



Manor Green College

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Message from Mr. Robson: As you are aware the College works hard to create opportunities for your children to enjoy learning both in and out of school time. To this end, we have teamed up with a Sussex charity called 'Enable Me' to provide a sports club on Saturdays in the New Year, and you will be receiving more detailed information about it through Parent Mail. But I'd like to flag it up as an important way of developing your child's confidence to join in with community activities and to become part of a social group who meet outside of school. Groups like this are few and far between for our students but

they are a vital stepping stone for your child to become more confident and independent out of school and they can only run if they are supported. If you are able to commit the time, please consider signing your child up for it as I know that they will benefit enormously.

The Special Schools in West Sussex have started to arrange for their staff to visit each other to find out what we do well and share ideas. So far we have had visits from two schools on the South coast and you may be interested to know that the feedback received from both Headteachers highlighted their staff's opinion that the College had a particularly lovely atmosphere, everyone was warm and welcoming and that the students were calm and thoroughly enjoying what they were doing. I would say that this is one of the most important things for a school to get right; hopefully, you'll agree.

And finally you will have received a letter about funding for West Sussex schools; if you get a spare moment (ha ha – I know!) you may wish to drop your local MP a line saying how concerned you are that your child's Special school receives so much less in funding than similar schools across the rest of the country. The parents of over 100,000 children in West Sussex have received the same letter so the more of us who make a fuss the better.

I hope that you have a lovely Christmas break, and may I extend our warmest best wishes, from myself and on behalf of the whole staff team, for the New Year.

School Uniform - Taylor Made Uniforms

You can order school uniform by telephone, email or over 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 or call 08006430712 / 01403250644

Payments can be made by credit card, cash or cheque.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

- ⇒ 21st Dec - 1st Jan - Christmas Holidays
- ⇒ 4th January - Inset Day
- ⇒ 15th Feb - 19th Feb - Half Term
- ⇒ 22nd Feb - Inset Day
- ⇒ 14th March— Student Photo Day
- ⇒ 25th March—8th April - Easter Holidays



3MD at Horsham Park

3MD went to Horsham park to test out the new wheelchair swing. Fatoumata really enjoyed her first time on a swing as you can see by the picture!

A message from one of our Parents Jim O'Brien:

My name is Jim O'Brien, I'm a 48 year old Type 2 Diabetic. For the sake of my health, the time has come to shed the excess pounds and get in shape. For added motivation I thought it would be nice if I could help Manor Green at the same time through a sponsored diet. My aim is to start the week the children return to school in January and finishing in the last week of school in July. I will have weight-ins at Manor Green College to check progress. So please, dig deep for the sake of our College and to keep me on my toes! You can sponsor me by donating at the office or through:
www.justgiving.com/friendsofmanorgreen Thank you!

Year 7 visit Preston Manor

Year 7 pupils and staff dressed as Victorians for their visit to Preston Manor. Pupils did a role play about Situations Vacant, as they had to apply for a job. They had a tour of the Manor house and had to show how well they could do lots of cleaning jobs throughout the house.



HALLOWEEN DISCO



On a spooky afternoon in October, Ghouls and Girl arrived in their most horrifying clothing, to celebrate Halloween. Students came, as vicious vampires, weird werewolves, dreadful doctors and wicked witches. All the little monsters danced so hard that they could have woken the dead.

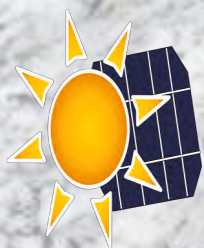
Wacky and wonderful shapes were shown and that was just Mr Robson's dance moves. Jean Aglae was the deadly DJ throwing out the tunes. He said 'I had such a good time. Dj-ing was trickier than I thought but everyone said I did really well.' Charlie Jones who attended said 'I loved when The Time Warp came on, all the teachers danced with me!'

Overall we all had a spooktacular time and no one can resist the thriller of a Manor Green Disco.



Manor Green Solar Panels

The West Sussex Energy Project offered 10 schools in the district the chance to have solar panels fitted at no cost to the school. We were lucky enough to be granted these and they were fitted over the summer holidays. We now have the benefit of saving 5p per kilo watt on a proportion of our electrical usage. The metre that has been fitted in the hall and shows the kilo watts we have used which is a good source for discussion.





