

Sir Roger Manwood's School



Summer Term 2019
Newsletter

The Headteacher's Message Summer 2019

Staff News

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to the following members of staff this term. In length of time at Manwood's they are:

Ms Gomez Gomez, was a helper in the PE Department during the academic year 2017-18 before becoming a Resident in the girls' boarding house for the 2018-19 academic year. We thank her for all the work she has done in our boarding community over the past year and wish her all the best for her new post, which is in a primary school in Rochester.

Mrs Robertson, our Sixth Form Administrator, is leaving us to become the Attendance Improvement Officer at Charles Dickens School. We thank her for her efforts in setting up systems and procedures for what was a brand new role last September, and helping to inculcate a better work ethic in our Year 12 students in their study periods and for signing off many of the sections that our Duke of Edinburgh participants have been completing since September. We wish her well in her new role.

Ms Blythe-Pearmain came back to Manwood's, where she did her teacher training, after a stint at Charles Dickens covering a maternity leave for a PE teacher there. She has played a full part in the PE Department's curricula and extra-curricula programmes and we wish her well as she starts at The King John School in Essex in September.

Ms Hincker is leaving us to become a French Teacher at Harvey Grammar School. Ms Hincker has been at Manwood's for two years – this year for her teacher training and the previous year as a Cover Supervisor and Learning Support Assistant.

Ms Dawes has worked in boarding for two years. She was a Cover Supervisor and Learning Support Assistant last year, and undertook her teacher training with us this year. She is leaving us to become a Biology Teacher at Barton Court.

Ms May is leaving us to become a PE teacher at Charles Dickens School. Ms May did her teacher training with us last year, and was a Cover Supervisor and Learning Support Assistant the year before that and again this year. She has contributed a great deal to our extra-curricular programme over her 3 years with us, having been involved in lunchtime sports clubs, after school fixtures and the Duke of Edinburgh programme

Mr Fort is leaving us after 3 years as an English teacher in order to take up an exciting opportunity in Texas. He has thrown himself into school life, accompanying several trips and being the Producer for the school productions that have taken place during his time here.

Mr Rivers, our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Student Progress, is moving to Maidstone Grammar School after 4 years with us in order to become their Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the Sixth Form. We thank him for all his efforts during his

time at Manwood's – we are sad to see him go but totally understand how this move will cut his commute from over an hour (on a good day!) to just a short 15 minute walk!

After teaching at Manwood's since January 2009, Ms Rose has decided to take a career break to spend more time with her young family. We wish her well and hope that she will come back to us once they are older! As well as being a fabulous Mathematician, as any pupil knows who has been lucky enough to be taught by here, several years of Duke of Edinburgh Award participants owe her a debt of gratitude for her delivery of their training and accompanying of their expeditions.

Mrs Bedford started work at Manwood's in 2004, and will be retiring from teaching at the end of term. She has worked within both the Geography and Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Departments during those 15 years as well as being a much loved form tutor. Prior to arriving at Manwood's, she taught for 10 years elsewhere, so today we thank her not just for her commitment to her teaching with us but also for the total of 25 years that she has given to the teaching of young people in general. I am happy to report that although retiring from teaching, Mrs Bedford will be coming back in September in a different role - as our Librarian for 1 day a week, as Mrs Turrell is moving to 4 days a week. So today is more of an 'A bientot' than an 'Adieu'!

In other staff news...

Ms O'Dell, our Head of Psychology, is leaving at the end of term in order to have a baby, but will be returning in May 2020. We wish Ms O'Dell all the best and look forward to seeing her and her new baby in the new academic year. Ms Farrow-House will be the Acting Head of Psychology while Ms O'Dell is on maternity leave, and Mrs Urquhart, a previous teacher of Psychology at Manwood's, has kindly agreed to come out of retirement for 9 months to cover the Psychology teaching.

Mr Ainsworth has decided to relinquish his role as Head of Careers at the end of this term, a role he has done so well since September 2008. The School would like to thank him for the many, many hours that he has put in to running the Year 11 work experience program and Year 10 Business Enterprise Week over that time as well as co-ordinating speakers for events such as Apprenticeships Week

Mr Pearce has become a champion hockey coach at the national level twice in recent weeks – first as Coach of the South region's Over 45's Men's 1st XI and then as Coach of the Kent's Men's 1st XI.

Keeping with the sports and fitness theme, Mr Riordan, Ms Boyes and Ms Dawes, all completed a marathon during this academic year. Well done to them all!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mrs Young was awarded the Kent Netball Coach of the Year earlier in the academic year, but we think we have another member of our sports team that will be deserving of a similar accolade next year...but for cricket. Mr van Poppel is the coach of our boy's 1st XI cricket team (which he does as well as coaching rugby in the winter)

and the team won the Kent Cup competition (called the Lemon Cup) for the third time in eight years on the same day as our Open Evening! You can read about the team's exploits in the separate Sports Newsletter.

The Diabetes Team at the William Harvey Hospital nominated the School for the 'Good Diabetes Care in School' Award. My personal thanks goes to our superb Student Support and Main Office Teams, who are the people most involved in the care of such students.

