



Sir Roger Manwood's School
End of Term Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Members of the School

1. Academy Status

The transition to Academy Status has continued to be a largely seamless one. The additional money received from not being top-sliced by the Local Authority has been very welcome. The cuts in budget streams that have already occurred, and others that are forecast in the future, have made this additional boost to our finances especially important.

We have also received a capital sum to modernise and refurbish some of the heating boilers around school. Although the resulting improvements will not be visible as such to the students and staff, it should give us reliability in our heating systems for the foreseeable future and also enable us to make some efficiency savings which is always good news.

2. Newly elected Prefects and Captains of School

Prior to the Year 12 going on Study Leave for their AS exams, the election was held for the new prefect body. The Year 12 cohort is a large one and it was decided to have a group of 49 prefects this year. On their return from exams they assumed their duties around school and have made an excellent impression.

From the prefect body the 4 Captains of School are elected and they are this year:

Poppy Mather
Fraser Newgreen
Dominika Szucsova
Thomas Walton.

3. Staff Farewells

Mr Tim Setchell is retiring this year after a long and illustrious career at Manwood's which spans 31 years. When he joined the school in 1980 it was to lead the RE Department and he also became Resident Tutor at the Headmaster's House, which then was a third boarding house. Mr Setchell's commitment to boarding was such that he was soon installed as Housemaster, first at HMH and then later at The Grange, before finally retiring from boarding in 2003. Meanwhile in the day school he presided over an RE Department that excelled both in popularity and in the academic results it achieved for its students. Under Mr Setchell's leadership strong links with St Clement's Church were also maintained and the tradition of special school services there and assemblies in school flourished. The Charity Committee was another group that Mr Setchell led maintaining a strong profile for charitable activity in school. Mr Setchell also contributed greatly to the activities of the CCF over the years and, in particular, oversaw the CCF Band whose fifes and drums have contributed to many an event in school and Sandwich. Mr Setchell's contribution to life at Manwood's has therefore been many and varied. Indeed he is in many ways a larger than life character to whom the pupils have responded in a very positive way. Students in his classroom know that they are going to be challenged to think about fundamental issues of human life and have enjoyed the experience. He has certainly inspired many students

over the years and many have as a result kept in touch. Mr Setchell will, therefore leave Manwood's with an excellent legacy and we wish him a long, active and happy retirement.

Miss Ros Withers is another very long-standing colleague who is retiring this year. She joined the English Department in 1985 and quickly established herself as a very respected and hard working teacher. Over time she became second in the department and in 2006 was appointed Head of Department and member of the Senior Leadership Team. Miss Withers has always been noted for her great commitment and conscientious approach to her work on behalf of her pupils. It is not unusual to see her in the Staff Work Room marking until late in the evening. This same diligence was also a feature of her approach to her tutor work in the Sixth Form. In her earlier days she was also very involved in school drama whilst more latterly she has been a keen supporter of many school trips, a dependable part of the staff team enabling such activities to happen. Her wider contribution to school life through membership of SLT was also very much appreciated. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Pat Coles is another member of staff who has decided it is time to give up the hurly-burly of school life in exchange for the less stressful times of retirement. Mrs Coles joined Manwood's in 2000 as a part-time English teacher with a keen interest in drama. Gradually the drama took over and she became a mainstay of the delivery of Drama GCSE and Theatre Studies A Level. In school she has been responsible for some excellent drama productions and Journey's End was a particular triumph. She has always been keen to give opportunities to as many students as possible to go on stage and embraced wholeheartedly the suggestions of holding a Year 9 House Drama Competition in the summer term. She has also organised many visits to the professional theatre and the two-day trip to Stratford became an annual highlight for Theatre Studies students.

In 2005 Mrs Coles became the House Parent at The Lodge. Under her care and guidance the girl's House has been a very happy one. Mrs Coles has therefore made many valuable contributions to life at Manwood's and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Jenny O'Brien is also retiring. She came to Manwood's in 2002 and quickly established herself in the English Department. As well as teaching examination classes at the top end of the school, she has taken a particular interest in promoting literacy skills across the curriculum and offering additional literacy support to small groups of students. Mrs O'Brien has also been a very valued member of the Year 7 tutorial team giving excellent pastoral support to the younger students as they make their transition from primary school to life at Manwood's. We thank Mrs O'Brien for all her hard work at Manwood's and wish her a very happy retirement.

Mrs Kate Blackwell is the last of our group of staff retiring this year. Mrs Blackwell came to Manwood's in 2007 having had a long career in a neighbouring grammar school that encompassed roles in senior management. The English Department was, therefore, very pleased to welcome an experienced colleague to teach part-time. She has made an excellent contribution teaching important examination classes and in her Sixth Form tutorial work has also shown great commitment to each individual in her care. Again, we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Jenny Preston came to Manwood's in 2009 to take up the position of Head of Art. She has definitely made her mark and leaves the department very well organised and in robust health. The recent GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition is also testimony to the creativity that has been fostered during her tenure. Mrs Preston has also made an excellent contribution to hockey in

school having played to a high standard herself. We thank her for her work here and wish her all the best in the future as she relocates to the West Country.

Ms Yvonne Klein came to Manwood's in 2009 as the German Foreign Language Assistant. Having completed an excellent year we were very pleased to support her application to undertake the Graduate Teacher Programme and train as a teacher with us. She has now completed her training successfully and we wish her well in her first teaching post at Oakham School.

In September we are therefore welcoming a number of additions to the staff:

Mrs Caroline Pestell: Head of English
Ms Claire Thompson: English Department
Ms Sara Coote: English Department
Ms Carolyn Noy: Art Department
Mr Thomas Outen: RE Department

Also in September Miss Claire Lupton will assume the role of Head of RE Department and Mr Scott Grimshaw the Head of Art. Mr David Anderson will take over the role of Gifted and Talented Coordinator from Mrs Amanda Mitchell who has decided to give up this role. Miss Stephanie Howard is giving up her role as a Classroom cover supervisor and will pursue a GTP course with us linked to the PE Department. Mr and Mrs Farnham are taking over as House Parents at The Lodge.

4. Wolfson Foundation Grant

At the end of June we heard that our application for a grant from the above Foundation had been successful. The Trustees awarded the school £25,000 towards the development of a school-wide wireless network which we plan to progress in the coming months. This is our third successful bid to the Wolfson Foundation and we are very grateful for their generous support.

5. Mathematics and Computing Specialism

- UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

The timetable made it impossible for Year 8 to take up the challenge this year, so it was decided to enter Year 7 pupils. The year group was divided in half with the top half taking the challenge and the rest taking a challenge set by MGN. The results of the UKMT challenge were pleasing with four pupils achieving Gold Awards: Charlie Drane, Megan Battenfield, Juliet Daniels and Alex Waldron (also Certificate for Best in School).

