

Sir Roger Manwood's School



End of Summer Term 2025
Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term newsletter, which includes some of the many highlights of the term and important information regarding Results Days for Year 11 and Year 13 and the term dates for next academic year.

We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7 and Year 12 into school on Wednesday 3 September and all other year groups on Thursday 4 September.

200 CLUB

The School has been running a lottery club for many years in order to provide additional income. In recent years the funds raised through the Club have been put towards a new sound system for the Sports Hall, new curtains for the Hall, outside benches, and the Wellbeing and 450th Gardens – all good examples of benefits to the whole School community.

The income of the Club is derived from current (and past) parents and staff purchasing shares at a cost of £1 per share per month (i.e. a total of £12 per share per year). Your share entitles you to a unique allocated share number. Each month, a draw is made and the one winner of £25, one of £15 and one of £10. This year's winners are shown below.

Month	Number	Winner	Amount
September	104	Richard Heaps	£25.00
	103	Samuel Agnew	£15.00
	5	Katherine Elderton-Brown	£10.00
October	120	Sewkian Rudge	£25.00
	20	Katherine Elderton-Brown	£10.00
	62	E C Neve	£15.00
November	61	Michael Dyer	£25.00
	107	Bruce Wise	£15.00
	97	Karis Madden	£10.00
December	86	Richard Heaps	£25.00
	31	Kathryn Wyon	£15.00
	78	Richard Heaps	£10.00
January	75	Martin Sayer	£25.00
	82	Martin Sayer	£15.00
	51	W Judd	£10.00
February	30	Shubra Joshi	£25.00
	66	Katherine Elderton-Brown	£15.00
	69	Karis Madden	£10.00
March	101	Richard Heaps	£25.00
	50	Annette Dyer	£15.00
	128	M Smalley	£10.00
April	77	Rebecca Bruce	£25.00
	139	Kathryn Wyon	£15.00

	39	Tracy Anstis	£10.00
May	136	M Newgreen	£25.00
	33	Martin Sayer	£15.00
	27	Richard Heaps	£10.00
June	10	Kathryn Wyon	£25.00
	140	Samuel Agnew	£15.00
	135	Samuel Agnew	£10.00
July	94	Tina Irvine	£25.00
	98	Martin Sayer	£15.00
	100	Karis Madden	£10.00
August	130	Katherine Elderton-Brown	£25.00
	64	A P Buckman	£15.00
	133	Lee Hunter	£10.00

There is no fixed upper limit to the total number of shares in the scheme, so if we go over a total of 200 shares then the name of the Club will change to reflect that!

If you would like to join in, please set up a monthly or yearly Standing Order with your bank (required details are below) and also complete the separate form that is attached to the email this Newsletter came out with and email it to finance@srms.kent.sch.uk. (Your share number/s will be sent to you once your payment has been received).

Account Name: Sir Roger Manwood's School

Sort Code: 30-93-34

Account Number: 60897960

RESULTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS 2025

A Level results will be ready for collection between 8.00am and 9.00am on Thursday 14 August in the Sports Hall. After 9.00am they will be placed in Reception.

GCSE results will be ready for collection between 9am and 10.00am in the Sports Hall on Thursday 21 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) 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 to Miss Wadsworth.

If a student is not able to collect them in person on the day then they should email Miss Wadsworth (p.wadsworth@srms.kent.sch.uk) **by noon the day before Results Day** to give permission for someone else to pick their results up for them.

We are unable to offer to phone or email results to students as standard - 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. If this is impossible for any reason, please contact Miss Wadsworth on the details above to discuss an alternative method. The statement of results for those unable to come in themselves, or send someone else in to collect them, will be posted first class at the end of the day.

If something arises on the day itself then the student should telephone the main office (01304 610200) and let Reception know who can pick up the results for you. Reception staff will ensure that the message is passed on to Miss Wadsworth.

Some students may find a message in their results envelope asking them to see a member of staff in C106 – one of the rooms that faces on to the 450th Garden - to discuss their results.