Due to the hard work of Mrs Huang, the School has been awarded the prestigious Confucius Classroom status by the Confucius Institute of Education based at University College London. This means we can now bid for money direct to them (which is money they are given by the government of China) for improvements to our Mandarin teaching room and resources. It also means that we get a Chinese assistant from early November to the end of July, again paid for by the government of China. This person will work each day in School but also do outreach work in local primary schools.

Student News

Naomi Williams (Y8) has won a place in the Canterbury Cathedral Girls' Choir from September, which will make her the third Manwood's pupil to gain a place since the choir formed 6 years ago. Over 40 girls auditioned for the 6 places on offer, so Naomi did really well to get one of them. We wish her many years of happy music making over the years to come.

The following students and alumni all received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at St James' Palace on 13th May - Michael Dyer, Samuel Dyer, Matthew Green, Tabitha Lambie, Oscar Macartney, Chloe Parker, Harpo Randall, Jasmine Rouse, Georgina Walden, Sam Watson, Alex Webb, and Anna Wilson.

Claire Carlotti (Y12) achieved one of the highest scores in the European Girls' Mathematics Olympiad (EGMO) held in October 2018.

Scot Hammond and Joanna Saldonido will be Arkwright Scholars from September onwards. This is a highly competitive national programme for would-be engineers, which carries with it funding throughout sixth form and university for those that are successful in their application. In addition it also means that they will receive support from an engineering company over that same time period.

George Winham (who was also mentioned in last term's newsletter) went on a 6 day tour to Hungary and the Czech Republic over Easter with Canterbury Rugby Club's U17 side. The Canterbury side completed a clean sweep of three victories. Taking on the Hungarian U18 national side in their opening fixture they won comfortably, 42-7. Next up was a four hour journey to Brno in the Czech Republic, where they again impressed by defeating RC Dragon Brno, 34-7. The final game saw Canterbury return to Hungary for a second meeting with the national Under 18s. Again they came out on top with a 33-5 win. In all, the Under 17s scored

109 points and conceded only 19. In late April, George again represented the Kent U17 side, this time against Hertfordshire.

Eddie Rowney (Y8) was selected to attend an U15 England Hockey performance squad and Sam Ericson (also Y8) has been invited to train with the squad in January 2020. This is especially noteworthy as both boys will still be U14 age next season even though it is the U15 squad.

Evie McGuirk and Skye Witte (both Y10) have qualified with their Vista Twister Teams to compete at the World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando in April 2020.



Congratulations to Melissa Mundy who was awarded the Young Player off the Year Award by Northforeland Badminton Association. She is pictured here being presented with the award by her regional coach.



Joshua Paul (Y8) represented the South East of England team at the British Gymnastics Acro Inter-Regional finals back in May. He and his partner took Bronze in the mixed pairs. Congratulations Josh!

Eve Pryde, Luera Musslewhite-Davis and Chloe Nelson (all Y9) all made it to the final of a national Design and Technology competition, the TeenTech Awards, which was held in June at the IET in Savoy Place in London. Eve's Bee-Bath made the final in the Manufacturing category, and Luera and Chloe's Diving Dustbin in the Energy & Environment category. As the email from the organisers said: "Many congratulations, this is a huge achievement. The quality of entries was absolutely outstanding and the amount of work students have put in to all these ideas is evident throughout". At the final, Eve won her category and hopefully will be collecting

her award at Buckingham Palace in the new school year. Unfortunately, Chloe and Leura didn't win their category but they did win the People's Choice Award which was voted on by all the students and teachers on the day for the best project idea. Congratulations to all 3.

For the first time at Manwood's the PE Department ran a nationally-recognised qualification called the Sports Leaders Award. This small but dedicated group of Y12 students spent the year learning leadership skills via the medium of sports, and their year culminated in them running an athletics event for Sandwich Junior School. The email sent to me by the Headteacher of SJS says it all really: "I just want to say a heartfelt thank you - the children were buzzing when they returned to school from their wonderful sports event with you. Can you please pass on both my thanks and praise to your Sports Leaders - they were such lovely role models. It was clear to everyone how much thought and effort had gone into the event. Your students did you proud! It was the first time they had used the high jump and attempted the back flip jump. They had also never experienced doing a long jump into a sand pit or had to use the run to launch themselves - it was a great experience for them to be able to do this."

During the Easter holiday, two groups of Y12 students were lucky enough to visit our partner schools in The Gambia (Yalding School) and India (the Rosarium Academy). Both groups gave engaging assemblies in the first two weeks of this term, informing the students what uses the money they had raised from the student body had been put towards. The email below, from a grateful parent of an India trip participant, eloquently expressed what going on these trips can mean: "I just wanted to officially thank Mr Neame and Ms Baker for taking the students to India and looking after them so well. The group had clearly formed a very close bond before departing but that bond was strengthened by their time away and having two caring members of staff with them will have contributed to that. I was nervous enough about taking my Year 1 class to Monkton Nature Reserve for the day so can only imagine what the stress levels for the teaching staff would have been for their time away. Mr Neame did say that the students had made it easy for them and that they had enjoyed getting to know pupils they didn't teach. It seemed an amazing trip and we all know that there is a huge amount of work completed in organising the trip in the first place so thanks too to Mr Stedman. Please pass on our thanks to all involved - it was definitely one of those trips they will never forget".

