

# Manor Green College

## News

October 2016



### Message from Mr. Robson:

Hopefully you are well aware of the campaign being led by West Sussex schools to persuade the Government to provide additional funding for education in the County. You will have seen letters that I have sent home explaining that West Sussex Head teachers do not understand why your children should be 'Worth Less' than children in other areas of the county, and you may also have seen and heard coverage of the campaign in the local media.

On Tuesday this week I joined 11 other Head teachers, 5 West Sussex MP's and pupils from schools across the county in travelling to Downing Street to hand a letter to Theresa May requesting an urgent decision on school funding in West Sussex. You may have caught more media coverage on the radio, television and newspapers.

In common with every other West Sussex school, our funding this year is very tight, but there are no planned redundancies and we are confident that the quality of our provision will not be adversely affected. Limited predictions for next year are that once again, we should be ok. But beyond that it is impossible to say, and in the meantime, if you have any opportunity to sign the online petition:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761> or write to your MP (asking for assurance) it can only help to raise awareness in Government circles.

I can reassure you that my staff and I will do everything possible to ensure that we continue to provide a high quality service to you and your children, and I will keep you informed of any significant developments. In the meantime if you have any concern, please pick up the phone or drop me an email.



### Welcome to the New Staff at Manor Green College



**Catherine Gold**  
3AC LSA



**Heather Njinyam**  
Physical Development  
& Personal Care Asst



**Kate Matos**  
Physical Development  
& Personal Care Asst



**Jenny Barham**  
Teacher



**Marlene Howard**  
Teacher



**Fiona Batchelor**  
Midday Meals  
Supervisor



**Sophie Shiner**  
Midday Meals  
Supervisor



**Sian Richards**  
Midday Meals  
Supervisor

## Upcoming Dates

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ◇ Fri 21 Oct—INSET day   | ◇ Wed 14 Dec—Christmas Lunch      | ◇ Tue 3 Jan—First day back |
| ◇ 24-28 Oct—Half Term    | ◇ Wed 14 Dec -Winter Lights Event | ◇ Fri 17 Feb—INSET DAY     |
| ◇ Fri 4 Nov—Diwali Dance | ◇ 19 Dec—2 Jan—Christmas Holidays |                            |
| ◇ 3rd Dec—Christmas Fair |                                   |                            |

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## Govenors Award

We are very happy to present the winners and runners up for 'The Governors' Award' 2016.

This is an award presented to students who have been nominated by their class teacher for making great progress in their personal development, growth in self-confidence, shown awareness of others and achieved personal goals.

After spending an interesting and enjoyable time interviewing the nominees and after much deliberation, we have decided on the following students as our winners and runners up:

WINNER	KS3 Modular	<b>Sophie Beeden</b>
RUNNER UP	KS3 Modular	<b>Aidon Smith</b>
WINNER	KS3 Class Based	<b>Abdullah Din</b>
RUNNER UP	KS3 Class Based	<b>Liam Murray</b>
WINNER	KS4	<b>Kristia Bertrand</b>
RUNNER UP	KS4	<b>Daniel Rogers</b>
WINNER	KS5	<b>Faizan Ali</b>
RUNNER UP	KS5	<b>Leighton Beagles</b>



## Bike Club

Thomas Duck, Prag Patel, Steven Vaczi and new staff member Cathy Gold have all learned to ride 2 wheel bikes this half term.

Well Done!



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:

[www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk](http://www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk) or call 08006430712 / 01403250644

## Year 11 Work Experience



The following Year 11 students had Work Experience Interviews recently.:

Steven Smale - West Sussex Anglers Academy

Lorcan Brind - Tilgate Nature Centre

Daniel Rogers - Tilgate Nature Centre

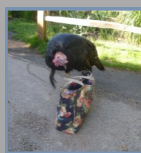
Caitlin Gillen - Revive Charity Shop

Charline Permal - The Salvation Army Charity Shop

Taylor Woolford - Debenhams

Jack Smith - Halfords

All interviews were a great success and work experience placements commenced on Monday 10th October! We will let you know how they get on!



We even saw a Turkey at Tilgate Nature centre whilst Lorcan & Daniel were having their interviews!



## The Hidden Disability Programme at Gatwick Airport



The airport can be a scary place for someone with autism, it's busy, with way too many people not looking where they're going, only seeing things from their level. Then there are the noise levels, the lights, the smells, the selfishness of everyone else travelling, the waiting, the QUEUES! And then the flight itself. It's an autistic nightmare.

Thankfully due to a lot of hard work by some amazing people there is now a lifeline - The Hidden Disability Assistance Programme. Maria Cook, Chair of Autism Support Crawley and OCS (Outsourced Client Solutions) have been working together to put together a programme to support families and lone travellers with a hidden disability through Gatwick.

