



Sir Roger Manwood's School

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Dear Parents and Members of the School

1. Academy Status

On March 1st 2011 the school received notification from the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, that conversion to Academy Status had been granted. As a school that in recent years had enjoyed Grant Maintained Status, and then Foundation Status, we feel strongly that Sir Roger Manwood's is in an excellent position to make the transition to Academy Status smoothly and to maximise the advantages to be gained therefrom. The school is now directly funded from central government, with no monies top-sliced to the Local Authority, so we will have a boost to our budget which will be very much needed as we move into more financially austere times. I should also say that our relations with the Local Authority continue to be very positive and they have been very helpful in facilitating the transition to new financial procedures. We will also continue to commission services from the Local Authority where this is helpful. Similarly, we will continue to work with all our local primary and secondary schools in partnership as before. Indeed, many of the local secondary schools have already become Academies and there are others now pursuing this route. It is part of the Academy ethos that each school should play a full part in helping to raise standards in their local area.

In many ways, the transition has been a seamless one. The constitution of the Governing Body remains the same and we are pleased to have a full membership of experienced and committed governors with a wide range of expertise to help guide the school. Our name, selective status and uniform remain unchanged. I mention this because sometimes people worry that the move to Academy Status will affect the traditions of the school; it will not and indeed we regard the move to Academy Status as the best way forward to protect and develop further the ethos of Sir Roger Manwood's School.

2. Staff Farewells

The end of January saw the departure of Mrs Rachael Winstone, the Head's PA, after nearly five years at Manwood's. She made an outstanding contribution in this time, so much so that it was decided that in order to maintain the high standards of provision in the diverse areas of school life that she was involved in, we needed to create more than one post to fill the gap she was leaving. We thank Mrs Winstone for all her hard work here and wish her all the best in her future career.

3. New Web-Site

The newly designed [site](#) is now up and running and has received very favourable feedback with over 5,000 hits, 60% of which were from new visitors. There are new pages for Announcements, Latest News and Upcoming Events all of which are updated regularly. Dates for the next Academic Year and this summer's Exam Timetables can be accessed via the News and Calendar section and the direct enquiry email option has proved popular.

4. ParentMail

We try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about what is going on at the school. However, sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often failing to reach their intended destination. We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved.

To help improve these areas we have decided to use a service called ParentMail®, which is used by over 2,500 schools across the UK to communicate with parents by email and text message. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because:

- Messages will get to you reliably
- We can send messages directly to both parents at the same time
- You will quickly know about important or urgent messages
- We can tell you more about what is going on at the school

To use ParentMail® parents email addresses are loaded into related student Form and Year groups. We are then able to send information pertaining to those groups to all those parent emails registered, such as Parent Evenings/Exam Timetable information etc. We also have the option of using the text messaging service for urgent issues, such as school closure.

Please be assured that ParentMail® is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation. This also gives us the opportunity to update our own school information to ensure that we have the latest contact details. Please see the section on [ParentMail®](#) on the school website where the data capture form can be printed, or alternatively, request one from the main school office.

5. Student Absences (Sickness and Appointments)

Parents are reminded of the importance of contacting the school before 9.00 a.m. by telephone to inform us of a student's absence. It is also important that a call is made for each and every day that the child is off school. Following on from the telephone call, every absence must be followed up with a letter confirming the reasons why your child has been unable to attend school. When telephoning the school on 01304 613286 parents need to dial 1 for the dedicated absence answer machine where they are able to leave a message.

6. Mathematics and Computing Specialism

Outreach Work in Primary Schools

Miss Wadsworth has continued to visit primary schools this term to work with G&T pupils. Eight primary schools have been visited since January. The pupils in the primary schools enjoy the challenge of the work set and also the opportunity to interact with some of our Sixth Form students. The feedback from the staff in the primary schools has been excellent.

Manwood's Primary School Maths Competition - Part 2

The competition held in December was a great success but because of the snow not all primary schools were able to attend. It was therefore decided to hold a further competition and 5 more schools came to Manwood's to be put through their paces. Again, the teams had a very good time and it was good to see so many pupils enthusiastically grappling with mathematical problems.

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

The school entered two competitions organised by the UK MT. The Junior Maths Team Competition attracted 17 schools from our region. Manwood's were in contention right to the end but eventually came a very close 4th. The Year 10 team competition was held at Simon Langton Girls' School and 12 schools competed. Manwood's at the end of the day were placed 3rd.

Andrew Carlotti (Year 11) continues to go from strength to strength. He once again visited Hungary to take part in the British team training and will join the team again in Cambridge over Easter. In the most recent British Mathematical Olympiad, in which Sixth Former compete, he was placed 10th in the country. Over half term, he was on Romania representing the British Team in an international mathematics competition and gained a Silver Medal.

Manwood's Radio Update

Progress has been slower than anticipated but the pupils involved hoped to be up and running this summer term. It was been decided that shows will be recorded before transmission in order to allow for quality control and to give pupils the ability to replay recordings later when it is convenient to do so.

Student Ambassadors

The Computing Department at the University of Kent once again requested that Manwood's host a final year student completing a "Computing in Education" module as part of their Computer Science Degree. Andrew Simmons, a former pupil of Manwood's, completed his 30 hours in school this term. He prepared a lesson, to fit in with the data logging theme the Year 8 students were covering, based upon his own experience as a diabetic. The class was responsive and engaged. They practiced drawing graphs from the data he supplied and made hypotheses and drew conclusions as a result.

7. Music Report

Our 2011 production which was staged in early February was the Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic *The Sound of Music*. There were so many memorable performances not least from Vicky Lyden and Gina Skinner sharing the role of Maria, Moje Edeki as Captain Von Trapp, and Elizabeth Stowell and Josh Wright as Liesl and Rolf. Congratulations to all members of the cast and crew and to Mr Holden & Mr Greenhalgh on another highly successful production. Tickets sold very well on all three nights and it was good to welcome pupils from St Nicholas at Wade, Chislet and Cartwright & Kelsey Junior schools to our matinee performance.



Foreign travel and concert performance has been a major feature of the latter part of term with three trips to continental Europe and one visit to us. The School Choir and Orchestra visited Lisbon in Portugal in mid-March for a very successful 6 day tour. The group stayed in a very smart hostel in the centre of the city and gave performances in two international schools, the cultural centre in Cascais and an impromptu concert in the *Placa* outside the Hostel. There were also opportunities to absorb Portugese culture (e.g. a memorable meal in a restaurant including performances of Fado, the Portugese traditional singing) sightsee and shop

around Lisbon, and to visit Sintra, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site in the mountains above Lisbon. The party of 41 had a great time and an enormous thank you must go to Mrs Cullis for all her hard work in organising the tour.

What we hope will become an ongoing partnership has recently come to fruition. We were approached by the Cultural and Education office of the Nord Pas de Calais in 2010 with an invitation to set up a Choral exchange with a choir based in the College du Bras D'Or, Montreuil-sur-Mer. Mr Williams travelled to France in June last year to meet with the College and local government officials, which resulted in our Chamber Choir giving a very well received concert in the theatre of Montreuil-sur-Mer in late March this year to an audience including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the Principal of the College. This was followed a week later by a return visit and concert by the French choir to a packed School Hall and attended by our former Mayor, Cllr Joe Trussler. The musical entertainment continued on Tuesday for some time after the concert ended with both choirs enjoying singing informally together round the piano. We look forward to a further collaboration in 2012.