- Edge Hill Mathematics Challenge

The school took part in the Edge Hill Mathematics Challenge with Year 9. The best projects were sent up to the university and two groups won through to the second round. These two groups then presented new projects and one group, 'Mathia', was selected to take part in the final held in Ormskirk, Lancashire in the last week of term. The maths for the tasks involved teamwork and an ability to think outside the box.

At the final there were 22 teams from across the country. The four judges challenged each team to explain how they had worked together to solve the problem which they had been set. At the

end of the day it was great news to hear that Manwood's had been placed third, an excellent achievement. The team members each received a certificate and a £20 gift voucher. Congratulations to Shem Sheikh, Olie Collins, Charlie Harman, Jack Palmer and William Parker-Gorman.

- Primary Schools

There have been fewer visits to primary schools this term, but Mr Neeve has continued to send problem solving tasks each week. These are very much appreciated by the feeder schools.

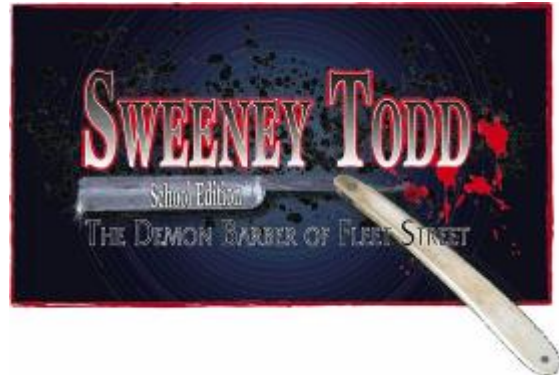
- International links

The Maths Department organized a project with the visiting students from India and China. Some year 9 students were put in groups with the visitors and each group explored the various number systems in use around the world. The groups researched, discussed the maths, made a poster and did a presentation for the pupils involved. The topics covered were, Quipu, Babylonian, Roman, Mayan and binary number systems and Egyptian fractions.

6. Music Report

With such a short term, study leave and exams the musical programme this term has been rather less busy than at other times of the year. There have still been, however, a number of things going on.

The run-up to leavers day was busy with the annual **Charity Soloists Concert** organised by the department on 5th May and **One Night Only**, an evening of music from the shows organised by the students on Friday 6th. The Soloists Concert showcased a wide range of solo and small group performances from pupils in all year groups across the school and the musicians who performed continued to set new heights in standards. The concert was the last formal opportunity for our leavers to perform and it can be said that all bade their musical farewell with great credit to themselves and the school.



Music Theatre has been a major feature of Manwood's in recent years which has reflected a broader interest in the genre and it was this enthusiasm that produced **One Night Only** on 6th May, a musicals showcase put on by a group of students in Years 9 and upwards. The event, which was also in aid of charity, was very successful and attracted a large and appreciative audience. Congratulations to all involved.

Our 2012 production was announced during the term. **Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**, written in 1976 by American music theatre Composer and Lyricist Stephen Sondheim, is one of the most ambitious shows we have attempted. Open rehearsals have been taking place this term to familiarise potential chorus and principals with the show's complex music, and auditions will be taking place in the first week of next term. We hope that this exciting project will encourage new participants to get involved and we look forward to another fantastic, if rather gory, show in February.

International guitar virtuoso, and featured artist in the 2011 Deal Festival **Dimitris Dekavallas** visited the school on June 28th to give a workshop and performance on the classical guitar to Year 7 and some current and prospective GCSE music students in Year 9 and 10. This was a fascinating and enjoyable opportunity to meet and hear a young artist of international standing and we are grateful to our friends at the Deal Festival for making it possible.



The department once again hosted ABRSM and Trinity Guildhall Examinations over two days in late June. The fact that we can now fill two days with our own candidates is indicative of the amount of interest in music and musical activities both in and out of school and we look forward to as high rates of success as previous exam sessions.

The Jazz Band put on a **Jazz Afternoon** with the Friends of Manwood's on the Headmaster's Lawn on Sunday June 26th. There were excellent performances from both the Jazz Band and Year 11 band *Caravan*. The weather was glorious after a week of cloud and showers and it was good to see so many people out enjoying the music and refreshments.

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 new opportunities (including a DJ club!) in the new academic year.



Future Music dates:

- Year 7 Brass Day Wednesday 21st September
- Divertimento Friday 30th September, 6pm
- Speech Day Friday 21st October, 2pm
- Chamber Choir singing at Canterbury Cathedral Sun 4th Dec, 6.30pm.
- Christmas Concert Thurs 8th December, 7pm
- Christmas Carol Services Thurs 15th December, 2pm
- Production of *Sweeney Todd* 2nd – 4th February 2012.
- Orchestra & Choir Tour to Istanbul 15th – 20th March 2012.



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.

7. Drama

Drama has enjoyed another successful term. Years Twelve and Thirteen produced some excellent moderated performances for their examinations. Year Eleven also completed their practical GCSE moderation to a very high standard.

As ever, trips to local and London theatres for GCSE and A Level students have been a success; with performances of 'A View from the Bridge' and 'The Servant of Two Masters', proving a worthwhile and useful aid to written examination for students. The organisation and planning of these events by Mrs Coles will be very much missed next year as we say a sad farewell after twelve years at Sir Roger Manwood's. We wish her all the very best for a happy retirement.

8. Language College Specialism

- French Boulogne Trip

Eighty six Year 8 students and nine staff travelled to Boulogne by ferry and coach, driving down the coastal 'corniche', looking at fishing villages and the remains of World War Two fortifications. In Boulogne pupils toured the town in small groups, researching details of the town's history and of French everyday life. They also practised their spoken French by completing tasks such as buying and sending a postcard, ordering a drink, and buying a cake and an ice-cream. Prizes were awarded for the best completed worksheets

- German Prize

For the third year running a Year Twelve student has competed successfully in a national essay-writing competition organized by the UK - German Connection. Laura Tottenham has won a place on an intensive language course to be held in Cuxhaven during the summer holiday. She will be living with a German family and attending daily classes in German language and culture. On returning she will be giving a presentation about her experiences to pupils in a local primary school.

9. Design Technology

We look back at a very busy and productive year in D&T. Once again our Year 8 pupils acquitted themselves well in the Toyota Technology Challenge 2011 with the Solar Samurais Team finishing a creditable 4th in the Regional Finals at Duxford.

The quality and scope of the 6th form project work is very encouraging with some excellent feedback from the AQA exam moderators. The foundation for the success of these projects are the strong community links we have developed. Next year our pupils will be undertaking projects with Wingham Wildlife Park, the Salutation Gardens, Gillingham Football Club and a number of local schools. A number of A2 DT students are looking forward to university courses in design and engineering in September. A big thank you once again to my D&T colleagues for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

10. Art & Textiles Report

GCSE & A-Level Exhibitions

The 2011 Art, Textiles & Design Technology Exhibition was a fantastic success. This was the first year of bringing the creative subjects together to exhibit in one space. The exhibition ran for a week with a private view on Thursday 30th June. Work was exhibited by GCSE and A-level students and showcased a wide range of styles, skills and processes. 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.

