# MANOR GREEN COLLEGE

### NEWS

**ULY 2016** 



#### Message from Mr.Robson

The end of an academic year is always a time to reflect, and this year is no different. We have seen the opening of the new FE building, which after a difficult start, has seen some resounding successes with many students taking advantage of the more adult environment to develop greater levels of independence and self-reliance than before.

The first year of our Business Buddies project has seen an increasing number of students getting work placements and job offers (check out our students video on YouTube at https://youtu.be/il89upaBSQs ), and a greater focus across the whole College on consistent communication and Autism friendly classrooms has seen improvements in both of these important areas of work. On the back of this, feedback from the overwhelming majority of you in Annual Reviews and Parent Conversations has been extremely positive all year. Despite that, I'm fully aware that we get some things wrong, and actually in the real world it is impossible not to, as the staff team and I are only human, but what I can say is that it's not very often, and we will always do our utmost to learn and improve as a result. I am confident that, as we head towards much more difficult financial times, the College staff team are both ready and capable of meeting the challenge of maintaining our high level of service, especially where we are able to work in strong, positive partnership with yourselves. As a change in the weather finally signals the arrival of the Summer, hopefully the sunshine will last long enough for everyone to get out and about over the next 6 weeks. For some, the Summer break is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time away from the normal routines of the rest of the year, but I am very sensitive to the fact that for others, the Summer break can be a daunting time; a long haul with no school to provide respite from the daily responsibilities of childcare. Every year the College makes a large number of referrals and enquiries to other support services on behalf of our families, many of which result in additional help being provided. The Local Authorities new system of referral for family support is called 'Early Help' and this service can be contacted on 01403 229900. If you find that you are really struggling over the Summer, please can I suggest that you to give the number a ring rather than just wait for the College to re-open in September. You'll need to go through the automated menu and choose option 5, general enquiries, so if you do ring, don't give

up before you get to speak to someone.

However, I sincerely hope that you won't need to give that another thought, and that the Summer break is indeed an enjoyable time for you and your family, so on behalf of the whole staff team, may I wish you well and look forward to seeing you again at 8:45 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.



# **Upcoming Events**

- \* 8<sup>th</sup> Sept—First day back
- \* **23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**—Jeans 4 Jeans
- Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup>
  Sept—KS3 Parent
  Conversations (individual dates and times to follow)
- W/C 26<sup>th</sup> Sept—Outdoor learning week
- W/C 26<sup>th</sup> Sept—KS4 Parent
  Conversations (individual dates and times to follow)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept—McMillan coffee morning
- W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct— KS5 Parent Conversations (individual dates and times to follow)
- W/C 10th Oct—4DJ Work experience week
- **13th Oct**—Parents Next Steps evening (Y9-14)
- \* 20th Oct—Halloween Disco
- 21st Oct—INSET Day

You can order school uniform by telephone, email or through the website and they are delivered to the school on Fridays or if local, to your house if you prefer.

Please visit:



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Lady Margaret Road, Ifield, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 0DX, Telephone: 01293 520351 Email: office@mgcollege.co.uk



# **Green Screen at Manor Green**

The ICT & Computing Department are celebrating their new Green Screen kit for special effects.

MGC students to use in multimedia projects. The students have been busy filming and using their imagination and "on Mr. Cambridge camera" talents to create videos. Using the green screen, Head of ICT and Computing the students can superimpose themselves into any setting like TV and films creators do. Their work will be show cased at the end of term assembly for all the school to view. This is just another step to bring technology to a different level here at MGC. The children naturally come up with the ideas for the stories and scenarios, and it's hoped that we can match their creative aspirations with the required technical needs. The editing software and a green screen kit enables our students to think beyond previous limited software.

We are also excited about using this for future performances too, as we will be able to blend action with





#### lournament utreach 3way

On Friday the 8th July students from the college entered a football tournament organised by Outreach 3 Way in Ifield.

The students were put in to two teams of six and played a mixed range of adult and older teams. All the students played extremely well and were well behaved throughout the day. The sun was shining and it was a good day had by all. One of the teams won a trophy for winning their league.

Thank you to all the students for making the college proud!

#### **New Players Wanted**

If you would like to join the Football Club run at the college on a Tuesday or a Thursday after school please ask in the office for a form. Places are limited so get your form to join now!!

**Stuart Butcher** Manager **Manor Green Football Club** 



## 3MD & 3EJ **Brighton Trip**



3MD and 3EJ had a great day out in Brighton.

We went on the pier and some of us were brave enough to go on the rides! Our picnic lunch on the beach was lovely but we had to watch out for the greedy seagulls who tried to steal our sandwiches!