The School Orchestra has also continued to cement its long-standing relationship with the town band of Hardelot in the Pas de Calais with a visit and performance in Hardelot on Sunday April 3rd. The concert was given in the historic surroundings of the Chateau d'Hardelot as part of a day-long celebration of music in the region, and drew one of the largest crowds on the day. SRMS Music department and the Town Band of Hardelot have held these exchanges for nearly 20 years and we look forward to welcoming our French friends to Sandwich again hopefully in 2012.

Founders' Day took place on April 1st in St Clement's Church. The Choir were joined by the Brass Group, members of the Manwood Singers and Cathedral Assistant Organist David Newsholme for an uplifting performance of Parry's great coronation anthem *I was glad* along with a wealth of other music. Thank you to everyone who participated and added so much to this formal but important annual occasion.

The Jazz Band continues to spread its net, this term providing musical entertainment for a private birthday party at Lower Hardres Village Hall near Canterbury in January. The band, led by Dom Shawcross played three sets and brought the house down with a programme of jazz, soul and pop standards! The band performs widely and is available for private bookings as well as fund-raising events. Contact the Music Department on 01304 610464.

Year 10 GCSE music pupils from SRMS and Sandwich Tech came together for a composition workshop hosted by us as part of the Deal Festival's Pyramid Project. A professional composer, pianist and a cellist worked with the students for a morning. We hope to build on this experience with further workshops in the Autumn with a view towards creating a new piece to be performed by a professional ensemble at the Deal Festival in 2012.

Mr Piers Moth joined us this academic year as a PGCE teacher trainee and completed his teaching placement at SRMS in February. We were impressed by the enjoyment, enthusiasm and energy he brought not only to lessons but also to his contributions to extra-curricular music activities and we wish him well in his ongoing training at Westlands in Sittingbourne and in what we are sure will be a successful teaching career.

A busy musical term was brought to a close with the Spring Concert on Thursday 7th April. Some very fine performances were given by all of the major ensembles as well as solo and small ensemble items, and many members of the audience said that the concert was one of our best.

This was the last major opportunity for a number of leavers to perform in a school concert as part of the ensembles they have supported for so long. We thank all our leavers and wish them well and hope that they will continue to contribute to music-making in the future.

To all who have contributed to music-making this term a big thank you and well done. The Summer term is, of necessity due to exams, a quieter period musically but there are a number of concerts and events to look forward to, some of which are listed below.

Music Dates for Next Term

Soloists Concert	Thursday 5 th May
'One Night Only' Variety Show	Friday 6 th May
Friends of Manwood's Music event	Sunday June 26 th



Instrumental tuition and ensemble membership are available to all pupils in the school. It is never too late to get involved in the sort of activities and events you have read about above.

8. Drama

A busy and challenging term for the department and Mrs Coles would like to thank everyone who helped cover her lessons during the first part of the term, especially Mr Spray and Ms Lesworth.

Most of our A Level Theatre Studies students took leading roles in this term's school musical, with a good number participating also from the GCSE groups. An excellent effort from everyone to contribute to what was a very successful production.

All the exam groups have also been preparing and performing their final pieces of practical coursework. On 24th March we hosted "A Drama Showcase" where friends and families were invited to come and see the pieces performed again. We had some lovely feedback from parents and hope it will become a regular feature of the department.



We have also taken students to see some excellent shows this term, in particular a lively and imaginative production of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* at the Theatre Royal, Margate. All the exam groups attended as it is a set text by a set practitioner; they thoroughly enjoyed a challenging, fast paced show. The Sixth Formers also enjoyed an excellent production of Sondheim's *'To the Woods'* at the Gulbenkian in Canterbury. A very challenging, fun and satisfying piece of musical theatre.

We now hope that all the hard work has paid off (not that it's all over yet!) and wish all our students success in their exams.

9. Language College Specialism

MFL Outreach Work in Local Primary Schools

As part of our Language School Status, and our commitment to the community, Ms Pujadas-Telmon has taken 20 AS French students to Preston, Cartwright and Kelsey and Sandwich Junior Primary Schools this term. The students have taught French to Years 5 and 6, presenting vocabulary and grammar on the topic of animals. The students had prepared many resources such as dominos, crosswords, jumbled up words and matching up exercises; they also sang a song and used PowerPoint presentations. Indeed, they were a real credit to the school, performing as if they were trained teachers. The response from the pupils and staff at the primary schools has also been very positive, impressing their hosts with their enthusiasm, commitment and general behaviour.

The International Dimension

This continues to be a striking feature of life in school. For example, in the second half of term the School Orchestra and Choir visited Lisbon and performed several concerts to very appreciative audiences. There have also been two one day visits to France, to Montreuil-sur-Mer and Hardelot by the Music Department. The French Department also took a significant number of Year 10 students on a residential trip to Paris. This again was a great success and much enjoyed by the students. In the last full week of term we have also enjoyed hosting students and staff from our partner school in Germany. The forthcoming Easter holidays meanwhile will see two trips depart – the junior ski trip to Austria and the Sixth Form trip to the Gambia where students will work in the school set up by the GAMble charity. You may have seen the team in the local paper explaining their sponsored bike riding, during which the 13 members of the team between them cycled the distance from the UK to Gambia. That's 2750 miles in total, so well done to all of them!

HSBC/British Council Mandarin Chinese Speaking Competition

Michael Tawiah (9K) made it through to the final of this national competition which was held at The British Museum in London. Michael was required to prepare a talk in Chinese and answer questions from a panel of judges in front of a large audience. He acquitted himself very well.

BBC Radio Kent heard of Michael's achievements and in the days leading up to the final came into school to interview him and other students studying Chinese. The transmission that went out can be accessed on the [school's website](#).

10. Design Technology

Toyota Technology Challenge 2011

Congratulations to the Solar Samurais Team of Emily Harvey, George Hyett, Georgia Green, Harrison Hadlow and Emma Dobbs (8TR) for their success in this year's competition. Their project folder was one of seven chosen from over 80 entries from the South East Region. On 28th March they competed in the Regional Final at Duxford Aerospace Museum. After giving a confident and knowledgeable presentation to the judges and successfully racing the solar powered car 3 times, they achieved a creditable 4th place, only being beaten by older teams. Their effort and commitment was a great credit to our school.

Year 13 A Level Product Design Projects

Amongst a successful batch of student projects produced this year, are Max Kinden's hydroponic growing system, Tom Jefferson's solar-powered charging unit destined for the

Gambia and Josh Ovenden's Capuchin Monkey Feeding System (animal enrichment) currently being installed at Wingham Wildlife Park.

11. Art Report

Celebrating Success

This year the art department has been sending postcards home to students to congratulate them for their efforts and achievements.

The postcard was designed last year by our budding artist Jack Smith (Year 10).



Look out for the postcard competition to design next year's postcard.



Artist of the Future

Jake Lamerton (Year 12) is an artist to watch out for in the future. He has made excellent progress this year, working with teachers and professional artists to develop an expressive and personal style of painting. This self portrait shows the mature and sophisticated approach that is evident in all of Jake's work. Jake has submitted work for various competitions and is currently involved in the Page Turner exhibition. This exhibition coincides with the opening of the Turner Centre on the 16th April 2011.