Tayibs day

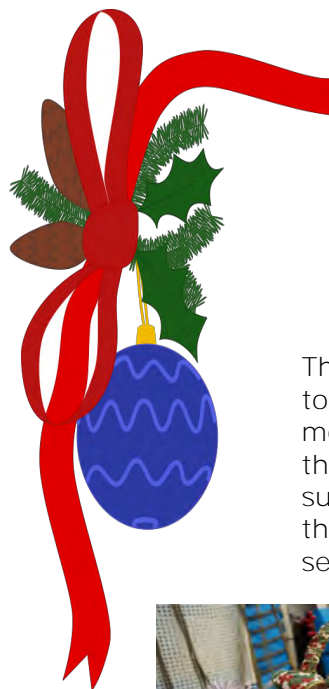
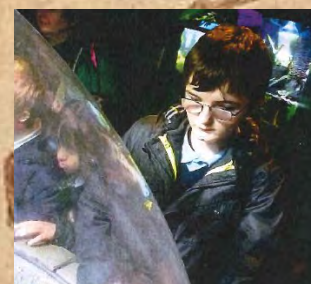
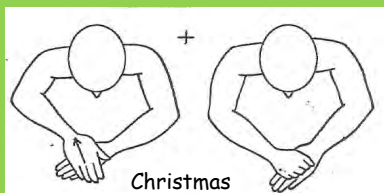
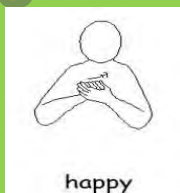
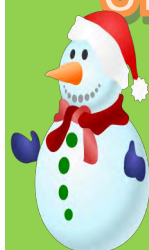


We had an emotional, important day celebrating Tayib's life and enjoying some events in his memory. Cakes were decorated in beautiful, bright colours. There was happiness in the playground as students rode bikes-one of Tayib's favourite activities. There was an opportunity for students to add to a memory book which was full of some of the wonderful memories we have about Tayib and the time he was here in college. We will miss him lots but we were so privileged to know him and see him smile.

3MG @ Brighton Sea Life Centre - fun was had by all!

We learned about sharks, turtles, rays and many more creatures. We took part in interactive games and sensory activities. The more adventurous of us touched star fish, sea anemones and crabs. We enjoyed a lovely lunch together overlooked by the sharks. As we came back out into the daylight the sun was shining and the sea air was fresh as we looked across the pier and the waves.

Sign of the Half Term



Manor Green Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fare again this year. It was great to see so many parents, students and staff enjoying the event and spending money! As you know the money goes to the Friends of Manor Green who share the funds between the college and the primary. Either joint resources are bought such as the hoist for trampolining or other needs are identified by the College and the school. The final amount raised was £2,748.64! So a very big THANK YOU, see you at the next event in the Summer, volunteers always welcome.



Ryan Brand Foundation Donation



The Ryan Brand Foundation was set up in November 2014 after 14 year old Ryan Brand lost both his legs through spina bifida and an infection. The Ryan Brand Foundation have raised money to buy running blades for him as he has never been able to run. The Foundation now supports individuals, both disabled and amputees to achieve their sporting dreams and also make donations to special needs schools for sports equipment. Thank you very much to the foundation for donating £500 to the college!



Students and Staff at Manor Green College have been trying out MinecraftEDU. It's an environment with lots of possibilities you could be working your way through a maths maze to a free build area or exploring the dark and forbidding world of The Woman in Black. Its early days yet but Mr Cambridge has been putting it to good use during Animation lessons and lunch time clubs. We can't wait to see what the Students build next!

Online Safety— I have recently attended training with Parent Zone to become a Digital Parenting Facilitator. This means that, in the work of parent zone, the college will be able to help parents "take their offline parenting skills online and help their children stay safe in the digital world".

