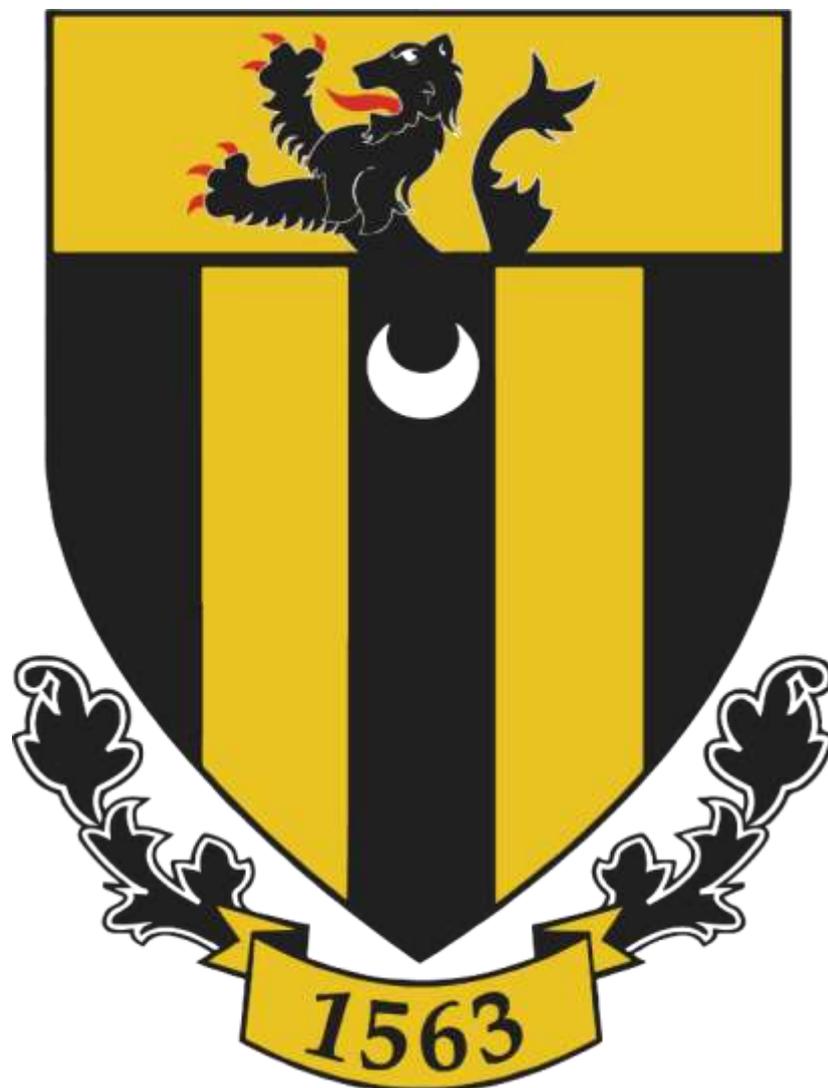


Sir Roger Manwood's School



Spring Term 2019

Newsletter

The Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

The end of term has been as hectic as ever, perhaps more so due to our foreshortened term, with staff working incredibly hard to finish this term's planned work in less time. My thanks to them and our students for their focused efforts. Thanks also to you for your forbearance. I am pleased to say that the windows project is running smoothly so far, with those that are already in place making a noticeable difference to the warmth of the rooms.

STAFF NEWS

We recently bade a very fond farewell to Mr Bennett, who had been covering Mrs Szczerbicki's maternity leave, as he decided to join the police. We wish him well and thank him for all of his hard work and effort in his time with us.

At half term we also said welcome to Mr Richard Adams, who has joined the School from the Ursuline in Westgate, as our Estates Manager.

We said a warm welcome back to Mrs Charlesworth who has kindly agreed to come back from her retirement to take over the Computer Science classes until July after Mrs Wilkinson's retirement at the end of the Autumn Term.

