

Sir Roger Manwood's School

End of Term Newsletter - Spring 2012



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Dear Parents and Members of the School

1. Staff Farewells

At the end of this term we say farewell to two colleagues:

Mrs Rebecca Cooper joined Manwood's in January 2011 as Admissions Assistant. She quickly gained a comprehensive understanding of the many and varied issues associated with admissions to both the day school and the boarding houses and proved a great asset in her role. We thank her for her excellent work at Manwood's and wish her all the best as she relocates with her family to Oxfordshire.

Mr David Stevens' association with Manwood's goes back to his own school days and in his last year at Manwood's he was Captain of School. A teaching career then beckoned and it was in 2000 after a very successful time at Chatham Boys Grammar School that he returned to Manwood's to take up the position as Head of Science. The managerial role he found he did not relish, and he was happy to soon relinquish the responsibilities in favour of concentrating on doing what he enjoyed most, being an excellent classroom teacher. As well as stretching the most able physicists at A Level his great strength is his ability to make the subject accessible to all students. He has therefore made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Science Department.

In addition to Science, Mr Stevens also has a great love of sport and the PE Department enthusiastically welcomed his contribution to the coaching and running of school teams, as well as teaching in some Games' sessions. Also he has several times been on the team of staff who have organised and run the annual school ski trips over the years.

When the new House system was inaugurated in the academic year 2005-2006, Mr Stevens became Head of Knolles' House and his enthusiastic leadership saw Knolles as victors at the end of that Summer term. The post of overall Coordinator of the House System then became vacant and Mr Stevens took up this role and thereby continued to oversee the growth of House activities organised during the year.

Mr Stevens has therefore contributed in a variety of different ways to life at Manwood's. Underlying all his excellent work has been his ability to enthuse and build strong relationships with the students. This has manifested itself in the classroom, on the sporting field and even on the stage when compering such events as "Manwood's Got Talent". We wish Mr Stevens all the very best as he retires from teaching.

2. Maths Report

This has been a very busy term for the Maths Department. There have been UKMT events for Year 10 as well as Team Events for Years 8,9 10 and 12, as well as visits to local primary schools.

Gifted and Talented.

The UKMT Senior Challenge Team won through to the Final of the competition held at the Camden Centre London. The team of Andrew Carlotti, Phoebe Allebone-Salt, Florian Song and Alex Dixon, were leading the competition after two rounds, but a difficult final round led to them coming 25th out of 64 teams. This was a very commendable effort in this national competition, which started with over 1000 teams.

Andrew Carlotti having done so well in last term's Senior Challenge competed in the British Maths Olympiad in which he achieved full marks and he went on to do the BMO 2. His marks in this very demanding test mean that he has again been selected for the British team and he will attend a training

camp over the Easter holidays at Trinity College, Cambridge. Andrew was also selected to participate at the Romanian Masters Mathematics Competition in early March where he won a Bronze medal.

Year 10 took part in the UKMT Individual Challenge with 5 students achieving Gold certificates, 9 Silver and 14 Bronze. Oliver Collins achieved a sufficiently high score to go through to the next round. A team from Year 10 also took part in the UKMT Area Team Challenge. The team of Felix Chu, Jacob Werth, Katie Latham and Dominic Wheeler did very well coming a close 4th behind Barton Court, King's School and the Girls Langton.

A team from Year 8 and 9 took part in the Junior UKMT Team Challenge. They enjoyed themselves and performed very well in many of the challenges.

Year 9 pupils have taken part in the Edgehill Challenge, a National Maths competition and one team has gone through to the next round. Hopefully this team can perform well enough to keep up the tradition of travelling to Ormskirk for the final later on in the year.

Outreach

Miss Wadsworth has continued her trips to our local feeder schools. The focus this term has been on number bases and as always the feedback has been very good. The contact made at this stage of a pupil's schooling is a good thing as it helps with transition. Mr Neeve's Mathematics Challenges also continue to be well received by all the local primary schools.

3. David Starkey Senior Debating Competition 2012

The Final of the David Starkey Senior Debating Competition will take place on 17th April next term. This will be the climax to a competition which began back in January with 48 initial competitors. There were early rounds before a series of quarter finals and semi -finals in the last week of term. Debating topics for the debates have been taken from the Debating Matters website where debaters could find guidance and research material on each of the motions proposed or opposed. All of the debating competitors have demonstrated enthusiasm as well as professionalism. The quality of public speaking at SRMS is very high indeed and all competitors are to be congratulated on their communication skills as well as their ability to hold and entertain an audience. Many have learnt greater confidence and some very useful skills that will be invaluable for them in their future careers. This year every debate has also been chaired by a Year 12 or Year 13 student and an additional prize will be awarded to the best Chair.

This week will see the semi -finals between Dominika Szukova and Poppy Mather, last year's finalists, against James Pledger and Ross Ewen; and Evie Sparkes and Connor Gower versus Jack West-Sherring and Oliver Blake. The topic for the semi- finals is 'Allowing the use of performance enhancing drugs will not undermine the spirit of sport.' In an Olympic Year all competitors will have much to discuss. The topic for the final deals with a broader subject – 'Attempts to extend radically the human lifespan should be welcomed not feared.'

Mrs Pestell would like to thank all of the students who took part in the competition as well as all of the staff who gave up their time to be judges. Many thanks also to Mrs Mitchell for all her help and advice in running the competition.

4. Italian and Religious Studies trip to Rome – February 2012

On Friday 24th February a group of 27 Sixth Form students and 3 staff left for Rome. Students participating in the four day trip are either studying Italian at GCSE or Religious Studies at A Level, with some students studying both subjects.

The trip included an open top bus sightseeing tour of the city, a visit to St Peter's Basilica, visits to the Vatican museums and Sistine Chapel, and an evening walking sightseeing tour starting at the Spanish Steps and finishing at the Trevi Fountain. This was just Saturday!

On Sunday we visited the Forum, the Colosseum, had lunch out together in a traditional Italian restaurant, spent time exploring Piazza Navona and had some time for souvenir and gift shopping.

On Monday, the Italian students with Mrs Nelson visited the school that had visited us last year, Aristotele Scuola di Scienza. They spent the morning in lessons and enjoyed some traditional Italian music and singing.

The Religious Studies students visited 3 significant churches in the early development of Christianity in Rome, with Mr Thomas and Miss Lupton. Firstly, Santa Maria Maggiore, one of Rome's greatest basilicas. Secondly, San Giovanni in Laterano, a church founded by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century where the Pope was crowned until the 19th Century. Lastly, we visited San Clemente, a church that has been excavated and gives the clearest idea in Rome of the city's layering and millennia of cultural riches.

The trip was a tremendous success. Students were interested and engaged in the various visits, experiences and educational opportunities. The Religious Studies students immersed themselves in religious and spiritual concerns and the Italian students took every opportunity to practise their Italian. Some students did both!

We all threw our coins in the Trevi Fountain and are hoping to return soon!

5. ICT

A-Level Applied ICT

It is with regret that the Department sees the end of the A-level Applied ICT qualification. Over the years a small but dedicated and committed group of students have completed this A level very successfully with a number of them going on to higher education or employment in the IT industry. This year Alex Waters who completed the AS in year 12 began an apprenticeship in IT with a Dover company and two students continuing to A2 are hoping to study Computer Science at University. One of the highlights of the course for current group was the Project Management Unit for which they planned and documented the very successful Manwood's Got Talent Competition which raised £425 for their chosen charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. The qualification will be replaced in September 2012 with the AQA GCE ICT qualification.



University of Kent at Canterbury.

The ICT department is currently hosting a student ambassador who is completing the final year of his Computer Science degree course. Stephen Cowell is visiting the department for 3 hours each week for 10 weeks. He has observed and assisted in lessons from year 7 to year 13 and is planning to deliver a short web development project to the students in year 9.