12. Young Enterprise Scheme

This term has seen both of our Young Enterprise Companies very active in the run up to the Dover Area Board Presentation Evening on 30th March. "Zest" completed the production of their primary school language book and have started to take orders, whilst "Swift" have organised a 'Take Me Out' event, sold Valentines roses and have started to sell wristband memory sticks. At the Presentation Evening they were in competition with other local schools for a place in the Kent finals. They had to set up a trade stand, give a presentation to a large audience and face demanding questions from a panel of judges. Prior to the evening, company reports had been forwarded to the judges for scrutiny. Out of four awards given out, Manwood's came away with two. Swift was judged to have written the best company report and Zest was judged to have the best display on their trade stand. Although we did not come away with the ultimate award of a place in the Kent final, everyone involved should be proud of their excellent efforts on the evening and on the run up to it.

13. Student Investor Competition

This year our teams found the ups and downs of the stock market a difficult challenge. 'The Buffets' who had been doing well in the Autumn term found their share prices rapidly falling as we entered the New Year. They were replaced by one of our other teams 'Bank On Us' as a hopeful for the South East Regional Finals, but when the competition reached its last day of trading in early February, the best they could achieve was 481st place out of 2386 teams. Hopefully students learned a great deal about the risks and rewards of dealing on the stock market and also about the economy and world events that affect the prices of shares, as they made their decisions throughout the competition.

14. Dover Area Board Young Enterprise Public Speaking Competition

The school was represented at this event by Connor Gower and Kerry Vinson, both Year 12 students. They performed with great credit in front of a large audience. Congratulations to them!

15. Times Spelling Bee

The Year 7 spelling team of Catrina Glanville, Juliet Daniels, Frazer Boyd and George Bradley, the Manwood's Musketeers, competed in the regional heat of this national competition at Ashford against 7 other schools. They were narrowly beaten into second place by the team from Gravesend Grammar for Boys, but their score was higher than our teams in the previous two years, both of whom won! The Judge commented on the exceptionally high standard so although they won't go through to the semi-final, they were a credit to the school. All of them worked extremely hard and enjoyed the considerable challenge of spelling difficult words under time pressure and in front of an audience.

16. Outside Speakers Convey their Appreciation

Part of the tutorial programme in the Sixth Form involves outside speakers coming into school to address the Sixth Form. In January representatives from the National Blood Service gave a talk and this was their feedback to Miss Peycelon: *"Just a quick note to thank you for Friday. We had a great response from the students. 20 enrolled to become blood donors and 5 enrolled for the organ donation. But all the students took a form and hopefully after a discussion with their parents they will send back the form. And on another note, the students were a delight to talk to and were all very well behaved – a credit to the school"*.

17. Scholarships and Awards for Sixth Form Students

In January we heard that a Year 13 leaver last year, Megan Thomsett, who has gone on to study Chemistry at Nottingham University, had been awarded a Kitchener University Scholarship. There are only a maximum of 25 scholarships awarded each year and candidates are judged on academic achievement and account is also taken of evidence of their other interests and activities. Short-listed candidates are then called for interview. A vigorous process then, and congratulations to Megan.

In February we were informed that two Year 13 students, Amber Marriott and Maximilian Kinden, had been selected for the UBS Award for Outstanding Students. This prestigious award celebrates the achievements of academically gifted and hard working students who excel in their public examinations. Amber and Maximilian were invited to an award ceremony in London later in the month. There were many nominations nationwide for this award and Amber and Max did exceedingly well to be selected.

18. Residential Courses at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

Four of our Year 12 students have been offered places on these exciting residential courses aimed at high-achieving students: Fraser Newgreen and Connor Gower on the Humanities Course; Dominkia Szucsova and Laura Tottenham on the Sciences Course.

These courses are intended to give the most able students a taste of university life at Cambridge and to provide them with the information and advice they need to put in competitive applications to the very best universities in the country. They will also be introduced to a range of new topics and materials which will complement their A Level studies and guide them in their choices of degree subject. The courses will feature lectures, seminars, visits to university sites and the

opportunity to meet current students and lecturers. There were just 75 places available on each course so our students did very well to gain their places. We hope they have an enjoyable time!

19. Science

British Physics Olympiad (Y12)

This academic year, 11 students from the Lower Sixth took part in the British Physics Olympiad AS competition. This competition aims to stretch some of the most able young physicists in Year 12 from across the country with a rigorous and challenging one hour paper, with questions that are well above the normal A-Level standard. The paper itself requires students to think laterally and often apply what they have learnt in the classroom to unusual situations or topics not yet covered. Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are available for the paper, depending on how well a student scores. In order to combat this higher level paper, the students wishing to participate in the challenge met during lunchtimes once a week for extra coaching and practice with Mrs Ari. These sessions proved invaluable and ran from late October right up to the week before the Olympiad itself, in mid March. During the initial sessions new topics, both interesting and diverse, were covered. This gave students a taste of higher level physics, not normally covered until late AS or A2. After this, the group would usually work through past papers each week, often in pairs to combat some of the harder problems. Mrs Ari would then go through each paper and cover any questions that at first appeared indecipherable or simply too complex. This enabled the students not only to become acquainted with the style and type of questions seen in the paper but also to learn from their mistakes and fill in any gaps of knowledge. Although challenging, the work was both rewarding and highly interesting. Thus, the additional sessions proved not only enjoyable for all those involved but no doubt aided each and every candidate immensely, enabling them to achieve their full potential.



The following students gained awards in this prestigious national competition.

Silver: Grace Wan
Audrey Ho
Eric Leung
Connor Gower

Bronze: Ben Thurgate
Yele King
Damon Sutton
Israel Osmond
Richard Everard
Akinlolu Bajomo
Jacob Dobbs

The British Biology Olympiad (BBO)

The British Biology Olympiad is an annual competition for post-16 students. In February, 9 of our Sixth Form students took part along with 2800 other students across the country.

The BBO tries to challenge and stimulate gifted students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. In offering a wider syllabus than A-level, it allows gifted students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes.

Two of our students gained Commended (Steph Roberts, Hetty Blake), four Highly Commended (Tom Walton, Amber Marriott, Tom Jefferson, Moje Edeki) and two won Bronze medals (Naomi Walker, Sherri Lai). Well done to all for taking part.

Kent University Visit

A group of Year 13 Biology students, along with Miss Beale and Mrs Spencer, visited the Biosciences Department at Kent University as part of their A-Level course on Gene Technology. They were given the opportunity to become forensic scientists for the day and had to find out who committed a 'murder' using DNA fingerprinting. They carried out the entire procedure, from pouring their own agarose gels to loading them with DNA and observing the pattern of bands under UV light. By comparing the banding pattern of the DNA from the crime scene with that of the suspects they were able to elicit who was responsible for committing the murder. The post-graduates responsible for running the course were very impressed with our students' practical abilities and felt that the gels they produced were of an excellent standard.

Our students also learnt about the research of the post-graduate students on a group of chemical pigments called porphyrins. They were given the opportunity to extract porphyrins from egg shells which they then observed under UV light. They saw that they fluoresce to emit a bright pink colour.

The day finished with a tour of the University's microscope facilities. They were shown how slides of human tissue are prepared using a diamond worth £4000 and heavy metals that if breathed in can harden the lungs immediately!! They were then shown how the electron microscope works and observed human cells that had been magnified 200,000 times!