Six Year 12 would-be law students (Grace Campbell, William Morrison, Charlotte Thompson, George Knight, Honey Harrop and Millie Rudge) entered an online national law competition run by Kingsley Napley LLP, a leading London firm. The completion involved several rounds. Task 1 was about identifying legal issues (which was a scenario based task), Task 2 involved interviewing a witness and then drafting a statement and Task 3 was a pitch to a potential client. Over 700 teams entered, and although our 2 teams did not make the final they learnt a great deal about what being a lawyer is like from the experience. As the organisers said: "They should be immensely proud of their work throughout this competition. Thank you very much for taking part. We hope that we have given them some insight into the skills required to be a lawyer, and inspired some of them to follow this extremely rewarding career path".

Emma Waite, Millie Thomas and Katherine King (all Y12) gained a *Highly Recommended* in a national essay competition for would-be medical students and Honey Harrop (also Y12) won essay writing competition run by New College of the Humanities in London's with her essay entitled "What measures can be taken to increase voter turnout at elections?". With Honey's permission, I have reproduced the essay here:

What measures can be taken to increase voter turnout at elections?

In recent years, many traditional means of engaging with UK politics- such as voter turnout and party membership- have declined. No general election since 1997 has hit the same voter turnout mark of 71%, although in the last 3 general elections the figure is slowly starting to rise again. The implications of low turnout are serious: they can cause a weaker mandate for a government's reforms, misrepresentation of certain communities (particularly minorities) and neglect historical struggles to gain the right to vote. Many factors cause low turnout, the most notable being voter apathy, difficulty in the voting process and mistrust of politicians- the last point particularly making getting through to non-voters difficult.

Apathetic members of the electorate have become indifferent to politics, generally as a result of doubt or frustration in the current arrangement in place. Consequently, these possible voters refuse to take part in the democratic process, deeming their time wasted on a system that will never benefit them. However, there may be a more positive reason for apathetic voters; contentment. There have been significant connections drawn between dips in voting turnout numbers and an increase in the UK's economic growth (particularly in the years 2001 and 2005), signalling that people may not be voting simply because they don't want to see further change. This also shows that apathetic voters employ intelligent voting strategies, only voting when and where they're sure that their vote will make a difference. This type of voting is becoming increasingly popular, with party 'vote swapping' particularly coming into play in the 2017 general election. Websites have even been created to ensure that voters are lending their vote to the party most likely to topple the current power in each constituency. This type of encouragement is proving to mobilise the disillusionment felt by those who have become increasingly alienated from the system, even affecting the outcome of some areas in the elections.

Thus, it's clear that what apathetic voters really need to motivate them is an opportunity for change- a cause to fight for- and the assurance that they will get something from their actions. Considering demands from the local community from direct democratic methods (such as town hall meetings or MP surgeries) would gather the opinions of the constituents straight from the source. Working these more thoroughly into election campaigns would make the resident electorate feel more heard, and as though there's more at stake to vote for. One recent example of using local issues to persuade people to vote was in October 2018, when singer Taylor Swift posted a message onto her Instagram page asking her fellow Americans to vote in the midterm elections. In the message, she mentioned the candidates she would be voting for in her home state of Tennessee, proclaiming that the opposition doesn't hold "[HER] Tennessee values". In response to that post, Vote.org saw a spike in registration double the size of their previous figure for the month for the state of Tennessee. This

clearly demonstrates the positive effect that social pressure emphasising a voter's duty to their constituency can have on previously detached members of the electorate.

The second main cause of low voter turnout is difficulty in the voting process: physical and mental disabilities, issues travelling to polling stations and confusion over what's required to vote are all significant problems. Generally, the issue of confusion has been battled using media campaigns and simplification of registration- opening up several different ways to register, for example. While this does somewhat clear up misunderstandings, it can also serve to alienate other members of the electorate; for instance, elderly people who can't or won't register online. Media campaigns are generally a little counterintuitive if set up by the government themselves. People who are already puzzled by and consequently annoyed at the system may mistrust or ignore further information given by the same source of their frustrations. Nevertheless, this is where social media can yet again aid with this issue. Despite its shortcomings- most notably the growth of 'fake news' online- social media is incredibly useful for spreading campaign messages quickly and effectively. This is especially helpful as it targets younger generations who are on average less likely to vote. It's essential that younger voters are 'caught early' in order to establish voting as a habit throughout their life, and an effective way of doing that would be to clear up any concerns about the voting process via social platforms. It would be more successful to do this by employing social media influencers to spread the message though, as they're more in-tune with this younger section of the electorate and therefore more likely to elicit a response from them than government officials.