Dani Prosser **Class Teacher** 





We now have our new fixed wheel trike! I would like to thank everyone who helped raise the money needed to purchase this bike. It has been fantastic and the students love it! They even approve of the lovely orange colour. Please keep an eye out for the letter for the bike club in September, family members are welcome to come along, even the adults! Don't be shy, come and learn to ride.

Becky Killick



Just a reminder that School Gateway is available now for all parents.

Please sign up for the School Gateway app or visit www.schoolgateway.com to register as a new user. You will be able to view information about your child, including attendance and pay for school lunches, trips and events.

Please note that Parent Mail will no longer be in use from the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.

If you need any assistance please call us on 01293 520351

### A Message from our Physio team

The Physiotherapist (PT) and Occupational Therapist (OT) at Manor Green College have set up a generic email to contact them about your child's therapy needs at school. Any parent who wishes to begin contacting the team by email may use this address: <u>SC-TR.specialschoolotptnorth@nhs.net</u>.

Parents will need to sign a consent form which explains terms and conditions of using the electronic method and return the consent form to the school Therapist.

> Many thanks, Paediatric Therapy Team **Crawley Hospital**

# Holidays During Term Time

This is a reminder to parents that holidays during term time should be avoided. Personal requests for holidays during term time will be taken into consideration as long as you can explain why it is necessary to go in term time and as long as the attendance is good (92% attendance or more).



# Mini International V

The whole school took part in a Road to Rio Dance workshop led by Shelaine Prince, who was an inspirational instructor. Each group presented their dances and Mr Robson said he hadn't smiled so much for ages.





Pupils filled Boxes of Hope with toiletries for charity and they were delivered to people in need.

A big thank you to Debenhams and Clarks in Crawley for donating boxes for this lovely cause.

Ana Szopa and Chris Nichols from GDWG held an assembly and spoke about the work they do with immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

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We also had some student teachers from America

visiting the school. They took away lots of ideas and as their expressions show, they had a good time.



A very big thank you to The Clothworkers' Foundation for contributing £15,000 towards the purchase of a minibus for the college.

The Clothworkers' Foundation give grants to improve the lives of people and communities, particularly those that face disadvantage.

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F.E

It was touch and go this year with the weather for forest camp but we managed one night out in the woods instead of 2 which went extremely well. We crammed in loads of activities and even managed to get through most of the food! You all know how teenagers can eat! We had 2 glorious days of sunshine and a very quiet night until the dawn chorus began at 4:20 am! We had 9 very tired students on Wednesday morning!



Between the 8th to the 14th July one of our teachers, Mark Harrington, was in France managing and coaching a Great Britain Swim team at the international school games.

Mark lead the team with great success. Overall the team between them got 49 personal bests, 36 medals overall, 9 bronze medals, 8 silvers, 19 golds, broke 3 games records and won a trophy for winning overall.

The team in the end won 70% of the swimming competition.

Mark would like to thank the governors and the school management for their support and allowing him the time to lead the most successful swimming event for Great Britain at these games.



### EU – In or out?

3SF and 3SU spent some time looking at the reasons for staying in (Remain) or for leaving (Brexit) the EU. They learnt about Polling Stations, where people go to make their vote. They learnt that the vote is private and no one had to know their vote.

Then, we set up our own Polling Station, and made our votes in our Ballot Box. All students had one vote, and so did the staff in those classes.

The results were : 21 - stay in 1 - leave.

So unfortunately they didn't get their choice as the rest of the country preferred to leave!









Ben Abou el Abbes, Kenny Greenwood, Michael Ormandy and Kieren Stevens all took part in their bronze expedition in May and were passed by our DofE assessor, Mrs Feasey, after giving their expedition presentation to family members last week. Michael has now completed all aspects of his Bronze and has been signed off and we are now waiting for his award. Kieren has just 3 weeks left of his volunteering section to complete and he too will be signed off. Ben will be working on his 12 weeks of his volunteering in September and Kenny has his physical and volunteering sections to complete.



Anyone aged 11-19 and attending secondary school can receive confidential advice on a wide range of issues such as bullying, emotional health and wellbeing, healthy relationships, sleeping, eating and drug and alcohol issues through the Chat Health school nurse messaging service which is available throughout the summer holidays. The service is also available on telephone number **07480 635424** 

### Wild Manor Green

The Modular classes in Key Stage 3 have designed the wild flower panels for our forthcoming outdoor sculpture, which have now been turned into glass by our teachers Vanessa Dell and Sue Norton. We would particularly like to thank Glass Artist David Watson for the use of his Brighton Studio and kiln, without whom this project would not have been possible. Our next challenge is to create a support structure to display these beautiful panels in our garden. If you are able to help please do get in touch with the office, otherwise we look forward to updating you in September.