Congratulations to all 3 of our School Direct trainees – Ms Hull, Ms Hincker and Ms Dawes – all of whom have been successful in finding an appointment for September.

STUDENT NEWS



George Winham (Year 12) represented Kent U17's on Sunday 24 February against Surrey. Kent won the game 57-15, with George kicking 2 of 3 penalties to help Kent to victory. Well done George!



Melissa Mundy recently took part in Badminton England Silver and Bronze Tournaments. In the Silver Tournament she took Gold in the mixed doubles and Silver in the ladies' doubles, and in the Bronze Tournament she took Gold in the ladies' doubles. The photo shows Melissa with her medal haul – congratulations from us!

For the uninitiated, these are the levels of the tournaments explained:
Bronze - strong regional players and inexperienced county players
Silver - experienced county players
Gold - elite and Young England players

Amelie Niblett (Year 7) and Maisie McCartney (Year 13) were both selected for the South East Schools' team to compete at the ESSA National Swimming Championships in March. Congratulations to both. Maisie was also again selected as part of the UK swimming team. This time she swimming in the meeting against Israel from the 28th March to 1st April. We will let you know in the next newsletter how she got on!

Congratulations to the boys' 1st XI hockey team who made it through to the semi-final of the Kent County Tournament earlier this month, which is further than any Manwood's boys' 1st XI team has ever managed before. The boys narrowly lost to the eventual winners.

Our Y8's won the Cummins Power Generation STEM challenge. 7 schools were involved and our students gave an outstanding presentation for their concept of an ECO home. Well done to Amaris Ajayi, Amy Boucher, Finbar Burgess and Harry Baxendale. You can read more about this competition later in the newsletter.

Mille and Alex (both Year 7) represented Kent in the South East Inter-Counties School's Cross Country at Horsham, where they competed against the very best runners from Essex, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Mille came 24th and Alex came 11th both out of 100. Well done to both.



ALUMNI NEWS

Careers Evening

Back in September, several female Manwood's alumni and a few local female residents returned to the school to help run a careers evening for girls on the issues that would confront them as they moved into the world of work. The evening was highly successful, with topics ranging from what it was like being a girl in the very first year that Manwood's admitted girls back in 1983 through to how to balance a career with children and suggestion as to how to deal with other obstacles that they had found to progression in their chosen careers. The photos below show all of the alumni speakers and the one below is of the four who question and answer panel that rounded off the evening.



This was the write up of the event in the East Kent Mercury...

Tales of school and careers from women who led the way

By Eleanor Perkins
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Female alumna of Sir Roger Manwood's have returned to the Sandwich school for an event aimed at helping to empower the next generation of students.

Past pupils Elspeth Hobbs, Amy McManus and Lucy Erasmus rounded up a team of volunteers over a wide variety of professions - including doctors, an artist, a lawyer, a marketing director and civil servants - to take part in the event.

The purpose of the evening was to celebrate the success of women's rights and empower the women of tomorrow to go even further, by discussing the issues and options they face in their careers.

The evening - which was open to both boys and girls in Year 9 and above - started off with an insight into what it was like for the first girls of Manwood's by

Karen Campbell, who was part of the first year group in 1983 and is mother of a current Manwoodian.

She told of the trial and error in Manwood's opening its doors to girls, the sexism and struggles she encountered at the time, before reflecting on how different it is today.

The keynote speech was delivered by Amy McManus of AM Marketing, which also ran two networking training sessions for students in the run up to the event.

Workshops were held by volunteers on themes of The Life Conveyor Belt, Finding Your Own Path, Working in a Male Dominated Sector and Balancing Work with Life and Families, where students heard from two speakers before joining in with discussions.

There was then a question and answer panel, where the students asked questions around feminism, equality, experiences and personal choices.

Lastly all present were invited to stay for refreshments in order for students and their parents to network with the staff and volunteers.

Mrs Hobbs said: "The event received high praise from all those that attended and work is ongoing for possibly creating a reoccurring event with other local schools or a networking platform to link current students with previous students for advice and work experience opportunities."