Physical difficulties in voting are usually remedied by encouraging voters to vote by post. However, this method isn't widely promoted due to its increased risk of voter fraud; the same reason that e-voting hasn't been brought in. Nonetheless, one method of relieving difficulty that's becoming increasingly common is financial aid. Public transport, or travelling to polling stations far away, is now being combatted by the offer of shuttle buses to and from voting locations. Some taxi companies, such as Uber, have also joined in on this promotion by offering discounts or even free rides to the voting stations. Incorporating companies into the voting campaign, especially those willing to give incentives, could greatly lessen certain difficulties faced by members of the electorate. Charities that work with those who are mentally or physically impaired could also assist in explaining and taking people through the voting process. This could be through travelling with them or perhaps giving adult education classes in order to explain the basics of the political and voting systems- similar to citizenship lessons in schools.

In December 2013, ICM research carried out a survey for the Guardian newspaper on the reasons that people don't vote. The top reason people gave was that "politicians don't keep promises", followed by "politicians never say what they believe". Ipsos MORI did a survey 2 years later which found that politicians were the profession least trusted by the public. Mistrust of politicians is a massive problem, especially following events such as the 2009 expenses scandal, which saw 5 ex-MPs face prison sentences for misusing government funds. The most sensible way to combat this mistrust is to make all MPs' work transparent, such as making it compulsory for them to share expenses and unlawful for them to hide important information. Many of these changes have been brought in though, and the only thing holding them back being that they're not being properly

implemented. Some of the electorate, however, are becoming wise to the dishonest activities of some MPs. One example of this would be the outrage caused after former Home Secretary Amber Rudd was caught in the Windrush scandal, having misled the public multiple times. In the end, she had to step down from the position. Despite having an energising effect on some voters, more commonly it does the opposite; discouraging people from putting their faith in the system by participating. Past dishonest MPs being voted out after the electorate has waited years to do so, there has been no cement show of force to hold MPs to their word. In 2018, Lord Alan Sugar spoke in the House of Lords about how, in business, if he had presented the projections and 'facts' that many MPs frequently throw about, he could quite possibly face arrest if they were not properly researched or acted upon. Yet MPs don't face that kind of scrutiny or justice. If a stronger, clearer arrangement of holding MPs responsible was implemented, this would most likely reassure voters that the system is on their side and subsequently encourage them to vote.

These 3 major issues obstructing voting turnout- apathetic voters, difficulty and mistrust with the system- could be tackled in a multitude of ways. With the shifting attitudes towards politics stemming from both a place of technological and communicational advancement, it's essential that governments take this into account and adapt to these social changes as a result. Doubt is an all-too-common feeling in a modern world full of clickbait, misleading news and online anonymity. This has quite plainly extended to the political realm as well, leading to the need for more transparent, firmer systems of government that people feel like they can support. This, and the issues of apathy and difficulty, can all be tackled via social platforms- including this second sphere of people's lives that they interact with so much. Using social media campaigns would be a major advantage to combat the falling numbers of young people voting today, by working to encourage them through a familiar scene that they so often utilise in decision-making and information consumption. In addition to this, cooperating with outside sources to ease many of the issues associated with voting would not only encourage people to take up these offers, but also act as a display of care from the political system in their opinions and concerns.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS TERM

As ever, this has been a VERY busy term! Thank you to all staff for their unstinting efforts, as always, and to you, our parents, for continuing to support your children and their all-round education. This is a summary of what has taken place since Easter, in addition of course to the internal examinations and the GCSE and A Level examinations:

Training for Y9 volunteers to become mental health peer mentors as part of the national Headstart programme

30 Y10 pupils took part in a workshop to improve their public speaking skills

Y8 had their HPV injections and Y9 their Td/IPV injections

A road safety presentation for Year 12

Junior Maths Challenge

Senior Concert

School Council meetings

Senior Citizens' World Book Tea

Year 7 parents' evening

Our Year 12 Young Enterprise team won the Kent final of this national competition but unfortunately could not repeat that at the South East Regional final held in Woking

Mr Stedman held an evening with Year 10 pupils and parents to inform them of the overseas trips available to them when they are in Year 12

Year 12 PE students visited a physical exercise laboratory at Canterbury Christchurch University

Two teams from took part in a University Challenge competition held at Kings' Rochester

Our Year 10 Spanish students went to Barcelona to visit their exchange partners

Our Year 10 French students visited Paris

The Geography Department took their Year 12 students to Hastings

Years 7, 8 and 12 attended our annual Founder's Day Service

Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to watch Comedy of Errors at Chilham Castle performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company

Over 90 Year 9 students have completed their Bronze Award practice and assessed expeditions,

Year 10 drama students attended a practical workshop

Year 10 threw themselves in to their Business Enterprise Week

Our Year 12 Sports Leaders ran two events – an athletics competition for Sandwich Junior School and a rounders competition for the local primary schools that are part of the STAR (Sandwich Town and Rural) Alliance alongside us and Sandwich Technology School.