The best in show prize for the 2011 Exhibition was won by the outstanding portraits by Jake Lamerton.



Paige Giboin Year 13



Jake Lamerton Year 12 (Winner of Best in Show)



Harriet Vince Year 12



Nicole Henworth Yr 12



Chloe Gill Year 12

Textiles Exhibition – Summer 2011

The exhibition of Textiles examination work for Year 11, AS and A2 was a great success, with a feast of colour, textures and techniques. Year 11 is the first cohort to be examined under the new system of 'Controlled Tasks'. They rose to the challenge by creating a wide range of textiles products from elaborately embellished dresses to a colourful, interactive wall hanging. The AS group complete two key projects:

- The first is a recycle project, whereby they use good quality old textile products to produce a new and innovative textile item, requiring creative thinking. There were an array of highly original and functional products which gave new life to old – sarongs were turned into a cute little girls dress; a discarded wedding dress and shirt became a useful fashion bag and men's ties were reformed into an eye-catching halter neck dress.
- The second project required students to design and create a wall hanging, for a location of their choice, which used a wide range of techniques. The wall hangings were an array of ideas which pushed the boundaries of design and construction to produce a shooting rocket, lion with mirror and discrete pocket, potential memorabilia for a music tour, keepsake for newly weds.

A2 is the culmination of the textile examinations. Once again the level of work was very high and showcased evening dresses a contemporary maxi dress and waistcoat, a review of the 'little black dress' and a Basque with an integral bra. The students explored new techniques and dying fabrics to create their final products.



AS Textiles work showing recycled products and wall hangings.



Chinese culture was the influence for Emma Winslow, YR11, to design and create this dress.



A2 student Rebecca Stone produced this beautiful show-stopper dress; she hand sewed each tiny bead onto the straps! Studying Textiles at university is her next goal.

11. International Dimension

This has been a busy half term at Manwood's from an International perspective. The end of June saw the departure of our sixth formers, led by Mr Williams and Ms Nelson, to teach at the summer school held by our partner school, Hengshui High School, in Hebei Province, China. They are presently enjoying sightseeing in Beijing, including visits to the Forbidden City and The Great Wall, before their classes start this weekend.

June also saw the arrival of our exchange students from Hengshui High School, as well as from Shree Krishna Pranami Public School, our partner school in India. They enjoyed visits to London, Cambridge and local places of interest, including Canterbury and Dover and Leeds Castles. They also participated in a project for a morning in mixed groups of pupils from SKPPS, HSHS and SRMS on number systems in Maths. A special thank you goes to the Maths department (particularly to Mrs Rose) for their help in co-ordinating a successful and rewarding event. This term also saw day trips to Boulogne by the French department.

12. David Starkey Junior Public Speaking Competition

The Junior Public Speaking Competition took place on Wednesday 5th July. There were separate competitions for Years 7-9. Despite the fact that speaking in front of their peers was a very daunting task, the standard of the speeches was outstanding. The overall winner of the Year 7 competition was Alex Gallagher, representing Tudor House. Her speech on 'Fair Trade holds back the developing World' was delivered with real clarity and she managed to engage the audience effectively. It was extremely well researched, showed awareness of counter-argument and contained some good statistical support. Jacob Fagg, representing Knolles House, was judged the best male speaker. His speech on 'Happiness is the Business of Government' was very amusing and had some very good supporting quotes and use of appropriate terminology.

The Year 8 competition was won by Ffion Green, a member of Trappes House, who spoke on the topic 'People need protecting from violent lyrics, films and video games'. Her speech was particularly well researched and contained detailed scientific evidence in support of her argument. Ffion used a number of specific case studies to support her argument including the murder of James Bulger and claims that John Venables and Robert Thompson were influenced by violent computer games. The best male entrants were Bradley Gabr-Ryn and a paired team consisting of Euan Walters and Keelan Down, representing Dorman and Knolles Houses respectively. Bradley spoke on 'It is irresponsible to provide IVF to women in their fifties' and Euan and Keelan discussed 'Human genetic engineering is a step too far'.

The Year 9 competition was won for Dorman House by Laura Daniels. Her speech on 'Animal experimentation cannot be justified' grabbed her audience with shocking images of animal cruelty and good use of audience participation. It contained detailed statistical evidence and was thought provoking. Laura's fellow Dorman entrant Sam Street and Jacob Werth of Trappes House were the best male participants. Sam's discussion on 'Wikileaks is good for democracy' was clear and balanced, with excellent supporting scientific evidence.

The competition could not have happened without Mr Acourt, Miss Beale, Mr Grimshaw and Mrs Lamb who gave up their time to help the students plan their speeches and judge the competition. Many thanks to them.

13. Science

On Monday 4^h 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 direct one team member through a room to find clues using an infrared camera in the dark, steer a radio controlled car through a maze to collect further information, 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!

14. Film Club

An exciting new club has started at Manwoods this year – **Film Club!**

Each week we screen a wide range of familiar and more challenging films. Particular favourites this year have included *The Truman Show*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *Spirited Away* and *Son of*

Rambow. Many members of the club have been surprised at how much they have enjoyed watching films from different genres, cultures and eras. One of the surprise hits of the year was a subtitled French film, *The Chorus*. It was also a great pleasure to end the year with a screening of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, which featured a keen Film Club member, Jack Scanlon.

Film Club members have been able to suggest future films, and write reviews on the Film Club website – www.filmclub.org

This year Film Club has been piloted with years 7-8. However from September we plan to run two separate screenings for years 7-9 and 10-11. Film Club runs Wednesday after school in Room 14. New members are always welcome. More information from Mrs Turrell in the Library and Ms Poole in Room 14.

15. International History & Culture Competition – Famous Marriages

Pupils from Sir Roger Manwood's School have been taking part in an International History & Culture Competition over the last term, based on famous marriages and linked to the Royal Wedding on 29.4.11



The 4 winners from Round 1 were 7D (Queen Victoria & Prince Albert - Britain), 8D (Nefertiti & Amenhotep – Ancient Egypt), 9K (Prince Rainier & Grace Kelly - Monaco) and 10A (Franklin D. Roosevelt & Eleanor Roosevelt – America) who went into the semi-final which was to create a 3D display on their country's culture. The entries were very good indeed and 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 to be evidence of the whole form's involvement. The

winner of the semi-final was 7D and 8D with their stunning and very tactile displays.

The final of the competition was held during morning assembly on May 6th. The finalists had to deliver an 8 minute presentation on their country's culture. The presentations were very good and the audience were thoroughly engaged by the visual spectaculars of 7D and 8D. 8D opted for an Ancient Egyptian catwalk show and 7D presented a tour around Victorian Britain in the form of exhibitions which came to life. Both presentations were very innovative, but 7D won in the end, due to the amount of information that they were able to put across to the audience in only 8 minutes. We all learnt a great deal about Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and their many children.