British Informatics Olympiad

Three students took part in the Olympiad in the autumn term. Graham Harris (year 13) and Alex Dixon (year 12) worked commendably achieving a good range of solutions to the problems set. They await their results. Andrew Carlotti (year 12) performed exceptionally well and has been invited to the final of the Olympiad in Cambridge in April.

Comenius Hanger Art Project

A group of 5 year 8 students were recently accompanied to Reggesteyn School in Nijverdal in the Netherlands by Mrs Charlesworth and Mr Grimshaw. The students joined their exchange partners and students from schools in Romania, Bulgaria, Iceland and Germany to take part in the Hanger Art Project. 50 pupils took part in a tableau vivant depicting The Night Watch by Rembrandt and worked with local artists to create an installation for the school. Sunday was spent visiting Amsterdam to view The Night Watch and other paintings by Dutch artists. Pupils also visited other musea and had time for shopping and sightseeing. Sir Roger Manwood's is hosting the next international visit by the project at the end of May. The ICT department will be working with the students throughout the year to document the project, create resources and develop the project website. The beginnings of the site can be seen at www.hangerartproject.weebly.com



6. Founder's Day

The School celebrated this event on Friday March 23rd this year. There was a meeting of the Full Governing Body in the morning and in the afternoon the Cadet Band led the CCF Contingent marching from the school to St Clement's Church for the Founder's Day Service. The Headteacher and Governors took the salute as the Contingent marched past the Bell Hotel.

Years 7, 8 9 and 13 attended the church service which was led by The Reverend Canon Mark Roberts, Rector of Sandwich and Vice Chairman of the Governors. The sermon was given by The Reverend Anthony Buckley, Chaplain of Alleyn's School, Dulwich. He spoke very well and engagingly. Another highlight of the service was the excellent music led by the School Choir.

7. The Old Manwoodian Dinner

This annual event was held at the Bell Hotel on the final Saturday of term. The evening is marked by a number of speeches and it is a tradition that two of the Captains of School propose a toast to the Old

Manwoodian Association. This year Poppy Mather and Fraser Newgreen duly performed this duty and spoke very eloquently about their feelings for the school and their hopes for the future as they look towards moving on to university. It is also always a great pleasure to meet up with some of the younger Old Manwoodians and discover what they are now doing – on just one table there was an investment banker, a civil servant working at the Foreign Office, an engineer working for Network Rail and a model-maker working for a firm of London architects.

8. The Friends of Manwoods

The Friends are a very hard-working and committed group, keen to organise events and fund-raise for the School.

At all the musical events this term the Friends have organised the refreshments. They also ran a very successful Easter Egg Tombola in the last week of term. They would like to thank all those families who contributed Easter eggs for this event; the response was outstanding and ensured there were very many happy winners!

Earlier in the term, the annual Headmaster's Quiz was held. Again the Friends would like to thank all those who supported this event. The School Hall was full and it proved to be a very successful evening again.

9. The Manwood Trust

A significant number of parents choose to support the School financially through this organisation. Each term the trustees meet to decide how to spend the money raised. In recent times they have contributed to the equipping of the Music Department with a suite of Apple Mac workstations and software. They have also helped the CCF with the purchase of a variety of equipment and also the Sports Department as they seek to improve the Pavilion on the Farrer Field.

The Manwood Trust would like to thank those parents who have helped to make this possible.

10. Language College Specialism – The International Dimension

Madrid

During the February half-term a group of Year 12 and 13 Art and Spanish students, accompanied by Mr Stedman and Miss Noy, went to stay in El Escorial, a 16th Century palace built by Philip II of Spain; the hugely impressive building now houses a boarding school, a monastery and the palace grounds are open to tourists. Besides spending time in El Escorial, the group visited the major art museums in Madrid, El Prado and Reina Sofia, as well as the city's other main tourist attractions, besides a day trip to the beautiful city of Toledo. Art students were able to see some of Spain's greatest works of art, and Spanish students gained useful confidence and experience in their exchanges with students within the school. This is the first year that we have run this trip and hopefully this will be repeated in the future for sixth form Art and Spanish students.

Paris

The Year 10 Paris trip took place this year between the 16th and 20th March. 9 pupils and 4 staff spent 5 days enjoying Parisian sites and the French way of life. The trip was very successful and left many pupils wanting to go back to Paris to discover more.

Comenius European Art Project

In March Mr Grimshaw and Mrs Charlesworth led a group of Year 8 students to Nijverdal, Holland, to visit one of our partner schools involved in the Comenius Art Project. This heavily subsidised project is an art-based cultural exchange between Sir Roger Manwood's and schools from Bulgaria, Germany, Holland, Iceland and Romania, spread over this year and the coming school year. Besides working on the project the group also visited Amsterdam and stayed in the homes of their exchange partners. There are still a few places remaining on a couple of the trips in the project, and anyone that might be interested should contact Mr Grimshaw as soon as possible.

Manwood's will be host to our European partner schools between 24th and 27th May.

Gambia

This year's group of students, led by Ms Buchanan and Mr Pearce, have nearly completed their fund-raising and collection of resources to take to our partner school in Farato, Gambia. They will be leaving on the last day of term and will return in the Easter holidays. We wish them a safe journey, and as in previous years, a fantastic and fulfilling experience.

German Exchange

During the last week of term we have enjoyed hosting the return visit of the Year 9 German Exchange. The group have come from our partner grammar school in Sundern, Germany and have enjoyed visits to Canterbury, London, Leeds Castle and were guests of the Mayor of Sandwich at the Guildhall. Many thanks to our pupils and their families for their hospitality.

11. Cambridge Shadowing Experience Scheme

Alex Dixon in Year 12 was successful in getting a place on this scheme. Here is his account of his experiences at Cambridge:

"On Thursday 9th February, I went up to Cambridge on the (surprisingly smooth and cheap) train service, along with some other people from the south of England. A friendly member of the Cambridge University Student Union was there at the station to meet us and take us to the meeting place by bus - it was only a five minute ride. We then went to the meeting place in Downing College, where we were all given a welcome talk by the CUSU Access Officer, and an irremovable bright blue wristband - apparently all the bars in town had been told to throw out anyone wearing one! After a brief wait our mentors arrived to take us off to our respective colleges. I was lucky enough to be staying in Gonville and Caius College, one of the oldest colleges at Cambridge, with beautiful architecture and situated slap-bang in the middle of town. My mentor, Philip, was able to show me to my room - a modest guest apartment. We soon had to leave and go to a Supervision which Philip had timetabled. One of the things that was new to me was the supervision system: small groups of no more than four students, who sit with a professor and recap some of the work that they have been doing and the lectures they have attended. It looked to be an incredibly useful way of reinforcing what you learn! There were some activities on Thursday night, such as a formal meal at Trinity college, but unfortunately that was only for the outer colleges so I read a book and went to sleep.

On the Friday morning, I got up early so that we could walk over to the Computer Labs, which are situated on the West Site with the other science laboratories. It's quite a long way (which is why most people cycle there), but we had to walk. It was very icy and cold, which didn't help matters, though it did make for some fun snowballing and everyone we met was in a good mood. At the Lab we sat through a couple of lectures which gave me a taste of what it would be like to study at Cambridge. Needless to say it certainly whetted my appetite! We then had lunch at the Lab café and walked back to the Halls. The CUSU had organised a wide selection of activities to do on Friday afternoon - We attended a comedy improv show which had everyone in stitches, and a 'non-pub pub quiz' which our team won some chocolate in! Afterwards we went

back to get dinner. One of the best things about Gonville and Caius College, I found, was the fact that the meals were served in three courses by waiters! I wasn't expecting anything like that, and apparently it is rare for colleges to have waited meals, but it was absolutely amazing.