The new incoming Year 7 pupils and their parents attended our Welcome Evening – the 156 new starters were entertained by our Year 12 prefects and their parents were given crucial information about Year 7, and what they can do to help their child's transition, by a range of speakers (Mr Smith, Mr Pearce, Mrs Wilkening, Mrs Poole, Ms Carnt, Mr Merrell and Mr Hunter as well as having the opportunity to meet representatives from Stagecoach to receive information about bus services)

Year 12 Geography students were lucky enough to visit Snowdonia to put what they had learnt in the classroom into practice

The Technology Department took 3 students to the TeenTech Final in London

Sports Day

The visit to Manwood's from 12 students from our partner school in China, Hengshui High School

Over 40 Year 9 pupils attended a Science in a Box day that was run by Pfizer staff volunteers, which explained the process behind how drugs are discovered through to how they are manufactured at large scale

A Careers Evening focused on leadership, with speakers talking about the Civil Service management training scheme, another the National Health Service equivalent and a third about the training he had received at Sandhurst

The very successful Summer Open Evening for Year 5 pupils, which saw more attendees than had attended any previous Manwood's open evening

Induction days for the incoming Year 7 and Year 12

The PE Department took a minibus full of lucky pupils to Wimbledon

The Technology Department took their Year 12 students to the New Designers Show in London

Our Year 12 students attended a UCAS Day to begin their preparations for their university applications

The first ever summer reunion was held for alumni

The first series of meetings were held for pupils interested in setting up and attending an Eco Society

Hosting 20 Chinese students from Tianjin School to show them what UK school days are like

Year 12 parents' evening

Hosting a Medical Conference for pupils from across Kent, including 11 of our own pupils

Combined Cadet Force's annual inspection, which was attended by Year 7 pupils for the first time this year

The annual Art & Design and Technology Show

The annual Sports Award evening

Rock and Pop Concert

Jazz Band led by Nick Capocci played at the Walpole Bay Hotel in Margate, and raised £400 for Pilgrim's Hospice

Summer Concert

Senior Citizens' Summer Garden Party

36 Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants will be completing their assessed expedition over the 3 days immediately after the end of term in Ashdown Forest, and our Gold participants will be travelling twice to Snowdonia during the summer holidays for their practice and assessed expeditions

Lastly, please help to raise much needed extra funds for Sir Roger Manwoods School whenever you shop online by using [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - doing so will raise a free donation for us every time that you do.

Shopping via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sirrogermanwoods/> gives access to over 3,600 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com.

And for those that are able to and have not yet done so, please think about either making a one off donation or a regular monthly donation to the School. I have attached two forms after this introductory letter for use if this is for you – the first is for sending to your bank (if you use online banking, then the information needed can also be found on this form) and the latter is a Gift Aid form that enables us to turn your donation into an even bigger donation (provided you are a UK tax payer).

The arrangements for the first week of term are:

Monday 2 September: staff training

Students who would like to alter their A Level options will be meeting Mrs Szczerbicki in the Sixth Form Study Area according to the following schedule: Surnames A-F: 11am; Surnames G-M: 12pm; Surnames N-Z: 1pm.

Tuesday 3 September: induction day for Years 7 and 12.

Year 7: students arrive for the normal start of the school day, 8.40am, and go direct to their form rooms. There will be prefects and staff by the main entrance to guide students to where the form rooms are. P1 and p2 = tutor time. P3 = lessons. p4= lessons but shorter than normal as lunch is from 1pm (p4 teachers to accompany Y7 to the canteen and supervise until 13.25). Pm Reg as normal. P5 = lessons. Dismissal is at normal time i.e. 3.20pm

Year 12: p1 = Tutor time, p2 and p3 = lessons. Team building activities from 12:30 onwards

Wednesday 5 September

First day of school for all pupils. Normal timings other than Y7 have an extended lunch break - from 13.00 to 14.10.

Thursday 6 September

Normal timings other than Y7 have an extended lunch break from 13.15 to 14.10

Friday 7 September

Normal timings other than Y7 have an extended lunch break from 13.15 to 14.10. (This is Y7's last day of an extended lunch break. From Monday they will have the same lunch break as all other year groups i.e. 13.25 to 14.10)

And finally, a reminder of the term dates for next year:

Monday 2 September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 September	Induction day for Y7 & Y12
Wednesday 4 September	School for all year groups
Friday 18 October	Half term starts after school
Monday 28 October	School begins
Friday 20 December	Last day of term
Monday 6 January	School begins
Friday 14 February	Half term starts after school
Monday 24 February	School begins
Friday 3 April	End of term
Monday 20 April	School begins
Friday 8 May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 May	School begins
Friday 22 May	Half term begins after school
Monday 1 June	School begins
Friday 10 July	Last day of academic year

Best wishes for a restful and peaceful summer holiday and many thanks again for all your support over the past year.



Lee Hunter
Headteacher

SIR ROGER MANWOOD'S SCHOOL

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Subject News

Mathematics

Following their success in the Junior Mathematical Challenge run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust earlier this year, Toby Manning, Kian Siadatan, Alex Townsend-Jones and Rhys Watkins were invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo competition. They all did very well to qualify for the competition and Toby and Kian's results placed them close to the top 25% of entrants.