Street named after an alumnus

Reginald Bolton was born in November 1944 and died sometime during the 1990's. He was a boarding pupil at Manwood's from 1956 to 1964 and went to Warwick University after leaving us. Reg subsequently travelled around the world, and found the time to write books on clowning. He has recently had a street in

Edinburgh named after him for the work he did teaching deprived children circus acts through the Edinburgh Theatre Workshops. Below is his obituary from the 2007 OMA Newsletter...

REGINALD ERNEST BOLTON (56/64) died on 14th July 2006 aged 60. Captain of Athletics and Cross-Country 1963-4, a picture of him dressed in running shorts and vest holding two athletic trophies on the Farrer field was on the front of the Order of Service at his funeral. Reg as he was known to all, read English and European Literature at Warwick University where he met his future wife Annie Stainer. He then moved to Edinburgh becoming a director of the Theatre Workshop and developing theatre shows and projects for the young people living in deprived areas of the city. Reg went on to continuously produce new shows, learning circus skills and passing these on to the children to build in them the confidence to move forward. When the UK became too confining for his work Reg and his family moved to Perth, Western Australia, in 1985 to continue and expand his "Suitcase Circus" on new fertile ground. He and his family toured the world performing their family shows. For 17 years he taught and directed at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and became a leader in the new circus movement developing across the world. In 2005 his thesis "Why Circus Works: how the values and structures of circus make it a significant developmental experience for young people" earned him a PhD from Murdoch University, Perth. He held the Chair of Performing Arts in Australia and was President of the Australian Circus and Physical Theatre Association. For those interested and with access to the internet, Google "Reg Bolton", where you will find a fascinating and far more in-depth appreciation of Reg's life and the contribution that he made to other people's lives.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS TERM

As well as the many lunch time and after school clubs and societies that run each week, and the extensive and wide ranging after school sports fixtures, other trips and activities that have taken place this term include:

HPV vaccinations for Year 8

Year 9 parents' evening

A whole school assembly at which our speaker was two women from Pilgrim's Hospice, this year's School Charity

Two Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award training days

A Mock results day for Year 11, and a presentation from an external company on how to best prepare for GCSEs

UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Several rounds of a University Challenge competition

Over 90 Year 9 students attended three Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award training days

A trip to the Marlowe Theatre for Year 10 GCSE drama students to see Macbeth

A trip to the Bodyworks exhibition in London for the GCSE and A Level Physical Education students

A trip for Year 12 Geography students to Aylesham Miners' Heritage Centre

Joint meeting of our Heads of English and Mathematics with local primary school Year 6 teachers

Year 11 GCSE Drama assessments

Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition assessments

Hosting a visit from university students who are thinking of becoming teachers

A School Council meeting

A non-uniform day for Pilgrim's Hospice

Year 12 students leading a French Day at Sandown Primary School

A talk to Year 7 and Year 8 students from author, Cliff McNeish

A full house for the annual Headteacher's Family Quiz

Our inaugural and highly successful Reading Week

The hosting of a Modern Foreign Languages training seminar (delivered by the AQA Examination Board) to over 60 MFL teachers from all over Kent and Medway

Year 8 Parents' Evening

A book and cake sale to raise money for Book Aid International

Another trip for Year 11 Drama students to the Marlowe Theatre to see War Horse

4 students attended the UK Team Mathematics Challenge

8 Year 10 students took part in the Mathematics Feast competition

GCSE PE internal moderation day

A Level PE oral examinations

10 Year 12 students were interviewed for the position of next year's School Captains

34 Year 11 and 4 Year 12 students (those who did not attend the same event last March) attended a roadshow given by current Cambridge University students about life there, studying there and how to apply

Orchestra trip to Porto, Portugal

Spanish and German students in the UK on their part of our annual exchange trips

Year 13 year group, Prefect, Captains and individual photos

Year 13 parents' evening

Senior Citizen's Easter Tea Party

Trips to India and Gambia, with both groups having raised lots of money for each of our partner schools during the term via various fund raising events