There is a dedicated email address - [Hidden.Disabilities.at.Gatwick@ocs.co.uk](mailto:Hidden.Disabilities.at.Gatwick@ocs.co.uk) - which gives you access to a team of wonderful people who will then set up a bespoke service depending on the requirements of the person/family travelling as it's not just those with autism that this scheme will help, there are many hidden disabilities that need considering such as dementia, hearing loss and anaphylaxis to name just a few.

Those wanting help are also then sent a green lanyard with sunflowers on in the post for them to wear on the day of travel. This very subtle marker highlights to airport staff that the person in question needs extra support, perhaps extra time to process information and to prepare to go through security.

The future for accessible air travel is very bright indeed thanks to the dedicated team at Gatwick Airport. Don't forget to contact them next time you are planning a holiday flying out of Gatwick.





### What we do:

- Socialising - meet & make new friends ● Sports, including cricket, football & dance ● Music & DJs ● Nails and make-up workshops ● Pool ● Computers & Games ● Jewellery making ● Cooking ● Visits & nights out ● Community projects

### 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 in KS4 & KS5, commencing Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.

The sessions will run between **5.45pm-8.45pm**. 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.

**Come & join in with the fun!**

**All ages event**

**Tickets at the door £3**

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Gonca Gul ☎ 07983592412  
Raquel Burton ☎ 07463442044

email:gravity-yc@hotmail.com

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GRAVITY YOUTH CLUB**

## F.E Bike Session halfords



6 members of our F.E group have been taking part in all day bike rides exploring ways to get around the town, secure their bikes while leaving them unattended, learning about the law and highway code and keeping safe using cycle tracks.

We have been very lucky as Neil, from Halfords, has been helping us over the past few years to maintain our bikes. They very kindly gave Becky some free training to teach her basic maintenance and now, if there is a problem that she isn't sure how to solve they will sort it all out, often without charge. This term we have been down to see Neil with another bike problem and gave the students a chance to thank him personally.

A very big thank you to Neil and Halfords!!



This years DofE group have started their sections by volunteering to clean the school minibuses which is helping their community. Its been really good fun so far and the buses are looking better than they have done for years!! It is amazing what happens when you let 10 students armed with buckets of water and sponges loose on a vehicle!! It certainly keeps us busy!! I'm not sure which gets wetter, them or the bus!!

Our expeditions will be taking place in June 2017 so I will have more news for you then on how the students do.

Michael Ormandy and Kieren Stevens completed their Bronze DofE last term so a very big well done to them both. Their awards should be with them very soon!

## KING OF THE BOTTLE TOPS



Jo Agius from HIS Markit in Coulsdon, really made Callum's day, if not month, when she very kindly brought in 10 bags filled with bottle tops! He really could not be more delighted!

Callum collects bottle tops for local charity The Springboard Project. Springboard is a community based charity that provides inclusive play and leisure opportunities for families with young children and fun short breaks for children and teenagers with disabilities.



# Forest School



This term we have moved our Forest School area to give our old space a chance to rest and regrow. Our new area, still at Pease Pottage, now gives the students more opportunity to develop their physical skills with lots of climbing and balancing areas as well as all of the usual activities we get up to. We have just begun the process of building a large shelter to prepare us for the winter months.

All of the students have taken part in either deciding where the new space will be, helping to section it off with our boundary tape or moving our logs and equipment over to the new area.

A very big thank you goes out to the Bridges family for all of their help and support with our forest school project and all of the other lovely ways in which they help.



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](http://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.

If you need any assistance please call us on 01293 520351

## Dance for a Special Generation

Through this project, 60 children in six special schools across West Sussex will benefit from working with an internationally renowned, inclusive dance group, Stopgap Dance Company. The project takes place in the Spring term. We are looking forward to working with choreographer at StopGap, Chris Pavia (pictured below). Chris became an apprentice at StopGap in 1999 and became a fulltime dancer with the company in 2000. He is proud to be chosen by Mencap as someone with Downs Syndrome achieving excellence in his career and we are excited to share this inspirational story with our whole student population at Manor Green College and our parents and friends.

The project will involve 3DPr and 3MJ participating in a programme of dance workshops led by Stopgap which will develop the children's knowledge, skills, and confidence. Staff will also be able to take on new skills which they can apply not only in the performing arts but also across the whole curriculum. The progress that each school makes will be recognised through the award of Arts Mark accreditation validated by the Arts Council. Individual children will also be able to gain Arts Council accredited Arts Awards.



## 3JW MARY ROSE ACTIVITY DAY

As part of our History Topic about The Stuarts, we went by school minibus to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth. We were taken to the learning Centre where we learned about The Mary Rose and looked at copies of artefacts from the ship. Charley and Emily told us a lot of information about Tudors and Stuarts. We also dressed as people of that time.