Technology

On the 24 of June, Eve Pryde, Leura Musslewhite-Dale and Chloe Nelson were invited up to London to attend the Teen Tech National awards finals after entering it earlier on in the year at Savoy Palace.

Leura and Chloe were presenting their idea of The Diving Dustbin which is a design which helps to clear all the plastic in the ocean in the most eco-friendly way by using solar power to power it and designing it in the shape of a basking shark. As a group they had a scaled down model and also several marketing items like keyrings and leaflets – even soft toys.

Eve presented her idea of The Bee Bath which was an idea that was designed to help present the decline of the English Honey Bee. The design also included several other products to accompany the product.

The day was a wonderful experience with everyone being very friendly and getting to visit celebrities which included people like Maggie Philbin.

The awards ceremony was very interesting with many ambassadors and heads of companies talking to all the finalists.

The Diving Dustbin, which was entered into the environmental category, sadly didn't win their category but were able to win the People's Choice Awards which was a great surprise!

The Bee Bath however won the Manufacturing Category which was amazing.

We would like to thank Mr Neame for helping us with our presentations and making this day possible. We would also like to thank Teen Tech for hosting these awards and for such an amazing event.

Both teams will go to collect their awards up in Buckingham Palace in the new academic year with the awards being presented by Prince Andrew!

Written by Eve Pryde



French

In May, 41 Year 10 students and 5 members of staff spent 5 days in Paris.

The group was lucky enough to enjoy fantastic weather for the week, which made the trip even better. It was an amazing week and they certainly did a lot as can be seen from this account:

The group went on a boat trip on the Seine river, visited the castle of Vaux-le-Vicomte and the Sacré-Cœur and spent time in Montmartre, where many students indulged in crêpes and had their caricatures done by local artists. They also visited the Louvre Museum and went up the Eiffel Tower where students were able to enjoy amazing views of Paris. They also spent a very exciting day at Disneyland Paris, where everyone enjoyed the rides. Finally, they did some shopping in Cité Europe before heading back to England.

All an all, a very busy week where all students experienced French culture and gained lots of confidence in speaking French!

A massive thank you to Miss Hincker, Miss Noy, Mr Vere and Mr Merrell for accompanying the trip, and to Ms Leroy for organising it.



German

A group of 30 Year 8 and Year 9 students visited their German exchange partners in Sundern, Sauerland from 23 to 28 June 2019. Here are their accounts and impressions:

The journey on the ferry was really fun and seemed to pass quite quickly because we were all talking to our friends. **Emily Hill, 9C**

We had fun in the arcade where we played on the dance machine. We arrived in Calais and started an almost 8-hour trip by coach. **Duncan Lambie, 8F**

Germany, despite the heat, has been nice. Large green landscapes with not litter in sight. In fact, the whole country is clean in many ways, even giving people money for returning plastic bottles to shops! That is one way it is noticeable nicer than England. **Louie Bullock, 8Y**

We were amazed by the scenic views and hot temperatures, highs of nearly 40 degrees! We were welcomed by our partners in open arms and went to spend the night at their houses. **Nicholas Cram, 8C**

The first night was quite hot and slightly awkward and nerve-racking to meet them. **Toby Manning, 8C**

When we reached the school, we all went with the families. When I got to my partner's house, I had a pizza and then me and my partner played badminton for about an hour. Then I went to bed as I was exhausted. **Ollie Holland, 8A**

My exchange partner's family was very nice and we had BBQ on the first night. **Abi Windsor, 9S**

My family was very welcoming and kind. **Rhu Shanks, 9C**

I was nervous going to this new house and felt slightly upset that I was so far away from home. However, the family could not have been nicer and they soon made me feel welcome and calm. **Grace Wyon, 8S**

My partner's parents were very warm towards me and her mother said to me 'I am so happy to have an English daughter!'. **Amy Berridge**

The food and drink is definitely a mixed bag. There is sparkling water everywhere, which I hate along with most of the other people that went on the trip but nearly all the food is great. Different for sure but nothing too strange like you may expect. **Louie Bullock, 8Y**

The German style spare ribs are the best I've ever eaten! **Jacob Richards**

The family I was staying with was very surprised when I said I didn't like tea. **Maisy Willson, 9Y**

During our time in Sundern, we went to a mine, a theme park, 2 museums and to the 'Sorpensee' (Sorpe lake). **Isobell Todd, 9F**

The next day, we went to their school and after that we went to a museum of Sundern's history. **Josie Tombs, 8S**

The school was very modern and they all wear their normal clothes, not uniform. **Toby Manning, 8C**

On Monday we were able to join our penfriends in the first two lessons of the day. I had music with my penfriend. We danced to a song from the film 'High School Musical'. **Lisa Carr, 8Y**

We then did a treasure hunt and then we went to a lake with pedalos. **Jordan Aron, 8C**

On Tuesday, we went to a town called Münster where we explored the town and looked in several museums. **Vicky Russell, 8S**