Ski trip to Austria

Over 90 sports fixtures or tournaments

The sporting highlights this term include (more detail can be found in the PE End of Term Newsletter which will be coming on separately):

District Netball Champions at U12 (Year 7) and U13 (Year 8)

Kent Schools Trampolining - Megan Rook 1st in U15 Elite; Bente van der Graaf/Hollie Allison 2nd in U19 Intermediate

East Kent Schools Gymnastics Floor and Vault Competition - 7 medallists

Runners-up at the national U18 State Boarding Schools' Football Tournament

3rd place in the U13 Hockey Kent Mini's tournament - missing out on qualification to the regional tournament by 1 point

Runners-up in the U13 Hockey John Maylam County Tournament

League Champions in the U13 East Kent Hockey League for the second year in a row

Runners-up in the U15 Hockey Peter Firminger County Tournament, beating St Lawrence in the semi final

The 1st XI Hockey team were semi-finalists in the Frank Mason County Tournament (losing to the eventual winners)

The 1st XI were also East Kent Hockey League Champions

My apologies to anyone who led or who took part in an event or trip that I have not mentioned!

I wish you all a restful holiday and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 23 April.

A very happy and restful Easter,

Best wishes,



Lee Hunter

Headteacher

SUBJECT REPORTS

Year 8 STEM Day at Cummins

After arriving at Cummins' Manston site we were shown to the 'presentation room'. It was here that we would begin the day with each of the 8 schools presenting their individual ideas for the challenge Cummins had presented us with.

After everyone had arrived and been accounted for, the experience began!

We were shown a presentation to introduce us to the building and the reasons behind the competition. After the introduction we were able to begin the presentations. All of the schools did a brilliant job and our group of 4 were especially happy with how our leaflets, presentation and 3D printed model had gone down with the judges!

Once the final presentation had concluded, we had a short 15 minute break and then began our first activity. We were tasked with building a fully working electric motor out of paperclips, a plastic cup, some copper wire and a battery –we never quite achieved a fully working motor, but we got close!

Then, we were treated to a subway sandwich platter for lunch (which was fab!) and afterwards we were given a tour of the HUGE warehouses, one of which could have housed Tesco's store at Westwood Cross and have had space leftover! We got a chance to see some of their 60L 700hp diesel engines up close!

After returning from our tour, we got stuck in to the second activity, which was to build and then improve a Kinect_(R) Solar powered car. In the end, we didn't quite manage to greatly improve upon the design, but the reinforcements and slight aerodynamic changes clearly made for something because we managed to win the first race (and almost the second, but our motor failed!).

It was then time to announce the winners for the best project/idea and the best presentation, and...after much anticipation...it was announced...that...(drumroll please)...our team had won the prize for the best project/idea!!!

We received 4 solar powered battery banks (to charge our phones sustainably) and the school also received a shield, which will be engraved and presented at a later date. We really enjoyed the day and it was a brilliant opportunity to see and experience what a working in engineering is like.

Year 7 French Trip to Lille

At the start of December, the French department took more than 160 Year 7 students on a day trip to France. It was an early start for everyone but the excitement was palpable at the beginning of the day! We went to visit the Christmas market in Lille where students could immerse themselves in the French culture whilst wandering around dozens of Christmas stalls. Many of them bought Christmas treats for themselves and their families and it was a pleasure to see them converse in French. We also enjoyed a visit to a waffle factory outside of Lille, where we watched a demonstration on how the 'Gaufres Flamandes' are made before we were all given some to try. We had a fantastic day enjoying all these treats and we hope to go again next year. A big thank you to Mrs Moore for organising the trip as well as the French department and all the teachers who came with us.

By Ms Pujadas-Telmon



Some of our students in front of the Christmas Ferris wheel



The group watching the demonstration at the waffle factory



The waffle factory

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Training

On Monday 4 March Manwood's hosted a county-wide training session led by Ms Pujadas-Telmon and the Lead MFL Examiner for the AQA Board. Over 20 schools and 55 teachers attended. The after school session received extremely positive feedback, so much so that the exam board would like to make it an annual event.

