

July 2010

## **Dear Parents and Members of the School**

### **The BSF Programme**

As you will no doubt be aware the new Coalition Government has called a halt to the BSF programme. This has impacted upon all the secondary schools in the Dover, Deal and Sandwich area that were anticipating an imminent major capital investment in their buildings; this will now not be forthcoming.

It is unclear at this very early stage following the government's announcement what the future might hold for the funding of any projects in school. We obviously have very clear ideas about our priorities for investment and we shall continue to make these known to the relevant bodies.

### **Academy Status**

Another initiative of the newly elected government is the opportunity for schools to assume "Academy Status" and this is something which we will wish to keep a close eye on as more information becomes available.

Although the potential financial benefits are disputed, if it does appear that there would be a significant increase to the school's budget as a result of moving to Academy Status, then this would be an important consideration. In addition to finance, we will no doubt also wish to take into account the wider principle of school autonomy and our previous positive experiences as a Grant Maintained School, and now as a Foundation School. This will undoubtedly be a topic for review and discussion in the next academic year.

### **Staff Farewells and Arrivals**

Mr Graeme van der Merwe left his position as Chemistry Technician at half-term. He was a great asset in his time at Manwood's and we wish him all the best as he returns to university to study Dentistry.

Mrs Irina Lapshina leaves us to join the Maths Department at Dover College. Manwood's was her first teaching position and very quickly she proved herself to be an excellent teacher of Maths, as well as bringing an interesting additional dimension to the international work that goes on in school. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Mr Andrew Newing joined the Geography Department as an NQT two years ago and now returns to university to study for a PhD. His enthusiastic contribution to the Department and his help with the CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh have been much appreciated. I am sure he will excel in his further studies and we wish him all the best on his return to academia.

Mr Ron West retires at the end of term. His expertise in the dual role of DT and ICT technician has proved invaluable and everyone has appreciated his very positive and prompt response to every task and problem posed. We wish him a very restful and fruitful retirement.

Mrs Christina Atkins and Mr Lee Parsons are both relinquishing their posts as Classroom Cover Supervisors. Mrs Atkins is going on to train as a teacher whilst Mr Parsons is set to spend the summer in Latin America on a charitable project. We thank them for their contributions.

Mrs Bev Reid-Easton has been a very valued member of the SEN Department and now moves on to a full-time position at Whitfield Primary School. We thank her for her contribution at Manwood's and wish her all the best in her future work.

Ms Yvonne Klein has covered for Ms Alison Carn't's maternity leave this term. Next year she will follow the GTP programme in school whilst Mrs Kate Lesworth takes up the remainder of Ms Carn't's maternity leave. When Ms Carn't returns Mrs Lesworth will continue to work at Manwood's as a Classroom Cover Supervisor.

We will also welcome on to the staff in September:

Mr David Anderson (Geography)  
Mr John Goldsmith (DT/ICT Technician)  
Miss Katharine Jones (Chemistry Technician)  
Mr Matthew Van Poppel (Maths – having completed his GTP with us this year)  
????? (Classroom Cover Supervisor)  
Ms Catherine O'Connor (SEN)

### **Important Term Dates 2010-11 Academic Year**

Next year's term dates are affected by the return of the Open Golf to Sandwich in 2011. The summer term 2011 ends on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 with the golf taking place the following week. This is much earlier than we would normally finish and we are therefore making up the days at other times of the year. The calendar for the school year 2010-11 is published on the school web-site.

### **Arrangements for the Beginning of Next Term**

The beginning of the Autumn Term is also going to be different. **Next term begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 but on that day we only want Year 7, Year 12 and 13 to come into school. Year 7 should come in at the usual time i.e. for registration at 8.40 a.m. Year 12 and 13 should come into school for 11.15 am registration.** These year groups have particular needs which we will be able to give our full attention to on that day and this will then facilitate a smooth and speedy transition to the normal teaching timetable.

**All Year Groups should come in at the normal time on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.** The administration required to get Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 up and running is much less and they will be into their normal timetable of lessons from Period 2.

### **Partnership with Parents**

- **Links between School and home**

We very much recognise the vital role that parents play in supporting their children through secondary school. This is why we try to keep you well informed.

We aim to keep the school's web-site up-dated with a variety of useful information e.g. the Termly Newsletter, exam timetables, the weekly sports fixture lists. There is also a Governor page detailing the governors and the different sub-committees that meet regularly. We are also planning to revamp the website, because although we are reasonably happy with the content, although this can always be improved, we want to improve the presentation and the ease of finding out where the different information can be found.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us, whether by email, letter, telephone or to make an appointment to come into see us personally. The email address is [head@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:head@srms.kent.sch.uk). This is a general school email address and Mrs R Winstone, the Head's PA, makes sure that all incoming emails are forwarded on to the appropriate member of staff.

Also, there is no right or wrong person to make an appointment to see in school; it all depends on what the matter in hand concerns. The important point is that the appropriate member of staff will make themselves available, whether that be a form tutor, subject teacher, Head of Year, Head of Department, AENCO, Deputy Head or Headteacher.

- **Parent and Student Questionnaires**

As well as wanting to keep you well informed we are also keen to hear your views. 296 parents completed the recent parent questionnaires....

Student questionnaire....

- **Student/Staff/Parent/Governor Forum**

## **Success again in the Times National Spelling Competition**

The Manwood's Musketeers comprising the Year 7 pupils Isaac Chawner, Joshua Harwood, Thomas Wiltshire and Callum Chiverton took part in the South East semi-final of the Times National Spelling Competition on 20<sup>th</sup> May, having comfortably won the regional heat against 10 other local schools. 11 schools took part in the semi-final, each having won their regional heat. The atmosphere was electric with a good audience and some very enthusiastic supporters, especially the Manwoodians! In the first round all the individual spellers were given words to spell aloud with no conferring within the team. As soon as a speller made a mistake they were eliminated. All members of our team survived until round 7, the only team with all three remaining players left at this stage. In Round Seven, Josh and Tom were eliminated with all the other players, leaving Isaac "the last man standing." The Musketeers thus won the first round scoring an impressive 34 points, the nearest rivals scoring 28.

After a tense interval discussing tactics the team decided on words of "medium difficulty" for their quick fire challenge. This involved each member in turn having to spell allocated words as fast as they could. Our team was drawn to go first and they scored a very creditable 32 points for 16 words spelt correctly in two minutes. Not bad with words such as oxymoron, diocese, referendum, topological and archaic. They may look easy but try spelling them aloud, in the spotlight and against the clock!

Unfortunately three other teams managed to spell just a little faster, so Manwood's was placed fourth overall, with only four marks separating them from the overall winners. The judges commented on the high standard of all the teams in this semi-final, and the final marks ranged from 70 down to 32, with our team achieving 66. It was an exciting and nail-biting finish and they were so close... We will be back next year and Mrs Heaver intends resurrecting the "Celebrity Buzz" where members of staff are put in the spotlight and compete against teams from all the houses.

Many people no longer believe that spelling matters, but at Manwood's we challenge this misconception and are proving that spelling can be challenging, fun and very satisfying. Try some of the games on the Times Spelling Bee website and see how good you really are!

Congratulations to our team for all their hard work learning Mrs Heaver's endless lists of challenging words, and especially to Isaac for winning the first round.

## Music

The Summer term has brought another busy but varied and enjoyable programme of musical activities both in school and beyond in the wider community.

The department was able to purchase recently a new Weber grand piano in M1 thanks to a generous grant from the Norah Seary Trust, a local charity that supports musical education in the East Kent region. The intention of acquiring this instrument is not only to enhance the quality of pianos available to pupils, but also alongside the Bechstein grand bought several years ago, to encourage piano ensemble performance and especially the exploration of two-piano repertoire.



It was again our pleasure to welcome our friends, the town band from Hardelot to give a joint concert with the School Orchestra in St Mary's Church, Sandwich on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a valuable link that has continued for many years and we look forward to paying a return visit perhaps sometime in 2011. To add to our French Connection, an exciting new choral partnership with Collège du Bras d'or, Montreuil-sur-Mer is in the process of being arranged early in 2011 for members of the school choir / chamber choir.

The Soloists Concert took place on 13<sup>th</sup> May in aid of The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, one of this year's designated school charities. Over 30 pupils performed pieces ranging from simple piano solos to movements from the concerto repertoire and extended jazz improvisations. It was good to see yet again pupils from all year groups participating and the event was well supported by families and friends and raised over £250.