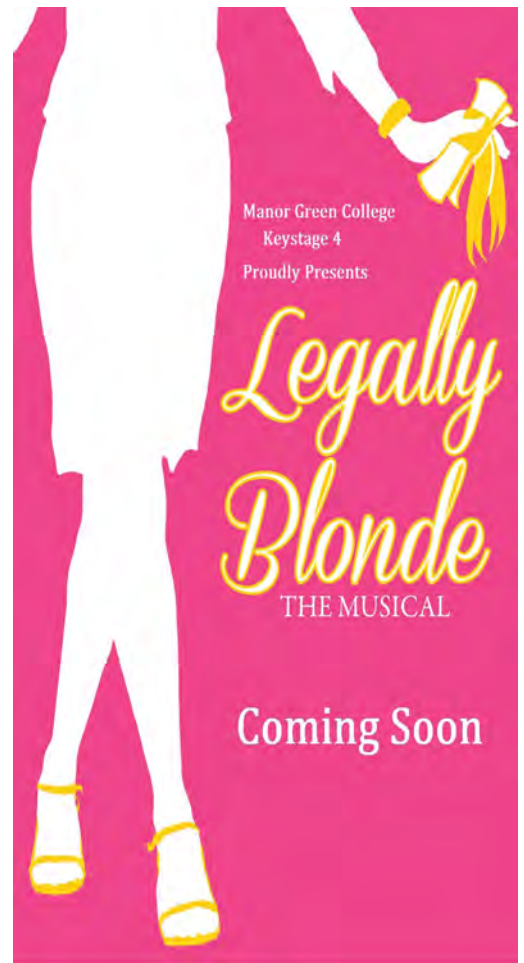
Research has shown that supportive will informed parenting is the main factor in children being safe online. That is to say, good parenting played a key role in determining how young people approach the world of social media.

I hope to start some workshops for parents who would like to better understand how to keep their children's online activity safe. There are so many issues parents have to face and the courses will help parents to overcome barriers, understand the issues, and become more confident to supervise their children's online activity.

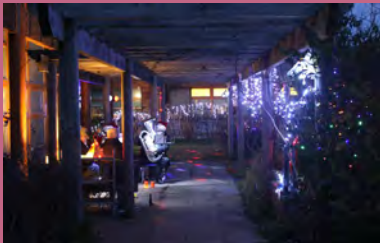
This is not a course to tell parents how to parent, but to help parents deal with the growing challenges of keeping children safe and building their resilience in the future.

If there is something you would like to hear something more about please do contact me via the college office or email pcambridge@mgcollege.co.uk.

I look forward to seeing you at the workshops in the New Year—Mr.Cambridge



Winter Lights Parade



Thank you very much to everybody who came to the Winter Lights on what could have been a very cold, wet night, but which amazingly stayed dry!

The College was transformed by a multitude of lights, lanterns and projections which looked lovely.

Students had worked very hard on their withy lanterns which looked brilliant and hopefully everybody had a great time walking round on the procession to the drumming accompaniment and then joining in the Christmas carols produced by the Copthorne Silver Band.

Many thanks to everybody who made the evening so enjoyable, particularly to Morrisons for donating the food for the refreshments and also to Sainsburys and Haskins Garden Centre who donated money for the lights.

Sue Norton



3JW & 3SN Assembly



Christmas Around The World was a spectacular, multimedia presentation with Doctor Who and Amy travelling in the Tardis, taking the audience to different times and different countries to learn about different Christmas traditions.

Lantern Making



For students, the lantern making was an excellent project for exploring 3D shapes and structures, how to strengthen structures with braces and for developing fine motor skills in wrapping masking tape around joints. The students enjoyed the gluing and coloured tissue paper.



Student of the Half Term



The following students have been rewarded for their endeavours this half term:

KS3 Class Based

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Brandon Lover

Brandon is a joy to have in the class. He is always reliable, hard working and most of all enthusiastic. Brandon has tried especially hard with his reading and maths work this term and due to his effort he has really improved in both of these subjects. He always perseveres, even if he finds the work tricky. Brandon has a constant smile on his face and brightens up everyone's day in 3MD. We are always grateful for his positive attitude and want him to know how much we appreciate him. Well done Brandon!