TERM DATES FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 1 September Staff Training Day

Tuesday 2 September Staff Training Day

Wednesday 3 September Induction day for Y7 & Y12

Thursday 4 September School starts for all year groups

Friday 17 October Half term holiday starts after end of school day (normal dismissal)

Thursday 30 October School starts for all year groups

Friday 19 December Last day of term (early dismissal)

SPRING TERM

Monday 5 January School starts for all year groups

Friday 13 February Half term starts after school (normal dismissal) Monday 23 February School starts for all year groups

Thursday 2 April End of term (normal dismissal)

Friday 3 April Good Friday Bank Holiday

Sunday 5 April Easter Sunday

Monday 6 April Easter Monday Bank Holiday

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20 April School starts for all year groups

Monday 4 May Bank Holiday

Friday 22 May Half term begins after school (normal dismissal)

Monday 1 June School starts for all year groups

Friday 17 July Last day of the academic year (early dismissal)

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Wilson, and Mrs Gunton on the safe arrival of their babies.

We are grateful to all staff for their hard work this year and extend our gratitude to those below who are leaving us this year for their service to the school.

Ms Kernick has been Deputy Head at the school for 17 years will be leaving us and wish her the very best for her retirement.

Mr Goldsmith, one of our computing teachers is also retiring and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Mr Ainsworth, Mrs Emby and Mrs Raymond are leaving us for pastures new, and we wish them all the very best for their next ventures.

We are sad to have said goodbye to Mr Bennett, our IT Assistant, who is leaving to work in Ashford.

FRIENDS OF MANWOOD'S NEWS

We can't quite believe that it's the end of another academic year. Where does the time go?!

As this is being written, volunteers are busy baking cakes and scones for the Old Manwoodians' Alumni Day; rotas are being finalised for the Summer Concert; and the great ice cream mystery - just how many will it take to satisfy 800 hungry Sports Day students? - is still being debated!

The Friends have worked hard again this year, having raised over £3,500 - before taking into account next week's major school events. During this 2024-2025 academic year, we have again helped fund extra maths competition entries; paid for a large chunk of the license fee for the very successful production of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'; purchased new cricket mats, new chess pieces for Chess Club, and the E3 Diploma badges.

Starting next week, we're excited to take a cleaner, greener step forward by serving all purchased wine in proper glasses - cheers to sustainability!

A massive THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have helped out in one way or another this year - your help is so valued.

If you would like to help us next year, please drop an email to friends@srms.kent.sch.uk - we would love to have more people on board!

Wishing you a safe and happy summer holiday!

The Friends of Manwood's

E3 DIPLOMA EVENING

On 30th June, lots of guests gathered to celebrate at the Junior E³ Diploma, Intermediate E³ and Inaugural Upper Intermediate E³ Excel Evening. The event was a wonderful celebration evening that started with the formal presentation of certificates and badges followed by a wonderful Exhibition of student work. The Friends of Manwoods sold refreshments, and it was a lovely atmosphere as everyone enjoyed looking round the Exhibition and the students were there to showcase and talk to the guests about their projects. The students had worked for 6 months to create an Exploration Project on British Values (Year 8), Community (Year 9) and any of topic of their choice in Year 10 and it was brilliant to see the amazing and

diverse work that had been produced and how much effort had clearly gone into it. There were pieces of art, essays, yummy food, poetry, musical compositions, videos, presentations, collections of photos, posters, play scripts and even an amazing hand-made puppet made by Áine Gorman! Congratulations to all involved.

Junior E³ Diploma – Áine Gorman, Amelia Burgstaler, Bibi Laslett, Daniel Jennings, Elizabeth Birkett, Eryk Mitchinson, Gaby Costa, Hanako Crofts, Harri Friend, Jessica Benbow, Lily Read, Magdalena Swigon, Neve Lloyd, Oliver Erasmus, Olivia How, Olivia Martin, Raya Zrebiec

Intermediate E³ Diploma – Caithon Hall, Charlie Thompson, Darcey Burrows, Elizabeth Ashley-Down, Ella Searle, Grace Miller, Jessica Smissen, Joel Watson, Jonathan Mattison, Josh Thompson, Leah Cudworth, Lotte Beavon, Mackenzie Gray, Madeline Wiggins, Matilda Whittle, Orlaith Mccann, Robyn Thompson, Sophie Finlay, Temitayo Afisunlu, Tilly Wicks

Upper Intermediate E³ Diploma – Arnav Vashisht, Euann Fox, George Bradshaw, John Coates, Joseph Erasmus, Oliver Walker, Sam Lim, Sammy Hodge, Youssef Jebari

MUSIC

Summer Term

It has been a busy one in Music with 2 concerts since Easter.

