

February 2017



Message from Mr. Robson

You may have seen further coverage in the news of the Head teachers campaign for fairer funding. As is the case across the whole of the public sector, money is tight and you will be quite rightly anxious about the impact on your son or daughter's education. I cannot pretend that we are not having to do a lot of belt tightening—we are! But what I can promise is that the decisions that are having to be taken are being made solidly on the basis that we will not compromise on safety and we will maintain our focus on preparation for adult life and working closely with you to achieve the best outcomes possible.

Please keep communicating with us if you have questions or concerns and if we need the occasional prompt then that is fine.

I know that very few things are as important as our children's education and that passions can run high if we feel that our children aren't getting the best, but I can also promise you that every member of staff at the College is fully aware of both the pressure and our responsibilities, and we will do our very, very best, under increasingly difficult circumstances not to let you or your precious children down.

WELCOME



George Brackpool
IC Apprentice



Anna Byrne
MMS



Angelika Vanni
LSA



Julie Legg
Teacher



Courtney Hemple
LSA



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Upcoming Events

- **Fri 17 Feb**—INSET DAY
- **20—24 Feb**—Half Term
- **Mon 27 Feb**—First Day Back
- **Thur 2 Mar**—World Book Day
- **Mon 13 Mar**—Whole School Photographs
- **Mon 13 Mar**—Year 7,8 & 9 Football Tournament
- **21 & 22 March**—Big Pedal Day
- **Fri 24 Mar**—Red Nose Day
- **Mon 27 Mar**—Year 10 & 11 Football Tournament
- **Fri 7 Apr**—Last day of term
- **10-17 Apr**—Easter Holidays
- **Mon 24 Apr**—First day back
- **Tue 2 May**—INSET day

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

Lady Margaret Road, Ifield, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 0DX, Telephone: 01293 520351

Email: office@mgcollege.co.uk

Leaving a child absence message:

Please can we remind parents that when you leave a message of child absence on the college answer phone that you specify why your child is not well. Many thanks.

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: SC-TR.specialschoolotptnorth@nhs.net. 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

Sainsbury's



Active Kids is back and with your support now's the time to help even more kids to eat well, move well and live well. Let's see how well we can do this year.

Please do collect them when you visit a Sainsbury's store and bring them in to college!

Thank you for your support.



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 they can explain why it is necessary to go in term time and as long as the attendance is good (92% attendance or more).



DANCE FOR A SPECIAL GENERATION

With the support of Sussex Arts Academy, six West Sussex schools, Manor Green College being one of them, have been successful in their bid for £15,000 to run an exciting programme to promote the arts across the curriculum for a group of around 60 children with special educational needs. The initiative is supported with investment from Artsworld, the South East Bridge, acting on behalf of the Arts Council England.

The project is run in partnership with the internationally renowned Stopgap Dance Company who are leading a programme of intensive dance workshops in each of the schools, starting here at the college on the 27th February and continuing until the end of March. The company has been at the forefront of inclusive dance both as a professional touring company and a charitable organisation keen to nurture the next generation of disabled dancers. With exceptional experience of initiating integration between disabled and non-disabled dancers, Stopgap is committed to sharing its knowledge as widely as possible.

Nicky Norton, Community Dance Development Officer with Stopgap, said, "We are very excited to be embarking on this ambitious project and working with all the young people taking part".

"The workshops will develop the children's knowledge, skills, and confidence," says Lesley Dyer, Headteacher at the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee School in Horsham. "Teachers 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".

The workshops will be evaluated by the Heather Green, Senior Lecturer in Special Education at the Chichester University Institute of Education, and the results will be made available to schools across the region and the country as a whole.

The project is supported with investment from Artsworld, the South East Bridge.



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School Photographs

Will be taking place on

**Monday the
13th of March**



After months of practice and confidence building Charline Permal learnt to ride a 2 wheeler bike this half term! Well done Charline!