First prize was a fantastic day trip to London to visit the Victoria and Albert Museum and to be the envy of all of the other forms in the school who had to stay at school that day. Second Prize was a giant cake for the whole form. 7D enjoyed their first prize on 29th June greatly and returned home even more cultured than they were before! 8D enjoyed their runners-up cake very much – it is amazing how quickly a 14 inch iced sponge cake can disappear when set upon by hungry Year 8s. The competition 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!

16. Headstart Day for Oxbridge Applicants – 15 June 2011

On Wednesday 15 June 2011, 17 students from Year 12 who are aiming 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. Those students were: Tom Ashley (Natural Sciences), Joe Beautridge (Law), Alex Boddy (Natural Sciences), Oblie Botchway (Medicine), Katie Brookes (Modern Languages), Alice Cope (Natural Sciences), Richard Everard (Engineering), Connor Gower (Economics), Robert Kirby (Modern and Medieval Languages), Vicky Lacis (English), Fraser Newgreen (Social Sciences), Olivia O'Brien (Modern Languages), Francesca Street (English), Dominika Szucsova (Economics), Chris Thomas (Earth Sciences), Laura Tottenham (Natural Sciences), Tom Walton (Medicine),

In the morning, the students took part in an interactive presentation on preparing for questions in the admissions tests and at interview. 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 attended the personal statement workshop and took a relevant mock admission test.

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 17 students, and all the other Year 12 students luck in their university application process. Students will all be busy this summer writing their Personal Statement in time to start sending off their application on our return to school in September.

17. Library News

A group of Year 7, 8 and 9s have been 'Shadowing' the Carnegie Medal this term. We have enjoyed reading the six short-listed books and meeting once a week to discuss them. Our reviews have been posted on the Carnegie website: www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk. This year we also looked at the books short-listed for the Kate Greenaway medal (for best illustrations). At our final meeting we voted for our favourite book and the actual winner was announced. We hadn't chosen the same book as the judges – but the students who had read the winning book agreed that it was very good! Manwoods' winning book was 'The Bride's Farewell' by Meg Rosoff. The actual winner was 'Monsters of Men' by Patrick Ness.

We have also run a Reading Group for Sixth Form and staff which has met on an occasional basis at lunchtime in the Library. Books read this year include 'On Chesil Beach' by Ian McEwan and 'Half of A Yellow Sun' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Miss Peycelon and Mrs Turrell are always trying to encourage more members and hope some new Year 12s will join us in September!

Finally, we were very sad to hear of the imminent closure of Sandwich Bookshop. Louise Vance has been fantastic at sponsoring author visits to our school and providing an excellent book-ordering service. She and her Bookshop will be much missed

18. CCF

- Cadet Centre for Adventure Training (CCAT)

During the Easter holidays two cadets joined Ski Trips provided by the Army in Bavaria. Second Lieutenant Philpott completed her training and assessment as a mountain bike leader. She has been mountain biking for a number of years and now has the qualification to lead cadets on adventure training.

- Signals

Cpl Luke Upton went to the Royal Corps of Signals Training Centre to attend a course for Cadet Signallers. He returned as an instructor and under his leadership the CCF entered two national signals competitions over the year. The teams operated High Frequency radio sets over 24 hours from the school playing fields. Points were awarded for the number of other schools contacted and messages passed. Second Lieutenant Ferris set up the equipment and supervised the event with the help of Second Lieutenant Philpott, Second Lieutenant Moon and Miss Howard. This was the second consecutive year that SRMS CCF has fielded an active signals team and we hope that the number of signals activities will continue to grow.

- Adventure Training Camp

In early April sixteen cadets went to Capel Curig in Wales for Adventure Training. Activities included kayaking, climbing, hill walking and a morning on a high ropes course with Treetop Adventures. Cadets completed a two day expedition camping overnight in Snowdonia. Thanks to 7 Cadet Training Team for providing the two instructors we needed for the climbing and kayaking. Thanks also to Major Wilson for his instruction. Next year we plan to go to the Lake District during the Easter school holiday.

- Biennial Inspection

In May the CCF was inspected by Lieutenant Colonel Minton MBE. The CCF paraded on Farrer Field and after an inspection cadets demonstrated their skills in the cadet proficiency syllabus for the Inspecting Officer and VIPs to review.

- School Rifle Range

We try to open the range on school at least once each week. Sergeant Katie Janes was the Shooting Team Captain. Some of our new cadets have shown real skill in shooting and we have given the Old Manwoodian team three close competitions. The team results have drawn closer over each competition and with our young team we hope to beat the OMA team next year. A number of shooting badges have been awarded. Special mention should be made to Olly Lyon, Dash Eyles, Tom Wiltshire, Toby Freeland and Callum Chiverton who all scored highly with either the .22 rifle and the cadet A2 5.56 rifle.

- Summer Camp

In June twenty four cadets attended Summer Camp in Longmoor. Cadets squeezed one month's worth of activities into a week that included kayaking, canoeing, a navigation exercise, rifle shooting, paint balling, army assault course, mountain biking, a cinema range shoot, command tasks, section and platoon attacks. It was a very busy week provided by the army and led by the Cadets. The final day of camp was a competition over a number of military activities and some sports.

In the Military Skills Competition the SRMS team comprised Senior Cadets: Company Sergeant Major Max Pulger-Frame, Colour Sergeant Lydia Fuller, Sergeants Tom Mortimer, Rayeesa Mahomed, Corporals Tom Atkins, Elisabeth Stowell, Isaac Cook and Luke Upton, Lance Corporal David Brierley and Cadet Olly Lyon. They participated in a number of assessed activities over the day and were victorious over a number of other schools with larger contingents. They received a shield and individual medals for their efforts.

The junior cadets entered the football tournament and were runners up.

Special thanks must go to Captain Dean, Captain Money, Second Lieutenant Philpott, Second Lieutenant Ferris, Miss Howard and Miss Manning for providing the adult supervision. The camp was a huge success and enjoyed by all.



- Promotions

On the 30th June a number of cadets were promoted in preparation for the new school year. The new Cadet Company Sergeant Major is Tom Mortimer. Also promoted were Colour Sergeant Richard Everard and Sergeants Rayeesa Mahomed, Katie Janes and Olly MacKinnon. A second promotion parade later in the year will see some more cadets promoted after demonstrating leadership qualities on the Cadet Instructors Course due in November.

- Corps of Drums

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Harlow and the Corps of Drums have had another busy year with performances for the school, civil and military parades and events. Many of the events supported by the Band are annual occurrences. The school has received letters commending and complimenting the Band. Much credit goes to Drum Major Tom Mortimer and Sergeant Jack West-Sherring, who together have organised and taught the cadets, preparing them for another successful year. Unfortunately, we have not had any new members join the band this year and we are saying farewell to some talented musicians who are leaving the school. If you are interested in joining the CCF Band please come along to the CCF.