Saturday morning, and everyone had to get up early for a leaving meeting. We talked to all the other shadows and found out that everyone had had a brilliant time. There was then a talk by an Admissions Tutor to clear up some of the misconceptions and offer more advice concerning the admissions process, and we were sent on our respective ways. I would like to give thanks to the CUSU for organising the event, and I wholeheartedly recommend anybody who has the opportunity to get onto the scheme to give it a try - it really has helped me understand what it would be like to be a student at Cambridge!"

12. Charity Committee

It has been another busy term for the Sixth Form Charity Committee. After their exams, resits and mocks the Committee held a cake sale and pancake sale raising over £160. However, most of their efforts have been in preparation for Charity Week, 12-16th March.

Many events were organised by the Committee, forms and individuals. The Sixth Form Charity Committee held a cake sale, an Easter Egg Hunt for Years 7 and 8, a Petting Zoo and Face Painting. These events raised over £500.

Many form groups made a tremendous effort with Year 7 classes making an enormous effort. In 7D, Jessica Harrison Lindley, Darcey Holmes, Mia Lord and Lauren Wells raised nearly £60 with their cake and sweets stall. Harry Brown and Harry Peirce, also of 7D, raised nearly £20 with their 3-legged day.



7K raised nearly £200 from many different activities. Brandon Kent and Lottie Sparkes raised nearly £60 with their collecting buckets. Dan Taylor-Sneller and Chloe Parker raised nearly £50 from their sponsored silence and many other pupils raised funds in inventive ways.

7TR raised over £400 from their handmade Mother's Day cards and greetings cards!

7TU raised over £500 from a Sponsored Silence, P-J and Crazy Hair Day, raffle for a Giant Cupcake, Cake Stall, "Guess the middle name of Shaun the Sheep" and "How many lollies are there in this jar?" A special mention must go to Emily Spain who raised £105 from her Sponsored Silence.

In Year 8, 8TR raised almost £180 from their "Geek" week and car wash. In Year 9, Luke Cobb and Leo Myers of 9D collected almost £30 and in 9K their cake sale raised over £50.

In Year 10, 10D raised over £400 selling Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies. Also, in Year 10 Amy Asher, Beth Glanville and Georgia Ambrose raised over £100 with a Sponsored Silence, 3-legged day and "Where's Wally and Wenda" themed day. Also, in Year 10, Jason Bennett collected over £35 wearing his bright orange Morph Suit.

In Year 11, 11C raised £65 from their very popular chocolate hamper raffle and Hannah Bossers, 11B, raised £25 from sponsorship for wearing wooden clogs for the day.

In the Sixth Form 12C raised nearly £50 from their cake sale and 12E raised over £25 from their Teacher Cracker Challenge.

The non-uniform day at the end of the week raised over £700. So the total, for the fundraising for Save the Children during Charity Week is approaching £3000.

Thank you to everyone at school and at home for their efforts and support during this term and particularly during Charity Week.

13. Science

Biology Olympiad 2012

The British Biology Olympiad challenges and stimulates gifted students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. In offering a wider syllabus than A-level, it allows gifted students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes. The Olympiad encourages students already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A-level.

This year we had a record number of Year 13 students taking part, 25 in all entered round one! Three of our excellent biologists - Bryony Adams, Tom Walton and Joe Wheeler - achieved a gold medal in round one and progressed into round two along with just 214 other students from across the UK. Two students achieved silver medals – Audrey Ho and Fraser Newgreen, the latter missing out on a gold medal by only one mark. Four students achieved bronze medals – Joel Allen, Alex Boddy, Eric Leung and Israel Osmond. Three students received highly commended certificates and another three received commended certificates. We are extremely proud of all of the biologists who entered and hope that their efforts inspire other students to take part next year and achieve similarly impressive results.

Two year 12 students, Savannah Ford and Chloe Forsyth, have been made editors for the online 'Young Scientists Journal' (The web address is www.ysjournal.com/).

Astronomy Club:

Students have been continuing to plan sessions using the Faulkes telescope to take images of galaxies. The next sessions on the telescope in Australia are in April. Shown below is an image taken by Sir Roger Manwood students of the Sombrero galaxy, an unbarred spiral galaxy 28 million light years from Earth.



The Physics Cosmic Group

Students have been meeting to take further readings using the Cern@schools detector on loan from SEPnet at the University of Kent. Investigations have continued as students have gained experience in deciphering the type of particles recorded by the detector as well as using the Solar telescope to look at the activity of the Sun.

Junior Science Club

In Science club this term, Robyn Towler and Alexandra Gallagher from 8Tu have been working towards their BA-Crest Silver award. They have been investigating reaction times and how they vary when breathing in different herbs and spices, for example, rosemary, lavender and camomile. They are now going to continue their investigation using the new data loggers recently purchased by the Science department. They aim to find out if distractions such as listening to music or speaking on a mobile phone affect reaction times. Gabriel Lees in 7Tr is working towards his Bronze award and is trying to find out which types of wood make the best fuels by burning them in a fume cupboard and finding out by how much they raise the temperature of water. Lucy Stephenson and Rebecca Doherty in 7Tu are also working towards their Bronze award and are trying to find out which tea bags make the best cup of tea. They are using a complicated piece of equipment called a calorimeter to measure the colour intensity of the tea that is made from each bag. Scott Oakes in 8Tu is completing a project for his Bronze award on how different mineral deficiencies affect the growth of cress. Sam Baddeley has just joined Science club and is investigating the size of crystals formed by different salts. All students have been working very hard and

should complete their projects within the first few weeks back after the Easter holiday, after which they will be awarded with their Bronze and Silver BA-Crest awards.

14. Art

Comenius – The Hanger Art Project

The Spring term has been an extremely lively time for the Manwood's Art department, with the launch proper of the Comenius-funded 'Hanger Art Project' – a 2-year international arts exchange project. This project will see 25 students from Manwood's Year 8 working with students from Iceland, the Netherlands, Germany, Romania and Bulgaria through a series of art workshops in which students will explore their national, cultural and personal identity. March 2012 saw the first of the 6 exchanges taking place, with 5 representatives from each country traveling to Nijverdal, in the Netherlands, to experience first-hand the rich variety of art and culture in the country and to work on a unique group art project – culminating in a year-long exhibition within the Dutch school. The UK representatives (Alexa Bhinder, Marte van der Graaf, Robyn Towler, Alana Wennerstrom and Freddy Woodward) had an amazing experience, enjoying the art and atmosphere of the country, making some excellent new friends and some fantastic outcomes (images are currently being placed on the school's website).

Next term will be Manwood's turn to welcome the project, with our 25 Year 8 students and their kind families hosting students from the 5 participating countries, and the department is currently busy planning for a major arts workshop to take place in the school and around the local area. More details and an itinerary will be coming out soon.

This is a unique and exciting project and we would encourage you to take a look at the school's website for more information and images from the work created so far, both in the UK and from the visit to the Netherlands, and look out for more information on the visit to our school in May 2012.

Year 12 Art & Spanish Trip to Madrid

This year's trip to Madrid was a great success for both the Spanish and art students who took part. Staying at the spectacular Palace of El Escorial, the students and staff were taken aback by its architectural grandeur, history and culture.

The action packed schedule of museums, monasteries, cathedrals and markets opened students' eyes to the beauty of Madrid. Art students were engulfed by the architectural craftsmanship and surroundings, the perfect opportunity for exploring their exam questions of '*light & shadow*', '*travel*', and '*stories, myths and legends*', constantly sketching as they immersed themselves in some of the greatest pieces of art work.