Several Manwood's students participated in a community charity concert at St Mary's Church, Sandwich on 21<sup>st</sup> May in aid of Christian Aid which raised over £600.

An undoubted highlight of the term was a very successful drum workshop given by former Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich for Year 8 and two classes from Year 7 on 30<sup>th</sup> June. The workshop included a history of the drum over several millennia, demonstrations from Jeff Rich and an opportunity for individuals to try out a whole range of drums and percussion throughout the morning. Hopefully the event will have inspired some students to take up percussion lessons.

The Jazz Band under the leadership of Dominic Shawcross were again busy with performances in the local area. They played as after-dinner entertainment for the out-going president of Sandwich Rotary Club on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and more publicly as part of the Sandwich Festival of Music on the Quayside on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



International Week saw a series of workshops in school to support work Year 8s have been doing in class on Indian music and culture.

This term has also seen further successes for students in ABRSM and Trinity / Guildhall music examinations. Congratulations to all who have passed grades. Keep up with the practice over the summer and work towards the next level.

The Brass Group under Mr Neeve's direction, pianist Matthew Lee and violinists Joshua Newman and Sam Wood performed for a special dinner held at the Guildhall on July 12<sup>th</sup> to mark the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of the title of Earl of Sandwich. Hosted by the Sandwich Society and in the presence of the current Earl (the 11<sup>th</sup>) and Countess, the music included the first public performance of a fanfare composed by Mr Williams especially for the occasion.

Looking ahead into the next academic year, auditions and casting have been taking place for the forthcoming production of *The Sound of Music* which is due to be staged in February next year. Rehearsals will be starting apace as soon as school returns in September.

In addition to the activities mentioned above there have continued to be a round of rehearsals and performances in assembly, lunchtimes and a miscellany of other occasions. Thank you to all who put on and support musical events in school and further afield throughout the year and we look forward to exciting opportunities in the new academic year.



#### Future Music dates:

- Divertimento Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6pm
- Speech Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2pm
- Christmas Concert Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm
- Christmas Carol Services Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm
- Rock & Pop Concerts Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm
- Production of *The Sound of Music* 10-12<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- Orchestra & Choir Tour March 2011
- Choral exchange with Collège du bras d'or, Montreuil-sur-mer March / April 2011



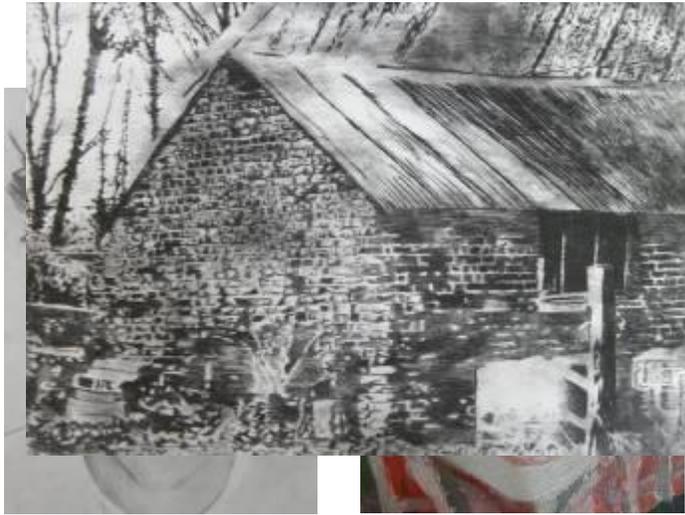
Instrumental tuition and ensemble membership are available to all pupils in the school. It is never too late to get involved in the sort of activities and events you have read about above.

## Art

### GCSE & A Level Art Exhibitions

The 2010 Art & Design Exhibitions were a great success. Work was exhibited by GCSE and A'level students and showcased a wide range of styles and skills. The work ranged from installation based work to traditional printing and painting.

The school sports gym was converted into a bright and vibrant gallery space and was open to staff, student and parents. All visitors were extremely impressed with the level of technical ability and praised the students for the amount of effort that had been put into the work.



### Google Competition Success

Congratulations to Jack Smith (9D) for winning the National Prize for 12-14yrs category.

A number of students took part in the National competition Doodle for Google 'I Love Football' this year. This is a huge competition with vast numbers of participants and outstanding prizes. Jack is an extremely talented artist and worked hard work on his design. His

prize was an Apple Mac laptop. Well done Jack!!

### Update on Post Matters Charity Exhibition

Post Matters is a whole school exhibition in aid of the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, which will be open to a variety of local artists including students, staff and parents. The exhibition has been postponed and will now be in September 2010.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Over 150 students are actively seeking to complete various levels of the Award at present with more than 120 students participating in expeditions during the summer season.

The expedition season started with some groups concerned for those stranded overseas by the air restrictions due to the Icelandic volcano. Those who failed to make it back missed the opportunity to do the Silver practice in April in some excellent conditions and subsequently undertook an expedition over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The Year 10 Silver groups were in the High Weald of Kent and on the North Downs. The May Bank Holiday weekend certainly proved a good test of various misconceptions; including 'I don't need to line my rucksack with plastic bags- its waterproof' and that 'Sleeping bags were waterproof.' Not only did they have to cope with the relentless rain on the Sunday, but also the cold. The difficult conditions should

now mean that the students are well prepared for the qualifying expedition which takes place during the last week of the summer term in the Ashdown Forest.

The Bronze Practice and Qualifying Expeditions took place in the eastern end of the North Downs and the Alkham Valley. All students successfully completed their planned routes and showed great potential to progress further in the Award in the coming years.

The Gold Practice Expedition in the Brecon Beacons was very successful, since students had prepared well for the rigors of walking in mountainous terrain by improving their physical fitness prior to the expedition and built upon their navigational skills gained at Silver. The external mountain leaders were impressed by their fitness, team work, navigation and camp craft. 25 students will be participating in a Gold Qualifying Expedition in September in the Yorkshire Dales.

### **David Starkey Senior Debating Competition**

The Final of the David Starkey Senior Debating Competition took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May this term. This was the climax to a competition which had begun back in September with 48 initial competitors and four rounds of debates, before the four finalists reached this final stage. Debating topics for the 40 plus debates were taken from the Debating Matters website where debaters were offered guidance and research material on each of the motions proposed or opposed.

The finalists were Joe Fitzpatrick & Sam Nemzer in Year 13 against Sam Wood and Josh Ovendon in Year 12. The motion for the final was a tricky one but very appropriate in its links to the General Election at the time - "Happiness should be a key goal of government policy." Both teams debated valiantly, presenting convincing and persuasive arguments supported by weighty research and evidence. In the end, however, it was the Year 13 team (who proposed the motion) who took the prize of Senior Debating Champions and were awarded the David Starkey Shield.



All of the debating competitors 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.

### **International Culture Competition**

In June and July, pupils from all forms in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in a World Cup International Culture Competition organised by Mrs Mitchell. The competition was a Gifted and Talented curriculum enriching activity and was linked to the school's International Week, celebrating 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 the top 18 (not including England) world-ranking World Cup qualifying Teams. Each form then had to design an A2 poster on that country's culture. 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 was fantastic to see the high level of creativity and motivation that the competition generated.

The 4 winners from Round 1 (7D, 8K, 9TU and 10E) then went through to the semi-final which was to create a 3D display on their country's culture. The entries were very good indeed – with tactile models of key cultural icons and landmarks from the countries represented which were very imaginative indeed – 10E's display had a map of Brazil made out of turf!. The forms worked together to produce the final pieces because they knew that to win in the final of the competition there had to be evidence of the whole form's involvement. This activity 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 final of the competition took place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July during the morning assembly and was a climax to the school's International Week. The finalists (8K - Cameroon and 10E - Brazil) were chosen as the best of the 4 semi-finalist 3D displays and in the final they had 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 had to be involved because the first prize was a fantastic one for the whole form – **a day trip to Wembley Stadium** (as well as giant jar of sweets to eat on the way) – and to be the envy of all of the other forms in the school who had to stay at school that day! Both finalists created very engaging and effective presentations – 10E's presentation on Brazil had lots of intriguing facts and used audience participation to great effect and 8K's presentation on Cameroon was colourful, dynamic and wide-ranging in its choice of facts and information. It was difficult for the judges to choose between the finalists but 8K triumphed in the end – congratulations to them! 10E's runner-up prize was a giant jar of sweets and the opportunity to shoot penalty goals at members of the P.E. department with the lead goal-scorer winning a World Cup football.