WORLD BOOK DAY

On **Thursday, 2 March**, the College will be celebrating World Book Day. As you may be aware, this is an annual

national event across schools – to promote the values of reading and enthuse everyone to read and enjoy books more. Strong values we encourage with our young people.

To help celebrate we would encourage students to come to school in non-uniform and dress as their favourite character from a book.

There will be prizes for best dressed characters and a celebration of books in a whole college assembly!



KS4 & FE Trip to Rock Assembly



The college has tickets again to attend the 2017 ROCK ASSEMBLY, in July at Wembley Arena in London. Rock Assembly is a one off festival of music for schools, to celebrate their achievements and promote positive future & career opportunities.

Acts that have performed at previous Rock Assembly include; *Lethal Bizzle, Westrn, BB Diamond, Professor Green and Dixon Brothers*. The day is hosted by Radio 1 DJ's and acts from Kiss FM. This a fantastic opportunity for our young people in KS4 and FE to take part in a unique experience, visit somewhere new and enjoy time with friends and other young people from across the country.

The price (£19) includes ticket entry and coach travel to and from Manor Green College. If you would like to attend please ask for a letter from the office. **limited number of tickets*

From the I.T Department

Recently we have been having lots of fun in I.T! Our theme currently is 'control' and many classes have had fun writing code to make lights flash in Flowol and cats chasing a bird in Scratch. One particular piece of equipment has been provided to us free by the BBC called the 'micro:bit'. This has proven very popular with the children as they shout "wow" when their micro:bit displays the code they have written. We have made the micro:bit show smiley and sad faces and even turned it into a mobile thermometer! You may have seen this distributed at other schools and it's a fun and interactive way to teach children programming in action.



Next term our new topic is 'Internet Safety', which Mr Cambridge is looking forward to teaching due to the rapid rise of social media and the many online dangers that kids are exposed to today.

From George, Fred and Mr Cambridge

ICT Department.

Winter Lights Festival –14th of December 2016

Our 2nd 'Winter Lights Festival' took place on a dry, beautiful clear night on Wednesday 14th December. We gathered in the school hall, about 150 of us, chatting, admiring the lanterns and wondering what was going to happen.... I was checking that students had lights in their lanterns and handing out any spare lanterns, whilst Mr Cooper ably fended off any cars about to encroach on our parade route! Mark Harrington's class then serenaded us with some fantastic singing before our parade set-off around the school grounds, led by the percussion of teacher Sam Upton and students. Whilst a good many of us had already left the hall, one of our teachers remembered to switch the lights off in the hall, and a gasp was let out in the darkness as the lanterns bobbed and glowed in the crowd.

A long snake of students, family members, friends, neighbours and staff walked around the school past a fiesta of lights and into the playground. The air was crisp but not too cold and the stars twinkled down on us from above and appropriately the theme this year was 'Heavens Above'. We had an array of wonderfully creative responses to this theme from our staff and pupils. We had two magnificent Millennium Falcons with integral lighting: one from 4GC and one from FE, and we couldn't possibly say which made us more star struck! We had a beautiful angel from FE and a sun Goddess from 4MH as well as a fire-breathing dragon peeping over the fence. We had a rocket dedicated to the memory of the Ziggy Stardust (aka David Bowie for readers born post 1990's), we hope you spotted him in the space capsule window? We had Big Ben, once the tallest building in London, and an icon we still look up to. Students and staff made a variety of withy stars which, if not on the parade, were strung up with lights along the route, alongside some fantastic air balloons from KS4.



Classroom windows got creative with stained glass-effect designs and silhouettes. Special mention has to go to the amazing 'Man in the Moon' window design in 3JW! It was wonderful to see parents and students walking up to the windows on the night to admire the artwork. Our finale was to sing Christmas carols together accompanied by the Copthorne Silver Band, to whom we owe a big thank you. This was followed by free pizza and hot drinks thanks to The Friends of Manor Green and Pizza Hut.