The first one we said goodbye to some wonderful students who have grown up either playing, singing or both in our ensembles. We will miss them very much and are grateful to them for their involvement and also having the privilege to watch them grow into lovely people.

Amy Parry, Laura Muca, Noah Daly-Burbidge, Ben Pointon, Marcus Comlay, Jamie Hassan, Michael Richardson & Thea Dean

The ensembles that performed in this concert were:

Orchestra, Jazz Band, Ukulele Ensemble, Brass Group, Chamber Choir, Woodwind Ensemble and String Ensemble.

We also had items from two bands – Unwritten Past (6th Form Band singing and original song) and Gambits (a Year 10 band)

Solos from Thea Dean (Flute) and Jamie Hassan (piano)

This was a wonderful showcase of the talent we have here at Manwood's and an example of what happens when students put themselves out to do something different and socially, physically and mentally rewarding and all in their own time!!

The second concert was only a short while ago on the 8th July.

This was our Summer Concert and what a lovely evening it was. There was a real sense of 'love for music' evident that evening.

We had music from:

Elastic Band, Orchestra, Brass Group, a huge Ukulele group, Chamber and Rock Choirs and Jazz Band.

We also had 2 new Rock Bands performing successfully – Cyphers and Ultra Violet.

There were 3 solos – Ebba Hamilton performing Chandelier by Sia and Josie Fuchs accompanying herself on guitar with a fab rendition of Piano Man by Billy Joel. The last was a Jazz Stride piano solo played by Maia Perry in Year 12.

We finished the concert with a rousing rendition of the Beatles banger, Hey Jude with both choirs and orchestra and of course, excellent audience participation.

Music is alive and very well at Manwoods.

David Smith
Director of Music

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

During the summer term the PE department have completed 47 inter school fixtures across cricket, athletics, rounders and golf.

Cricket

Hard ball cricket fixtures have taken place involving boys and girls in Year's 7-13. Each year group played in the Kent Cup as well as in friendly fixtures. Highlights included the under 13 teams run to the semi-final of the Kent Plate, where they were narrowly beaten by St Olaves, and our under 14's winning their first game against Chatham and Clarendon. A big thank you to Mr Martin for assisting the PE department with hardball cricket during this term.

In addition to playing hard ball cricket our girl's teams have also played in a number of softball cricket tournaments. Both our under 13 team and our under 15 team made the county finals of the outdoor 8's competition, the only Kent school to do so. Our under 13 team also competed in the chance to shine 8 a side competition. Having won both the area and county competitions the girls qualified for the regional finals held at Sidcup CC and competed against teams from Kent, Surrey and Middlesex. After a long day of high-quality cricket in extremely hot weather the girls eventually finished 3rd overall. An excellent achievement.

Athletics

In athletics with events taking place after study leave begins a number of meets have taken place for students in Year's 7-10.

In the Year 7 Super 8's competition the boys team finished a respectable 2nd place with the girls team winning the event. The outcome was the same in the Manwoods Invitational for Year 8 & 9 students with the girls team again winning the event and the boys finishing as runners up.

Our athletes also achieved individual success at many other events throughout the term.

Rounders

At the district rounders competitions our girls were victorious in each of the competitions for Year 7, 8 & 9.

Golf

On 6th May Aston Bean (Yr11), Will Acourt (Yr12) and Jack Ward (Yr7) took part in Kent Schools' Golf Championships held at Princes GC in Sandwich. Will finished 3rd overall with Aston 8th and Jack 52nd. The results meant that as a team of three the boys qualified for the England Schools' Golf Association Team Championships at Wood Hall Spa Golf Club in Lincolnshire, home of England Golf. In addition, due to their excellent individual performances at the Kent Schools' Golf Championship Ashton and Will represented SRMS at the England Schools Golf Association's South of England Boys' Championship. The competition took place on 25th May at Seaford Golf Club in Sussex. They both played some excellent golf in tough windy conditions. Ashton was particularly unfortunate as his 36-hole score left him in 13th position, with only those finishing in the top 10 places qualifying for the English Schools' National Championship.