As well as the drawing activities, students explored the local culture by joining in with a flamenco dancing class and visiting the famous Las Ventas bull ring before retiring for lunch in Retiro Park. Overall the Madrid Trip was a fantastic experience for all students and staff and we hope this will become a regular educational opportunity for future years.

SEDFAS Art Prize & Exhibition

In March this year, the Sandwich Evening Decorative and Fine Arts Society, having seen work by some of our students in the Manwoodian and in the local press, contacted the school to express their interest in holding an exhibition of work from Sir Roger Manwood's School to celebrate the talent of the students within our department and in turn offer valuable experience of exhibiting in public spaces to our students. The students selected to take part in this great opportunity are Jake Lamerton, from Year 13, already a familiar figure in the local art scene with his series of portraits and who had the front cover and an article in the Manwoodian dedicated to his portrait of Sir Roger Manwood this year, and Jack Smith, another painter and rising star from Year 11, whose amusing series of caricatures also featured in this year's Manwoodian. As well as organising an exhibition of their work, the SEDFAS group will be funding and donating a special prize to these two students to be presented at the exhibition in May 2012.

KS3 Art Club

Following on from the very successful art club being run in the Autumn term, a new year 7 Manga Club was born this Spring. Led by Art prefect Jenny Johnson and Jonathan Simon-Hart, high numbers of Year 7 students have been attending this Tuesday lunchtime club to learn more about the Asian style of graphic art and develop skills in Manga drawing, working towards creating their own Manga characters and even their own Manga comics.

Year 7 Manga club is growing in popularity and will be continuing into the Summer term, with the aim of having their work exhibited within the end of year GCSE, AS and A-Level exhibitions for 2012.

15. Drama Report

The Spring Term in Drama and Theatre Studies has seen Years 11, 12 and 13 preparing for their forthcoming productions in May, with candidates designing and constructing Costumes, Set and Lighting. Year 11 students will be performing sections from Bertolt Brecht's 'Mother Courage', whilst Year 12 will show extracts from David Hare's 'Skylight', Shelagh Delaney's 'A Taste of Honey' and 'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice' by Jim Cartwright. Year 13 students are currently devising their Political Theatre, which promises to be both thought provoking and challenging to our perceptions of society in the twenty-first century.

Students in Year 13 have also seen the new play 'Shallow Slumber' at the Soho Theatre in London's West End and Year 12 students ventured to The Richmond Theatre to see the RSC production of Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew'. Both productions were first rate and provided valuable support to texts and theatre practices.

Thank you to both Mrs Drewry and Mrs Poole for accompanying us and making these trips possible

16. Music Report

This has been a short but very busy term with plenty of musical activity.

The 2012 school production took place in early February. Stephen Sondheim's **Sweeney Todd - the Demon Barber of Fleet Street** was an ambitious choice of show presenting considerable challenges in terms of music, subject matter and staging but the cast of pupils under the direction of Messrs Holden and Greenhalgh brought it off with great style. A well-earned standing ovation on the final night was tribute to the incredible amount of work put in by all concerned. Sweeney will be long remembered in an impressive track record of SRMS productions. Watch out for announcements about the 2013 production!



Fifteen Year 10 and 11 pupils with JRW and JC made a day trip to London in early February to attend the **Bright Sparks GCSE concert** given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the Royal Festival Hall. The day not only included a very enjoyable and informative concert, but also travel from Greenwich to the RFH via the Thames Clipper (the river bus service which we highly recommend if you haven't yet tried it as a means of getting into London). We were also able to spend some time in the afternoon at Greenwich Market and the National Maritime Museum.

The Orchestra and Choir Tour to Istanbul in mid-March was a tremendous success. 46 pupils and 5 staff led by the redoubtable Mrs Cullis gave three concerts in a church and two schools during the visit which included the major sights of this great city on the Bosphorous (the channel connecting the Sea of Marmara with the Black Sea) including the breathtaking Hagia Sofia, the Blue Mosque, the Basilica Cistern, the Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar where pupils were able to hone their haggling skills. The party stayed in a comfortable hostel in the shadow of The Blue Mosque with breakfast and rehearsals taking place in the rooftop restaurant affording views over the Sea of Marmara. An outstanding and highly memorable trip made all the more so by the tremendous teamwork and behaviour of the pupils whose consideration and maturity were commented upon by many people including passengers on the flights who were moved to write to the school to say so. Particular congratulations and thanks go to Mrs Cullis for organising a trip that will be long-remembered.

It was good to renew the **Choral Exchange with the College du Bras D'Or** in Montreuil-sur-Mer which we established together in 2011 alongside our long association between the school orchestra and the Town Band of Hardelot. The Chamber Choir was joined this year by the Sixth Form Choir and the String Group for the day trip visit which included lunch at the College, a visit to the nearby resort of Le Touquet, followed by the joint concert with the French choir given in the Theatre Municipal in Montreuil. We look forward to continuing the Exchange in 2013 when we welcome the French Choir to Sandwich.

There have been a number of inter-school music projects taking place this term. **X-Phase**, an ensemble consisting of primary and secondary pupils meets once per half term in M1 and is attracting increasing numbers of players from schools in the Sandwich and Deal area. The agenda for X-Phase at present is simply to meet and play music together, which is a real benefit both for those schools that do not have ensembles of their own, but also for all participants as together the band is now of quite a considerable size and presents leadership and mentoring opportunities for the secondary pupils (including our own).

A number of SRMS pupils in KS4 and 5 took part in a one-day workshop with the superb soul and funk band **Cut the Funk**, led by our own Dudley Ross. Held at Walmer Science College, the day workshopped a number of pieces and culminated in the pupil participants performing items alongside Cut the Funk in a performance to pupils from WSC. A successful and energising event - well done to all involved.

Year 10 GCSE pupils took part in the **Deal Festival's Love Music Project** after half term. Working with professional performers and a composer the pupils produced a new composition during the one-day workshop in school which was then performed by some of the pupils at a concert in the Astor Theatre, Deal later that same week. This was an excellent opportunity for pupils to explore the compositional and creative process and the results drew considerable praise from the professional musicians as well as the Deal Festival and audience members.

The Chamber Choir, String Group and Brass Group took part in the **Vivat!** concert in honour of the Diamond Jubilee at St Mary's Arts Centre in Sandwich on February 24th. The concert, which was attended by close to 300 people, was a great success and featured items from SRMS ensembles as well as contributions from Kent College's Sedecim chamber choir and members of the Sandwich Concert Band.

Rock & Pop on March 1st continued in the very high standards that this event has been achieving. It was good to see performers from all year groups involved and the concerts are starting to attract bigger audiences again after a rather fallow period. It was good to welcome guest artists Paul Jobsen and Noel McCalla (see below) as well as peripatetic teachers Dudley Ross and Jay McClusky who all performed alongside the pupils. The next concert takes place in July - please come along for an enjoyable evening of well-performed music. Any pupil soloists or bands that wish to be considered for this concert should speak in the first instance to Dudley Ross (guitar teacher) or Mr Williams.

One of the real strengths of music in the school, is the range and quality of the instrumental and vocal teaching from our team of excellent peripatetic teachers. We have been able to augment the peri programme recently with the addition of blues and soul singer **Noel McCalla** who is teaching popular

music singing. Noel is a superb performer and has worked at the top end of the profession recording, broadcasting and touring with the likes of Manfred Mann's Earth Band and Morrissey Mullen. We have worked with Noel on a number of projects in the past year and his enthusiasm, skill and motivational style are truly inspirational. Any pupils who wish to explore the possibility of taking lessons with Noel, or indeed with any of the peripatetic staff should see Mr Williams for an Application Form.