When we went to Münster, we had a lovely guided tour by the German students. After that we had a lot of time for shopping and spending time with our partners and our friends. **Emily Bell, 8Y**

On Wednesday, we went to a disused mine which was connected to a museum. We rode an actual mine cart into the damp chilly depths of the mine. We went to the 8th of 11th levels of the mine. Miners would have used an old wooden lift to go deeper, but it's too dangerous to ride now. **Toby Manning, 8C**

After the mine, we drove to the theme park. We stayed there for about 5 hours and went on a lot of rides, including the roller coasters, a 'tractor and car driving simulator. **Lura Stoffer, 8F**

On Thursday, we went to Attendorn to visit the Atta Cave, a big dripstone cave. **Charlie Lewin, 9C**

The trip has been good, as I have had lots of fun and have been to places I wouldn't have gone to, if I was with my family... My favourite place I went to with the exchange partners was the lake, as it was very refreshing after a hot day. **Joshua Paul, 8F**

This week was lots of fun because it was a new experience for me. **Emily Bell, 8Y**

Amazing... it opened my eyes... 5 out of 5 stars, **Duncan Lambie, 8F**

My first time in Germany was great! **Danny-Lee Smith, 8S**

First time in my life that I've wished it to be cold. **Honor James, 8C**

I think that this trip was really nice and interesting to learn another country's culture. I hope to be able to do this type of trip again. Thank you to all the staff and people that made it possible. **Amaris Ajayi, 8F**

Sundern has the most amazing landscape and scenery. **Jacob Richards, 9C**

Overall it was an amazing week and I learnt lots of new stuff. It was a really good experience. **Isabelle Georgiou, 9F**

We overall enjoyed the trip and can't wait to see our partners again next spring. **Nicholas Cram, 8C**

If Germany is Waitrose, Britain is Farmfoods! **Charlie Lewin, 9C**

My first trip to Germany and it has been an incredible opportunity and experience, **Harry Baxendale, 8S**

Enrichment News

Young Enterprise 2019

Our Young Enterprise journey began early October, where after voting for potential Managing Directors, we got to brainstorming ideas. This would initially become problematic for us, weighing up ideas such as wheels for skis or children's books; before finally settling on the concept of greeting cards. But how would we differentiate our product? Of course we chose to use paper produced from animal poo! We manufacture greetings cards made from animal excrement that are both renewable and recyclable, aiming to provide sustainable gifting to all of our consumers.

Christmas was fast approaching and after receiving an order of 300 cards, operations were forced to work overtime in order to meet demand for our products. After this quota was met, Zoomail became the official Christmas card of the Young Enterprise programme; which we regard to be a great achievement. Our product portfolio now includes ranges from Birthday, Valentine's Day, Congratulations, Mother's/Father's Day, Thank you and Get Well Soon cards, all of which are hand drawn and designed. We now distribute our products through many different outlets such as Effie Mclean, The Black Pig and Toast Herne Bay. We also participated in various market trade stands, with specific highlights coming from our time at the Discovery Park, in sandwich, and the sale of over 100 cards at Deal Market.

We believe that our Young Enterprise experience was highlighted by our participation in the multiple regional finals that we attended. We were presented with the best company award in Kent, and also received awards for our achievements in Marketing and Sustainability. This advanced us to the South East Regional finals in June. Again we were awarded for our environmental consciousness and sustainability.

Overall, we all gained vital skills in business management and public speaking, potentially setting us up for our future careers in business. We owe our efforts to Miss Parfitt and our business advisor Angela Chidley for all the support and guidance they have provided us along the way.

By Sam Bennett and Lottie Jones

Combined Cadet Force

This year's CCF Inspection was a special occasion as it saw the rebadging of the contingent from the link regiment from the Gurkas (based at Folkestone) to the Princess of Wales' Royal regiment, PWRR (whose reserves are based at Canterbury). The event was attended by Mr Craig Mackinlay, the South Thanet MP and the Mayor of Sandwich. We were very grateful to PWRR as they brought several senior officers, including the Inspecting Officer, as well as some vehicles and other equipment.



Year 10 Business Enterprise Week

This year was our 13th Business Enterprise Challenge with 30 Year 10 companies taking on the challenge. Generating ideas was not a problem but cutting these ideas for a product or services down to a single one proved difficult.

Once workshops were completed on day 1, the companies moved forward with their ideas on day 2. The challenge was for the companies to work towards convincing a panel of judges, from the business community, that their idea was viable and that their company could be real. Judging took place on day 5 and the number of companies was reduced to 10. These companies then set up their stalls and presented their ideas in the hall from which 4 companies were selected. The awards given are detailed below:

Best Idea was awarded to **Dinder Plan** who had produced their APP to help with meal organising for over 18's who struggle to plan meals. All dietary requirements were considered and a bespoke solution provided. Its members included: Amelie Baker, Marcia Jenkins, Lizzie Macanley, Elliot St Ange, Harriet Stanley and Erin Stephenson.