A number of students have also been able to take part in our lunch time clubs this term. Daily tennis sessions proved to be very popular as did our weekly athletics club.

In addition, in July, with the help of our excellent Yr12 Sports Leaders, SRMS and the PE department hosted a sports afternoon for local primary schools in the Star Alliance. Primary pupils from Yr2 & Yr5 experienced, and took part in, events including athletics and rounders. The event was a great success, and we had many happy primary students and staff at the end of the afternoon.

The term ended with a very successful whole school Sports Day enjoyed by staff and students alike. In stunning sunshine students from all year groups competed in a whole day of track and field events. Sports Day is a house competition with the overall winners lifting the David Stevens Trophy. Many group competitions were close with several decided by only a few points. However, the overall run-away winners of this year's competition were Ypres House. Well done to all who competed and a big thank you to all the staff for making the day run successfully.

TRIPS



The French department took the first half of our Year 8s on a fantastic day trip to Boulogne! Students practised their French, explored local shops, and stocked up on baguettes, pains au chocolat, and macarons... 🍪 Before heading home, they rounded off the day with a visit to Cité Europe – a brilliant cultural (and culinary!) experience all around!



Paris 2025 – What a trip!

An unforgettable five days under the sun in the City of Lights for our amazing Year 10s! From iconic landmarks and river cruises to delicious food and practising French, our students embraced every moment with enthusiasm, curiosity and laughter. *Merci* to all for such a *fantastique* week. Memories made for a lifetime! 🍷 🗼 🚗



Geography trip in Hastings... we all loved "Adam's House" where that bright orange newly painted house turned into an unexpected but rather brilliant opportunity to learn about the power of the pink pound in coastal regeneration.



What a week the Y10 Geographers had in Naples! The weather was mostly amazing (but enjoy those colourful waterproof ponchos during the rain on Vesuvius!) and they enjoyed four fantastic days including a hot day on the island of Capri and a memorable day touring Vesuvius and the remains of Herculaneum that was buried under 20m of volcanic ash. Pizza and ice cream were enjoyed by everyone including Mr Raymond, Mrs Nelson, Miss Parfitt and Mr Anderson.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS

Book Club

We have read so many interesting books this year in the KS3 book club. Whilst some books made us laugh, others made us cry - a real testament to the power of literature.

Year 7 CAMEO Club (come and meet each other)

It's been another great term at Year 7 CAMEO Club. Students have been playing board games, chatting, meeting each other and eating lunch together! It's really relaxed and friendly; everyone is welcome. Year 7 CAMEO will continue into Year 8 - club day tbc.

Year 9 CAMEO Club (come and meet each other)

A core group of Year 9 students have met each Tuesday at Year 9 CAMEO Club. Similar to that of Year 7 CAMEO, students have been playing board games, chatting, meeting each other and eating lunch together! Again, it's a really relaxed and friendly atmosphere and everyone is welcome. The Club can continue into Year 10 if wanted - club day tbc.

Crochet Club

Another relaxing term at Crochet Club where students meet to crochet, chat and eat lunch! A core group of students from different year groups meet each Friday in C109. This term, the club has even branched out to finger crochet and finger knitting too! Don't worry if you can't crochet as we have plenty of students who can help you learn and the equipment if you need it too!

French Club

Our French GCSE Support Club has been a great success this year again, with students attending regularly to build their confidence, improve their skills, and prepare for their exams. From grammar consolidation to speaking practice, it's been a supportive and engaging space for our linguists.

LGBT+ Club

It's been a busy term with the LGBT+ Club and Pride Month. Students meet each other, chat and eat lunch in a relaxed and supportive environment. At each meet there is usually a theme students can chat about e.g. LGBT+ Authors. The Students mentioned that they would like to see more LGBT+ Books in the Library and so Mrs Hall asked the students to recommend some books which have been ordered in and can now be found in the library. Thanks also need to go to the wonderful staff and students in the Library who, at the request of Mrs Hall, have been able to put together an LGBT+ Display.