The competition brought the whole school together and revealed some amazing talents – from artists and designers, to pupils who have shown themselves to be leaders and motivators of others – this activity enriched the whole curriculum and challenged and engaged all of the pupils who took part most successfully!

Mrs Mitchell would like to thank all of the pupils and staff who took part and/or helped with the competition and the judges of each round – Mr Morgan, Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Rose and Mrs Turrell (who also needs a big thank you for all of her efforts, energy and enthusiasm in helping with the competition displays in the library). Thank you also to the P. E. Department (Mr Pearce, Mr Riordan and Mr Davidson) for all of their support and help with the finalists' prizes.

## **Headstart Day for Oxbridge Applicants**

On Wednesday 23 June 2010, 13 students from Year 12 who aim to apply to study at either Oxford or Cambridge universities after their A-Levels spent a one-day intensive Application, Admissions Test and Interview Preparation Day, led by Oxbridge Applications' Oxbridge-educated Senior Education Tutors.

In the morning, the students received guidance on what the admissions tutors are really looking for and how to stand out at every stage of the application process, including useful interview techniques tips. They then worked individually and in groups, split by type of subject, to tackle questions relating to their subject choice. In the afternoon, each student received one 15-minute mock interview with full verbal and written feedback. When not being interviewed, students took a relevant mock examination, such as the LNat for Law students, the BMat or UKCat for medical students or the TSA for PPE students.

The day concluded with a debrief session and an opportunity to ask further questions. It was a most productive day for all, and each student received a personalised guide to the course they have chosen, including recommended reading lists and examples of past questions that have been asked in real Oxbridge interviews.

The Sixth Form staff wish these 13 students, and all the other Year 12 students luck in their university application process.

## **Manwood's Supports Language Teaching in Local Schools**

Part of our role as a Specialist Language College is to support the teaching of a Modern Foreign Language (generally French) within the 40 primary schools of the Deal/Sandwich and Dover clusters. For the past two years this work has been coordinated by Mrs Martine Hargrave.

Together with two Advanced Skills Teachers, and three primary-based lead teachers she makes outreach visits, offering support and advice and encouraging schools to obtain Kent Accreditation Awards at bronze, gold and silver levels. For more in-depth support, Mrs Hargrave has arranged two cluster training days at the Pines Calyx at St Margaret's and at Sir Roger Manwood's as well as organizing and teaching two five-day upskilling courses for primary teachers who want to improve their fluency in the French language. Feedback from these training sessions has been most encouraging.

Another successful development has been the work undertaken by our Year 12 A-level students teaching French in primary schools. Under the direction of Miss Pujadas-Telmon they have given sessions on topics such as Christmas in France and classroom objects as well as helping with the organisation and delivery of the recent Language Day for Year Five students.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July each Primary School in the Dover, Deal and Sandwich Learning Partnership was invited to send 4 to 6 pupils from Year 5 to attend a Language Day at Sir Roger Manwood's School and it was very successful and was attended by 36 pupils. The pupils were divided into groups and were offered an introduction to Russian and Mandarin as well as a Drama and Science lesson in French. In the afternoon, the Year 12 French groups led a Geography lesson in French. Many thanks go to the staff running each slot but also to our 16 Year 12 students who certainly rose to the challenge. They looked after their group for the whole day, including lunchtime and did this extremely well. Their afternoon teaching brought further evidence of their good sense of responsibility and leadership. The feedback from the primary pupils was very positive, one child actually giving the day a score of 11 out of 10! Overall this was a very successful day for all concerned and one which we are hoping to run again next year.

## **Design Technology**

We reflect on another busy and diverse year in Design Technology. One of the highlights was The Solar Kings Team from 8K (Jack Murray, Lewis Parsons and James Poulton) who came a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place in The Regional Final of the Toyota Technology Challenge at Duxford Imperial War Museum in April.

One of this year's aims was to promote student awareness and participation in STEM activities which promotes careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. In March Year 8 pupils undertook a STEM Enrichment Day with a Smallpeice Trust Engineer where they designed and made wind turbines in teams – they all worked of course.

Congratulations also to Matthew Price who successfully completed a 4 day residential course at Lancaster University on Nuclear Engineering as part of the Smallpeice Trust Programme. If your son/daughter is interested in a career in Science/Technology they can access the STEM programme site via Moodle, click on Technology. As competition for places at top Universities become keener participation on these extra curricular courses can make a significant difference on their CV.

We are delighted to have nearly 40 students studying A Level Product Design in September. To challenge and motivate our students we encourage them to undertake projects with real clients. Amongst the community based projects on offer are partnerships with the Salutation Gardens, Sibertswold School and Wingham Wildlife Park. This year Ben Chan (Y13) gained a taste of designing products for the retail world. His idea for a rotating advertising unit was picked up by Sandwich Bookshop. He adapted his model and turned it into a moving story for younger customers which was then displayed in the town's book store.

In July we also hosted Year 3 pupils from Sibertswold Primary School as part of their Technology Week. They were introduced to CAD/CAM, via a small practical project successfully using 2D design software and the laser cutter.

## **Young Enterprise Presentation Evening (Dover Area Board)**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April our two Young Enterprise Companies attended the Dover Area Board Presentation Evening at the Ark in Dover. They were in competition with other companies from Dover Grammar School for Boys, Dover Grammar School for Girls, Dover College and Sandwich Technology School. All companies had to produce a Company Report that contained information about their mission statement, products, Human Resource Organisation, Accounts (Balance Sheet and Profit Loss) etc. This was sent to the judges one week in advance.

On the night the traditional 'Trade Stand' and Individual Presentations took place. Both our companies, Novus and Just Infinity, performed with credit and Just Infinity were awarded the trophy for 'Best Company Report'.

## **After School Family Learning**

Once again this coming year, we are able to offer a range of courses open to parents of pupils at Sir Roger Manwood's School in our specialist subjects of Modern Languages, Maths and Computing. There will be a charge of £35 per term and the actual classes for next year will depend on interest. As an indication, this year, we have run the following courses:

**Mathematics:** for parents who would like to help their children, or keep up with them! but lack confidence. It is particularly aimed at parents of pupils in Key Stage 3.

**Mandarin:** for families, consisting of at least one parent and one child. However, next year, parents will be able to attend classes without their child if they wish.

**French:** for parents who have some knowledge of French but have forgotten more than they remember.

**Spanish:** for parents who have some, little or no Spanish but may want to learn it for holidays or to keep up with children learning it at school.

The above will run again next year if there is enough demand. Similarly you may indicate an interest in a **Computing** Course or a **German** course.

If any of the above attracts you, please contact me via my e-mail address [mh@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:mh@srms.kent.sch.uk). All courses will start in September but as the programme will only be put together once we know there are enough people interested, I am asking you to indicate which course you are interested in as well as the days and times when you are not available. Hopefully these can be avoided when scheduling the course.

**Mrs M. Hargrave**  
**Coordinator of Out of Hours Learning**

### **Manwood's Students excel in Mathematical Challenges**

This term saw Year 8 students participate in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge, a nationwide competition that poses very stretching mathematical problems.

A significant number of students achieved Bronze and Silver Awards which is no mean feat. The following students did exceedingly well and were awarded Gold Certificates: Sabrina Curwen, Storm Guy, Michael Tawiah, Merlie Luckhurst, Dominic Wheeler, Darcy Giboin, Aidan Michaels, David Nicholson, Thomas Amber (plus Certificate for Best in School).

## Textiles Exhibition

Once again the Textiles Exhibition in the upper gallery of the library was a feast of colour, texture and unique designs. The annual event is an opportunity for the rest of the school to view the exciting and complex coursework projects undertaken by the GCSE, AS and A2 groups.

The **GCSE coursework** themes focused on either:

- Spring / Summer garments with a nautical influence;
- textile product and a range of accessories inspired by the work of a twentieth century artist, which could be sold in an art gallery;
- design a range of household textiles, based on the theme of stripes / spots and fluorescent acid colours, for a chosen living space.

**AS students** have to complete two key projects for their coursework. The first project required them to make a contemporary textile product out of two or more good quality textile items. This year saw a number of dresses, shorts suit and bags created from skirts, pyjamas, curtains and shirts. The Union Jack bag by Delores Brown, which is highly contemporary and in vogue attracted many favourable comments.