- Cadet Leadership Course

Colour Sergeant Richard Everard closed the CCF year by attending the Cadet Leadership Course at the Cadet Training Centre in Frimley Park. This one week course is for selected senior cadets and provides training in leadership.

- Army Scholarship Competition

Matthew Ford (Year 11), after a rigorous selection procedure against significant competition nationally has been awarded an Army Scholarship for his two years in the Sixth Form.

We are planning another busy year ahead with more of the same plus a few additional events so come along and join in.

19. Duke Edinburgh Award Scheme

Five major expeditions have occurred so far this summer term and a further two expeditions (Gold) will take place during the summer vacation.

Year 9 students participated in a Bronze Practice expedition on the North Downs and a qualifying expedition in the Elham and Alkham Valley. Routes were sufficiently challenging to test their navigational skills and team work in most groups was excellent.

A Silver practice expedition took place in the High Weald of Kent during the May Bank Holiday weekend. The qualifying expedition took place in the Ashdown Forest during the last weekend of the summer term in superb weather. All groups rose to the challenge of the silver award keeping to their chosen routes and completing them in good time.

Gold expeditions are occurring in the coming weeks in the Brecon Beacons and the Yorkshire Dales.

20. Work Experience 4th - 22nd July

Work Experience placements for year 11 students have once again been difficult to find. The recession has removed placements or employers in their entirety. There have been employers who have supported our work experience program for a number of years who have closed or are closing in the near future. This is very sad news for everyone in the local community as well as the school.

Sir Roger Manwood's School, however, still gets good support from local businesses and parents which has resulted in 155 work experience places for 103 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. We again have had a few students who have been able to access out of county placements in places like London, Colchester, Belfast, Alberta and India.

Our students have had their experience of the world of work boosted this year by the return of the Open Golf to Sandwich. Large numbers of year 11 students have obtained paid employment for this period.

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

21. Year 10 Business Enterprise Week

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. The 24 companies competed in round one on the last day of the week setting up stalls and presenting their ideas. 10 groups then went through to round two and competed in the school hall presenting their ideas to a range of judges from local businesses.

Best presentation was awarded to **Surepass** who were aiming to produce a free revision website that promoted competition between students and offered prizes to the winners. Once registered students could compete against each other and earn points for each victory. Points could then be converted to prizes.

Its members included Tom Atkins, Tommy Cheng, Zack Cole, Tarran Goodrich, Dylan Hall.

Best idea was awarded to **Full Circle** who were aiming to get into the ethical clothing market, with clothes made from recycled materials using Fairtrade concepts. Old clothes could be traded in and a 10% discount would then be available on new purchases. They intended to be a world wide brand within 10 years.

Its members included Ellie Borlase, Sophie Boyes, Jessica Robson, Hannah Sykes, Zhinlap Yamang.

Best overall idea, aural and written presentations came from **Allegro** were aiming to sell a revolutionary digital device that stored sheet music and allowed musicians to view the music

while playing their instruments. Page turning would be automatic and one free download was available for each book of music that was recycled. Its members included Hannah Bossers, Chloe Brown, Sarah Carlotti, Alex Clay, Elisabeth Stowell, Lucy Walden.

22. Photography Competition

Manwood's Travel Photographer of the Year 2011

Over the summer holidays, pupils are being encouraged to look for photographic opportunities that could win them a prize in Manwood's Travel Photographer of the Year competition. Whether pupils are at home or abroad, their fantastic travel photos could give them the chance to win a digital photo frame or a day out in London, going to the amazing World Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Natural History Museum.

All students need to do, at the start of next term, is print off and hand in their best pictures. We're looking for more than just snaps on the beach and there are three themes to help guide them towards submitting a winning photo:

- **Amazing Places** – images of cities or natural landscapes
- **Cultures & traditions** – pictures of the ways that people live that are completely different from our own.
- **World in motion** – we travel by anything from horse drawn carriage to jumbo jet, all of which can make a great photo.

23. Summer Ball

On Saturday 2 July, 193 students from Year 12 and 13 and members of staff arrived at school at 7.30pm dressed up to the nines, looking ravishing in their ball dresses and DJs for the annual Sixth Form Summer Ball. Tables decorated with gold and purple balloons, silver chairs, chandeliers, dance floor, starlights and gorgeous white drapings had transformed the Sports Hall into a most magical setting for the event. For the first time, students and staff were treated to a hog roast which, at 85 kilos, just about managed to feed everyone! The music provided by Neil, the DJ, was excellent and got everyone dancing till 1am. It was a most enjoyable evening, and a wonderful way of saying our final goodbyes to our Year 13 students. Thank you to all the staff who supported the event and, above all, to all the students who attended who made it such a nice evening.

24. Sporting News



Lucy Roper, a keen player on the Manwood's, Walmer and Canterbury Tennis Teams, was recently chosen out of 2,500 to be one of 30 ball girls at the Barclay's ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 in November. She had to attend regional trials and took part in rigorous tests of agility, endurance, co-ordination, ball skills and speed, all overseen by Boris Becker and Andy Murray's former coach, Mark Petchey.

Boys Cricket Report

The nature of the academic summer term means cricket is suffering greatly. Unavailability due to exams, controlled assessments and coursework is made even worse with clashes with D of E, CCF and a particularly short summer term this year because of the Open. Many of these factors are felt across all schools and many matches were cancelled due to a sheer lack of numbers from one school or another.

The positive aspect of this developing trend is the opportunity for students to represent older year groups and gain valuable experience of a higher standard of cricket. This disjointed cricket season has enjoyed a number of individual highlights.

- U12's

The U12's were coached by Mr Anderson and were an unusually inexperienced Manwood's team with just one or two boys who play club cricket. The highlight of their season was a victory against Pent Valley and both Jasper Lindsay-Miles and Tom Sumner went on to represent the U13 side.

- U13's

The U13's suffered with disruption more than any other team with circumstances meaning they didn't play their first match until the second half of term. They lost to Kent College in the Kent Cup but went on to demonstrate what might have been, winning their other matches. The team is strong in the bowling department with everybody contributing wickets, whilst the batting of Harry Miles regularly impressed. Rory Smith went on to represent the U14 Kent Cup squad and his stunning 101 not out against Sandwich Tech and 79 not out against St Lawrence College highlight his star quality.