Personal Development – Michael Ribeiro

Michael is maturing in to a lovely young man. He is so helpful around the class, tidying away equipment, helping others less able than him and all with a smile on his face. He is now able to swim unaided and loves to talk about what he does in the pool each week. Michael is much more talkative and enjoys giving answers in class, he is asking a lot more questions and initiating conversations with different people. He is now able to recognise most letters and can tell us words that begin with those letters. He has made some excellent progress and we are so happy for him. Well done Michael.

Most Improvement in Learning – Raymond Savoy

Raymond is showing progress in many aspects of his learning. He is getting much better at listening to and following instructions. This is most apparent when he is set simple activities that he is now able to get on with independently, especially with his morning work. He is now able to copy write words with excellent accuracy and is almost able to write his name independently. Using his log in details he is now able to log on to a computer without help and give him a pair of scissors, direct him to what needs cutting and he is able to do this independently. Well done Raymond we are very proud of you.

KS3 Modular

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Sophie O'Brien

Sophie settled very well into year 7 and has gone from strength to strength. She has a very good attitude towards learning and coming to College. She is consistent in everything she does. She has grown in confidence and is quiet, very well-behaved and reliable. Sophie is a very friendly girl and is full of fun. Well done, Sophie!

Personal Development – Aidan Mansfield

Aidan has had an excellent start to the year and his attendance this term has been fantastic. He settled extremely well into his new school and is a very enthusiastic class member. He has great organisational and problem solving skills and he is always ready to volunteer to help others. He has been voted as the class representative for the student council and he has proved to be an extremely good class rep, who is able to confidently voice the views of the class and report back from the meetings.

Aidan has been putting a lot of effort into his work. His maths skills and, in particular his knowledge in subjects such as science and history is excellent. He has also put a lot of effort into English which he sometimes finds a little more difficult.

However, most pleasing has been how Aidan has begun to mature and be able to deal with issues when things are sometimes not as he wants them to be. He has made excellent progress with this over the term – so a very well deserved 'well done' and keep up this very mature attitude.

Most Improvement in Learning – Romario de Sousa

Romario has had an excellent start to the year. He has adapted fantastically well to the many changes which he has faced in moving to the College.

He has been working very well in all of his lessons and getting lots of minions for great work. He now works with the other children for his lessons and is a very active participant in all class activities as well as going swimming at K2. Romario is now beginning to keep a number in his head and count on or back when adding or taking away and he can count up in 2s, 5s and 10s and is learning to use this to solve multiplication problems.

He has also been doing lots of fantastic writing and he is beginning to make his letters much smaller.

Romario has made a brilliant start to the year and it has been a pleasure to have him in class. Well done for a very well deserved Student of the Half Term.

KS4

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Ben David

Ben David is a delightful young man. He is an extremely polite, friendly, thoughtful and caring young man who gets on very well with his peers. He always works hard, gives everything a go and continuously tries his best. He excels in practical work including DT, GCSE Art, cooking and in the community. He is working hard to develop his independence. He is already looking ahead to the future and has a clear goal where he would like to go to Central Sussex College to study DT and train to become a carpenter. Ben is an excellent role model and a delight to work with. Well done!

Personal Development – Caitlin Gillen

Caitlin has had a fantastic start to Key Stage 4 and has thrived on the high expectations of working hard and opportunities to act as a young adult. Caitlin has an excellent attitude in lessons and is a role model to students around her, working very hard to improve herself but also supportive of friends who need it. Caitlin has faced some personal challenges recently while travelling home independently, but has dealt with them calmly and maturely – an achievement that we hope has helped Caitlin's confidence. You are a star! Well done and long may it continue in 2016 and beyond!

Mr Court & 4GC

Most Improvement in Learning – Kayley Newell

Kayley has had an excellent half term. She has been trying really hard with her behaviour. She has worked hard and been in all of her lessons. She has been a pleasure to have in class. She is doing well at managing her own behaviour by talking through problems or difficulties and making sensible choices to overcome it. Her highlights this half term have been singing and signing in the choir, helping in the production, looking after Billy the school dog, talking through difficulties and making mature and sensible choices. We hope Kayley continues to keep up the great work.