The second project required the students to design and make a bespoke wall hanging for a chosen target market. The group were shown an extensive range of techniques to manipulate fabric and were encouraged to explore a wide variety of fabrics. The resulting wall hangings were unique and used the techniques very effectively in such different ways. Charlotte Cave created one for her little sister; Gemma Eldridge was inspired by outdoor music concerts and Emily Molenkamp looked to Paris for inspiration to create a sophisticated, chic hanging.

**A2 students** produce a single item for their coursework. The standard was very high and reflected the skills they have accumulated over the years.



Hannah Marshall  
A prototype  
uniform for staff at  
Paris Fashion  
Week.

Jessica Gibson  
A special occasion  
dress with hand  
painted leopard  
print



Rachael Allmark  
A salsa dress for a  
dance show like  
'Strictly Come

Natasha Ledner  
A special occasion  
dress with a structured  
bodice and double  
layered skirt section.



Matthew Bishop  
Fully tailored jacket  
with additional  
features to discreetly  
secure wires from ear  
phones to ipods.



Ellis Manning  
A special occasion  
dress with an  
integral bra for the  
woman with a fuller  
bust.



The Year 10 students displayed an array of fabric book covers and fully lined tote bags. These projects build the skills required for their controlled tasks in Year 11.



## CCF

In early April twenty cadets went to Capel Curig in Wales for Adventure Training. Activities included kayaking, climbing, hill walking, mountain biking and a morning on a high ropes course with Treetop Adventures. The weather held out despite flooding in many areas the week before the camp.

At the end of April a team from SRMS CCF entered the Brigade Patrol Competition which was held at Pippingford Park in the Ashdown Forest. The team left school on the Friday and camped overnight before an early start on Saturday for the competition. Six teams from schools in Kent competed over six tasks in a round robin. The tasks were a Command Task (leadership assessment over a challenge course), an Air Rifle Range, a Signals stand (military radios), a Map and Compass stand, a First Aid stand and an Observation Post stand. SRMS CCF staff organised and ran the competition and ran the Observation Post stand. Nobody could accuse us of cheating though, our team came fourth out of the six. Despite this we all had a lot of fun and learnt a great deal.

To finish off a busy month we eagerly anticipated the arrival of a Lynx Helicopter at the school. Unfortunately the visit was postponed until September when we hope to hear a presentation on the Army Air Corps and then get all the cadets into the helicopter for a short flight (Not all at once!)

In May we received our new cadet rifles. The arrival these rifles had been delayed and although they look similar to the previous generation, there were some fundamental differences. All cadets who were planning to attend summer camp had to be trained and tested on the new rifle before they could go. Credit goes to Colour Sergeant Money for his efforts to complete this requirement in time for camp. Credit also to the senior cadets who, as soon as they had passed their own assessments, were coaching the junior cadets to the standard required to pass.

Also in May we were joined by a second batch of recruits from Year 8. This group were soon shooting the No 8 Target Rifle on our range and after a drill assessment were awarded half red stars, the first stage of proficiency in cadet training.

Towards the end of May the CCF entered a national signals competition. The team operated a High Frequency radio set over 24 hours from the school playing fields. Points were awarded for the number of other schools contacted and messages passed. Mr Ed Ferris set up the equipment and supervised the event with the help of Mrs Carol Wilkinson and Mr Cliff Moon. This was the first time in a long time that SRMS CCF has had an active signals team and we were all amazed to find out how well the team had scored.

We try to open the range on school at least once each week. Awards for accurate shooting are attained by measuring the size of a group of five shots on one target. Some of our new cadets have shown real skill in shooting and we expect to renew our shooting team and beat the Old Manwoodian team very soon. The following shooting badges were awarded:

Marksman	CSgt Max Pulgar-Frame, Sgt Ellis Manning, LCpl Maxwell Robinson and Cdt Oliver Lyons.
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	LCpl Jack West-Sherring, Cdt Andrew Lancaster and Cdt Oliver Cage-White
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	LCpl Kyle Sampson and Cdt Matt Price

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June the Headmaster awarded promotions to a number of cadets. The new Cdt Company Sergeant Major is Max Pulgar-Frame. A second promotion parade later in the year will see a few more cadets promoted after demonstrating leadership qualities on the CCF summer camp and the Method of Instruction Course due in September.

Thirty nine cadets attended Summer Camp in Crowborough in July. We squeezed about a months worth of activities into a week that included kayaking, raft building, rifle shooting, paint balling, laser quest, army assault course, march and shoot race, command tasks, tactical river crossing, stalking and platoon attacks. It was a very busy week provided by the army but led by the cadet Non Commissioned Officers. Special thanks must go to Mrs Carol Wilkinson, Miss Sarah Philpott, Mr Cliff Moon, Major Howard Pashley and Captain Peter Dean for providing the adult supervision. The camp was a huge success and enjoyed by all despite one Cdt being a bit home sick..

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ray Harlow and The CCF Corps of Drums have had a very busy few months with performances for the school, civil and military parades and events. Mr Tom

Lawton (ex Royal Marine Bandsman) has given a great deal of his time helping the band polish their performances and the standard of music and marching has received acclaim.

During the Easter holidays three cadets joined Ski Trips provided by the Army in Bavaria. In the summer holidays six cadets will attend adventure training courses and expeditions that will find them in the Welsh and Scottish mountains and rivers.

Captain L J Martin RE  
Contingent Commander

### **Library News**

We have had another busy term in the Library. In May we were pleased to welcome author (and parent) Peter Cocks who gave an entertaining talk to our Year 8s. He has written the 'Triskellion' series of books with Mark Billingham and writes under the pseudonym Will Peterson. Mr Holden and Mr Stones both helped to bring the books to life with memorable performances of various eccentric characters.

Also in May and June a number of enthusiastic Year 7, 8 & 9 students took part in our Carnegie Shadowing Group. When the shortlist for the Carnegie Medal was announced at the end of April we started reading and carried on until the winner was announced on June 24<sup>th</sup>. With eight books on the shortlist this year it was a challenge to read them all in time but we did our best! We met every week to add reviews to our Group webpage and discuss what we were reading. At our final meeting a fun quiz revealed how much we could remember (or had forgotten) about our favourite books. Our winning book was 'Chains' by Laurie Halse Anderson. The actual winner was 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman.

Year 7s had an interesting author visit when F.E.Higgins came to Manwoods in July. She has written a number of successful books starting with 'The Black Book of Secrets' which was nominated for The Waterstones' Children's Book Prize in 2007. Our students enjoyed dressing up in the various costumes and wigs which the author had brought with her – acting out scenes from her latest book 'The Lunatic's Curse'. This visit was kindly sponsored by Sandwich Bookshop.

Thank you very much for all the tokens you have sent in this year which have enabled us to order some free books for the Library. The Nestle Boxtops scheme continues in September so please keep collecting.

### **The Music for Change 'Pledge' Project**

During the summer term a group of 10 Year 7 students volunteered to take part in Music for Change's 'Pledge' project, involving practical and theoretical responses to the themes of 'Britishness', Refuge, Immigration and Community.

The project involved 4 sessions working closely with a designated teacher from SRMS and a specialised practitioner in the creative and performing arts. These sessions aimed to encourage students to discuss with their peers the emerging themes and work together to create thoughtful and creative outcomes outside of the normal classroom environment. Through utilising and

building upon the skills, interests and abilities of every participant, the project aimed to develop each child's experience in the creative arts whilst exploring important themes of citizenship and identity in the modern world and gain more of an understanding of the position of refugees in the UK.

The culmination of these 4 sessions was a showcase event at Castle Community College. Here, our group of 10 students joined other students from 4 different schools in the local area (who had each been creating their own responses to the same themes) to present and perform their ideas and outcomes to their peers, teachers, creative practitioners and parents (those who were able to attend). The students also made their own individual pledges to take one small action that might have a positive impact on their community and the social ideals of their peers.

As well as being attended by the local press, some of the sessions and the main showcase event were documented through photography and film and a resulting DVD will be made available soon for those wishing to see the results of this exciting project.

Thank you to all the students who took a risk and got involved – your ideas and outcomes were all brilliantly creative, excellently performed and enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to see them. Well done.

