and cricket colours in both 1937 and 1938. On leaving school in 1938 he worked on the family farm in Ash – including throughout World War 2. The Manwoodian of Autumn 1938 reported "Robert was a left-hand bat who takes a long time to get set. Rather prone to feel for balls outside the off stump. A very reliable field". A life innings of 102 certainly proved he was certainly set and very reliable... RIP Robert.

The School/OMA are in the process of rolling out a new Community Network called Toucan - a place for alumni, parents past and present, and current and former staff to stay in touch with each other and with the OMA. We hope it will prove an invaluable resource for creating opportunities and supporting one another. You'll be able to access school news, discover some wonderful alumni stories, find old friends and colleagues, and peruse our photo galleries. Please create your profile and keep coming back regularly for the latest news updates, to share your stories and find old friends, we want to keep the connection strong – you are part of our Sir Roger Manwood's story and our community. You can find it at <https://alumni.manwoods.co.uk>

In addition to Toucan, alumni can keep in contact with other alumni using the OM Facebook page (which now has over 1,500 members) and/or LinkedIn. These can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/theoldmanwoodianassociation>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/42929/>

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS TERM**

The last 2 pages of this newsletter list the clubs and societies that have run during this term.

As always, thanks to the dedicated staff for giving up their time to organise and run them.

# Summer Term Sports Clubs

	Lunch 1.30-2.05pm				After School 3.25-4.25pm			
	Activity	Year/Age	Venue	Staff	Activity	Year/Age	Venue	Staff
<b>Monday</b>	GCSE/A-Level PE Support	Year 10-13	G106	PE Staff	Golf (Paid Activity)	All	Field	Terry Russell
	Athletics Club	All	Field	PE Staff	Kent Football Academy (Paid Activity)	Year 7-10 Boys	Farrer Field	Kent Football Academy
					Fitness	All	Gym	KS
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tennis	Year 7 & 8 Boys	Tennis Courts	Sport Leaders/PE Staff	Rounders	Year 7 & 8	Fields	KS
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tennis	Year 7 & 8 Girls	Tennis Courts	Sport Leaders/PE Staff	Kent Football Academy (Paid Activity)	Year 7-10 Girls	Farrer Field	Kent Football Academy
					Table Tennis	All	Gym	KS
<b>Thursday</b>	Tennis	Year 9 & 10 Girls	Tennis Courts	Sport Leaders/PE Staff	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Basketball	6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Sports Hall	EW
					Rounders	Year 9 & 10	Fields	KS
					Cricket Practice/Nets	All	Cricket Nets	PE Staff
<b>Friday</b>	Tennis	Year 9 & 10 Boys	Tennis Courts	Sport Leaders/PE Staff	Senior Tennis	6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Tennis Courts	KS