- U14's

Our most successful team this year were the U14's who won all of their league and friendly games with ease and had a fantastic run in the Kent Cup. After a bye in round one, they played Queen Elizabeth Grammar Faversham in round two. 61 from Ollie Collins and 3 for 5 from Aidan Michaels ensured a 42 run victory. In round three against Kent College, Ollie Collins produced an outstanding individual performance scoring 96 not out and taking 2 for 24 to beat strong opposition and ensure progression to the quarter finals. A team performance in the field reduced Chatham House to just 90 from their 20 overs which were knocked off with 4.4 overs to spare, Alex Smith top scoring with 42 not out. Batting first against Skinners in the semi final, Alex Smith's 50 not out helped the team to 119 for 3 from their 20 overs. In reply, another fine team performance in the field reduced Skinners to 71 all out with Rory Smith finishing with 4 for 11, booking the team a place in the final against Dartford Grammar School. The final was held at Tenterden CC and after winning the toss, Manwood's batted first. An opening partnership of 65 between Ollie Collins (30) and George Peirce (40) got the team off to a good start and we finished on 153 for 2 off 20 overs with Alex Smith contributing 41 not out and Rory Smith 21 not out. Dartford Grammar started well in reply but 2 for 14 from Jake Ling kept them below the run rate. Despite taking wickets as the game progressed, the opposition stayed in with a chance and a nerve wrecking final over saw the opposition also finish with 153 runs but for the loss of 6 wickets. As a result the boys won the Kent Cup having lost fewer wickets! The team played magnificently all season

and matched high skill levels with an excellent attitude and work ethic. The boys fully deserve the title of Kent Cup Winners and we look forward to them defending their title next season.

- U15's

The U15's were hoping to have as good a run in the Kent Cup as they had enjoyed in previous years. After a bye in round one, they travelled to Norton Knatchbull to play on a difficult pitch. An excellent bowling and fielding performance reduced Knatchbull to 75 from their 20 overs with George Peirce, Will Thurgate and Aidan Thatcher taking 2 wickets apiece. Knatchbull had some excellent bowlers themselves and it took a mature batting display from George Peirce to guide the team over the line by 3 wickets.

Unfortunately, this turned out to be the highlight of the season as an impressive batting display from Sandwich Tech in the next round meant a 20 run defeat. Individually however a number of players went on to represent the senior squad during the remainder of the season.

- 1st XI

The senior squad was a very young one with a number of players from years 9 and 10 getting matches. Will Thurgate (year 10) and Alex Smith and Ollie Collins (year 9) were key members of the side and contributed significantly to team performances with bat and/or ball. After a poor batting performance against Sandwich CC, the team produced an excellent all round display to post a convincing 7 wicket victory against Duke of York's in the Kent Cup. A very tough second round match away to Skinner's produced a highly creditable display but ultimately a 32 run defeat.

The season continued in a highly disruptive manner with the team constantly changing personnel due to unavailability, the result being good individual performances but negative results. Individually, Mason Denning from year 11 was consistently outstanding for the team with a top score of 102 not out against Harvey Grammar and Connor Michaels had a good season behind the stumps whilst contributing with the bat, top scoring with 65 against St Edmund's Canterbury.

Tom Laslett proved to be an outstanding captain and, along with Ned Gleave and Jack Payne, provided experience and high quality performances to inspire the younger players around them. We wish them and the other year 13 leavers all the best for the future and look forward to seeing how the younger players continue to progress in 2012.

A big thank you to Mr Anderson, Mr Riordan, Mr Laslett, Mr Van Poppel and Mr Pearce who gave up their time to coach and umpire hours of cricket this summer.



Senior 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 second round of the Aegon National Schools Cup after a first round bye. 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.

The quarter final draw produced a home tie against Bethany School. On this occasion no doubles ties were required as Manwood's produced a sublime display to win all four singles

matches. This put the match beyond their opponents who conceded the match without playing the doubles games.

Langley Park School visited Manwood's in the semi-final of the regional section of the National Cup, with Manwood's looking to secure a place in the final for the second year running. Manwood's number 1 seed, Year 7 James Davis, faced a tough match against the UK's number one Under 18 player Francis Sargeant. James fought hard and hit some excellent winning shots; he impressed all who were watching with his talent and potential. However James eventually lost the tie 6/3, 6/1 but showed tremendous promise for the future. Number 2 seed Toby Churchill faced another highly rated player in UK number 9 seed Luke Bateup. This match saw a succession of long rallies with both boys playing some outstanding tennis. As a result the match seemed very close throughout although Toby was eventually beaten 6/2, 6/2. Number 3 seed Josh Spink was beaten by the same score by his opposite number and number 4 seed Andrew Symonds lost 6/3, 6/0. Manwood's were beaten 4-0 and Langley advanced to the final, however it has been another excellent season for the senior team. Reaching a national semi final, and a national final in two years is an outstanding achievement. We wish departing players Toby Churchill and Andrew Symonds all the best for the future and look forward to seeing existing players Josh Spink, James Davis, and others coming through, continue to build on our growing reputation for senior tennis.



Kent Doubles Championships – Bromley Tennis Centre – 10th June 2011

Under 15

Manwood's pair Michael Tawiah and Tom Mansbridge won their group comfortably, winning all four matches. In the round of 16 the boys went behind early to Harvey Grammar losing the first two games of the match. However, a determined fight back and some outstanding tennis saw Michael and Tom come back to win the match 4-2, and advance to the quarter finals.

Unfortunately Quarter final opponents Norton Knatchbull proved too strong and finished winners by 3 games to 1. However, with both boys currently in Year 9 they will be able to enter the Under 15 competition again next year and will hope to improve on this years excellent top 8 finish.

Under 13

After finishing as runners up in their group, second pair Jonathan Sparrow and Laurie Marshall qualified for the knock out stages of the main competition as the overall best placed runners up.

Unfortunately despite a close match and some excellent tennis the boys lost their last 16 match against a strong pair from the Judd School.

Number 1 pair James Davis and Tom Pullen sailed through the group stages only dropping one game on route to winning the group. Following heavy rain the knockout stages of the competition were reduced to the best of 5 games. James and Tom faced Ravensbourne School in the last 16, winning by 3 games to 1. Victories again followed, by the same score, in the quarter and semi finals against Rochester Maths and The Judd School respectively. Opponents in the final were Sevenoaks School and after some outstanding tennis from all four players James and Tom claimed an outstanding victory and the title of Under 13 Kent Schools Doubles Champions 2011.

Under 13 and Under 15 Aegon League Tennis

In a rain disrupted season both teams remained unbeaten in the league matches that were played.

The Under 13 team consisting of James Davis, Tom Pullen, Jonathan Sparrow, Laurie Marshall and Felix Shepard claimed good wins over Harvey Grammar School, Wellesley House, and finished with an emphatic 6-0 win over Kent College.

The Under 15 team of Harry Urquhart, Alex McNie, Michael Tawiah, and Alex Chapman recorded 5-1 wins over Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Faversham and Kent College.

Athletics Report

Boys

With the term being so short this year and there being a large amount of fixtures being played across the school, there was not much opportunity for athletics with the boys only taking part in two competitions.