Overall, the visit was very successful with the students finding the experiments fun and interesting. They felt that, by actually carrying out the process of DNA fingerprinting themselves, they were able to understand it much better. They also particularly enjoyed working with the more sophisticated equipment that is used in a university laboratory.

Kingsdown and Ringwoud Primary School's Science Week

A group of eight students in Year 12 (Fraser Newgreen, Alex Chadwick, Ella Savage, Grace Wan, Emma Holbrook, Joel Allen, John Manion and Erin Clague) visited Kingsdown and Ringwoud Primary School to take part in their Science Week. The students, along with Miss Beale and Dr Wilson, organised and delivered two separate workshops on 'Acids and Alkalis' and 'Microscopes'. In the first workshop, Years 2, 5 and 6 made red cabbage indicator and used this to test an acid, alkali and water. They recorded the colour change of the indicator and used their results to identify an unknown solution. In the second workshop, Years 5 and 6 made microscope slides of onion cells which they stained with iodine solution. They then made drawings of their cells by observing them under a microscope. The Year 12 students thoroughly enjoyed working with the younger pupils and felt that they had stimulated their interest and enthusiasm for science through practical work. The primary school pupils sent a letter back saying a big thank you as they found the workshops 'fun' and 'interesting' and 'really enjoyed doing such professional science'. They felt that Science Week had been a huge success because of our contribution.

Science Club

Alexandra Callagher and Robyn Towler of 7Tu are both budding young scientists who regularly attend Science Club. This term they successfully completed a project on washing detergents. A considerable amount of effort went into planning their investigation and testing a range of different washing detergents for how effectively they removed a stain. They drew conclusions

from their results, evaluated their methods, suggesting improvements, and presented their findings in a PowerPoint presentation. They found that the most expensive detergents were not necessarily the best. In fact they found out that Miss Beale's detergent was the worst so she will not be buying that brand in the future!! Overall, their project was well executed and their findings presented in a very clear and scientific way. They will be receiving 20 house points each and a BA-Crest Bronze award from the British Science Association.

20. Debating News

David Starkey Debating Competition 2011

The Final of the David Starkey Senior Debating Competition takes place on 28th April next term. This will be the climax to a competition which began back in September with 32 initial competitors and three rounds of debates, before the two teams reached this final stage. Debating topics for the debates have been taken from the Debating Matters website where debaters were offered guidance and research material on each of the motions proposed or opposed.

The finalists are Dominika Szukova and Poppy Mather (Year 12) against Sam Wood and Josh Ovendon (Year 13). The motion for the final is a tricky but very topical one -"An unelected head of state should have no place in 21st Century Britain." Both teams have debated valiantly to reach this stage in the competition, presenting convincing and persuasive arguments supported by weighty research and evidence. We wish both teams the best of luck for the final; it should be a very exciting contest as it is a boys versus girls as well as Year 12 versus Year 13 final – the first time this has happened in many years!

All of the debating competitors have demonstrated professionalism and significant persuasive and communication skills in their debates. The quality of public speaking at SRMS is very high indeed and competitors have developed in confidence and learnt some very useful skills that will be invaluable for them in their future careers. The competition will begin again in September for Years 12 and 13 and sixth formers are encouraged to take up the David Starkey public speaking challenge in the new academic year.

Mrs Mitchell would like to thank all of the students who took part in the competition this year and all of the staff who gave up their time to be judges in the competition – without their support, the competition would not be the success that it has become. Many thanks also to Mr Dyson for his many years of dedication to 'the debating cause' at SRMS and for setting the tone of formality and professionalism that has come to be associated with this competition at the school.

Junior School Demonstration Debate

On Wednesday 2nd March 2011, 3 pupils from Year 11, Savannah Lord, Chloe Forsyth and Amber Rigg, took part in a demonstration debate with all of the Year 6 pupils at Sandwich Junior School. The motion for the debate was "Organ donation should be made compulsory." This topic was closely linked to the Year 6 text 'Pig Heart Boy' and the issues discussed during the debate were very useful to the pupils' studies.

The debate took on the form of a chairperson (Amber) and one speaker for the motion (Savannah) and one speaker against the motion (Chloe). Amber did an excellent job as chairperson, explaining the motion to the pupils and summing up after both Savannah and Chloe had spoken. The Year 6s had been sent into the debate with a notebook so Amber's recapping was very useful for their note-taking. Savannah's speech for the motion was very confident and inspiring and Chloe's speech against the motion was very informative and thought-provoking.

Following the speeches, questions were put to the speakers from the teachers present at the debate and then from the Year 6 pupils themselves. There were over 20 questions asked and the Year 6s seemed to enjoy very much the formality of the debate (they had to stand to ask their questions and ensure that they put their questions to a particular speaker) and asked some very challenging and intelligent questions. Savannah seemed to be the target for most of the questions as the Year 6s attempted to shake her confidence in her rather controversial argument. However, despite the fact that Savannah did not actually agree personally with her argument (as she confessed after the debate), she was able to stick firmly to it and was extremely impressive in her persuasive skills.

Thank you to Amber, Chloe and Savannah for all of their hard work in preparing and delivering the debate. Ms Roberts (the Sandwich Junior School Head Teacher) has expressed her gratitude for the event and the feedback form the year 6 pupils to their teachers was excellent. This is an event that the school would like to continue in the future and is very important in cementing links between the Junior school and Manwood's.

The girls became involved in the event after they were asked by Mrs Mitchell who had been made aware of their public speaking talents in the David Starkey Public Speaking Competition for which Savannah is currently the reigning 'Middles' champion. If you would like to become involved in public speaking and debating at the school, please see Mrs Mitchell and look out for the competition posters next term.

21. International History and Culture Competition – Famous Marriages

The pupils have been taking part in an International History & Culture Competition this term, based on famous marriages and prompted by the Royal Wedding on 29th April 2011. The competition is a curriculum enriching activity for all pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and is a celebration of the school's international links and its Language Specialist School status.



Pupils from 17 forms across years 7 – 10 each chose 'from a hat' one of 17 internationally famous married couples, ranging from Anthony and Cleopatra to Eva and Juan Peron. Each form then had to design an A2 poster of that couple's culture, including details of their wedding ceremony and celebrations and ceremonies specific to their cultures/ period in history. From the 17 entries, a winner was picked from each of the 4 years. The standard was very high indeed and everyone got on board with the idea and worked with much imagination and enthusiasm. It

has been fantastic to see the high level of creativity and motivation that the competition has generated with posters containing wedding dress designs and material samples as well as reproductions of currency and culinary dishes. All of the posters that were entered are available to view in the school library.

The 4 winners from Round 1 were 7D (Queen Victoria & Prince Albert - Britain), 8D (Nefertiti & Amenhotep – Ancient Egypt), 9K (Prince Rainer & Grace Kelly - Monaco) and 10A (Franklin D. Roosevelt & Eleanor Roosevelt – America). They went into the semi-final which was to create a 3D display on their country's culture. The forms worked together to produce the final pieces because they knew that in order to win in the final of the competition, there had be evidence of the whole form's



involvement. This encouraged a team approach and there was a real buzz about the school as forms developed a healthy competitive attitude in trying to come up with the most innovative ideas. The winners of the semi-final were 7D and 8D with their stunning and very tactile displays – from a Lego Canary Wharf to a hand-made life-size replica of an Egyptian wedding dress. The two winners receive a giant jar of Easter goodies and will go through to the final on May 6th.