Year 12 French Students At Sandown School

On Friday 1st March, all 6 A-level French students offered their time to go to Sandown primary. The school was holding an MFL day, with the children dressing up in the colours of the French flag and practicing their language skills. To help with the celebrations, we agreed to come in and teach Years 2, 5 and 6.

Kicking off the morning was Year 5 - we split into 2 groups to teach both classes a lesson based around French food, including some fun activities like word-searches and creating menus in French. This was followed by the children trying croissants and pains au chocolat. After a 15 minute break we had our next class; Year 2, whose lesson was on basic greetings and colours. We started by teaching the class the vocabulary all together, followed by the children doing some individual colouring by numbers (in French) while we practiced conversational skills 1-on-1. We were impressed by their ability to pick up the words so quickly, as well as their pronunciation (and colouring skills!). Our final classes were Year 6, who we ran through some French geography with. This lesson was slightly slower-paced than the others as the children were required to create a map of France including rivers, mountains, main regions and their speciality foods over the course of the lesson.

All in all, it was interesting to step into the shoes of a teacher for the day and note the challenges of teaching younger children. Nevertheless, it was rewarding to see them progress even in the short time we had with them and a privilege to be given the opportunity to work with them. Huge thanks go to Ms Puji for organising and Mr Hunter for visiting, as well as the staff and pupils at Sandown who made us feel very welcome.

By Honey Harrop

The email we received from Sandown School after the day showed what great ambassadors for themselves, their parents and Manwood's this group of young people were: "Thank you so much for making our French Day really special for the children. I have received great feedback from the staff. We were impressed by the way your students came in confidently, dressed smartly and acted professionally. They had a good manner with the children". Below is the picture that appeared in the East Kent Mercury about the day.



Year 10 Spanish Exchange

The parents of 23 Year 10 students kindly agreed to host their children's 22 Spanish counterparts for a week in early April. This was the third year that this exchange has run, and it is fabulous to see the growing connections between our two schools and to hear of the continuing friendships between the young people, with several now in the sixth form and still travelling to see each other in the summer holidays.

As one of the parents of our Year 10 students said: "We just wanted to say how much we have enjoyed having our Spanish student to stay. He was such a lovely, polite boy. We also wanted to commend the students from SRMS on how they really got involved by arranging days out, football matches, lunches out and the farewell dinner. We are very proud of them. We hope the Spanish students enjoyed themselves as much. They are all looking forward to May and the reciprocal trip to Barcelona".

And another commented: "We wanted to let you know what a great night was had last night by all of the students. All of the students behaved exemplary and as one set of the parents that were present, we had to do very little to supervise. Before we left the Drill Hall (once all of the students were collected), we spoke to the owners of the restaurant to thank them for hosting a great evening. They stated that not only did they think that the students were well behaved and helped to create an exciting atmosphere in the restaurant, they also had comments back from the other diners present that they were impressed at how well 45 students behaved. What a lovely compliment".

The photograph below shows all of the students involved in the exchange in the Drill Hall pizzeria on their last night. A huge thank you to the parents who arranged this get together and who oversaw the group.



Year 9 German Exchange

The annual German exchange with our partner school in Sundern, Sauerland has now been taking place every year for over 20 years. This year the format of the exchange changed slightly: instead of going to Germany in December first, our Year 9 students hosted their partners just before Easter and will go to Germany in June together with a group of Year 8 students.

The German partners had a great time here and are looking forward to hosting everyone in a few months' time.

Year 8 German Pen Pal Project

The response to the first German pen pal project was fabulous as most students in Year 8 who are studying German took part. They have now written their first letter to their German partner and are excited to receive letters back after Easter. It is great to see the students' enthusiasm in times when writing letters seems to be a thing of the past.