ABRSM exams in March brought a 100% pass rate. Congratulations to all who achieved success in both the school-based sessions and outside of school. Special praise must go to James Genders (piano) and Phoebe Allebone-Salt (french horn) who both achieved merit grades at Grade 8, and to Harpo Randell (piano grade 1) and Laura Tottenham (singing grade 5) who both achieved distinctions.

Founders Day, which took place on March 23rd, brought together the choir and brass group for musical items with a royal theme in commemoration of this year's Diamond Jubilee. Vaughan Williams' exquisite motet *O taste and See* which began the service was written for the coronation of the present Queen in 1953, and the magnificent setting of the *Te Deum* (an ancient canticle of the Church) by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford was used at the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902. The brass group provided the customary embellishments to the hymns as well as the great fanfare to the National Anthem composed by Gordon Jacob for the 1953 coronation.

The Spring Concert on March 29th brought a very busy musical term to a close with performances from all major ensembles and solo and other contributions from various pupils. As always at this time of year the Spring Concert marks the final major event at which our leavers perform so we take this opportunity to say express our thanks for all that they have contributed to the musical life of Manwood's and wish them well in their onward musical journey.

Thank you to the many who have contributed to a very busy music programme this term and we look forward to some exciting music in the summer and beyond.

Musical events next term include:

- Soloists Concert
- Little Book of Monsters
- Sandwich weekend - Jazz Band
- Salutation Garden Party event - Jazz Band

17. Report from Business Studies

Schools' Brightest Business Brain

Year 12 student, Alex Dixon, finished in 2nd place in the initial round of a national schools' competition, out of over 2700 entrants. The competition, Schools' Brightest Business Brain, was sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland, and Alex was invited to attend the Grand Final along with 59 other students from around the country to the RBS offices in London on the 9th March. The initial round comprised of four on-line tasks that were designed to challenge and assess certain qualities and traits that people with good business brains exhibit. The tasks were similar to those that might be used by businesses when assessing University graduates for top positions. In the Grand Final, Alex faced further challenges involving logic, teamwork and debating. Unfortunately he did not win one of the three prizes on offer, but gained a great deal of experience from the day out at RBS offices.

Young Enterprise Scheme

Both of the Young Enterprise Companies are working hard towards their presentation evening that will be held shortly after the Easter holidays. Clarity has run a FIFA tournament to raise some capital, and have imported some illuminating dog collars from China to sell to local pet shops and vets. Fortitude has produced a game aimed at primary school children to assist with teaching the Key Stage Curriculum. Both companies have had a shuffle of key personnel this term.

Dover Area Young Enterprise Public Speaking Competition

Oliver Blake and Harry Sampson competed in this local competition with great distinction. Neutrals in the audience were rather surprised that one of them was not declared overall winner!

Student Investor Competition

This year the school entered four teams and our best team managed to make £7284 profit with their investments from November to February. Although not high enough to make the South East finals they still finished in the top 10% of companies in this region, not a bad effort considering the instability of the stock market during the competition.

18. Design Technology Report

Congratulations to the Speed Queens Team of Marte Van Der Graaf, Emma Rudge, Pema Tamang, Alana Wennerstrom and Sarah Woods who have been selected to compete in the Regional Final of the Toyota Technology Challenge on Monday 30th April at the Imperial war Museum, Duxford, Cambs. They will compete against 6 other school teams in mounting a display of their work, racing their solar powered car and giving a presentation to the judges.

Well done to Jasmin Keohane (Year 13) for completing her interactive display board for Wingham Wildlife Park. The unit is being installed in their Education Unit to teach young children about tigers (the park has two). Pictures of Jasmin's work will be in the local newspaper in the next few weeks. Kate Spencer's (Year 13) metal sculpture is currently on display at the Salutation Gardens in Sandwich over the Easter holiday period. Both students have produced some top quality design work and seen the challenging projects through to a successful conclusion.

Year 11 DT students Luke Upton, Mark Sugden and Nick Thompson are currently supporting the Eastry Village Sign Committee with their design for a new village sign which will be installed in June. They have designed components, which they will laser cut there and help with the overall construction.

Many thanks to Stevens and Carlotti for the generous donation of £500 towards the cost of a metal fanning machine that we will shortly be purchasing and their continuing support by providing materials for our pupils' project work.

19. Library News

This has been another busy term in the Library.

World Book Day was celebrated with the perfect combination - books and cakes. We held a sale in the Library at Big Break and Lunchtime to raise money for Book Aid International. At 10.58 we had a beautifully laid out and categorized Book Sale with two tables of delicious looking cakes. By 11.25 we had a muddle of books, a few pieces of cake and lots of crumbs. We had, however, made nearly £100. By the end of World Book Day, after a hectic lunchtime, the total was £120. Thank you to everyone who sent books in – and especially to Sixth Form Library prefects and members of the English Department who baked some wonderful cakes.

The following afternoon we held a House Literature and Media Competition. Twelve teams, each comprising two Year 7s, two Year 8s and two Year 9s answered questions on everything from 'Heroes and Heroines' to 'Winners'. Expressions of puzzlement gave way to excitement as team members tried to come up with the right answers. We nearly ran out of time but just managed to calculate the scores as the

bell went. Trappes had claimed a convincing victory –all three of their teams came in the top four. Tudor were second, Knolles third and Dorman fourth. Hopefully there will be a rematch next year!

There was also a Library World Book Day Competition in which students had to try and guess which children’s books certain members of staff had chosen as their favourites. This proved to be extremely difficult, but two smart Year 7s, Darcey Holmes and William Cole managed to get the most right.

Meanwhile, all of Year 7 have been busy working on their Reading Challenge, discovering and enjoying many books in different genres. They have produced some fantastic work which is displayed in the Library.

20. Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

It has been a busy term planning for the forthcoming expeditions at all levels of the award which will take place in the summer term. Sessions have focused mainly on completing routes and route cards for the expeditions. In addition, training sessions have covered the following areas: equipment, rucksack packing, map reading, camp craft, food and cooking

The 10 students who completed their Gold Award during the course of the Autumn Term have been or await their invite to St James’s Palace where they will be presented with their awards in the presence of either HRH The Duke of Edinburgh or HRH The Earl of Wessex.

The dates of the expeditions for the 2012 season are as follows:

Expedition	Dates	Area
Bronze Practice	Thursday 10th May – Friday 11th May	North Downs nr Dover
Bronze Practice	Thursday 17th May – Friday 18th May	North Downs nr Dover
Bronze qualifying	Wednesday 13th June (5:30pm) – Friday 15th June	Alkham Valley
Bronze qualifying	Wednesday 20th June (5:30pm) – Friday 22nd June	Alkham Valley
Silver Practice	Saturday 28th April – Monday 30th April	High Weald
Silver qualifying	Friday 13th July to Monday 16th July	Ashdown Forest
Gold Practice	Monday 2nd July – Friday 6th July	Brecon Beacons
Gold Qualifying	Tuesday 28th August – Saturday 1st September	Yorkshire Dales

Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award Presentation at St James’s Palace

On Wednesday 14th March, two students from the Upper Sixth, Connor Gower and Richard Everard, attended an award ceremony at St James’s Palace in London where they received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award from Prince Philip himself. Once inside the palace, the awardees were split into 4 rooms, depending on where in the country they registered their award scheme. Each room had its own celebrity guest speaker to give a talk while the Prince made his way through the four rooms. Those in the South East Room were given a speech by Danny Crates, a former paralympic Gold medallist who talked about his sporting career, and his life before and after his desire to be an athlete. However, the highlight of

the morning was seeing the Duke of Edinburgh himself, who did his best to talk to as many awardees as he could. His gentle manner and good humour put everyone instantly at ease, allowing many to hold a short conversation with him about their award and how they found it. Following this the certificates were presented by Danny and the guests dispersed. It was truly a fitting end to the D of E Award Scheme, and meeting the Duke himself really made the extra effort required for the Gold Award worthwhile. A great end to a fantastic experience and thanks must go to Mr Lawrence who single-handedly runs the D of E Award Scheme at Manwood's and makes all this possible.