But mostly we would like to say thank you to all of you who managed to join us on the night, and for those of you who couldn't make it, well there's always this year, it's a treat not to be missed. Here's what one participant had to say: "in all the year's I've worked here, that was the best event we've ever had."

Vanessa Dell, Art Teacher



International Week



As part of the international week our students were looking at different countries, studying their culture and learning about their traditions. We also practised dances and had a chance to taste country specific food delicatessen. The Week ended with a whole school assembly where classes presented their dances to one another and great fun was had by all. The students also wrapped and decorated a shoebox, filled with donations which the school were very grateful for. These shoeboxes will be donated to the open house based locally in Crawley and also sent to those in need abroad.

Thank you all for your continuous support. Thank you Deichmann Shoes and Debenhams for providing us with shoe boxes for classes to decorate.

KS4 Community Independence

This half term students in KS4 have been developing their community independence. Students have been cycling from school all the way to K2. In the sun, in the rain, even in the snow. They developed lots of skills, such as crossing roads safely, looking out for others, and how to enjoy time with friends. They have been so good at working. Well Done KS4!





Student of the Half Term



KS3 Class Based

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Tyler Browning 3SN

Tyler has done very well in all areas of his work. He always works extremely hard and is very polite and helpful to both other students and staff. Tyler is doing well with learning his numbers, words and developing his writing skills. Most pleasing however, is the great independence which Tyler shows with his personal organisation, getting all the things which he needs and also initiating conversations with other students.

Personal Development - Ethan Mold 3SN

Ethan has made great progress with both his behaviour and also with his attention and focus when working. In class he is always very helpful and extremely enthusiastic about everything that he does, particularly all drama and making activities. He now usually works really hard with his number and literacy work and he has done some great writing this half term.

Most Improvement in Learning – Hannah Royle 3DPR

Hannah has worked really hard this year and this term in particular we have really seen her confidence grow. She has made improvements in Maths and English. She really loves our story this term 'Handa's Surprise' and especially enjoys learning about all of the African animals. Well done Hannah!

KS3 Modular

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Charlie Finch 3JW

As well as growing in height, Charlie has grown in self-esteem and confidence, as well as developing a stronger and humorous character. Charlie always works hard and aims to please, from when he arrives in class with a smile until he goes home. He has become a real personality. Well done, Charlie!

Personal Development – Fatoumata Dampha 3SF

Fatoumata is a cheerful, positive individual who continues to put her all into everything. She is making greater use of her standing frame, using her radio equipment in most lessons and therefore increasing her ability to hear well and take part in lessons fully. She always works hard, and has such a lovely sense of humour. She never lets her personal restrictions get in the way of trying something. Well done, and keep it up.

Most Improvement in Learning – Aidan Mansfield 3SU

Aidan has worked really hard on controlling his emotions. He has been able to deal with some tricky situations which in the past may have upset him. He is also continuing to show that he is a reliable student whenever help is needed.

Aidan has also been learning the guitar and ukulele this half term and his persistence and ambition has shown that he can really develop when he puts his mind to it.

Keep up the hard work!

Well done.

KS4

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Zainab Shah-Jahan 4DJ

Zainab is a delightful young lady with a wicked sense of humour who is always extremely cheerful and caring towards others. Zainab works hard in all her lessons. She always completes her homework on time. Zainab is always polite towards adults and peers.

Zainab enjoys socialising and enjoys chatting with peers over lunch.

Zainab is going to do the Duke of Edinburgh Award and is busy training for this on a Thursday afternoon.

Zainab enjoys travelling to Crawley for our community visits and transition to Central Sussex College. Zainab goes on public transport with her friends.

Zainab is leaving MGC at the end of June and is very excited about starting at Central Sussex College in September 2017.

Personal Development – Zach Vico-Green 4SM

Zach exhibits great maturity in his behaviour and of recent has been walking away from situations that hitherto used to bother him. He shows empathy towards other students and is always willing to intervene and calm situations that would have otherwise gotten out of hand.