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Team Challenge

Four students: Thomas Farcos, Kian Siadatan (both Year 8), Erris Barrett and Alabane Colin-Salingue (both Year 9) represented our school in the regional final of the UKMT Team Challenge at Ashford School on March 12 2019. In total there were 15 schools represented including both of the Dover grammar schools, Simon Langton, Chatham and Clarendon, Kings Canterbury, and Kent College. The contest was completed over 4 rounds and each school had to participate as a team throughout. The Maths content was challenging and there was extra pressure to complete the tasks quickly. Our students performed superbly and finished in a very creditable 5th place. The event was won by Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys.

As well as thanking the four students who participated I must thank all the other students who put themselves forward to represent us. The hardest part is to decide on a team of just 4 when there are so many willing and able students to choose from.

By Mr Crean

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

83 pupils from across years 10 and 11 took part in this Challenge, and 45 certificates were awarded by the organisers – 24 Bronze (for those scoring 43 or higher), 12 Silver (for those scoring 55 or higher) and 9 Gold (for those scoring 71 or higher). Congratulations go to all of the participants, especially to those who did well enough to receive a certificate. The Gold certificates were awarded to: Will Ainsworth, Niall Chidwick, Joss Henworth, Solveig Kjellberg-Motton, Theo Larsen, Thomas Owen, Alex Reoch, Louis Slack and Maya Stedman. Maya, Theo and Louis also received certificates for the best results in their year groups (Theo and Louis were tied for best in year 10!), and Maya also received one for the best score in the school. 7 of the Gold award pupils are now eligible to take part in the Pink Kangaroo national competition for the very best mathematicians in the country in years 10 and 11. We wish them well.

ENRICHMENT REPORTS

University Challenge

On Wednesday 27th March, two teams of Year 8 pupils took on Kings Rochester Prep in the schools' version of the popular TV programme, University Challenge. The B team (Henry Carruthers, Bethany Davies, Boo Cruwys & Lizzie Deverson) did well but lost their match. The A team (Gracie Jackson, Seren Morgan, Cameron Ryan and Emily Smith) won through to the next round and will represent the school in the semi-finals of the Kent and Sussex competition which takes place in May – well done to them!

By Mr Anderson

Combined Cadet Force

Exercise Dragon Rose 15th – 17th March 2019

This weekend was the first CCF camp of the academic year for the recruits. It was wet, muddy and windy, so not for the faint of hearts.

Upon arrival we did a weapons handling test to determine whether we were allowed to fire blank rounds during the weekend while on exercises. If you didn't pass you got another chance the next morning. Lieutenant Stokes gave us a practice round then we did the proper thing.

The next morning, we woke up at 06:00 and went on a long walk in the fields with our burgeons and our rifles. I can probably guess what you're thinking 'poor them having to carry all that stuff'. Well, I'll have you know that if you pack your burgeon properly then it's not as heavy on your back. Every 15-20 minutes we would stop and patrol our area while three runners would go and find another place to stay. It was a lot of fun! That night we went on a mini ambush to prepare ourselves for the next morning. Towards the afternoon we started thinking about putting up our bashers but had to take them down shortly afterward as the wind was too strong and was snapping the branches.

We woke up on Sunday morning at 5:30am. Although it was early it generally didn't feel it (in a good way). The first thing we did was collect our rifles and then headed out for an ambush, although we had to be silent while we were walking, as if it were a real ambush, so as not to be heard. For the last three hours left we went on a stalk in pairs and had to get as close to the farm house as possible without being seen. That was probably my favourite part. Sadly, the weekend was coming to an end all too quickly.

After the weekend our rifles were filthy so we all sat in a circle with music playing while we cleaned them and spoke about the weekend. We had our final ration meal then headed back to school where we got collected by our parents.

Although I came back full of aches and pains, the weekend was definitely worth it as I was with all my friends doing something I love. I'm definitely going to continue CCF and will continue going on the camps as they are lots of fun.