Student of the Half Term

KS5

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Leighton Beagles

Leighton has a positive attitude to all lessons, he tries his best and works hard. Leighton always behaves sensibly and can be relied on to provide a good role model to other students

Personal Development – Chloe Mugridge

Chloe has developed a very mature and positive attitude to all aspects of work this term. She also took the lead role in organising a Christmas outing for the Year 14 group, making phone calls and initiating some fundraising to help pay for the tickets.

Most Improvement in Learning – Peter Melis

Peter is making further progress in developing his communication skills. He is beginning to use the BigMac switch to ask someone to play his favourite chasing game. He is also beginning to put 2 objects of reference together to make a request, a bottle of squash and his drink bottle to ask for a drink.

Head teacher award goes to:

Chloe Brown

I recommended this person for the Head Teacher award because she had worked very hard on her attendance over the years. It matters to her that she is in every day and wants to be here. She transferred to the FE department in Sept and coped well with the new environment and all the new changes and routines. We are very proud of her.



KS4 Singing & Signing Choir



Over the last term member of Key stage 4 for have been rehearsing and performing in the Manor Green singing and signing choir. Students have been practicing Makaton signing and have worked extremely hard to learn to sing and sign 6 different songs including: Feed the World, Walking in a Winter Wonderland and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Students performed two shows one at Ifield Park Care Home and Deerswood Care Home in Ifield. Aleah Johnson sang a solo of Silent Night, there was not a dry eye in the room at either performance. Aleah said 'It was nerve racking to start off with but it was great to see everyone enjoying the music.' The manager at Ifield Park said 'The students were so impressive and had obviously worked extremely hard. Some of the people who live with us do not speak or move very much anymore more. But the joy and cheers from the Manor Green students, made some of the people sing and dance, and it was brilliant to see. We have booked them in for another two shows over the year.' Josh Evans who is a member of the Choir said 'It was such a brilliant experience and I loved the music. One of the old ladies even kissed me.' We are all extremely proud of all the students hard work and dedication.

From all of the choir we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Bike IT



As many of you know the Bike It sessions have been producing some amazing results since we were up and running last year. In total 31 students have learnt to ride from a three wheel to a two wheel bike and 5 have never ridden before are now riding trikes. We have a few students that are now on the brink of moving on to the 2 wheel bike from trikes. Riding a bike is such a huge achievement for most of our students and I just love seeing parents' faces when they see their child ride for the first time. It's a fantastic life skill and some families have said it's made such a difference to their days out and holidays now all of their youngsters can ride.

This week are running a 'Bling your bike' competition with most of school taking part in preparation for a parade on the playground at 11am on Friday. The idea is to dress up your bike (a school bike) Christmas style. The only rule is that it needs to be safe and rideable.

We have guests from Crawley Borough Council and our Sustrans Bike it officer coming in to support the event as well as the press. It looks like its going to be a lovely event.

Becky Killick—Bike it champion



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE POPPY APPEAL.

The vital funds you raised enable The Royal British Legion to help Service men and women, veterans, and their families all year round. Without our supporters we couldn't do the work we do, so to all of you, thank you. Your contribution has supported the memory of the fallen and the future of the living.

For more information visit rbl.org.uk or call 0808 802 8080

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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.

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

Parent Governor

It is with much regret that the Governors announce that Karin Alton has resigned as Parent Governor at the College. We would like to thank Karin for her hard work, support and dedication to the College and Board of Governors for the last five years.

We therefore now have an additional vacancy as Parent Governor. If you would like more information or just would like to talk to someone about the role of Parent Governor please contact Sam Bryant, Clerk to Governors, on 01293 582111 or by email sbryant@mgcollege.co.uk.

Duke of Edinburgh Duke of Edinburgh



The Duke of Edinburgh groups are doing fantastic; I'm very proud to announce that Natalie Earl is the first to complete the bronze award and her documents are being processed right now! A huge well done to Natalie.

The rest of the first years group could all be finished by Easter, some have just a few weeks left to complete either skills, physical or volunteering sections.

This years group began their award after the Half term break in November and have made a fantastic start. All have skills and physical sections already up and running and a few are already doing their volunteering from which I have had some amazing reports already. Ill keep you posted on how the groups are doing.

Becky Killick—DofE Co-ordinator



Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone at the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. It was amazing and everyone had so much fun!