Maths Club

Maths Clubs have been running on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the year. At lunchtime for KS3 and after school for GCSE and A level. It has been a pleasure for us to support students and see their confidence grow. I am sure that the students would want to thank their teachers and the prefects for giving up their time to help them.

Pokémon Club

A core group of students meet every other Thursday to chat Pokémon. We eat lunch, play Pokémon games such as Pokémon Guess, Design a Pokémon, do Pokémon themed quizzes and have even watched an episode of Pokémon too. Do you love Pokémon too? Join us Thursdays Week B in C109.

Ukulele club

We are lucky enough to have 3 Ukulele Clubs at SRMS

The Beginners meet every Wednesday, the Intermediates on Thursday and the Advanced Group on Friday.

We all combined to form a 27-piece Manwood's Ukulele Orchestra for our main performances this year. We were able to produce a textured sound consisting of soprano, concert, tenor and baritone instruments playing with layered voices of chord rhythms, picking patterns and melodic tablature as well as vocal harmonies and solos, across varied genres and styles.

We were well received in both School Concerts, Charity Events including Christmas Dinner and Easter Tea for our retired guests and were an irresistible attraction during our recent Open Evening, when our young visitors couldn't resist taking up the 3 minute Ukulele Challenge.

We were sad to say farewell to Ben Pointon and Harry Robinson; two long standing members, and we wish them well in their next adventures. Proud to have members from every year in school, we look forward to Sept when we will play in the Year 7 Recruitment Assembly to discover our next generation of talent and new lifelong friends.

ALUMNI NEWS

The Old Manwoodian Association has continued to work hard to support the school while maintaining links with Manwoods Alumni. We hosted the alumni Open Day at school on 5th July, welcoming OMs back to school for tours, a visit to the new Music Studio, part funded by the OMA, refreshments and entertainment. The 2025/26 Wall – celebrating the achievements of alumni as a source of inspiration for our current pupils - was unveiled. Those featured are:

1. **Zoe Laughlin** (1992-1999). Artist, Designer, Materials Engineers and TV Presenter. Zoe is Co-founder and Director of the Institute of Making at University College London and is an artist, maker and materials engineer.
2. **Sarah Philpott** (1991-1995). Swimmer. Sarah left Manwood's at age 16 to go to sports college. In 2020, she swam across the English Channel (solo) and in 2022 also swam across the Bristol Channel (England to Wales), and the North Channel (Ireland to Scotland), the seventh person in the world to complete all three, and the first English woman.
3. **Michelle Westwood** (1992-1999). Royal Navy and HR. She completed officer training at Dartmouth in 2002/2003 and enjoyed a 20 year career in the Navy, visiting 22 countries, as far away as South Georgia, and working in jobs with the Army, Navy and central MOD, living in locations across the UK from Plymouth to York. Michelle left the Navy in 2022 with the rank of Commander, and is now a HR Director in the NHS.
4. **Michael Escudier** (1972-1980). Medicine. Professor Michael Escudier is the Executive Dean at the Faculty of Dentistry, Oral & Craniofacial Sciences at Kings College, London (KCL).
5. **Simon Knowles** (1972-1979) Technology. Simon's company, Graphcore, was acquired by Japanese conglomerate SoftBank in 2024, where Simon and his team now work alongside British chip giant ARM to design future AI computers.
6. **Grahame Millwater** (1974-1981). Business. Grahame is Vice Chairman of Acrisure Group, one of the largest global insurance/reinsurance brokers.

The Wall was conceived by Keith Simpson, the Honorary Secretary of the OMA, whom we sadly lost in July. Keith had an incredible spirit and loved the school, pouring hours of effort and good humour into supporting the work of the association, including the project to restore the pavilion and the alumni day that we have recently celebrated. He will be greatly missed. As Keith would say: "Once a Manwoodian, always a Manwoodian!".

From all at SRMS, we wish you a peaceful and enjoyable summer.