21. CCF

New Cadets

At the start of term the CCF recruited 36 cadets from Year 8 and a few more cadets from Year 9. In the short time since they have started they have achieved a great deal. They have been issued uniforms and been taught how to wear it correctly, they have learned army badges of rank, basic drill and skill at arms (competency to handle and fire) on the cadet .22 target rifle. To date 24 new cadets have shot the rifle on the school range with some impressive results. The new cadets have been taught introductions to maps and compasses, and team challenge tasks.



4 Division Skills Competition

Most of the senior cadet training this term was in preparation for this competition. As the term progressed twelve cadets were selected to attend our own preparatory exercise on a local Army Training Area. They were set practical team tasks and written tests to assess their skills and knowledge. Finally, a team of eight cadets was selected. Our team competed against fourteen other schools and Army Cadet Force



teams from across the South of England, at Longmoor Training Camp over a weekend at the end of March. The competition included shooting, Close Quarter Battle, an ambush, first aid, map reading, leadership, an obstacle course, night navigation, a forced march, drill and command tasks. The weekend was both physically and mentally demanding. The final score, from twelve events, put SRMS CCF in third place behind Surrey ACF and The Skinners School CCF. It was a tremendous achievement to beat eleven other schools with much larger numbers of cadets to field. All the cadets thoroughly enjoyed the event. Everyone involved made considerable efforts but congratulations in particular go to Colour Sergeant Richard Everard, the Section Commander, and

Corporal Luke Redman the Second in Command. Also, a special mention should be made to thank Captain Dean who was required to keep up with the team over the weekend. Well done to everyone involved.

Shooting Competition vs the Old Manwoodian Shooting Team

It appears the OM team has a secure future as we see another very good cadet shooting team challenge the OM's. We will of course do our best to improve these cadets and hand them on to the OM team when they are fully trained! This competition used high power air rifles with telescopic sights and both teams achieved very high scores. With a highest possible team score of 1620 the Cadet Team scored an impressive 1362 but were beaten by 19 points as the OMs scored 1381.

Individual cadets scored as follows (HPS 270):

Cadet Tom Wiltshire 243 (Joint highest score of the day)

Lance Corporal Roshan Khinder 234

Cadet Toby Freeland 224

Cadet Dash Eyles and Cadet William Donaldson 221

Cadet George Hyett 219

Exercise EASTER BUNNY

Thirteen cadets came into school over a weekend to operate the PRC320 HF Radio and compete against other schools and ACF units across the country. Our cadets had a number of frequencies to scan and find other units to contact. Once contact was made set information was passed between schools. All contacts were recorded and the logs were submitted for scoring. Over the ten hours that the cadets were operating the radio a good number of contacts were made and we wait to see the results. The exercise taught the cadets use of the radio set, discipline in voice procedure and correct phraseology for the radio, also accuracy in recording messages to submit for scoring. Cadets rotated on and off the radio during the competition. Some of those not operating the radio went onto the school range and shot as a background activity.

Method Of Instruction (MOI) Course

For most of the term seven cadets from Year 10 undertook the MOI course. Sergeant Naylor from the area Cadet Training Team came to the school to run the course over 8 weeks. The cadets were taught the principles of instruction, were given demonstrations and were set lessons to teach back. The lessons were on cadet training syllabus subjects including map and compass, skill at arms and drill. All those involved gained self-confidence, improved their subject knowledge and as a result of passing the course, they have all now been promoted. They will now teach and lead junior cadets in some training and, as they are on the first step of the promotion ladder, they will be continually assessed for further promotion.

Congratulations on your promotion to:

Lance Corporal Belle Afzal-Woodward

Lance Corporal Oscar Briscall-Harvey

Lance Corporal Josh Chana

Lance Corporal Roshan Khinder

Lance Corporal Olly Lyon

Lance Corporal James Poulton

Lance Corporal Harry Sims

Royal Engineers Visit Day

36 Engineer Regiment in Maidstone held an open day for Officer Cadets from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Along with one other school from Kent we were also invited to attend with ten senior cadets. Our cadets enjoyed an impressive display of the latest engineer equipment used by the army. Firstly, the cadets had an opportunity to watch a Combat Power Demonstration and then climb into the vehicles and talk to the soldiers commanding and operating them. Secondly, the cadets were able to operate Royal Engineer up-armoured operational plant vehicles under the supervision of army plant instructors. The weather was dry and warm and those cadets who were able to attend had a good insight into army life in the Royal Engineers and a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Matthew Ford (Year 12) has passed the Selection Board to enter training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. An excellent achievement.

Founders Day

The Cadet Band led the Contingent, marching from the school to church for the Founders Day service. The Headmaster took the salute as the Contingent marched past. The Band performed extremely well again and is set for another busy summer of events. The recruit intake in January was later than in previous years and in the weeks leading up to the parade there was concern about the standard of drill. As always seems to happen though, the cadets performed on the day and marched through Sandwich with style and panache!

New Staff

I am delighted to report that two teachers, Miss Baker and Mr Stones, have joined us. The CCF has been keen to recruit staff from the school and more are welcome.

This year the school Catering Manager Mr Waldron has rejoined the CCF, primarily to assist with the administration. His help has already proved invaluable and I would like to thank him for all his hard work.

Promotion

The School Staff Instructor (SSI) is Captain Money who works at SRMS 2 days each week. He also works as the Contingent Commander at Cranbrook School. In March Captain Money was promoted to Major according to his position at Cranbrook School. Congratulations from all the staff and cadets at SRMS.

Adventure Training – Lake District

In April 24 cadets are spending a week in the Lakes where they will participate in activities including rock climbing, abseiling, hill walking, navigation and mountain biking.

CCF Fife and Drum Band

The CCF Band has traditionally been a Fife and Drum band but next term we are introducing brass instruments, which we hope will create a better musical effect. We welcome any pupils who may wish to join the band. Band cadets may be part of the full contingent or they may perform solely with the band. Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Harlow is the CCF Bandmaster and tirelessly attends the school for band rehearsals and organises the band for its events. In March Lt Col (Retd) Harlow turned 75 years old. I would like to thank him in particular for all his dedicated hard work.

I would like to thank all the CCF adult staff for their continued support. So much important work goes on behind the scenes. This work is completed by the mainly voluntary and unpaid CCF staff. Thank you.

CCF Events next term:

Range and Obstacle Training Day 18th April
First Aid Competition 21st April
Exercise RAW RECRUIT 27th and 28th April
Annual Inspection 9th May (Cadet families welcome)
Civic Sunday 13th May
Kent Band Event 20th May
Range Day 30th May
Queens Diamond Jubilee Parade 3rd June
Shooting Competition 16th June
Exercise SUMMER WHINE 23rd and 24th June
Armed Forces Day Parade 30th June
CCF Summer Camp 15th to 21st July.

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

22. Sports Report

Spring Term 2012 Hockey Report

The U12 squad showed great promise this season, improving considerably as the term developed. George Verrier led the side as captain and began the season as the only true hockey player. However, others quickly developed their skills with James Ball, Harry Brown, Ed Harlow and goalkeeper Michael Eastman looking particularly impressive. The final record of won 2, drawn 3, lost 3 included an 8-1 victory at Duke of York's and a highly creditable 0-0 draw with Kent College.