After lunch, Jan showed us around the Museum. Everything was behind glass at a certain temperature to preserve it. It was a long but interesting day and we would thoroughly recommend a visit.





# Student of the Half Term



## KS3 Class Based

### **Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Archie Clark 3DPr**

Archie has had a great start to the school year. His speech and language is improving and he is calm and happy in lessons. He has been joining in with all lessons and activities and is a great asset to 3DPr.

### **Personal Development – Josh Colvill 3AC**

Joshua finds transitions very tricky. However he has done really well by coping with the massive transition of moving from MGP to Manor Green College.

He has also made great progress in his personal development by eating his lunch in the courtyard, going to assembly in the hall, swimming at K2 and, best of all, visiting a supermarket for the first time ever! Well done Joshua!

### **Most Improvement in Learning – Megan Lock 3MJ**

Megan has a very fun loving nature and always has a very positive attitude to her work. She organises her belongings in a very methodical and independent way and she will politely ask for help when necessary. She confidently answers questions during lessons. Megan is trying really hard to develop her reading and is currently making good progress with reading and writing skills.

## KS3 Modular

### **Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Mia Tinston 3DP**

Mia joined Manor Green College this September.

She is polite and friendly to all. In lessons she is willing to give all tasks her very best effort. If she can, she will also explain work to those who are working alongside her.

Her homework assignments are always in on time and carefully completed.

Mia will make positive and constructive contributions during class discussions making use of her own personal experiences. Congratulations Mia! What a fantastic start, we are very impressed!!

### **Personal Development – Noah Steggles 3JW**

Since joining Year 7 at the College Noah has become very responsible and is learning to control his emotions much better. He is independent, very organised and helps to do jobs in class. He has a wealth of knowledge and eagerly participates in class discussions. He is inquisitive, eager to learn and to develop himself personally. He has become more confident and much more mature than he was in Year 6.

### **Most Improvement in Learning – Cameron Humphrey 3SF**

Cameron has had an excellent start to the new school year and is becoming increasingly better at managing anxious moments. He is working very hard in all lessons, making good progress within all subjects. He is now attending assemblies again, and gaining information from these that he can retain and recall.

## KS4

### **Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Abdullah Din 4HH**

From day one, Abdullah has settled in as a hard-working and conscientious Year 10 student. His mature attitude makes him a pleasure to teach and his caring nature can be seen daily in the way he interacts with his peers. Abdullah is able to work independently and will spend time trying to work things out, but he is also happy to ask for help when he needs it. Abdullah is an excellent role model and we look forward to seeing his progress over the year.

### **Personal Development – Shannelle Fyfe 4GC**

Shannelle has joined Manor Green this term and has made a fantastic start in Key Stage 4. We are very proud of the way she has settled in to the college and is a lovely member of 4GC. Shannelle's attitude and effort towards learning is excellent and her helpful and caring personality has helped her make friends easily. Well done Shannelle & keep up the good work!

### **Most Improvement in Learning – Austin Hunt 4SM**

This half term, Austin has already made great progress in his learning. He stays in the classroom with all his peers for all his lessons and other activities; He now asks to be allowed to move away when he finds the situation difficult to cope with. This term Austin's targets are for him to be able to make predictions using evidence from a given text, recalling and using addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and most importantly being able to use his words when he gets upset. Already Austin is making tremendous progress towards these targets. It is with this in mind that Austin has been unanimously chosen as the most improved student in learning in KS4.

## KS5

### **Personal Development – Callum Kewley**

Callum has started this year with a much more mature attitude to college. He is learning to manage difficult situations with less staff support and is able to make sensible choices about coping with activities and people that he finds challenging. He is helpful to staff and students and tries hard to arrive on time for lessons and to bring the correct equipment.

### **Headteacher's Award: Taylor Woolford**

Taylor gets his half term Headteachers award for two reasons. First, he is a superstar and why wouldn't he deserve it! Secondly, he accompanied me up to Downing Street on Tuesday and I was so proud of how well he managed, representing both the College and students across all West Sussex schools. He was interviewed by BBC radio Sussex and acquitted himself really well.

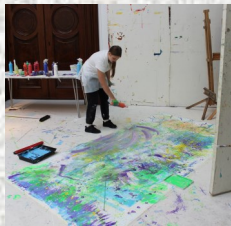
He also wore a tie and so looked way smarter than I did!