Best written presentation was awarded to **Ecologic** who had decided that they intended to reduce the amount of waste plastic that was being produced by designing an EcoKit which contained pens, pencils, rulers, set squares that were made from bamboo. Its members included:- Emily Brown, Maddie Bullard, Yasmin Carney, Sophia Scholfield and Millie Sykes.



Best Oral Presentation and Runners-up was awarded to **Simple +** who had developed a minimalistic phone that would provide phone and text options in the hope that they might detach elements of society from the grip of social media. They included a very impressive video in their presentation that advertised their product. The company's members included:- Tire Adeoye, Josephine Luckhurst, Joseph Morrison-Howe, Tiggy Thomas, Ananya Uppal and Skye Witte. The company were awarded 2nd place so they were invited to represent the School at the runners-up competition.



This year's overall School **winner** with the **best overall idea, oral and written presentations** went to **Jobo**. Jobo had the idea of producing an APP for finding jobs in your local area which included a facility to leave reviews. Their target market was teenagers who currently have little that meets their requirements for seeking work that suits their age and skills set. A free version was available with adverts, a premium version without adverts but at a small cost. This team also had an advert embedded in their presentation which clearly presented their concept. Its Company members included Madyson Carr, Ane Goitisolo, Tom Hook, Jack Lavery and Malachi Sewell. The company was invited to represent the school at the East Kent final in London.



Runner-up final

Simple + attended the next stage of the competition, the runner-up final which took place on Wednesday 3rd July at Cummins Power Generation, Manston. A clear corporate image was evident and improvements had been made to their stand and presentation. They presented clearly on stage, managed their stand professionally and conveyed a clear business model.

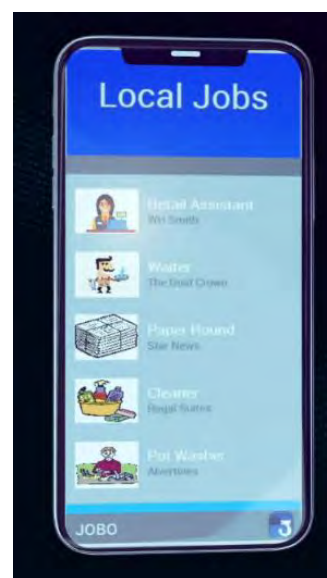


It was noted by the judges that they started and finished their presentation with a smile despite some difficult questions from the panel. Consequently, the team finished the day with a win for **Best Oral Presentation**.

Enterprise Final

Jobo competed in the final at RBS in London on Friday 5th July in a newly refurbished presentation area. All the Companies presented to an extensive range of judges from the retail, community and banking sector. At this stage of the competition every company appeared equally impressive.

Questions asked by the judges were answered well and the judges scrutinised the company stands. The winning company from the runner-up competition was evidently on a roll which was making a win for any other company much more of a challenge. After an extended period of deliberation, the judges fed back and reported that **Jobo** had won the **Best Oral Presentation** prize.



The business community reported that:

“The winners of The Best Oral Presentation did very well, the best graphics we have ever seen, it was truly inspirational to see such creativity, such professionalism and such a visual explanation of their product”.

The return journey was uneventful once again, and we returned to Sandwich at the scheduled time, another win for travel management and EBP Kent logistics.

Alumni News

I have reprinted here a couple of paragraphs from the recent OMA Newsletter as they are pertinent to items recently in the national news.

In February, David Morgan DSC (59-66) spent a week in the Falkland Islands. He was there to meet a party from Argentina which included two pilots against whom he had fought in the 1982 conflict, when he was serving as a Sea Harrier pilot on the aircraft carrier HMS Hermes. One of the Argentine pilots was the only survivor from a formation of four Skyhawks that David and his wingman bounced on the evening of 8th June, as they were attacking a landing craft. Another of the party was the son of one of the pilots killed in that engagement and David helped erect a memorial next to the wreckage of his father's aircraft. He also managed to visit the site of the Harrier strip he flew from in Port San Carlos and was amazed at how small it was! (It was only 650ft long). Goose Green was also visited as well as some of the mountain battlefields around Stanley, which have now been cleared of mines. The pilgrimage ended at a lunch with long-term Falklands resident Roger Spink (71-78); possibly the most southerly OM reunion ever.

Peter Comfort (35/38) died 1st April 2019 aged 95 years. Peter joined up for military service in the 13th /18th Royal Hussars, now known as The Light Dragoons and which, in 1939, became an armoured regiment. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he landed in his Sherman DD tank at Sword beach, Ouistreham. It was this experience that was to cause him in 2013 to be invited to meet Brad Pitt on the set of the war film Fury in Hertfordshire where he shared his experiences with the actor and what life was like inside the tanks. The following year he accompanied Brad Pitt down the red carpet at the London premiere of the film in way of a personal "Thank you" for his help. After the war he took over his father Percy's ironmongers business in Deal. His hobbies included steam engines and he was the proud owner of Boadicea, a 1909 Marshall Compound traction engine, which he would regularly show off in the Deal Regatta Carnival parades and at local steam rallies.