The U13's started well with a 5-2 win over St Edmund's Canterbury. The unavailability of key players contributed to a bad run of results, culminating in a spirited performance with just 9 players at Duke of

York's where we lost 2-1. Damon Short excelled in a 3-0 victory against Harvey Grammar but this was going to be the last win in a difficult season. The U13 John Maylam tournament provided further experience, during which we managed to beat both Chatham House and Duke of York's – sides we had lost to earlier in the season.

Matt Mills scored a stunning last minute volley at Kent College to secure a 1-1 draw at the beginning of the U14 season. This was followed by a narrow 2-1 defeat at Norton Knatchbull before losing in the first round of the Kent Cup to Langley Park – currently one of the best sides in the country. The team gradually improved their individual skills and their gameplay as the season progressed and wins against Borden, Gravesend and an excellent 2-0 win against Simon Langton led to a Kent Plate Final against Cranbrook. A congested fixture list meant only one date was available to play the final and with injuries and suspensions of four key players, we played the final missing 8 players. Despite losing we did score 3 goals and we were left to wander what might have been if we had been able to field our full team.



The U15 fixture list seemed to suffer greatly from cancellations resulting in just 6 matches being played all season. This proved frustrating for such a strong team and a record of won 3, drawn 1, lost 1 with one still to play suggests the team would have won more games if given the opportunity. The U15 Peter Firminger tournament confirmed our strength as a side as we won 3 and drew 1 of our morning games in a very tough group. We missed out on winning the group by just 1 goal difference to eventual finalists Eltham College resulting in us getting the tougher quarter final against Tonbridge – the eventual winners. With Jake Ling already a first team regular, the U15's boast many talented players who will be heavily involved in senior hockey for years to come.

The 2nd XI have enjoyed a fantastic season, demonstrating the strength in depth in senior hockey at Manwood's. Beginning with a 3-3 draw at Kent College the side went on to win all of the remaining games, including a 6-3 win over the Old Manwoodian Veterans and a 9-1 win over Chatham House. The match against Simon Langton proved decisive in determining the league title and a battling second half performance saw us hold out for a 1-0 win and the title of 2nd XI league champions. It was very much a team effort with Reece Creedon leading as captain early in the season before Tom Walton took over due to Reece's injury. The final stats for the season were Played 7 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 0.

The 1st XI consisted of a large number of players due to occasional unavailability and the number of quality players to pick from. Elliott Woods joined the school from Chatham House to add quality to the midfield and Stuart Ewen and Mark Thomas (year 11) and Jake Ling (year 10) joined those in the sixth form to create a competitive squad.

The standard of hockey played was very high with four of our six losses coming against Kent College, Harvey Grammar and Simon Langton twice. Of the remaining 10 fixtures we only lost 2 with good wins against Norton Knatchbull 2-1, Dover College 2-0, Chatham House 3-1 and Duke of York's 3-2.

We also made it to the Kent Plate Final where we played Rochester Maths. We started slowly and were 1-0 down at half time having failed to trouble their GK. Despite conceding an early 2nd goal our second half performance was outstanding and we pulled back to 2-2. The game ebbed and flowed after this and despite going 3-2 down we equalised with the last touch of the game to finish 3-3. Extra time produced no further goals so the game went to flicks where we were beaten 4-3.

This game summed up our season where we played some excellent hockey but occasionally let ourselves down with poor passages of play. It was very much a team effort but I would like to make special mention of Ben Thurgate in goal who made so many fantastic saves during the season and Rob Kirby whose machine like presence in defence will be remembered and missed for years to come.

Ultimately the season has been incredibly enjoyable and the future of Manwood's hockey is very encouraging indeed. We wish the year 13 leavers well for the future and look forward to many others representing Manwood's at senior hockey next season.

Boys Basketball

Under 15 Basketball

The Under 15 team played three fixtures this term in order to complete a season which began back in the autumn term. Narrow defeats to Dover Boys and Harvey Grammar resided either side of a convincing win over local rivals Sandwich Tech by 20 points to 9. Results meant that the boys finished third in their league.

Under 13 Basketball

The Under 13 team were also completing a league season that began before Christmas. Three wins in a row over Dover Boys, Walmer, and a huge win over Sandwich Tech, by 28-4, was followed by an agonising last minute defeat to Harvey Grammar by 15 points to 16. Despite their first defeat of the season in the final round of matches the boys still accumulated enough points to win their league and qualify for the regional play-offs. Another one point defeat followed in the play-off game against Dane Court with the boys losing by 13 points to 12 despite an outstanding performance.

Thanks go to Mr Davidson for his work with the under 15 team, and to students Shem Sheikh (Yr 10) and Alex Feeny (Yr 12) for supporting Mr Riordan with the Under 13 team.

Girls Basketball

The Under 13 Girls Basketball team were invited to represent our area in the Kent Games Final where they were placed 6th out of 30 competing schools.

Girls' Netball

The Under 12 Netball Team has had an excellent season. Unbeaten this year the girls have grown in strength and have demonstrated some very promising play as a team. The squad had a very successful U12 tournament in which they accumulated an amazing 31 goals in 3 matches without conceding a single goal. So impressive was the performance that the team was also entered into the U13 tournament in which they managed a very respectable 3rd place. The team's hardest game was mid-season against St Lawrence. Although the team trailed 5-2 going into the final quarter determination and team work saw the girls pressure the St Lawrence defence to eventually win the game 6-5. Congratulations should be made to all players; however, a special mention must go to Simone van der Merwe, Fien van der Graff and Amy Sampson.

The U13 Team started their matches well winning their first two games against Sandwich and Castle Community with ease. This set them up nicely for a much tougher proposition against St Lawrence College. Unfortunately they proved to be too strong for us and a 4-23 loss was a disappointing result. However, the team came back fighting in the next game against Dover College winning it by 10 goals to 4 and this helped to restore confidence. In the District Tournament the girls managed a very respectable 2nd place. The season ended with them competing against their toughest opposition, Duke of York's. The first two quarters were very close and the match could have gone either way, but in the second half they stepped up a gear and we lost our way a little resulting in a heavy defeat. Overall, there were more wins than losses and a great deal of promise shown in this young side.

In many ways the U14 Team's performance echoed that of the U13's in that they started well and overall won 3 of their 5 matches. Their most convincing win was against Walmer, who they beat by 33 goals to 3.

This demonstrated the fine shooting skills of Jess Tombs, Phoebe Urquhart and Rebecca Holmwood. In defence Molly Farley proved a force to be reckoned with and made life very difficult for her opposing GS. The girls eagerly looked forward to their next match against St Lawrence College, knowing that this would be a much more challenging game. Although the final result just went St Lawrence's way the girls fought hard to the final whistle and probably displayed their best netball of the season. Unfortunately, due to lack of support from other schools in the area their District Tournament was cancelled.

A very competent U15 Team, captained by Casey Baughan, sailed through their first four matches with very convincing wins over Dover College, St Edmund's, Sandwich and Walmer. The highlight of the season was the next match against St Edmund's, Canterbury, which proved to be a nail-biting tussle ending in a 15-15 draw. As the season continued we unfortunately lost the captain, due to injury, and other commitments had an impact on the availability of some of the team. The next two games were lost, albeit by small margins, but they finished the season on a high by winning the District Tournament.

The 2nd 7, captained by Olivia O'Brien had a successful season with 4 wins and 3 losses on the score sheet. In their games against Sandwich Technology and Castle Community they scored over 30 goals and conceded none due to superb defending from Emma Marsh and Olivia. Unfortunately mid-season the 2nd's lost Laura Higgins due to injury with their toughest games ahead against Kent College and St Lawrence, which they ended up losing by only 16-19 and 7-13. Many of the new members to the team like Alice Watts showed great progress throughout the matches as well as Casey Moor and Mary Wilson playing consistently well all season. Overall, the 2nds performance this season shows great promise for the senior teams next year at Manwood's.