The first competition was the South East Kent Schools Athletics Competition held at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. Manwood's were competing against other schools in the junior (years 8 and 9) and inter (years 10 and 11) boys levels. In the junior boys there were impressive victories by Josh Botchway in the shot, Lewis Parsons in the discus and Shem Sheikh in the 800m. Ed Spencer narrowly missed out on first place in the 200m by 0.64s. Manwood's finished second in the junior boys category, with Dover Boys finishing first. The inter boys again saw some impressive performances from Manwood's. Jack Smith came first in the 800m and Kurt King was victorious in the high jump. Sam Hursey was a close second in the shot and Joe Hawkins narrowly coming second in the 200m. Manwood's finished second in the inter boys category, again being topped by Dover Boys. This meant that overall Manwood's finished second in the boys competition.

Performances in the South East Kent Competition meant that some of our students qualified for the Kent Schools Championships. These students were Lewis Parsons in the discus, Joe Conway in the 100m and 200m and Josh Botchway in the shot. Josh Botchway won this event with a throw of 11.65m, qualifying at county standard for the Inter County Match at Erith.

The second competition was the annual Powell Trophy again held at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. Again we were competing at junior (7 & 8) and inter (9 & 10) boys level. At the junior level there were victories from Dash Eyles in the shot, Dan Woodward in the javelin and Rob

Henry in the 1500m. Michael Rowarth missed out on first place in the 100m by a mere 0.15s and James Davis came second in the shot. In the inter boys competition victories came from Josh Botchway in the shot and Jack Smith in the 800m. Although there were impressive personal performances by Manwood's, our inexperience, especially at junior level, meant that overall Manwood's finished fourth in the boys' competition.

Sports day this year only saw one boys' record being broken and that came in the year 9 shot where Josh Botchway recorded a distance of 12.85m, beating the previous record by 1.09m. A throw of 12.85m is a national standard at that age level.

There is however a lot of hope for boys' athletics next year and with a longer term Manwood's hope to enter a few more competitions. With the extra year's experience we should see Manwood's back into contention for trophies once again.

Thanks must go to all staff who have helped out with boys' athletics over the term giving up their time for lunchtime practices and to go to competitions.

Girls

As in previous years, this term was another successful season for girls' athletics at Manwood's. Manwood's only entered two competitions due to the short term and other fixtures being played in such a short space of time.

The first competition was the South East Kent Schools Athletics Competition at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. Manwood's competing in the junior (years 8 and 9) and inter (years 10 and 11) girls competitions. In the junior girls there were victories from Bobby Clay in the 800m, Polly Abbott in the long jump, Jade Cunningham in the high jump and also in the 4x100m relay. Manwood's finished first in the junior girls category, beating close rivals Sandwich Tech by 3 points. The inter girls again gave impressive performances. Victories came from Imogen Stocks in the 100m and shot, Laura Gearey in the 200m, Alex Clay in the 1500m, Ellie Borlase in the discus, Hannah Sykes in the high jump and again in the 4x100m relay. Kirsty Leightley narrowly missed out on victory in the 800m by 0.02s. These impressive performances meant Manwood's finished comfortably in first place in the inter girls category, meaning overall the girls won the competition.

Performances in the South East Kent Competition meant that some of the girls qualified for the Kent Schools Championships. These students were Ellie Borlase in the inter girls discus, Bobby Clay in the 800m junior girls and Alex Clay in the 1500m inter girls. Poppy Collins and Katie Williams in year 7 were additions to the list as their times in the 100m for Poppy and 200m for Poppy and Katie qualified them for the event. Bobby Clay won the 800m with a national standard time of 2:14.10 and she ended up going all the way to the English Schools Competition where she again won with a time of 2:11.37 making her no.1 in England at her age group in this category. Many congratulations to her. Alex Clay was placed second at the Kent School Championships and made it all the way to the English Schools Competition where she came seventh in her heat, an extremely impressive performance to reach that stage.

The second competition was the annual Powell Trophy again held at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford, a competition that the girls have won for the past 7 years. Again the girls competed at junior (7 & 8) and inter (9 & 10) girls level. At the junior level there were victories from Poppy Collins in the 100m and 200m, Charlotte Nicholas in the 800m. Adele Eke performed well in the 100m but could only take second place. In the inter girls competition victories came from Bobby

Clay in the 200m and 800m, Imogen Stocks in the javelin and shot with Estelle Papaugnot coming in a close second in the shot, Alex Clay in the 1500m, Harriet Jackson in the long jump, Hannah Sykes in the high jump and victory in the 4x100m relay. With all the successes in the competition it was inevitable that Manwood's were to take the trophy again making it the eighth consecutive year that Manwood's have won the competition.

Sports day this year only saw one record broken and that came in the Year 7 200m where Poppy Collins won with a time of 28.24s, beating the old record by 1.38s.

With so many impressive performances over the term, next year looks to be another great year for girls' athletics at Manwood's.

Thanks must go to all staff who have helped out with girls' athletics over the term and who have given up their time for lunchtime practices and to go to competitions.

Girls Tennis Report

The senior girls tennis season began with a match against the Duke of Yorks. All of the team were in good form and we won convincingly 9 – 0. Our next match was against St Edmunds Canterbury who normally provide us with some excellent competition. On this occasion however, we were too strong for them and won 8 – 1. Our first pair this season were 2 students from year 9 – Lucy Roper and Andrea Sreckovic who are both very talented and contributed much to the overall success of the team. We wish them well for the future. The final senior match was against a strong team from St Lawrence College. The games themselves were much closer but, again, we managed a good victory finally winning 6 – 3. We finished the season undefeated and look forward to next year. Our senior players were Kirsty Greaves, Stephanie Roberts, Jess Greaves, Natasha Roberts, Laura Higgins, Lauren Maw, Gracie Irvine and Jasmine Hollis.

The junior tennis was just as successful as the senior tennis. The u14 team played St Edmunds Canterbury and won 7 – 2, and then beat St Lawrence College 9 – 0. The junior tennis team included Lucy Roper, Andrea Sreckovic, Phoebe Urquhart and Gemma Bright.

In addition to the school matches the girls were entered into 2 separate tournaments. The first tournament was held in Bromley and pulled together the best players in the South East. Our first pair of Lucy Roper and Andrea Sreckovic managed to reach the quarter finals and our second pair of Phoebe Urquhart and Gemma Bright only narrowly missed getting in to the second round. While the competition was very high the experience was really important and the girls now have something to aim towards.

The second competition was the Aegon Competition which involved playing a number of other schools. The junior team played 3 matches and won the first against Wellesley House, then beat Highworth Grammar School but lost the third to Kent College. They did however play very well and for some of them it was their first ever tennis match. They finished second overall. The team included Gemma Bright, Molly Farley, Olivia Simms, Phoebe Urquhart, Maddy Evans and Ife Yinka – Adebis.

The Intermediate team won all of their matches beating Kent College and Queen Elizabeth's School, Faversham, thereby becoming champions of the area.

The final fixture was a trip to Wimbledon and this was just a fabulous day. Being able to see so many great players on Centre Court and Number One Court and to savour the atmosphere of Wimbledon was a great experience and one that the girls will always remember.