Zach has been walking independently to Sainsburys, he takes on a mentoring role for other students along the way which has invariably boosted his confidence greatly. We are all very proud of Zach and the fact that he is behaving so well- Well done Zach.

Most Improvement in Learning – James Wilson 4MH

James Wilson has made exceptional progress in his learning this half term. He is doing fantastically in his Entry level examinations. His reading is improving, he has developed new ICT skills. James is just doing well in everything and learning so many new things. We have all seen brilliant progress in all of his lessons. Well Done James.



KS5

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour— Harison Eaton

Harison is a hard working and cheerful student, He is always polite, enthusiastic and willing to try hard in activities. Harison is developing confidence when out on community link activities and is a pleasure to teach .

Personal Development— Kieran Vane

Kieran attended a meeting with college staff and other professionals to discuss his progress and plans for the future. Kieran was able to talk about what he has been doing and to ask about something that he would like to do next year. We were all very impressed and pleased with his achievement.

Most Improvement in Learning — Sadia Mukhtar

Sadia has become much more confident when practising her communication skills this term. She is able to go around college collecting orders for FE Café lunches, talking to staff and writing the orders each week. She has learned to spell staff names and to fill in the forms correctly.

Headteacher's Award: Abdullah Din 4HH

Abdullah is in Year 10 and arrives at school every day with a cheerful smile ready to give everything a go! He is helpful and kind to his friends, hardworking for his teachers and perseveres when presented with challenging classwork and situations. Abdullah, we're so proud of your efforts and achievements so far in Key Stage 4!



Bodium Castle—3MG

Students and staff in 3MG had a lovely day at Bodium Castle on Thursday the 9th of February.



Fundraising

Variety

Sponsorship for a brand new Variety Sunshine Coach has been secured by the Variety Club Golf Society! We will be collecting our brand new 14 seat minibus on the 30th of March 2017. Thank you so much!



Foyle Foundation

We are extremely excited to announce that we have been offered a grant by the Foyle Foundation to create a Performing Arts room! The room will be set out with drapes, a new sound system, state of the art theatre lighting and the best projection systems. Watch this space.



The Hidden Disability Programme

Gatwick Airport are working with a number of charities to identify how they can improve the airport experience for vulnerable passengers who may have hidden disabilities including autism.

Gatwick can offer a special lanyard for you to wear on your journey through the 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.

To pick up a lanyard at Gatwick, please go to one of the Assistance Reception areas. They will be happy to give you a lanyard, even if you haven't requested or need special assistance.

Gatwick Airport have also produced a booklet, *Making your journey easier* (http://www.gatwickairport.com/globalassets/documents/passengers/passenger_facilities/passengerbooklet.pdf), where you can find detailed information on what to expect on your journey through the airport to help you prepare.

You can also arrange for an escort to assist you throughout your journey through the airport but this must be booked in advance by emailing hidden.disability.at.gatwick@ocs.co.uk.

Performing Arts KS4 Dance Time

On Wednesday 8th March KS4 Performing Arts group will be performing at the Hawth in a Celebration of Dance. The students have been working very hard this term to create a routine, based on the music of Whitney Houston and her Oscar winning film The Bodyguard.

Kirsty Anne Warner said 'I have danced in Dance time before, but this is the best one yet.' Brandon Reader said 'It is going to look awesome.'

We are so proud of the teams' dedication and can't wait to show Crawley what we have created.



Ship Mates for the Day!



As part of our story focus "Treasure Island", 4HH visited The Golden Hinde in London. This is a working replica of the ship Sir Francis Drake sailed around the world between 1577 and 1580. We had a fantastic day out and the students discovered lots about life on board an Elizabethan ship. Highlights of the trip included sitting at the Captain's table, raising the anchor and exploring the cannons on the gun deck.