## **Second Specialism – ICT**

This term has seen opportunities for pupils to achieve outside the school curriculum in many areas:

### **i-Pod Touch**

A number of these hand held devices have been acquired by the school thanks to Hands on Support Funding. Staff from departments across the school have expressed an interest in using these with their pupils to extend the range of learning opportunities. The mathematics department is to run a pilot project with a group of students to explore the opportunities available through using hand held devices for games based learning.

### **Manwood's Radio**

In response to a request from pupils, an enthusiastic team is working on setting up a radio station to broadcast via the Internet at lunchtimes. Equipment and licenses are being purchased, a logo has been designed, training is taking place and senior DJ's William Parker-Gorman in year 8 and Josh Harwood in year 7 are putting together a timetable of DJ's from across the school. It is hoped that the radio station will be up and running in the autumn term.

### **Manchester University Animation Competition 2010**

Four pupils from the school entered their work in this national competition which attracts interest from large numbers of students across the country. Zack Goodrich and Joshua Hood from year 13 were winners in their categories and attended the presentation in Manchester on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The following is an extract of Zack's email sent to the school after the event:

*"... it's very good news.*

*Personally, I once again won the Runner Up prize for the 16+ Individuals, for which they gave me an iPod Nano worth £120 odd, but best of all, me and Josh were the winners of the 16+ group award! We each received Amazon vouchers worth £250 and when the*

*animation was shown easily garnered the best reaction; everyone laughed the way through and there was a fantastic round of applause...*

*..... all in all it was a fun day, and a good haul."*

Prize-winning animations can be seen on the Manchester University website and all the school's entries can be viewed by pupils on Moodle.

### **Doodle 4 Google**

Doodle 4 Google is a competition where school pupils between the ages of 4 and 17 are invited to design the Google logo in their very own style. Winning logos appear on the Google homepage for 24 hours. Alice Campbell in year 7 entered the "I love football" doodle competition and was a semi-finalist for the south east region. Alice won a certificate for her achievement.

### **31. Spectra at the School of Engineering and Digital Arts, University of Kent**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July some year 9 students visited the School of Engineering and Digital Arts at the University of Kent where they were set the task of defeating the evil SPECTRA organization. They carried out four activities using their knowledge of the electromagnetic spectrum. In teams they had to obtain clues. They had to use an infrared camera in the dark, steer a radio controlled car through a maze, decipher a binary message using an optical fibre and detect hidden instructions using ultra-violet light in order to crack the code. When all the tasks were completed their final solution was transmitted to the adjudicators using an infrared link from a Picaxe processor board. Fortunately, they were successful and did save the world!

### **32. Kent SEPnet Astrodome:**

The mobile planetarium from the University of Kent visited the Physics department on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Year 8 students were shown into the dome where they watched a full-dome show, 'Two small pieces of glass - The Amazing Telescope', featuring computer generated graphics. A full-dome planetarium projection allowed them to explore some of the wonders of the night sky including a binary star system, galaxies and Mimas, a moon of Saturn, which has an uncanny resemblance to The Death Star in the Star Wars movies!

### **33. Science Club**

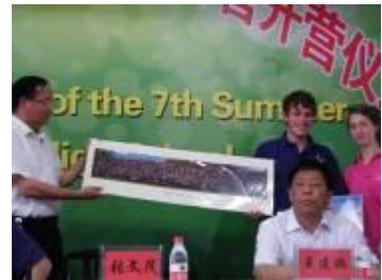
Science Club has had a very successful year again with a number of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 attending every week. Throughout the year the students have been involved in a number of projects including building and launching a rocket and investigating the effectiveness of different sterilizing techniques. They have also carried out a variety of fun and exciting experiments including flame tests, elephant's toothpaste and making slime.

Science Club also went on a recent visit to Wildwood. In the morning the students had a guided tour around the wildlife park, seeing species that are endangered or have already become extinct in England such as pine marten, wolves and lynx. The tour was incredibly interesting, with a focus on how the animals are adapted to their habitats and the conservation efforts that are underway for each species. In the afternoon the students took part in a workshop called 'CSI Wildwood'. They had to solve the crime of who killed the rabbit by carrying out a variety of investigative and practical tasks. They very much enjoyed the workshop and all proved to be

excellent detectives, correctly identifying the culprit from a number of suspects! All in all, a great day was had by all!

### **34. International Dimension**

The Summer Term has been a busy one for International events. The term started with Mr Grimshaw and Miss Beale along with the 10 students on the Gambia trip stranded in a hotel by the beach for 6 days due to the disruption caused by the ash cloud over Europe. Despite these hardships they managed to get through the ordeal unscathed and to keep their spirits up. The group thoroughly enjoyed their work at the school set up by the GAMble Charity and the immersion in local village life.



In June we were visited by students and staff from our Chinese partner school, Hengshui High School. Ten of our sixth formers are now teaching at Hengshui in their English Summer School, led by Mr Williams and Miss Bedford. After this they will head to Beijing for a week's sightseeing.

This year International Week focused on India, and this coincided with the first visit by students and staff from our new partner school, Shree Krishna Pranami Public School. As well as Indian Dance and Indian Drumming Workshops, an Inter-House / International cricket tournament and a demonstration of Indian cooking, we were treated to some traditional, and not-so traditional, Indian dancing by our visitors in assembly, which seemed to be well appreciated. We now look forward to the return visit in October.

### **35. Manwoodian Media**

The Manwoodian Media Team is now under the new leadership of Mrs Mitchell, who previously edited the magazine from 2000-2005, and has taken over after the sterling work of Mr Acourt. Mrs Mitchell is very excited to be back at the helm of the magazine and has already put together a team of very enthusiastic and dedicated reporters and photographers to take the magazine into its 2009/10 edition.

The Media Team has been divided into 8 sub-teams which are responsible for reporting on key areas, events and activities in the school and celebrating the achievements of individuals and groups of pupils at SRMS. Newly elected Senior Editors from the Sixth Form are Beth Harris (12C), Lottie Gambrill (12A), Ben Robinson (12E), Jeanette Smith (12A), Kerry Thompson (12C), Daniel Tripp (12D), Amy Allebone-Salt (12C), Matt Thomas (12E) and Izzy Stocks (12E). The Senior Editors are supported by other editors in year 12 and new recruits from years 7,8,9 & 10. When the year 11s return in September (as the new year 12s), they will also be invited to join the team.

The Media Team now has 68 members and its number is still growing – new members are always welcome and can always choose the team that they wish to work in - please see Mrs Mitchell if you are interested in joining.

With such an extensive, dedicated and energetic team behind her, Mrs Mitchell looks forward to the 2009/10 full-colour edition of the Manwoodian magazine with enthusiasm and excitement. A particular thank you goes to Ben Robinson and his team for all of their hard work in reporting on all of the school competitions this term (of which there have been very many), and also to Beth Harris and Lottie Gambrill and their team who have been busily undertaking the staff leavers interviews. A big thank you also goes to all of the other Senior Editors and their teams who have worked very hard this term.

### **36. Junior/Middles Public Speaking Competition**

The David Starkey Public Speaking Competition for Years 7 & 8 (Juniors) and Years 9 & 10 (Middles) was held this term. Preliminary rounds were held during lunchtimes over two weeks with the Finals (Junior & Middle) held on Friday 16th July in the School Hall, organised by Mrs Mitchell.

Contestants were given a list of topics to choose from and had to prepare a 3 minute speech on this topic to be delivered in the preliminary rounds.

The four Junior preliminary round winners were: Ellie Cox (8D) and Belle Afzal-Woodward (8D) with the topic, “Ten things that I have learned from my pet are...” and Eliot Benbow (8D) with, “Friends are the most important thing that a person needs because...” and Sam Street (8D) with, “Music means everything to me because...”

The three Middles preliminary round winners were: Amber Rigg (10E) with, “All life is a constant education,” Savannah Lord (10E) with “How high can a girl fly?” and Chloe Forsyth (10E) with “If you think positively then you can achieve anything.”

In both of the Junior and Middles finals, the finalists delivered very engaging and effective 5 minute speeches and responded to the questions from the judges with intelligence and thoughtfulness. The speeches were well-structured and thought-provoking and all of the finalists had taken on-board feedback from the judges in the preliminary rounds.