The 1st 7 Netball Squad, captained by Ella Savage, had a very successful season with almost an undefeated record - losing only one of their 6 games; this meant beating tough competition such as Dover College 27 - 4 and St Edmunds Canterbury 25-11. The squad had a tough game against the Duke of York's, struggling with the loss of Goal Attack Harriet Jackson. However, with strong shooting from Jess Greaves and consistent defence from newcomer Hannah Russell the 1st pulled through a tense last quarter to win 19-17. To top off a successful season, on the 27th March the 1st team played an invitation tournament at St Lawrence College against 6 other teams, the team was undefeated throughout the whole tournament and went on to be the U18's champions. Excellent centre court play throughout from Florence Papougnot, Estelle Papougnot, Lauren Maw and Charlotte Pape contributed to the success of the team. New comers from year 11 and 12 made a huge impact on the senior teams this year and give great hope for the future of senior teams at Manwoods.

Boys Rugby 7's

Under 13 Rugby 7's

This year the Under 13 rugby squad entered the Foster Cup, an annual Rugby 7's tournament hosted by The Junior King's School, Canterbury. Despite some horrendous conditions for rugby, and with the rain absolutely smashing down, the boys played some excellent rugby to beat King's Rochester and narrowly losing to Wellesley House in the pool stage. This meant that we qualified for a semi final spot against the hosts King's Canterbury. With both teams soaked through and struggling with the cold, the rapid pace of the King's winger was the difference between the two sides. Eventual tournament winners King's took the victory. On overall points scored, Manwood's finished the tournament in third place.

Girls Indoor Cricket

The annual Lady Taverner's, 8-a-side, girls indoor cricket competition has become a regular fixture in the sporting calendar for the girls at Manwood's and this year was no exception.

Under 15 Girls Cricket

The under 15 team headed off to the district competition to play Sandwich Tech and Dover Girls for the right to qualify for the county finals. Two victories against Dover Girls and two defeats against winners Sandwich Tech meant a second place finish for the girls. This unfortunately meant that we had failed to

qualify for the county finals. However the experience will be useful to the vast majority of the team, who will still be in the under 15 team next year having played in our district winning under 13 side last year.

Under 13 Girls Cricket

For the second year running the Manwood's under 13 team claimed victory at the district competition. We twice beat the teams representing King Ethelberts School and Dover Girls Grammar to qualify for the county finals. The county finals, held at Sittingbourne Community College, saw us face strong competition from Tonbridge School, Highworth Grammar School, and Hayes School. The girls played some very good cricket and although most matches were reasonably close, we failed to win any of our games. However, we can rightly claim to have left the county finals as the fourth best team in Kent.

We wish the girls luck for the upcoming outdoor equivalent of the Lady Taverners tournament in the summer term. The future looks bright for girls cricket at Manwood's. Next year's Under 15 team will contain Year 9 and 10 girls who have all previously qualified for the county finals as part of the under 13 team. Additionally the under 13 side will have the experience of the Year 7 girls who competed in this year's competition.

Tennis

On Friday the 9th March we travelled to Bromley Tennis Centre for the annual curtain raiser to the tennis season, the Kent Winter Doubles.

Junior Girls

Junior girls Anna Pullen (7TU) and Phoebe Urquhart (9TR) came second in the group stage and only missed out on the knock out competition on a count back of total games won.

Senior Girls

Senior girls Lucy Roper and Andrea Sreckovic (both Year 10) went unbeaten on their way to winning their group, but unfortunately lost their quarter final match to Langley Park.

Senior Boys

Senior boys Josh Spink (Year 13) and late replacement Alex Chapman (Year 10) competed hard but were knocked out in the group stage.

Junior Boys

Reigning champions James Davis (8TR) and Tom Pullen (8TU) were unbeaten, and played some outstanding tennis on their way to the final of the junior boys' section. James and Tom were described by one member of staff from another school as "*the best doubles pair I have ever seen at this level*", a huge compliment and a fair reflection of how they played on the day. Unfortunately the boys narrowly lost out in the final to a strong pair from Sevenoaks School who they beat in the final of the summer competition last season. As a result this year they had to make do with Silver medals.

A great day's tennis from all who competed, and an encouraging start to the tennis season at Manwood's. Well done to all involved.

23. Individual Sporting Achievements

Billy Lewins (7TU) has signed schoolboy forms with Gillingham Football Club. He regularly attends their Football Academy/Centre of Excellence and plays for one of their youth teams at the weekend.

Bobby (Year 10) and Alex (Year 11) Clay have been enjoying a fantastic cross country season this term. Both were selected to represent Kent at the AVIVA English Schools Cross Country Championships held in Somerset in March.

In February they also took part in the English National Cross Country Championships. Alex was 2nd in the U17 race and Bobby was 1st in the U15 age group. As a result both were selected to represent England in the ISF World Cross Country Championships held in Malta in the last week of term. This was an U18 event. Although Bobby and Alex are only due to return to England on the last day of term, news has been filtering back to school that Bobby came 1st and Alex was placed 4th – an amazing achievement.

James Davis (Year 8) has been invited to attend the LTA's South East Regional Training Camp for the top U14 tennis players in the region.

Lucy Nicholas (Year 8) has been invited to join the Pentathlon GB England Talent Pool. This is because of her particular strengths in swimming and shooting and she will now hope to improve upon these as well as develop her expertise in the other disciplines.

Bobby Clay (Year 10) and Katie Latham (Year 10) have been selected to compete at the Sainsbury's 2012 School Games 6th-9th May. This is a nationwide School Games competition for the best school-aged athletes in the UK. The last day of competition will take place in the Olympic Park and so Bobby will have the opportunity to run in the Olympic Stadium and Katie to swim in the Aquatics Centre.

24. Schools Fantasy Football League

House Fantasy Football Competition – current standings

House leader board (based on the score of the top four teams in each house)

Dorman 333.25 points

Tudor 326 points

Trappes 314.75 points

Knolles 305.5 points

Main competition

Mr Acourt 368 points

James Pledger (Year 12) 340 points

Mr Broadbridge 326 points

Mason Denning (Year 12) 325 points

Joe Hawkins (Year 11) 324 points

Thomas Pullen (Year 8) 323 points

FA Cup:

Mr Vere 83 points

Mr Merrell 67 points

Rev Ryn (parent) 62 points

Mr Avery 57 points

Mr Pearce 57 points

Joe Hawkins (Year 11) 55 points

25. Spring Term 2012 House Results Summary

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Girls Netball

1 st	Tudor	=	180 points
2 nd	Dorman	=	170 points
3 rd	Knolles	=	100 points
4 th	Trappes	=	75 points

Girls Badminton

1 st	Tudor	=	215 points
2 nd	Dorman	=	175 points
3 rd	Knolles	=	115 points
4 th	Trappes	=	60 points

Boys Hockey

1 st	Tudor	=	210 points
2 nd	Knolles & Trappes	=	155 points
4 th	Dorman	=	150 points

Girls Cross-country

1 st	Trappes	=	200 points
2 nd	Tudor	=	80 points
3 rd	Dorman	=	65 points
4 th	Knolles	=	30 points

Literature & Media Competition

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

Spelling Bee

1 st	Trappes	=	75 points
2 nd	Tudor	=	25 points
3 rd	Dorman	=	20 points
4 th	Knolles	=	15 points

Merits

1 st	Trappes	=	300 points
2 nd	Tudor	=	200 points
3 rd	Dorman	=	100 points
4 th	Knolles	=	50 points

Final Positions for Spring Term



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

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

Yours sincerely

Chris Morgan
Headteacher