The final of the competition will be held during a morning assembly. The finalists have to make an 8 minute presentation on their country's culture and use their 2D and 3D displays from previous rounds as part of their presentation. The whole form must be involved because the first prize is a fantastic one for all members – **a day trip to London to include the Victoria and Albert Museum and shopping in Harrods.** The competition has brought the whole school together and revealed some amazing talents in the school – from artists and designers, to pupils who have shown themselves to be leaders and motivators of others – this activity has enriched the whole curriculum and challenged and engaged all of the pupils most successfully!



22. The Manwoodian Media Team

The Manwoodian Media Team has now enlisted new recruits for the 2010/11 edition of the magazine and has over 80 members in its ranks – organised into different teams with their own Editors and Senior Editors from the Sixth Form. The current Year 13 editors will be mentoring the Year 12s over the next few weeks in order to get ready to hand over their responsibilities in May.

The magazine's new recruits are the most enthusiastic yet and the Year 12s have already shown assertiveness and motivation in undertaking important jobs for the magazine, such as photographing events from Charity Week and helping to organise the marathon that is the Year 13 Leavers' photographs. Mrs Mitchell (Editor) looks forward to working with this new team as deadlines loom for the new edition and is most encouraged by the positive approach they have already exhibited.

Thanks also need to go to the Year 13 Senior Editors and Editors who helped to organise and supervise the Leavers' photographs on 25th March. They were incredibly efficient and reliable and very confident when it came to marshalling their peers and ensuring they were all smart and in the right place at the right time.

The photographing session was for the entire Year 13 and for a group photograph of the Prefects and the Captains of School – every Prefect was included and only a couple of the Year 13s managed to elude the photographer (Mrs Mitchell will be seeking them out with her camera shortly!).

Photographs will be available to buy after Easter – with individual photographs as well as Captains of School and Prefects on offer. These photographs will also be included in the 180th edition of The Manwoodian when it is issued in December this year. Year 13 Leavers need to remember to collect their free copy of the magazine from the school office in December/January in order to see themselves immortalised in Manwoodian print!

23. Founder's Day Celebrations

Founder's Day was blessed with sunny weather this year which was an added bonus for the customary march through Sandwich of the CCF Corp and Band, taking in the salute at the Bell Hotel on their way to St Clement's Church.

The Guest Speaker at the service was the Revd Canon Norman Woods who gave an excellent sermon challenging the congregation to consider what really constitutes success in life.

In attendance were also the Chairman and Treasurer of the Sir Roger Manwood Hospital Charity, Mr Peter Brown and Mr Roger Power, at the Governors' invitation. The Hospital Charity runs the almshouses built by Sir Roger Manwood in Canterbury as well as supporting other initiatives to help those in straitened circumstances. The school will be represented at their Founder's Day celebrations which take place in December each year.

24. Old Manwoodian Association Dinner

On the last Saturday of term this event was held at the Bell Hotel. Old Manwoodians met up with old school friends to reminisce about past times and also to hear how the School is prospering today.

There are several speeches made as the school proposes the health of the OMA and the OMA responds in turn. Absent friends are also noted. Two of the Captains of School always speak and this year Moje Edeki and Katie Weaver took on this responsibility and acquitted themselves very well.

25. Friends of Manwoods

Earlier in the term the FOM organised the Headmaster's Quiz Night which proved to be an enjoyable evening. The competition was close with several tables in close contention right up to the very last round. Ray Waldron's chilli was also much appreciated.

During the term the Friends also supported various events in school by providing the interval refreshments.

In the last week there was the Easter Egg Tombola which had a very large array of eggs to be won thanks to the support of many families who responded generously to the call for eggs to be dropped off at the School Office. Many thanks for your support.

The next big event planned is a Jazz Concert on the Headmaster's Lawn on Sunday 26th June. Please look out for further details next term.

26. Charity Fund-Raising

The designated Charity Week took place near the end of term in support of Imperial Cancer Trust. Once again the students supported a variety of different activities, with, for example, some interesting sports encounters taking place at lunch-time. The "Manwoods Got Talent" show in the School Hall was another success. Chocolate was also very high up on the agenda, with 11D operating a very successful chocolate egg stall outside C Block and 10C raffling a large "chocolate hamper". 7TU showed an amazing commitment throughout the week and raised £470 on their own.



7K also were heavily involved in fund-raising on Red Nose Day holding a cake stall and a number of the form were sponsored to remain silent for the day. They raised over £250 by their efforts.

The above is just a flavour of the commitment shown and all those students who organised, participated in and supported the activities are thanked for their efforts.

27. Library News

This has been another busy term in the Library. World Book Day at the beginning of March was celebrated with a Book Sale at lunchtime. Staff and students brought in their unwanted books and these were sold for a small amount to raise money for charity. A hectic lunchtime with many bargains bagged resulted in £58 for Book Aid International. Thank you to everyone who sent books in for this.

Also for World Book Day, Year 7s had the opportunity to win a voucher for 'The Vue' by writing about the book character they would like to meet. Scott Oakes 7K was the overall winner and wrote a very imaginative interview with Thomas Covenant from 'The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant.' Marte van der Graaf 7D and Megan Betts 7TU were runners up.

We have been fortunate to have had two author visits this term. Jasper Cooper came to talk to our Year 7s about his trilogy 'The Kingdom of Gems'. He brought artwork from the books, talked about being an author and answered lots of questions.

Peter Cocks made a return visit to Manwoods at the end of term – this time to talk to Year 10 about his new book 'Long Reach'. He gave an entertaining talk about his career and also the making of the trailer to launch the book.

The shortlist for the Carnegie Medal has just been announced and we are looking forward to starting our Shadowing Group for 2011. Amongst the books on the list we are excited to see a title by an Old Manwoodian, Marcus Sedgwick. He is a very successful writer for young people and his latest book (which is shortlisted) is 'White Crow'.

28. CCF

The winter term is normally a quiet period for the CCF because with the darker and colder evenings much of the Wednesday afternoon training is indoors. During this term however we have taken pupils who are 13 years old from Year 8 and we have gained 16 new cadets.



On Wednesday evenings cadets have received training in skill at arms (weapon training), map and compass, fieldcraft and drill. On Wednesday lunchtimes many cadets have had the opportunity to shoot our .22 rifles on the school rifle range. A good number of cadets have shot successfully and been awarded shooting badges.

Ski Training Camp – Bavaria. Cadet Sergeant Lydia Fuller and Cadet Lance Corporal Lily Stafford-Edwards joined one of the adventurous training ski camps in February, organised by the Army for cadets. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip and improved their skiing.

Exercise RAW RECRUIT was the first of our annual Field Training Days held on a local Army Training Area. This exercise is aimed at the new cadets and teaches them basic skills in first aid, map and compass, signal communications, patrolling, camouflage and concealment, and finally a section attack. This year the CCF spent the day training near Lydden. Although it was cold it was a thoroughly enjoyable day not only for the new cadets but also for the cadet Non Commissioned Officers who prepared and taught the subjects. The next exercise is in May. It is a Field Training Weekend when the cadets will sleep out overnight. The subjects covered on Exercise RAW RECRUIT will be taught to a further level and additionally cadets will be taught personal administration in the field. This should be another fun weekend, let's hope it will be warmer!