The four Juniors finalists delivered their speeches to an audience of all of the pupils in years 7 and 8 and they should be commended on their courage, confidence and professionalism. In the end, it was Sam Street (8D) who took the prize for best public speaker and who won the David Starkey Juniors Public Speaking trophy; his speech was unique in the way that he interacted with the audience and prompted them directly to consider his ideas on what makes friends “the most important thing that a person needs”.

The three Middles finalists delivered their speeches to a more select audience and demonstrated much maturity, confidence and insightfulness in their speeches. The final winner was Savannah Lord (10E) with the topic “Life is a constant education” due to the very accomplished and sophisticated content and delivery of her speech which had a very intriguing opening and was thought-provoking throughout. Savannah wins the David Starkey Middles Public Speaking Trophy.

Well done to all of this year's debaters – they were an inspiration to their fellow students and we can only hope that even more pupils will take up the public speaking challenge next year as a result. Thank you to Mr Dyson and Mrs Heaver (who judged alongside Mrs Mitchell) and who were invaluable throughout the competition in their support and guidance to all of the debaters in providing them with detailed and comprehensive feedback that helped all of the debaters towards improvement and towards becoming accomplished public speakers.

### **37. Drama**

It has been a full and successful year for the drama department; we have had some excellent results for the practical coursework in all years, but especially in the two Year 12 plays, where the students received top band marks for their practical work and also for the supporting essays. The sixth form students worked exceptionally hard through the autumn term to prepare for a performance of 'O What a Lovely War' in November. We took the production to the Theatre Royal in Margate and then to St Mary's Church in Sandwich. It is one of the set texts for AS and is a challenging and moving play. We had a group of very talented performers and musicians who found out what it is like to perform in a professional way; resetting in a new venue each night...exhausting! Many of the Theatre Studies students also took lead roles in the school musical, as well as preparing their exam performance pieces.

The lower years have worked well in their drama lessons and the drama prefects from Year 12 have run a very successful and lively drama club at lunch time. The Year 9 House Drama Competition was also successfully completed last week with 28 pupils committing to lunch time rehearsals from Easter onwards. They also took part in a workshop at school, run by an actor practitioner from the Globe Theatre. They all participated with enthusiasm and the actor said how much she had enjoyed working with them. They should be commended for their efforts; my thanks to all who took part and to the parents who supported the evening showing of the play and gave some encouraging feed-back afterwards.

We have, as ever, run a lot of trips (a requirement at GCSE and A Level) with a good turnout from all the exam groups. The highlight is our annual trip to Stratford to see two shows at the RSC where we also managed a back stage tour of the Courtyard Theatre and a very good two hour work-shop in one of the RSC venues. Over the year we try to visit as many different venues and styles of show as possible, to give the students a wide experience of live theatre that they will be able to refer to in their exams. We invited 'Splendid Theatre Company' back into school in March; they performed a shortened version of Dr Faustus in their own very distinctive, mad-cap style, followed by workshops for all the GCSE and A Level students. They are very good value and relate very well with their audiences. We are expecting them back early in the new school year to inspire the devised exam work that will be happening throughout next term.

### **38. Work Experience 5<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2010**

Work Experience placements for year 11 students have once again been difficult to find with the financial sector offering very little support and the recession removing some placements or employers in their entirety. Some educational establishments have stopped their work experience over the last few years because of the increasing difficulty experienced in finding placements. Sir Roger Manwood's School, however, still gets good support from local businesses and parents which has resulted in 170 work experience places for 105 students. The school is very grateful for the commitment made by these employers and we hope that this partnership may continue for many years to come.

Reports coming back from the employers, visiting staff and the students have on the whole been very positive. Employers will often indicate that the students are a credit to the school, able to take the initiative, listen to instructions, pleasant to work with and able to quickly adapt to their working environment. Students feedback shows that they have benefited enormously from the experience. The opportunity for students to work as apart of a team with a common objective has been a worth while experience. For some the experience has resulted in a change in career path for other their career path has been reinforced.

A number of the placements were so successful that students made requests for extensions and others in the retail sector have resulted in summer jobs being offered.

Universities continue to use appropriate work experience as one way to distinguish between applicants. We have been able to help a number of our 6<sup>th</sup> form students access work experience opportunities during term time and the holidays.

### **39. Enterprise week - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010**

The year 10 Business Enterprise activity week has once again seen students working together to find a product or service that they could market. They have worked in teams developing their ideas, business plans, financial reports, business materials, undertaking research, advertising their product and building prototypes where possible. 24 companies competed on the last day of the week setting up stalls and presenting their ideas to a range of judges from local businesses. The quality of ideas, portfolios and presentations made judging very difficult this year both at the final in school and the local schools final at Pfizers.

**Best oral presentation** was awarded to **Eco Delivery** who had the idea of running a haulage company that used vehicles fuelled with bio-diesel for transporting goods. They were trying to enter a competitive market but felt that they had the eco friendly advantage over their competitors. Its members included Samuel Hursey, Thomas Kerr, Ian Marriott, James Pledger and Nathan White.

**Best written presentation** was awarded to **Fashion Earth** who had decided that the market was ready for high fashion clothing made from recycled materials. Its members included Laura Geary, Jessica Greaves, Aston Hibbert, Jennifer Johnson, Paris Jones and Casey Moor

**Best idea** was awarded to **Hug me tees** for their limited edition T-shirts that were produced in pairs. The two half images on the shirts were designed to complete a full image when worn together. Its members included Oliver Briscall-Harvey, Emile Heywood, Emma Marsh, Evelyn Sparkes, Naomi Tawiah and Alexandra Weaver.

**Best overall idea, aural and written presentations** came from **Forget Me Not** who were keen to raise the awareness of Alzheimer's and dementia within our society. The company aimed to raise funds through the sale of their range of Forget Me Not products. The money collected would then be used to run a program of awareness sessions for teenagers as well as enabling the purchase of further product for resale. Its members included Amy Freelove, Hannah Jackson, Elizabeth Middleton, Mary Wilson and Lewis Young..

**Forget Me Not** were invited to compete against 12 other local schools at Pfizer on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The group had only three days to refine their business model, stand, portfolio and presentation. On the day they turned out in full business attire, professionally manned their

stand, clearly presented their idea to the judges and confidently answered the barrage of questions that were asked. They portrayed passion for their idea and even managed to sell a Forget Me Not item to one of the judges. The group maintained their professional image throughout the day, always having a presence at the stand to discuss the ideas, products and ethos of the company. At all times it was clear that this was a team effort which was rewarded by the winning of the Best Team Award.

## **40. Girls' Games**

### **Tennis**

This has been one of the best years for girls' tennis. We currently have some of the most talented players in the District and in Kent and this has been shown in our match results.

The senior team played three matches before going on study leave. The 1<sup>st</sup> team won every single match beating St Lawrence College 6-3, Duke of York's 6-0 and St Edmund's (Canterbury) 6-3. The second team produced some very fine performances and gained valuable experience for next year. They lost to St Lawrence 2-7, beat Duke of York's 6-3 and lost to St Edmund's 2-7. The senior squad was made up from pupils from a number of different years and for the first time had a year 8 and a year 10 pupil in the team. The 1<sup>st</sup> V1 were Lucy Roper, Natasha Roberts, Stephanie Roberts, Kirsty Greaves, Jess Greaves and Stephanie Farrell. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team were selected from a squad of eight including two year 13 players, Jess Harris and Olivia Feeney.

The U14 and U15 teams had similar success and they did not lose a match. They played St Lawrence College and won 7-2, beat St Edmund's 7-2 and Duke of York's 8-1. All the girls competed well and demonstrated that they have much to offer in the forthcoming seasons.

Final mention must be given to the girls who attended the Bromley invitation Tournament which is open to the whole of Kent. Natasha Roberts and Kirsty Greaves reached the quarter finals and lost to a very strong pair who finished as runners-up. Phoebe Urquhart and Gemma Bright, who are only in year 7, won 3 and lost 2 of their matches but did not do enough to qualify for the knock-out stage. However, Lucy Roper and Andrea Srekovic won their age group in convincing style. Their semi-final match against King's, Canterbury, was excellent to watch with the pair winning quite comfortably. The final was just as straightforward. Well done to everyone who took part and hopefully we can do just as well next year.