This project has been gratefully part funded by the special 'Grow Wild' campaign from Kew Gardens, please vote for the

# Grow Wild Project on their website <a href="https://www.growwilduk.com/">https://www.growwilduk.com/</a>

Vanessa Dell, Art Teacher



## FE is learning first aid

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June we took part in the St John Ambulance Big First Aid lesson. We watched the live lesson, did some reconstructions of emergencies and completed a quiz. Since then we have done some further training learning about the recovery position, choking, seizures, insect stings and baby CPR. I really enjoyed doing this and want to do more next year.

Written by Maddison Collins

### 3JW & 3SN Overnight Camp



Pupils from both classes spent a day in Brighton appreciating the seaside attractions – especially the rides on the pier. The staff screamed louder than the pupils.

We had a very kind donation of delicious pizza and chips delivered to us for dinner – thank you Mr Zeb. Some of us had a swim in the hydro pool and others had showers. We slept on the floor in the classrooms – more than one person was snoring, Ms Norton!

Next day, after breakfast, we went to Southwater Country Park and played on Dinosaur Island. Luckily none of the dinosaurs ate us. Some of us had a swim then we had a yummy BBQ. It was a tiring two days, but we all had great fun and would like to do it again.

# Tractor Training

Daniel Rogers, Steven Smale, Charline Permal, Jack Smith and Taylor Woolford, all took part in a 3 day Tractor Course at Plumpton College. This was a main part of their NVQ Level 1 Land Based Operation Course. They were all very nervous as they arrived and were really worried as to whether they would be able to drive the tractors. After a small amount of supervision from Dave the Supervisor they were ready to drive alone without any instructions. The main areas of the course were to check the tractors over before driving (this is called a pre-start check), drive and reverse safely, hitch up a trailer and drive around with it attached and reverse it into a space. It was a very long 3 days but they all succeeded and passed with flying colours.





<u>Hidden Disabilities</u>—To improve the airport experience for vulnerable passengers who may not want to share details of their hidden disabilities, Gatwick can offer a special lanyard to wear on your journey through our airport. This will identify you to staff as someone who may need additional support or understanding. Airport staff have been specially trained to recognise the lanyards and act accordingly.

Autistic Spectrum Disorder—The National Autistic Society has some helpful advice on what to do if you're travelling with children or adults with autism. Gatwick also produce an <u>autism friendly visual guide to travelling through</u> <u>Gatwick Airport</u> which will help familiarise you with what to expect at the airport in advance of your holiday.

For more information on how Gatwick Airport can help or to request help, please email our team at:

#### autism.at.gatwick@ocs.co.uk

Young People with ADHD—Children and young people with ADHD are very susceptible to anxiety and find any change to their normal daily routine potentially stressful. Gatwick recommend that you take time to prepare your child for the journey in advance and bring lots of activities to keep them busy at the airport and on the plane. You can find more advice in Gatwicks <u>Making your journey</u> <u>easier</u> booklet



Gravity Youth Club @ Manor Green College Manor Green College are going to host their own youth club run by Mo Hussain, Raquel Burton and Gonca Gul. Gravity will run on a Thursday once a month for students attending Manor Green College,

commencing Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. There will be two sessions, the first between **4pm-6pm for KS3 Students,** and the second between **6pm-9pm for KS4/5 students**. The young people must be picked up after the session unless they are able to safely travel home independently, as staff will not be provided to take students home. The club will be run solely by Gravity staff, who sadly are unable to offer 1:1 support for our young people and this does include personal care/assistance. The entrance fee will be £3 and there will be a tuck shop available selling biscuits, crisps and squash—students will need to bring 50p for this .

# Match Funding

#### Do you work for a company who offers Match Funding?

The most important thing about match funding is that it costs you nothing but each match can raise hundreds of pounds for the school, and this in turn is used for your child's education.

Match funding is offered by many Regional, National and International Companies to charities championed by their employees. Organisations in all sorts of sectors offer this support including Legal, Accountancy, High Street Retail, Banking, Financial, Petrochemical, Pharmaceutical, Manufacturing and even Utilities.



Participants are welcome to use whatever it takes to finish the course, from day, electric and racing wheelchairs to race-runners, walking frames and children's buggles. AND, anyone who needs a helping hand is welcome to bring a buddy to push, guide or accompany them **free of charge**!