Shooting Team – Country Life Competition. Cadet Corporal Katie Janes is the School Shooting Captain this year. 16 cadets took part in a Range Day at Hythe Range Complex in March. The day included shooting the Cadet A2 5.56mm rifle and use of the 'Dismounted Close Combat Trainer' which is a cinematic range where close combat can be taught and assessed. The first shooting competition of the year was due to be held against the OMA on the 2nd of April but was postponed due to work being carried out on the school rifle range.



Founder's Day. The Cadet Band led the Contingent, marching from the school to church for the Founder's Day service. The salute was taken at the Bell Hotel by the Headmaster and guests as the Contingent marched past. The Band performed extremely well again and are set for another busy summer of events ahead.

Adventure Training – Capel Curig, Snowdonia. In April 15 cadets are spending a week in Wales where they will participate in activities including kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, hill walking, mountain biking and a high rope obstacle course.



I am delighted to report that this year the CCF was joined by Mr Davidson and Miss Howard who are members of the school staff. Miss Philpott, who was a pupil at the school and has since provided female cover for CCF activities, has now been Commissioned and is now Second Lieutenant Philpott. 2Lt Philpott also completed her Scottish Mountain Bike Leaders qualification and will lead cadets on Mountain Bike activities on Adventure Training from next year.

The School Staff Instructor at SRMS is Colour Sergeant Money who works at SRMS 2 days each week. He also works as the School Staff Instructor at Cranbrook School. In February Colour Sergeant Money was made Contingent Commander at Cranbrook School and has been promoted to Captain according to his position there. I am pleased to say that Captain Money has made a smooth transition to his commissioned status and has already forgotten how to march and salute accordingly!

I would like to thank all the CCF adult staff for their continued support. The burden of administration is an ever growing task and to take children out of school for adventurous

activities requires a great deal of effort in planning and gaining approval. The school and cadets often do not see the effort that is made by the mainly voluntary and unpaid CCF staff. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events:

CCF Biennial Inspection – 11th May

Exercise SUMMER WHINE (Field Training Weekend) – 21st and 22nd May

CCF Summer Camp – 26th June to 2nd July.

If you are 13 years old and interested in joining the CCF please look at the web site www.srmccf.com If you have any questions please email us at srmccf@yahoo.co.uk or visit the CCF Office at school on a Tuesday or Wednesday

29. Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

This term students have been preparing for their expeditions which will take place in the coming months. They have attended a range of training sessions on expedition skills, including map reading, camp craft, route planning, food and cooking. During the summer term, participants throughout the award are expected to follow the guidance given during training sessions and come appropriately equipped for their expeditions. The dates of the expeditions for the 2011 season are as follows:

Expedition	Date	Area
Silver Practice (Yr 10 & 11)	Friday 29th April to Sunday 1st May	High Weald
Bronze Practice (Yr9)	Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May	The North Downs
Bronze Qualifying (Yr9)	Wednesday 8th (6:00pm) - Friday 10th June	Alkham Valley
Bronze Qualifying (Yr9)	Wednesday 15th (6:00pm) – Friday 17th June	Alkham Valley
Silver Qualifying (Yrs 10 & 11)	Friday 1st July to Monday 4th July	Ashdown Forest
Gold Practice	Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th July	Brecon Beacons
Gold Qualifying	Tuesday 30th August to Saturday 3rd September	Yorkshire Dales

30. Sporting News

Kent Schools Swimming Championships

Six of our student swimmers, from years 9 -11 participated in the Kent Schools Swimming Championships held in Gillingham in January.

The afternoon competition began with Lucy Morgan (Year 9) competing in the Junior Girls 200m Individual Medley, finishing in a new Personal Best time of 3min 03sec.

Our second swimmer to compete was Alice Latham (Year 9) in the Junior Girls 100m Breaststroke. Alice qualified for the final and claimed Silver in a time of 1.22.09, only to be beaten by the current Kent Age Group Champion of Dane Court Grammar.

English Schools Champion, Katie Latham (Year 9) remained dominant in the Junior Girls 100m Freestyle, taking home a Gold medal with ease, beating the rest of the field by over 4 seconds in a staggering time of 59.46sec.

The evening session opened with a new personal best time from Lewis Young (Year 11) in the Intermediate boys 100m. Lewis won his heat and qualified for the final as the second fastest. With a fantastic amount of support from the Manwood's team, Lewis proceeded to knock a further half second off his personal best time finishing in Silver medal position in 58.75sec, which was also a Kent Age Group qualifying time.

Following this performance, a team of Junior Girls, consisting of Katie & Alice Latham, Lucy Morgan and Bobby Clay competed in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay. The girls won their heat to qualify easily for the final. Bobby Clay got the team off to a fair start but competition was fierce, Lucy Morgan followed and maintained the pace that had been set. Alice Latham was the third swimmer, closing the gap between Manwood's and Dane Court. Katie Latham entered the water, currently in 4th place, approximately 15m behind Gravesend Grammar. She provided the crowd with the most exciting swim of the evening performing a split time of 26.6secs and missing out on Gold Medal position by just tenths of a second to Gravesend.

Girls' Cricket

Lady Taverners' 8-a-side Indoor Cricket Competition

The U13 team maintained the tradition of success in this competition by winning their district round and thereby gaining a place in the County Final. St Ethelbert's and Dover Girls' Grammar offered good opposition but Manwood's came out on top in two close games.

The U15s faced 3 schools in their district competition. A defeat by Folkestone Academy was followed by two wins over Dover Girls' Grammar and Dane Court Grammar. With 3 teams having won two matches and lost one, the winners going on to the County Final were to be the team who had scored the most wins across their three games. Manwood's came a close second to Dane Court.



Boys' Basketball

The Under 15 basketball team improved as the season went on. After losing the first game of the season to Dover Grammar, they went on to win the remaining two matches in the Dover league. The highlight of the season came at home to Walmer in the final game of the season, with Manwood's winning by 39 points to 14. Outstanding performances came from Shem Sheikh and Aidan Thatcher.

The Under 13 basketball team had an incredibly short Dover League season, as opponent after opponent pulled out of the league after failing to raise a team. However the boys showed great potential and comfortably despatched the opposition in the two games they did play. Dover Grammar were beaten 18-4 and Sandwich Technology beaten by 16-6. Two wins meant Manwood's topped a Dover Schools League consisting of just three schools and qualified for the Dover/Shepway District playoffs. The four schools that finished first and second in the Dover and Shepway leagues were involved in the playoff. In the semi-final Manwood's defeated Pent Valley

to set up an all Sandwich final against Sandwich Technology who beat Harvey Grammar in their semi-final. As in the original league tie Manwood's were again victorious and were subsequently crowned Dover/Shepway Champions. Captain Michael Rowarth in particular had an outstanding season

Boys' Tennis

The senior boys have begun their tennis season early this year. March saw the boys competing in the Kent Winter Doubles tournament and the first round of the Aegon National Schools Cup.

The Kent Winter Doubles tournament held at Bromley Tennis Centre proved to be an excellent warm up for the season ahead, and also once again demonstrated the extremely high standard of boys' tennis at Manwood's. Manwood's second pair, Josh Spink and Alex McNie, finished third in a tough group. The boys played some nice tennis and were unlucky not to qualify into the knockout stages of the competition. Manwood's first pair, Toby Churchill and Andrew Symonds, did manage to qualify for the knockout stages, winning their group in style. Wins again followed in the quarter final, and semi final, against Harvey Grammar and Tonbridge School respectively. Toby and Andrew went on to meet the first pair from The Judd School in the final. Straight sets victory saw the boys crowned Kent Winter Doubles Champions 2011.