## GCSE Art Group 'Abstract Expressionism'



Last month, 12 students from the GCSE Art course had a day trip to London to the Royal Academy of Arts to see the 'Abstract Expressionism' exhibition. The students were able to choose some paintings to look, think and talk about in the gallery. After lunch students worked in pairs on a really big piece of paper, either hanging on the wall, on the floor or half on the wall and half on the floor. They had lots of tools to use for their action paintings, including brooms, tennis balls and spray bottles but, the students favourite was squeezing the paint directly from the bottle! They had such an enjoyable trip and we are lucky to have all 5 paintings from the workshop, which we will soon be mounting and hanging in the hall. Again, I was so proud of our students, the way they conducted themselves in these busy public spaces and their kind behaviour to each other and the adult staff and volunteers who were assisting on the day. Another successful Art trip. Vanessa Dell



We would love to thank the Golden Lion Children's Trust for the wonderful day at Chessington World of Adventures. 4GC all had a great day and it was a very quiet bus trip home so it must have been good!

Thank you to Caroline & James for being our support for the day-our young people really enjoyed their company and helping out on the rides! For some of 4GC it was the first time they had been on big roller coasters, so it was lovely to observe them being supportive to one another and enjoying the whole experience together.

It is a great boost to their confidence!  
Thank you!



## Manor Green Students bump into Olympic Gold Medallist Katie-George Dunlevy

KS4 swimmers had an amazing experience on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October when they bumped into Paralympic gold medallist Katie-George Dunlevy at K2! Katie let us hold her gold and silver medals (which were very heavy) and told us about cycling in Rio. Katie is partially sighted and it was lovely for the students to meet someone who has not let her disability stop her from reaching the very top. We told Katie how important cycling is at Manor Green College and she was very impressed. We are hoping Katie will visit us in school one day!







# Wooden Spoon

The children's charity of rugby

The wonderful Wooden Spoon Charity team paid a visit to the college this half term to see the good use we are making out of the Sensory Room. Wooden Spoon is the children's charity of rugby. They fund around 70 projects each year that support disadvantaged and disabled children. The charity kindly donated funds for the purchase of new equipment for our Sensory room which formally opened on Thursday the 26th of March 2015. We were fortunate enough to have Rugby Celebrity Andy Gomersall and Alex Pincus here for the opening. Thank you again to the charity for their donation— The students love it!



Jacob

Jackson



Jacob attended his first training session last week at American Express Elite Football Performance Centre. This is where Elite players for the Sussex Disabled League are trained and Jacob has been asked to join them!!!!

This is a great achievement for Jacob, who really didn't start playing until he was 9-10yrs of age and his persistence has paid off.

He was presented with a Brighton & Hove Albion "American Express" kit which he trained in last night.

A big well done to Jacob!







The Springboard Project is a local charity providing short breaks activities for young people aged 12-18yrs through its Buddies group during term time evenings and school holidays with activities including cinema, bowling, swimming, Chessington, Thorpe Park, London, Brighton and many more. We currently have space in our Crawley Buddies group so if you'd like to find out more about becoming a member and the service provided please contact Simon Pearce on

01293542821 or email [cb1@springboardproject.com](mailto:cb1@springboardproject.com)



Sussex Community  
NHS Foundation Trust



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> October: K2 Crawley**

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:o.williams@whizz-kidz.org.uk).

**Whizz-kidz**  
move a life forward



Whizz-Kidz is the working name of the Movement for Non-Mobile Children. Registered charity in England and Wales No. 832872. Charity registered in Scotland No. SC042607.

**0 to 25 with additional needs?**

**We've got great news!**

A new West Sussex initiative will make fun and socialising more affordable for 0-25s with additional needs.

Launching in April 2016, West Sussex County Council has teamed up with local charity, Amaze, to deliver 'Compass Card West Sussex' - a card which will provide special deals at dozens of venues.

### What deals do you want?

Fill in our quick questionnaire [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2361997/CompassWestSussex](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2361997/CompassWestSussex) or pick up a printed copy in your local library. Alternatively, call Amaze on 0300 123 9186 and we will send a copy to you.

### Come to a Focus Group and register your interest

Come and enjoy an informal session talking about fun, leisure, sport and play with Amaze's new West Sussex Team.

Email [CompassWSx@amazebrighton.org.uk](mailto:CompassWSx@amazebrighton.org.uk) to register your interest in Compass Card West Sussex and to get an invite to our Focus Groups. If you don't have email access, call Amaze on 0300 123 9186.

You can also check the latest Focus Group dates and details on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CompassCardWestSussex](http://www.facebook.com/CompassCardWestSussex) or on the Amaze website [www.amazebrighton.org.uk/services-and-support/the-compass-card/compass-card-west-sussex](http://www.amazebrighton.org.uk/services-and-support/the-compass-card/compass-card-west-sussex)

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# Play Deaf sports

this October half-term

**Come along to our free session for under-16s and try football, hockey and cricket.**



**Tuesday 25 October | 11am-2pm**

American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, 60 Mash Barn Lane, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 9FP.

For more information or to book a place, please call: **01273 668590** or email: [disability@albioninthecommunity.org.uk](mailto:disability@albioninthecommunity.org.uk)



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