Thank you for to Mrs Urquhart for all her support for tennis this summer.

Rounders

U12s

This season the U12s have demonstrated considerable skill and competed in the district tournament being placed third overall. The team also secured victories against St Edmunds, Sandwich Technology School and Walmer.

U13s

The team continued to build on their Year 7 successes and had an excellent season losing only their first match against a formidable Duke of York's team. The Year 8 squad were hoping to avenge this defeat during the Year 9 Rounders Tournament but unfortunately poor weather conditions led to cancellation, along with several other games throughout the term. In the playable matches the Manwood's team demonstrated dominance over their rivals with high scoring results over Sandwich Technology and Dover Girls Grammar. There has been a large turnout to Monday sessions and excellent match play by all members of the team throughout the season, but a special mention should go to captain Molly Farley in her position on backstop, Phoebe Urquhart on first and Sarah Blanchard who demonstrated talent in both her batting and fielding play.

U14s

The Year 9 rounders team has been very successful this year. Every game ended in victory for Manwoods. The most recent match against Walmer turned out to be the best game of the season with a score of 27 ½ - 9. The team had great spirit and fought hard to win every match. There are a few players who deserve special mention, Jo Bramwell the backstop, Lucy Roper first post and the captain Casey Baughan. We would also like to thank Mrs Drewry for taking the team this year as they have gone from strength to strength.

U15s

The U15s rounders team, captained by Ellie Borlase, had a successful if short season as weather played havoc with the fixtures list. Their first game against Dover Girls Grammar saw a comfortable win of 29 – 10. With the tournament cancelled, the U15s final match came with success winning 24 ½ - 16 against St Edmunds, Dover. Despite a short season, there were notable performances from Immy Stocks, Lucy Walden and Lisa Clements in bat and Harriet Jackson and Hannah Sykes in fielding.

Individual Sporting Successes

Katy Morris (Year 13) recently competed in the Sports Acro National Finals alongside 396 Acrobatic gymnasts and 293 tumblers, all aiming to secure a medal. Against this intense competition Katy won a Bronze Medal in the Grade 4 Women's Pairs. Katy has also been shortlisted in the British Gymnastics National Awards for Young Volunteer of the Year for her

work with Deal Gymnastics Club. She is one of three candidates shortlisted from all over the UK.

George Hyett (8 Tr) was selected to represent the South East England Topper Sailing team in the National Sailing Championships held at Rutland Water in May.

Gifted and Talented in PE

The PE G&T scheme continues to go from strength to strength, with further developments planned from September 2011. Currently, our G&T scheme caters for 85 students across years 7-13, approximately 9% of the student body.

The students have achieved a great deal and have benefited from the wide range of activities they have experienced. The work they have done with local primary schools has been very well received by children, parents and staff alike and they have added to the excellent reputation we have as a school.

A great deal of the community work we do has been organised by our SSCO Mr Ian Hall who has worked on our behalf in the Dover Sport Partnership for the last three years. Unfortunately, the government have removed this programme and Mr Hall will no longer be with us. However, plans are being made to cover this huge loss and we hope to continue with our work in the local community in the future.

Below is a summary of the opportunities our students have been benefiting from this year:

Level 1 Mini Tennis Leader's Award
Hockey Umpires Training
Northbourne Tag Rugby Day
Northbourne Winter Cup
Weekly Quicksticks Hockey League @ SRMS
Primary School Basketball Club @ Walmer
Northbourne Sports Ability Festival
Aylesham Winter Cup
Sandwich Infants Multiskills
Goodnestone Winter Cup
Eastry Sportshall Athletics
Basketball Festival @ SRMS
Badminton Leader's Award
Young Leader's Conference
Cricket Festivals

25. Summer Term 2011 House Results Summary

There have been many competitions this term with lots of points to be won. The students have participated in great numbers and the final placings were only decided in the last week of term.

1) David Starkey Senior competition

<u>Most entries</u>	Dorman	9	= 20 points
	Knolles	7	= 10 points
	Trappes	10	= 40 points

	Tudor	6	= 5 points
<u>Competition</u>			
1 st	Josh Ovenden (K) Sam Wood (D)		= 100 points (50 points each)
2 nd	Dominika Szukova & Poppy Mather (TR)		= 50 points
3 rd	Connor Gower (D) & Thomas Ashley (TR)		= 10 points (5 each)
	Thomas Walton (D) & Joe Beautridge (K)		= 10 points (5 each)

Combined

Dorman	= 80 points
Knolles	= 65 points
Trappes	= 95 points
Tudor	= 5 points

2) International History & Culture Competition

Entries

Dorman	= 20 points
Knolles	= 30 points
Trappes	= 30 points
Tudor	= 30 points

Competition

1 st	7 Dorman	= 100 points
2 nd	8 Dorman	= 50 points
3 rd	9 Knolles	= 25 points

Combined

Dorman	= 170 points
Knolles	= 55 points
Trappes	= 30 points
Tudor	= 30 points

3) David Starkey Public Speaking Junior Competition

Year 7

<u>Individuals</u>	1 st	Alex Gallagher (Tu)	= 20 points
	2 nd	Jacob Fagg (K)	= 10 points

<u>Teams</u>	1 st	Tudor (193)	= 40 points
	2 nd	Trappes (188)	= 20 points
	3 rd	Dorman (183)	= 10 points
	4 th	Knolles (173)	= 5 points

Year 8

Individuals 1st Ffion Green (Tr) = 20 points
2nd Bradley Gabr-Ryn (D) = 10 points
Euan & Keenan (K) = 10 points

Teams 1st Knolles (192) = 40 points
2nd Tudor (181) = 20 points
3rd Trappes (177) = 10 points
4th Dorman (150) = 5 points

Year 9

Individuals 1st Laura Coe (D) = 20 points
2nd Sam Street (D) = 10 points
Jacob Werth (Tr) = 10 points

Teams 1st Dorman (215) = 40 points
2nd Knolles (191) = 20 points
3rd Trappes (190) = 10 points
4th Tudor (179) = 5 points

4) Sports Day

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

Total House Points

Dorman = 135 points
Knolles = 80 points
Trappes = 95 points
Tudor = 215 points

5) Yr 8 Boulogne Competition

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

6) Girls Rounders

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

Overall 1st = Knolles & Tudor = 80 points
 3rd = Dorman & Trappes = 20 points





Total House Points

Dorman = 70 points
 Knolles = 155 points
 Trappes = 110 points
 Tudor = 165 points

7) Merit totals

1st Trappes 806 merits = 300 points
 2nd Dorman 747 merits = 200 points
 3rd Knolles 537 merits = 100 points
 4th Tudor 408 merits = 50 points

Final Positions

	1st Place	Dorman	2650 Points
	2nd Place	Knolles	2610 Points
	3rd Place	Tudor	2355 Points
	4th Place	Trappes	1990 Points

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 enjoyable summer holiday

Yours sincerely

Chris Morgan
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