### **Athletics**

Once again the girls' athletics team at Manwood's have dominated the District winning all six meetings this season. We got off to an excellent start early in the term picking up 1<sup>st</sup> place in both the Junior and Intermediate SE Kent competitions which were held at the Julie Rose stadium. The juniors won 6 of the 10 events and, despite being disqualified in the 4x100m relay, held on to the trophy. As a result of their outstanding performances Imogen Stocks (100m), Alex Clay (1500m) and Bobby Clay (800m) were selected to represent the District in the County finals later in the term, where Bobby won her race to become Kent Schools champion. In June the team competed in the Powell Trophy in Ashford and, fighting off very strong competition from Duke of York's in particular, retained the trophy for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

There are some very promising athletes in years 7 and 8, as demonstrated in their winning performances in the Quadrangle competitions and the Kent School Games qualifying event. Molly Farley (javelin), Adele Eke (100m/LJ), Alice Clifton (200m) and Charlotte Nicholas

(800m/1500m) excelled in their events. Well done to everyone who took part and ensured that the tradition of athletics at Manwood's continues to flourish.

## **Rounders**

Rounders is always a popular choice for the girls and their enthusiasm and commitment has paid off this season. Three of the four teams won all their games and the U13's only lost one of their matches, which was against a particularly strong and well-drilled St Lawrence team. The U15 team, captained by Emma Marsh, showed that with a strong fielding 'triangle' in the form of Emma (bowler), Mary Wilson (backstop) and Natasha Roberts (1<sup>st</sup> post) it is very difficult to be beaten. Good batting by all the girls ensured that they won every game by very wide margins.

The U14 team enjoyed similar success. Estelle Papougnot (who is a very welcome addition to the school this year!) led her team admirably and victories against all the opponents were easily achieved.

The U13 season was more mixed with the team winning three matches, drawing one, losing one and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District Tournament. The highlight for them was the win against Duke of York's where they showed that when they stay focussed and keep their fielding tight they can beat anybody. There is definitely much more to come from this team next year.

Congratulations to the U12 team who, after a slow start in practice, really got to grips with the game and stormed through all their matches and also won the Year 7 District tournament. It would be difficult to single out any particular players, as it was a real team effort, but the captain Molly Farley showed good leadership skills and played in the backstop position like a seasoned professional.

## **Cricket**

Although there has always been the opportunity for girls to play in the school cricket teams with the boys, this year we decided to enter an U15 girls' team in the Kent schools indoor competition, which was held at the St Lawrence ground in Canterbury. The team beat off competition from 15 other schools and qualified to represent Kent in the South of England tournament in the early part of the summer term.

### **U15 Girls Cricket – Finals and Lashings Day**

After winning the county championships, the SRMS U15 girls' cricket team went on to play for the regional title, with a chance to play at Lords at stake. The tournament started with a round robin in which the teams were split into two groups and played three games. Manwood's won all three of their round robin games enabling them to pass to the final against Helenswood School, the winner of the other group. The final was a close match in which Manwood's batted first and set a challenging score. However, this was not enough as Helenswood managed to surpass Manwoods' total with only a few balls to spare. Manwood's received the runners up award but to reach the final of the regional round was a massive achievement for all of the girls.

The final game of the season was a game against Sutton Valence School as part of the annual 'Lashings' day event. This included a match between Sutton Valence Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Lashings, an all star line up of the world cricketing legends, to take place after the 20/20 curtain raiser between the two girls' sides. After winning the toss, Manwood's opened the batting with Charlotte Pape and Emma Marsh. Pape scored twenty-nine; one away from retirement, and

Marsh went on to retire on 32 with Jessica Greaves adding a solid twenty-two not out. SRMS finished on a score of 149-5.

Manwood's then took to the field with Helen Jarvis and Pape taking the first three wickets followed by another two from Felicity Curwen. Elizabeth Middleton, Natasha Roberts and Mary Wilson also contributed with the ball but the pick of the bowlers was year eight, Lucy Morgan, with 3 wickets for thirteen runs off just four overs which gained her the match's bowling award. Jess Greaves took Man of the Match with tidy keeping and two catches but the steady fielding of Florence Atherden cannot go unmentioned. Manwood's managed to win the match by bowling Sutton Valence out for eighty-seven on the last ball of the match.

All the girls would like to thank Mr Riordan for all his hard work managing and coaching the team this year.

#### **41. Sailing**

Toby Freeland (Year 7) and Mark Thomas (Year 9) miss the last three days of term representing Kent in the National Schools Sailing Regatta which is being held in Berkshire. We look forward to hearing how they fared.

#### **42. Kent School Games**

During the course of the year Manwood's competed in a wide range of sporting competitions in order to qualify for the Games which took place over 3 days in July.

Representing the Dover District Sports Partnership, we competed in the finals of a number of sports and enjoyed a lot of success:

We qualified for the U13 boys and girls and U15 girls tennis finals, the U13 boys volleyball finals and the U13 girls hockey finals.

In swimming, Lewis Young and Eleanor Spence-Welsh represented the U15 Dover team whilst Katie and Alice Latham did the same at U13.

In year 7 athletics, David Linton, Will Curwen, Harry Miles, Michael Rowarth and Daniel Woodward competed for the boys whilst Madeline Evans competed for the girls.

The U14 girls badminton squad won the bronze medal.

The U15 boys hockey squad won the silver medal.

The U13 boys hockey squad and the U15 girls hockey squad won the gold medal.

Congratulations to all of our students who took part during the year.

#### **43. Boys Athletics**

Athletics, as in previous years, has proved to be a huge success at Manwood's this year. With the achievements of the girls this year, it was a good time for the boys to compete at the same high levels and achieve the same successes.

The first 2 competitions were the U13 and U12 Quadrangular Competitions held annually at Astor. With the boys having only practised events at lunchtime sessions due to the fact it was the cricket season, this was a real chance for the younger years to prove that they were capable of competing against those schools who were regularly participating in athletic events. The U13's gave an impressive performance, winning many events. Lewis Parsons in particular stood out in the Discus, and Joshua Botchway likewise in the Shot. Although great efforts were made by all, this still didn't prove to be enough as Manwood's came in a close second behind Dover Boys Grammar who, like ourselves, won a lot of events or were runners up. The U12's, most of who were new to athletics having not competed before joining the school, took their opportunity to show that they too had a lot of ability and could compete at high levels. Michael Rowarth in particular showed a lot of potential in the sprint events. However, despite many successes this time again wasn't enough to clinch first place overall and Manwood's came in a close second.

The next event that Manwood's competed in was the Kent School Games Athletics Qualification. This was only open to year 7. With athletics now being practised in games lessons, it was good to see the vast improvement that all who competed had made since the earlier competitions in the year. Impressive performances came from Daniel Woodward in the Javelin, David Linton in the Long Jump, Jack Scatchard in the 800m and Raphael Guionaud in the High Jump. Overall the boys came in second place to again close rivals Dover Boys Grammar. However, with the impressive performances from many of the Manwood's competitors, 5 out of the 8 students selected to compete in the Boys Kent School Games Athletics Finals were Manwood's students.

The last competition of the year, and the biggest, was the Powell Trophy, held at Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. This comprised boys in years 7-10. All scores from events were combined to get an overall score at the end of the competition. In the competition first place changed at various points between three schools, Duke of York's, Dover Boys Grammar and ourselves. Impressive performances came from Chris Henry in the High Jump, Tom Kerr in the 400m, Ed Spencer in the 200m and captain Kurt King in the 100 and 200m events. The impressive team performance only managed to place Manwood's in third position overall, just 13 points behind the winners, the Duke of York's.

Massive congratulations must go to all those who competed and a huge thank you to all staff who gave up their time to help with practices and competitions. With Manwood's hoping to host an U14 and U15 Quadrangular Tournament next year, there will be more opportunities for Manwood's students to show their athletic abilities.

#### **44. Tennis**

##### **Senior Tennis**

An exceptional season from our senior players this year. The Second VI fought bravely but were beaten comprehensively in the first round of the National Cup by St Edmund's Canterbury.

The First VI excelled in both the Kent Cup and National Cup. In the Kent Cup Manwood's stormed into the final of the competition beating Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Harvey Grammar School and King's Canterbury. In the Kent Cup final held at Tunbridge Wells Lawn Tennis Club Manwood's faced Tunbridge Well's Boy's Grammar School, and were narrowly beaten by 4 matches to 2. In the National Cup Manwood's raced into the final of the southern section of the competition beating King's Canterbury and St Edmund's Canterbury along the way. In the final against St Bede's School from Sussex Manwood's were beaten despite some very close matches. This season has been an outstanding effort from all involved with some excellent performances from Toby Churchill, Andrew Symonds, Charlie Michael, Elliot Brookes, Josh Spink and Christian Chodecki.