For the second season running Manwood's were drawn against King's Canterbury in the first round of the Aegon National Schools Cup. Senior boys Toby Churchill, Andrew Symonds and Josh Spink were joined for the first time by Year 7 student James Davis, making his debut in the senior team. First seed Churchill and second seed Davis both beat their opposite numbers, in straight sets, in the singles ties. However, the King's team were battling hard and took the remaining two singles ties, both by two sets to one, leaving the match delicately poised at 2-2 going into the doubles. Kent Doubles champions Churchill and Symonds were victorious in their tie, with King's again hitting back to narrowly beat Davis and Spink in the other. With the match tied at 3-3 the outcome was to be decided by a championship tie break between a new doubles pairing. Churchill and Davis took to the court for the decider and emerged victorious to send Manwood's through to the next round.

Girls' Netball Report

The netball teams have produced some excellent results across all year groups this term. Despite experiencing some frustrating times when some schools cancelled at the last minute it has been a very enjoyable and successful season overall. The 1st team, ably led by Esme Crouch, demonstrated their skill and current local dominance by winning all their matches. Arch rivals, St Edmund's (Canterbury), were dispatched with a convincing 26-2 victory and St Lawrence and Duke of York's followed in similar fashion. Newcomer, Dayo Olusoga, fitted into the defence with consummate ease and made it very difficult for the opposing Goal Shooter to get into good shooting positions. Having beaten St Lawrence earlier in the season finishing in second place to the home team in their invitation tournament was disappointing; however, I couldn't fault the girls' determination and commitment. Sometimes in tournaments things don't go according to plan.

The 2nd team shared similar success winning all their matches; something that hasn't been achieved by a 2nd team in many years. Strong defence by Captain Olivia O'Brien and Emma Marsh frustrated the opposition on many occasions and the growing confidence of shooters Jessica Greaves and Charlotte Pape ensured high scores for the team. Apart from a slow start in the match against St Edmund's (Canterbury) their 100% success rate never looked in doubt. Well done to all on an impressive performance.

Further down the school the U15 team's results were more mixed with three wins, two losses and 1st place in the Dover District Tournament to their name. When they won they won in convincing style; as shown in the 34-0 scoreline against Castle Community. However, a 7-22 loss at the hands of Duke of York's brought them back down to earth with a bump. There is a wealth of talent in the side and this needs to be harnessed in a more cohesive way if they are to beat the stronger sides.

The U14 team played more matches overall and finished the season having won them all. Highlights included a 38-0 win over Sandwich Technology and 14-10 victory over Duke of York's. However, having proven themselves to be the best side in the area they proceeded (just like the 1st team) to finish runners up in both their tournaments. Captain Casey Baughan continues to lead by example and GD Polly Abbott was a force to be reckoned with in defence. It was good to see Amelia Baldwin back in the squad as GS and she more than earned her place with some fine shooting.

After a disappointing result against Sandwich Technology (6-8) in the first match of the season the U13 team dug deep and went on to win all their remaining matches. Their victory over Duke of York's (10-2) demonstrated how much they improved and how they also started to really gel together as a team. It is worth mentioning that in the District Tournament, which they won with ease, they did not concede any goals; a remarkable achievement. Well done to Charlotte Nicholas for her excellent captaincy and to Sarah Blanchard, a newcomer, who fitted into the team exceptionally well as centre linking the defence and the attack together very well indeed. This is a side that shows a lot of promise and I look forward to them going from strength to strength.

The U12 team began the season fantastically well, defeating Sandwich Technology with ease. However, the following fixture against St Lawrence proved very challenging and Manwood's suffered a heavy loss. The team learnt from this and greatly improved with practise showing that they could work together as a unit. Their very close result (11-13) against a strong Duke of York's side shows that they can give tough sides a run for their money. Their hard work paid off in the District Tournament where they achieved second place out of five schools. Poppy Collins, Lydia Elliot and Katie Williams deserve a special mention for their excellent performance and consistent effort.

Boys' Hockey

The U12's ebbed and flowed all season. Their final record of won 4, lost 3 included many goals for and against and lots of exciting hockey. James Davis' ability to strike the ball proved influential in the team's success but others also showed great potential with Tom Sumner, Alex Waldron and Damon Short particularly impressive. Wins were recorded against King's Rochester (7-3), Borden Grammar (4-1), Dover College (3-1) and Duke of York's (5-0).



The U13's played in many tight games which could have finished either way. Of their eight games, 3 finished as draws (including a 5-5 thriller against Chatham House) and two others were decided by just one goal. Their first taste of tournament hockey ended in a respectable 10th place finish and their final record was won 2, drawn 3, lost 3. Rory Smith contributed a number of goals up front and George Hyett dominated in midfield. The player of the

season was undoubtedly Harry Miles who was simply outstanding in goal and has huge potential as a hockey goalkeeper.

With one game to go, the U14's have won four of their nine games. This does not match the quality of the squad and some of the outstanding hockey they have played. Early losses to two of the best teams in the county (Langley Park and Kent College) gave the boys something to aspire to and they went on to show their own qualities with victories against St Edmund's Canterbury, St Lawrence College, Chatham House and Simon Langton. A chance of silverware was squandered with a disappointing performance in the Kent Plate Final where we lost 0-2 to Duke of York's. Nevertheless, the team showed outstanding potential with many boys developing into fine players. Lewis Parsons was particularly consistent whilst Jake Ling went on to represent the first team on a number of occasions – a phenomenal achievement for a year 9 student.

In terms of improvement, the U15's were team of the season. There were a number of occasions where we reflected on heavy losses from Year 9 that we managed to turn into much closer matches or even victories this season. The five victories in eight games came against Norton Knatchbull, St Edmund's Canterbury, Dover College, Duke of York's and Harvey Grammar. A 2-3 loss to Kent College was another significant result as this had previously been a one sided encounter and one that we might have won on the day. The Peter Firminger Tournament also showed the squad's development as we performed very well in the group stage, scaring the two top teams of Kent College and Sutton Valence before finishing in a respectable 10th place overall. Harry Urquhart had an excellent season in defence, as did Mark Thomas whilst Aidan Thatcher and Dom Diomede caused problems for opponents throughout. Player of the Year was Stuart Ewen who is a special talent and went on to excel in the first team as well.

The second XI had their most successful season in many years, finishing with 4 wins, 1 draw and 3 defeats, including just one loss in the league. Despite losing the first two matches, the team went on to win four of their next five, beating Chatham House (4-0), St. Lawrence College (4-1), Duke of York's (2-0) and Norton Knatchbull (8-0). As the season progressed, the standard of hockey got better and better with telling contributions all over the pitch. Michael Jones controlled the team from a defensive central midfield position whilst the likes of Bent Grundman, Dan Kent, Brendan K. Motton and captain Adam Asher provided great support to the strikers. The quality of play meant several first team call ups with Michael Jones, Andrew Symonds and Dan Grech benefiting in particular. Many of this squad will become first team regulars next season.