The kitchen staff made us all a delicious Lunch whilst dressed in some fabulous costumes.

Congratulations to 3EJ and 3MD for the winning Christmas table centrepiece.



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.surveymono.com/s/2351587/CompassWestSussex or pick up a printed copy in your local library. Alternatively, call Amaze on 0300 123 9186 and we'll send a copy to you.

Come to a Focus Group

Come and have tea and cake and enjoy an informal session talking about fun, leisure, sport and play with friends from West Sussex Compass Team. We will be announcing dates and details for several Focus Groups soon.

Email: CompassWS@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.

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Thank you to the National Citizen Service for donating £627 to the college!

The National Citizen Service is a British voluntary personal and social development programme for 16- and 17-year-olds in England. Jade Page, one of the young volunteers said 'I chose Manor Green College as my brother came here & I wanted to raise awareness'. Sarah Jane, also a young volunteer said 'I volunteered to raise money for the college to buy things that the students need'. Thank you to all 15 volunteers and the Coordinators.

Special Needs Trampoline Sessions

NEW Trampoline classes starting Thursday 7th January First session FREE

Thursday 5.30-6.00pm U9's
Thursday 6.00-6.30pm U12's
Thursday 6.30-7.00pm U16's

This is a term time course only (exclusion dates apply)

Contact reception for details



SCOTT CINEMAS

Autism Friendly Screenings

With these screenings, the lights are kept on at a low level, sound is turned down, and you're free to move around the auditorium as you like.

These screenings will be on the second Sunday of each month.

- the sound volume will be turned down
- the lights are turned up a little
- you can move around and make noise*
- you can bring your own food and drink
- there's no trailers, and the film will start promptly at the time stated

Blue Sky

SNOOPY AND CHARLIE BROWN
THE PEANUTS MOVIE by Schulz

Sunday 10th January 10.30am**

*Please don't run inside the cinema, and ensure children are supervised at all times
**Cinema doors open at 10.00am



SANTA IS COMING!

You are invited...

Santa will be at Moving Barriers from 6pm to 7:30pm at K2 Crawley on Friday 11th December

If all the boys and girls would like to come and visit him, please RSVP to Santa's little helper Matt Laird (so that the elves can make enough presents) on matt.laird@crawley.gov.uk.

After you have popped to see Santa, why not join in with the club for various activities in the main hall.

Cost: £2.50

Photos with Santa will be available



Bewbush Children & Family Centre
Dorsten Square, Bewbush, Crawley RH11 8XW
To book see reception or call us on 01293 651760

30 minute time slots available
Limited spaces available
First come first served basis

The use of the Magic Carpet is free

Maximum 6 people (including children) can use the room at any one time

The Magic Carpet is open to families with children under the age of 5

and young people aged 0 to 25 who have additional needs

THE WORKS

@ Dormans

Where Dormans Youth Arts Centre
Dormans, Gossops Green
Crawley RH11 8HZ
When We meet every Friday night between 19.00 and 21.00
Ages Adults 18 and upwards
Cost £2.50 entrance (Support workers or family - free entry!)

What do we do?

Turn me over to find out!



THE WORKS

@ Dormans

Come along and join us on Friday Nights at our new social and activities club The Works in Gossops Green Crawley.

Start your weekend the right way!

Activities will Include:

- Socialising, meet and make new friends
- Sports, including cricket and football and possibly dance
- Music and DJs
- Pool
- Computers and Gaming
- Visits and nights out
- Community projects
- BBQs and food

AND MUCH MORE!

Staff running the club:

Richard James
Keith Wilson-Eldridge
Mo Hussain
Tim Simmonds
Plus helpers and volunteers

Join in with the fun!



Please note there will be plenty of volunteers to help out, but please bring a support worker or family member if you need help to join in or keep you safe.

Discover...

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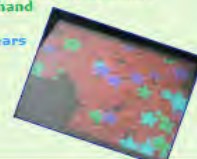
21st December 9.30am- 4.00pm
(12pm-4pm) access to a changing bed is available
30 minute slot per family, limited spaces available

Enjoy a relaxing, sensory and interactive experience with your child

Free to access Disabled parking available

If hoist is required please check with Centre beforehand

0-25 years



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