### **Under 15**

This season saw the introduction of league tennis at Manwood's for the Under 15 team, consisting of Rory Elliot, Jack Clout, Harry Urquhart and Alex McNie. The season began with victory 5-1 over Herne Bay High but was followed by a 5-1 reverse at Kent College. The final league match of the season against Norton Knatchbull was unfortunately lost to the weather. In the Kent Cup the Under 15's were beaten in the first round by Harvey Grammar School.

District Qualification for the Kent School Games saw the boys up against Harvey Grammar, Walmer School and Sandwich Tech in a round robin competition played at Dover Girls' Grammar. Manwood's finished second and missed out on the Kent School Games finals.

### **Under 13**

Like the Under 15 team, the Under 13 team also participated in league tennis for the first time this year. The Under 13's enjoyed victory over Kent College but suffered defeat to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and Wellesley House, with the game against Norton Knatchbull again lost to the weather.

In the Kent Cup the Under 13's drew their first round match with Kent College, 3 matches to 3, but lost the tie overall on a count back of total games won.

The Under 13's won their district qualification competition for the Kent School Games. Well done to the Under 13 team Michael Tawiah, Alex Chapman, Tom Mansbridge, Jake Ling, Rory Smith, Jonathan Sparrow and Felix Shepherd.

## **45. Boys Cricket**

The U12's played 4, won 3 and lost 1. The loss was in the first game to a strong Kent College side in the Kent Cup. Convincing victories followed including a 10 wicket victory against Chatham House.

The U13's had a great season, winning 8 of their 9 matches. Strong performances from key players Olly Collins, Alex Smith, George Peirce and Jake Ling were ably supported by the likes of Aidan Michaels and Ed Spencer in impressive victories against Kent College, Chatham House, Ashford School and Dover Grammar. The only loss was by 10 runs in the Kent Cup semi final against Borden Grammar, but the side bounced back with impressive victories in the Dover-Shepway finals. A 91 run victory in the semi final led to a final against Harvey Grammar. Manwood's scored 198 for 3 in 20 overs with Alex Smith 91 and Olly Collins 90 not out. A 90 run partnership for Harvey Grammar made life difficult but Aidan Michael's 6 for 10 ensured a Manwood's victory and the title of Dover-Shepway Champions.

The U14's won 3 of their 5 matches but will be a little disappointed to have not got to the final in the Kent Cup. An outstanding opening victory by 111 runs against St. Lawrence College set the tone for further victories against Kent College and St Edmund's Canterbury. With many of the team making significant contributions in these games hopes were high for Kent Cup success. Skinners were 26 for 3 from 10 overs in the semi final but still managed a challenging total which we were unable to chase.

A stunning 48 run victory against St Edmund's Canterbury in the U15 Kent Cup was followed by another tough game against King's Canterbury. A defeat meant the U15 squad were hopeful of winning the Plate competition and confidence was high after good wins against Chatham House

and Dane Court. Facing arch rivals Dover Grammar in the semi final, Manwood's lost by 5 wickets bringing to an end a disappointing season. There were many fine performances from a number of players but particularly with the bat from Chris Henry, Omar Tarmohammed and Mason Denning.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI traditionally play a couple of matches but defied that tradition by winning them both! Led by George Phillips they crushed Dover College by 9 wickets before a fine performance against Chatham House in an excellent 20/20 encounter ended in an 18 run victory.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI suffered more than previous years due to the exam timetable and due to an administrative error at county which led to our omission from the Kent Cup. Despite this, the 7 games played produced some exciting cricket. Against Dover College in the opening game, the opposition needed just 1 run to win with 3 wickets remaining but Jamie Walker's 5 wickets ensured a tied game. Despite losing 4 games, the boys played a very high standard of cricket, often against strong opposition. Connor Summers led from the front as captain scoring valuable runs on a number of occasions. In his absence, Tom Laslett would do the same and both were supported with the bat by the likes of Ned Gleave, Charlie Michael and Michael Jones. Along with Walker, Jack Payne was often devastating with his pace bowling and Tom Laslett proved an excellent all rounder. We wish all the best to those leaving the school but look forward to having another strong 1<sup>st</sup> XI next season.

Thank you to all the staff who contributed to a long and successful season.

#### **46. House Competition Summer Term**

##### **1) David Starkey Junior Competition**

###### Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Sam Street (D) = 100 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Belle Afzal-Woodward (D) = 50 points  
 Elliot Bembo (D)  
 Ellie Cox (D)

###### Combined

Dorman (including most entries)= 190 points

##### **2) David Starkey Middle competition**

###### Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Savannah Lord (D) = 100 + 40 = 140 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Rigg (Tu) = 50 + 20 = 70 points  
 Chloe Forsyth (Tu)

##### **3) David Starkey Senior competition**

Most entries

Dorman	7	=	10 points
Knolles	11	=	40 points
Trappes	5	=	5 points
Tudor	9	=	20 points

###### Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Joe Fitzpatrick & Sam Nemzer (Knolles) = 100 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Wood (Dorman) & Josh Ovenden (Knolles) = 50 points (25 points each)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Thomas & James French (Tudor) = 25 points

## Combined

Dorman	=	35 points
Knolles	=	165 points
Trappes	=	5 points
Tudor	=	45 points

### **4) Girls Rounders**

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10
Dorman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Knolles	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Trappes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tudor	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

### Total House Points

Dorman	=	90 points
Knolles	=	185 points
Trappes	=	50 points
Tudor	=	125 points

### **5) Sports Day**

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Seniors	Overall
Dorman	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Knolles	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Trappes	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tudor	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Total House Points

Dorman	=	105 points
Knolles	=	130 points
Trappes	=	80 points
Tudor	=	210 points

### **6) Athletic Standards**

#### Year 9

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dorman	40 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tudor	20 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trappes	10 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Knolles	5 points

#### Year 10

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dorman	40 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Knolles	20 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tudor	10 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Trappes	5 points

### Overall Points

Dorman	80 points
Knolles	25 points
Trappes	15 points
Tudor	30 points

### **7) Boys Cricket**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dorman	40 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Knolles	20 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tudor	10 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Trappes	5 points

### **8) Year 9 Drama**

	Best actor(s)	Overall position
Dorman	Sophie Boyes, Oliver Hilleard	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Knolles	Helena Heath, Lissie Stowell	1 <sup>st</sup>
Trappes	Gemma Hill	4 <sup>th</sup>
Tudor	Megan Janaway, Izzie Drake, Mark Thomas	2 <sup>nd</sup>

For outstanding effort and dedication:

Oliver Hilleard (D) & Mark Thomas (Tu) 10 points each

Dorman	=	30 points
Knolles	=	80 points
Trappes	=	10 points
Tudor	=	50 points

### **9) Girls Basketball**

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10
Dorman	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	1 <sup>st</sup>
Knolles	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Trappes	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tudor	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

### **Total House Points**

Dorman	=	180 points
Knolles	=	50 points
Trappes	=	80 points
Tudor	=	135 points

### **10) Boys Tennis**

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Overall
Dorman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Knolles	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Trappes	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tudor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### **Total House Points**

Dorman	=	45 points
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Knolles	=	95 points
Trappes	=	165 points
Tudor	=	70 points

### **11) Culture Competition (World Cup)**

Dorman	=	55 points
Knolles	=	155 points
Trappes	=	30 points
Tudor	=	85 points

### **12) Yr 8 Boulogne Competition**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Trappes	=	40 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dorman	=	20 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tudor	=	10 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Knolles	=	5 points

### **13) Merit totals**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Trappes 821 merits	=	300 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Knolles 594 merits	=	200 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorman 513 merits	=	100 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tudor 347 merits	=	50 points

### **Final Positions**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Trappes</b>	<b>3087</b>	<b>points</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Dorman</b>	<b>3063</b>	<b>points</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Knolles</b>	<b>2939</b>	<b>points</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tudor</b>	<b>2641</b>	<b>points</b>

In spite of the lengthy nature of this newsletter, it does not claim to be an exhaustive account of everything of note that has gone on at Manwood's this term. I apologise for those many worthy activities that failed to get a mention.

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

Yours sincerely

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