This was always going to be an interesting year for the first team as seven of last year's starting XI had left the school. However, with the quality of Calum Wilson and captain Tom Laslett, the 1st XI experience of Connor Michaels, Freddy Atherden, Ned Gleave, Tom Askew and Toby Churchill and the inclusion of the talented Chris Henry and Sam Reeves from year 11, hopes were high for another successful season.

Mock exams meant early season practice was very limited and we went into our first game against Norton Knatchbull under prepared. We were defending the league title we won last year so to find ourselves 2-5 down was disappointing. The boys showed outstanding character to pull back to 5-5 before a short corner after the final whistle allowed Tom Askew to bury the rebound for an exciting 6-5 victory.

In our next game we showed signs of improvement with an excellent first half against Borden Grammar in the Kent Cup. After taking a deserved 2-0 lead we somehow fell apart in the second half and lost the game 3-7. At this point the season began to crumble away as injuries

to key players and unavailability cost us dearly. We lost all of our games leading up to half term, including a league game against Chatham House and a very harsh exit in the Kent Plate to Cranbrook where déjà vu struck. In an identical fixture last year we lost on sudden death flicks after surrendering a 4-1 lead which led to a 5-5 draw at full time. This year, after squandering a 2 goal lead, we once again lost on sudden death flicks after drawing 2-2 at full time!

After half term we managed to prepare for the Frank Mason Tournament as the squad began to repair itself and we went into the tournament just one player short of our strongest squad. We were inconsistent in the group matches but managed to finish 3rd in our group to qualify for the Plate competition. We comfortably took revenge against Borden Grammar in the quarter finals and beat St. Lawrence College on flicks in the semi final before losing 1-0 in the final to Simon Langton in a hard fought contest. We finished Plate runners-up for the second time in three seasons.

The season finished with just one more win (3-0 against St. Lawrence) so we surrendered the league title and considered what might have been if we had managed to field our strongest squad for the majority of the season.

We wish the Year 13 leavers all the best for the future and make special mention of Calum Wilson who is becoming an outstanding player and captain Tom Laslett who worked incredibly hard all season and led from the front.

I would like to thank all the staff who gave up so much of their free time for the boys: Mr Davidson, Mr Riordan, Mr Laslett, Mr Hall and Mrs Preston whose input will be sorely missed in the future.

G&T Programme

The Physical Education G&T Programme continues to provide opportunities for students outside of their regular education.

Ian Hall has worked as our SSCo in the Dover Schools Sport Partnership for the last three years and he has worked closely with Mr Riordan and the PE department to provide additional opportunities for our gifted students. The majority of work is based in the community and helps us forge strong links with many of the surrounding primary feeder schools for Sir Roger Manwood's.

Students on the programme receive leadership training, get the opportunity to give assemblies in primary schools and to coach, officiate and lead in a variety of sporting environments. This term our students have taken part in the following activities:

- Hockey Leadership Training
- Sportshall Athletics Festival
- Northbourne Sports Ability Festival for Disabled Sport
- Aylesham Winter Cup
- Multiskills at Sandwich Infants
- Basketball Leadership Training
- Goodnestone Winter Cup
- Eastry Sportshall Athletics
- Primary Swimming Gala

The leadership training allowed a number of our students to help run the Primary Basketball Festival held at Manwood's in February as well as the Quicksticks Hockey sessions which have taken place every Friday since January. Hockey is a flagship sport for the school played by both boys and girls, so to be able to offer opportunity for up to 40 primary school children to regularly take part, supervised by nine of our G&T students, has proved rewarding and hugely enjoyable. Mr Davidson worked alongside Mr Hall for the main festival programme and has continued to run the programme with the help of some of the students since it officially came to an end in early March.

Having documented all of the good work achieved it is with great sadness that Mr Hall's involvement with the school in the SSCo role is coming to an end. The government has removed funding for the SSCo and Sport Partnership Scheme meaning many of the opportunities provided are likely to be lost. The school will be working with other schools in the partnership to try and provide opportunities in future but in the meantime I would like to thank Mr Hall for his extensive contribution to Sir Roger Manwood's and the PE department.

Individual Sporting Achievements



Katie Latham (9TU) travelled to Dublin in March to represent the England Schools Team in the WISE (Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England) International Swimming Competition. In her age group, (U14s) she was placed 5th in the 100 metre backstroke with a PB time achieved, won the Silver Medal in the 100 metres Freestyle, again with a PB, and won two Golds in the Medley Relay and the Freestyle Relay, swimming the anchor legs for both teams. She is spending part of the Easter holidays at a training camp in Italy with her swimming club, Dover Lifeguards.

Alex Clay (10B) competed successfully in two regional qualifying rounds and as a result was invited to compete in the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. In her age group, competing against the best biathlon athletes in the country, she came in an excellent 14th place. Alex also represented GB at the Youth International Pentathlon held at Gloucester. Here she was competing in the U18 age group and came in a very creditable 21st, helping the GB team to secure Gold against other nations including Hungary, Portugal, France and Ireland.

Bobby Clay (9K) represented Kent at the Aviva England Schools Cross Country Championships held at Nottingham. In her age group she came 4th which then led to her selection for the England team. At the Four Nations International held in Ireland, she again came in 4th, helping England secure the Gold medal. Bobby also represented her club, Invicta East Kent Athletic Club, at the English National Cross Country Championships held in Staffordshire. In the U15 age group she was placed 5th.

Dolores Brown (Y13) is a member of the Kent Ladies First Team Golf squad and as a result in March she was invited to play at The Royal St George's Course – a date not to be missed given that it is the venue for this summer's Open and the restricted access that ladies usually have at the club!

James Davis (7TR) is a leading young tennis player in the area and in March was invited to attend an U12 Regional Training Camp by the South East Talent Team of the L.T.A.

Harry Urquhart (10C) is the Dover District Table Tennis Champion at both singles and doubles in the Under 15 age group.

31. Spring Term 2011 House Results Summary

Year 7 model cells

1 st	Emily Chappell	7D	40 points
2 nd	Catrina Glanville	7Tu	20 points
3 rd	Alex Woods	7Tr	10 points
4 th	Rebekah Smith	7K	5 points

Science Club

Alexandra Gallagher 7Tu and Robyn Towler 7Tu 20 points each

Girls Netball

1 st	Knolles	=	180 points
2 nd	Dorman	=	155 points
3 rd =	Tudor & Trappes	=	100 points

Girls Badminton

1 st	Knolles	=	230 points
2 nd	Tudor	=	165 points
3 rd	Dorman	=	85 points
4 th	Trappes	=	70 points

Boys Basketball

1 st	Knolles	=	230 points
2 nd	Tudor	=	190 points
3 rd	Trappes	=	120 points
4 th	Dorman	=	75 points

Boys Hockey

1 st	Knolles	=	190 points
2 nd	Trappes & Tudor	=	125 points
4 th	Dorman	=	110 points

Girls Cross-country

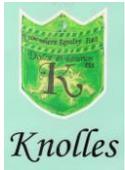
1 st	Tudor	=	160 points
2 nd	Trappes	=	95 points
3 rd	Knolles	=	75 points
4 th	Dorman	=	45 points

Merits

1 st	Knolles	=	300 points
2 nd	Dorman	=	200 points

3rd Trappes = 100 points
 4th Tudor = 50 points

Overall



1st Knolles = 2254 points



2nd Tudor = 1982 points



3rd Dorman = 1888 points



4th Trappes = 1636 points

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

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

Yours sincerely

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