Join The World's First

Disability-led Fun Run

And that's not all. There'll be a family festival celebrating the very best in accessible attractions, from the fun and quirky to the ground-breaking and life-changing.



Maria Cook, Chair of Autism Support Crawley, has teamed up with District Commander Chief Inspector Dave Padwick and his two Disability Engagement Officers to not only deliver Autism Awareness training to his officers, but to also get our families working with the police to break down some barriers and dispel some myths and get young people with ASD to trust the police and feel safe and understood if they were to ever come into contact with them.

There will be a session at Crawley Police Station on **Saturday September 10th at 13:45**. These hourlong sessions are aimed at ages 12 and upwards. The session has room for 10 families. There will be a general tour of the station, a chance to look at and handle some equipment, investigate the vehicles, look inside the cells and plenty of time to talk freely.

If you would like to visit the Police Station please contact Maria directly by emailing:

maria@autismsupportcrawley.co.uk.

If you know you are or think you might be eligible please contact us.

# Student of the Half Term

KS4



#### Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Lilin Zhang 3AC

She enjoys her routines and works best when she knows wheeled bike, which after a lot of practice she is now able to what is expected of her through the use of written word do extremely well. A very well deserved award. Well done schedules, the Changes Board and NOW/NEXT cards. She is Bess and keep on going! very hard working and is keen to do well in lessons, loving Most Improvement in Learning - Chester Farmer 3JW praise! When she understands a task she can work through Chester has grown immensely in confidence and self-esteem by herself with a lot of independence. Lilin enjoys group and this has had a very positive impact on his learning. activities including music, cooking, sensory story and Chester has also learned how to take responsibility for his Attention Autism which have encouraged her to engage with own learning and has started asking for help when needed. her peers in a group situation. When she is in a safe, familiar This year he has learned how to swim and is making good environment Lilin can be very independent especially with progress with different strokes. He has also learned how to self-help and practical skills.

#### Personal Development - Ellie Tomkins 3MG

all aspects of her school life from mobility to personal care to all in 3JW have been extremely proud of his achievements. independence. Her determined attitude and positive mind Well done, Chester! set have enabled her to achieve her goals. Well done Ellie!

#### Most Improvement in Learning – Conor Hunt 3SM

Over the course of the year, Conor has worked really hard in 4LC class, showing much improvement in his reading and maths Brandon activities. He will now listen for longer periods of time and emotionally and academically. His a sensible and hard will also provide appropriate answers to questions being working student who always tries his best. His behaviour is asked. Most of all, everyone who has interacted with Conor excellent and he is a kind and caring student and has has commented on the amount of eye contact that he gives developed some lovely friendships with his peers. He has when being talked to. Conor has also become quite adept at made excellent progress in Numeracy and Literacy this following his timetable and is always willing to try new year. His drama has made amazing progress and he is things, always trying even in the face of adversity. It is glowing with confidence and this is evident in his against such a background that we believe that Conor performances. An all round super star! deserves the award of most improved in learning this term. KS3 Modular

#### Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Tulaib Khan 3GA

Tulaib has been a delight to teach this year. He has really and is working hard on his spelling and writing. He has enjoyed the books we have read and can always give his enjoyed becoming more social and making new friends in ideas and opinions on what we have read. Tulaib has mature way. James is able to go into shops independently developed close friendships with a couple of his class mates and able to do some shopping himself. We are all extremely and year group and is popular with students and staff. Tulaib proud of his achievements. has been in 3GA for two years and his behaviour and Most Improvement in Learning – Jake Field 4HM enthusiasm has been excellent throughout. KS3 will really Jake has made fantastic progress in year 10, both miss him and we wish him every success in KS4.

#### Personal Development – Bess Pam 3SN

As Bess's independence and confidence is also growing so is deserves this award. her determination and belief that if she keeps trying to do

something, she will keep improving and then, eventually, she WILL be able to do it. This has been seen not only in her Lilin is a very happy, contented, settled member of the class. work, but also in other areas such as learning to ride a two

ride a two- wheeler bike. When reflecting on the year, Chester said he had thoroughly enjoyed sports and PE.