By Cadet Russel

Tiring but fun would be 2 words I described my weekend as on the first night we arrived we had our weapons handling test which determines if we are allowed to fire the rifle. After that was sleep, although sleep was basically impossible on that 'comfy' roll mat and in that 'spacious' sleeping bag!

The next day we were up at 6am cooking lovely rations which after a couple "I'll give you an all-day breakfast for that cinnamon bun" can be very nice, no matter how bad they sound. After that we packed our kit grabbed a rifle each and went out on patrol. We set up camp but when we got there it ended up being too windy so we came back. We then set up an ambush where we ambushed 2 "terrorists" and fired blanks at them (blanks are bullets/rounds that make a bang but nothing comes out of the rifle's barrel).

After that was sleep, waking up at 5am this time for another ambush. We then did a stalk where we had to get to an area, write down what we could see and where it is located. If we are seen by an adult we were sent back to the start. We then cleaned the rifles and got on the mini-bus back to Manwood's.



EKHUFT Youth Forum

In November the new East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust Youth Forum held its first meeting. 11 pupils from the school are members and Jonah Barrett (Year 13) is its Co-Chair along with the Patient and Public Involvement Lead from the Trust.

The Forum aims to improve opportunities for young people to get involved in their local NHS, provide opportunities for those wishing to pursue careers in the NHS as well as giving a voice to young people to express their thoughts on health issues that matter most to them.

In February a site tour was arranged by the QEQM Hospital. The Forum members met the Chief Executive, Senior Matron for Accident and Emergency, Head of Therapies, Outpatients Operational Manager, the Chief Biomedical Scientist, Chief Radiographer, Senior Surgical Matron, Deputy Chief Nurse and the Catering Manager. On the tour the Forum had a detailed insight into the running of the hospital and how it

was operated, including tours of: Magnetic Resonance Imaging looking at the high-tech equipment and current practice. We also visited the Accident and Emergency Department and the system used in

Outpatients, as well as having a talk on catering management in the hospital. The tour concluded with a walk through the biomedical and haematology laboratories where the practices and complicated equipment used to analyse blood samples was explained.



Library News

This has been another busy term in the Library! On Friday March 1st we were pleased to welcome author Cliff McNish to our school to talk to Years 7 and 8. He has written the award-winning Doomspell series and ghost story Breathe amongst many other titles. He gave an entertaining talk about his journey to becoming a writer which started when he promised to write a story for his daughter, Rachel. She wanted it to be about a witch so evil that the only way to get rid of her would be to kill her. Rachel also wanted to be the main character (of course). After much procrastination and nagging from Rachel he finally got down to writing it and was surprised when somebody suggested he should try and get it published.

Cliff told his audience that, far from being particularly good at writing when he was their age, he was really 'nothing special'. His encouraging message was that you can do anything if you work hard.



On World Book Day we held a Book and Cake Sale in the Library. Students, parents and staff had donated many books so thank you very much to everyone who supported this. We raised £212 for Book Aid International www.bookaid.org and our students were able to get lots of bargain books.

Also on World Book Day Year 7s took part in a Book title Quest. Many members of staff wore a badge showing the title of a well-known book, with Mr Hunter enthusiastically wearing 'Great Expectations'. Students had to record the title and find out the author. Several students managed to find all the books and won book tokens for this.

The shortlist for this year's Carnegie Medal has just been announced and our Reading Group will be busy starting to read the books over the Easter holidays. See www.ckg.org.uk to find out what it's all about. New members always welcome! We meet every Monday lunchtime in the Library.

Other recent successes to highlight: Phoebe Coomer 7S won a Book token for her winning design in the Bookbuzz competition. Abbie Latymer 7A also received some books for her original design and story in the same competition.

Senior Citizen Easter Tea

64 local senior citizens, some of whom are ex members of staff, spent 3 hours in School on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 April where they were welcomed by Miss Lupton and members of the Junior and Senior Charity Committees. During the event they were entertained by the Ukulele Band (who even did requests!) and Joe Young (a superb pianist in Year 13).