Ellie has had a fantastic year and made amazing progress in He has represented the school in a few sporting events and

## Consistent Good Work and Behaviour-Brandon Reader

has made outstanding progress socially,

#### Personal Development – James Wilson 4MH

James Wilson has worked extremely hard in improving his behaviour and his work. he is retaining more information

academically and in his ability to join in socially with his peers. Jake is becoming a great team player whose positive Bess has made some excellent progress over the last year. attitude lifts the mood of those around him. He is an Initially it was very difficult for her as she knew very few enthusiastic member of the class who throws his energy into other students when she first joined Manor Green College. tasks and has been willing to give things a go which he would However, over the year her confidence has grown greatly. not have previously considered. One of the highlights of the She now always comes in with a big smile and a hello for year has been Jake representing Manor Green College at the everybody and at break times she socialises and chats with Parallel Youth Games. Taking part in this event was a real the other students. Within class Bess is always ready to help achievement for Jake but as a bonus, he also won two her peers. This ability to support others has been noticed by medals! Jake loves the outdoors and chose rambling for PE other members of staff around the college; "Bess has this term. I have very much enjoyed Jake's company on our developed into a very caring and compassionate young lady. walks, as he has a keen interest in the world around him and She is always looking out for those who need extra help and points out the wildlife he spots. Jake is an all-rounder. A she shows a high degree of maturity when she is with them." hard-working, good-natured young man and he thoroughly

#### KS5

#### Consistent Good Work and Behaviour— Chloe Dicken

lessons. Chloe is always enthusiastic, keen to learn, keen to during this term, staff hardly recognise the transformation. try things and good at asking questions. Chloe is a role Amber used to want to have a member of staff with her at model to other students with her behaviour and always all times in the community, but now she is able to do lots of leads by example. Chloe is caring to her friends and always things independently, such as going to the shops, talking to tries to see things from others point of view.

Chloe has just had an absolutely fantastic work experience town independently! at The Premier Hotel where she has demonstrated her Work Experience Award-Fraser Beach ability to work hard and behave well. We are very proud. Well done Chloe!

#### Personal Development—Daniel Kasalo

made excellent progress in communicating with the staff consistent effort that he made even when he was tired. team and in developing independence. Daniel is becoming more patient about waiting for other people to get ready for activities. He is making great progress in developing independence in the kitchen when making his own lunch. Well done Daniel!

#### Most Improvement in Learning — Amber Southern

Amber has been outstanding in the progress she has made Chloe always works very hard and puts 100% effort in all her towards her Travel Training & Community Independence the assistants, buying her own snacks and going around

Fraser has completed a very successful work experience week. He spent a week at the Haskins Garden Centre where he worked very hard at the tasks set for him. We were very Daniel has had a really successful first year in FE. He has impressed by his commitment to completing tasks and to his

Headteacher's Award: Liam Murray



# Just a few words from Friends of Manor Green

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to students, parents and staff for all their support in making the summer fair such a success! We are so proud to announce on the day we made £4200

and still counting. None of this success would be possible without volunteers, donations and most of all the support/ attendance on the day. Friends, family and the wider community came to spend their hard earned cash to raise funds which in turn benefits every child across both Manor Green schools.

We hope you all have a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming anybody who would like to attend our next friends meeting on Wednesday the 14th of September at 1.45pm to discuss and plan the next years fundraising ideas and to agree ways and projects to spend the monies raised.



### We would like to thank the following establishments for your donations for the Fair:

- The Entertainer
- **Toy Barnhaus**
- **Dove Barn Nursery**
- Studio 2—Horsham
- Carluccios
- **Tipsy Turvy TT**
- Lets Golf
- Lets Race
- **Driving Experience**
- Serenity
- Audi
- **Coop Ifield**
- Martins Post Office Ifield

- Delos Café at Ifield
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- **Fishers Adventure Farm park**
- Barrett & Coe photography
- Coral
- Haskins
- Clarks
- Morrisons—even volunteered on the day!
- Keith Murray @ Ryan asset management
- Ifield Golf Club







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For more information and to book a place please contact: Ian Burlinson on 01293 544773 or 07940 267355, Qualified staff will be leading these groups. An application form must be completed befare or during the first session. Closing date for booking a place: 30th June 2016

# Join us on the journey.







### West Sussex Wheelchair Workshop

Whizz-Kidz, West Sussex County Council and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust are collaborating to bring you an exciting Family Day dedicated to supporting young wheelchair users to gain new skills in their chair. Members of the NHS wheelchair team will also be present to offer wheelchair reviews and maintenance checks if requested.

There are limited spaces at these events so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

Tuesday 25th October: K2 Crawley

Morning session-10:30am till 12:30pm and Afternoon session 1:30pm till 3:30pm Wednesday 26th October: Worthing Leisure Centre

Morning session-10:30am till 12:30pm and Afternoon session 1:30pm till 3:30pm

To find out more information or to book a place please contact Olivia on 07833 772 949 or email her at o.williams@whizz-kidz.org.uk



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