TESCO

MGP are through to the final for Tesco Bags of Help round. Please take a token and vote for them at your local Tesco store as they are hoping to raise funds for a sensory outdoor area! Thank you!



Short Breaks ONE TO ONE & SMALL GROUP SUPPORT

Does your child need to develop their independence, become more confident and learn new skills?

Does your child need support initially to access groups?

If you answer 'yes' or 'maybe' to any of the above then one-to-one/ small group short breaks could open up some doors.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
UNDER 18 YEARS OLD AND IN RECEIPT OF MIDDLE OR HIGHER DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

If you wish your child/young person to be considered for this new and exciting programme please contact: short.break.team@westsussex.gov.uk with the age of your child, their special educational need/disability and the area that they live in.*

Your details will be passed to the relevant organisation who will contact you to discuss your specific requirements.

*services vary across the County and some restrictions apply



FREE Bikeability Level 2 Cycle Training Holiday Courses

(Minimum age 10 years)



Easter Holiday Course

10th – 13th April 2017 (4 days)
9.00am until 11.00am

Course Venues

Oak Grove College, Worthing

Forest School, Horsham

Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis

St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Summer Holiday Course

31st July – 3rd August 2017 (4 days)
9.00am until 11.00am

Course Venues

Oak Grove College, Worthing

Forest School, Horsham

The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis

St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

For further information please contact us

T: 03302226709 or 0330 2226746

or

E: cycle.training@westsussex.gov.uk

Shhh...

Autism Quiet Hour



To accommodate the needs of our shoppers with Autism, temporary changes have been made within store during this hour.

Please ask at Customer Services for more details.

TESCO



Autism Parent Empower
A NEW GENERATION STARTS NOW

Hello my name is Jo-Ann D'Costa Manuel, my family and I are weekly shoppers at Tesco. I have two children and my youngest who is nearly 8 years old has a diagnosis of Autism.

Tesco shopping was always an impossible experience for us due to the sensory overload and lack on public awareness. With lots of visits, strategies and support we now can enjoy our weekly shopping trip with ease.

A recent survey by the National Autistic Society highlighted 75% of parents in the UK feel most isolated in supermarkets due to lack of understanding and sensory discomforts. I have joined forces with Tesco to introduce a Weekly **Quiet Hour** to make the shopping experience more accessible to adults, children and families living with Autism.

Creating public Autism Awareness is also at the core of this service. Please find below some of the changes you may notice during the **Autism Quiet Hour**.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Jo-Ann

Director - Autism Parent Empower

Autism Quiet Hour store changes

- All staff undergone initial autism training and briefing
- Doors at entrance will be left open
- Quiet Hour signs placed around the store
- Instore music turned off
- Escalators at the back of the store turned off
- No staff packing shelves
- Display TV's turned off
- Tannoy's turned off
- Lights Dimmed
- Allocated quiet zones
- Visual maps and social stories available at Customer Services
- Visuals on each aisle
- Allocated till for payment
- Staff members to help pack to speed up process at till point
- Hand dryers in toilets turned off
- Public awareness.

Image supplied by Tesco



Autism Parent Empower

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E : info@autismparentempower.org

W : autismparentempower.org

Learn new computer skills!

Web Guardians©

- iPad and computer safety skills
- Knowledge of what your children may be looking at online
- Protecting your child when online



Dates: Sunday 5th March
Sunday 12th March
Sunday 19th March
Sunday 26th March
Sunday 2nd April
11am – 2.30pm

Attend all 6 sessions and get a certificate.

To book a place or for more information please contact JAN Trust.
Email: info@jantrust.org or Tel: 020 8889 3433

Free classes Women only



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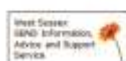


SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES (SEND)

ROADSHOW

Local Offer

Come and find out how to use our website to support you. Come and meet representatives from Short Breaks, Personal Budgets and SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SEND IAS).



Would you like more information for your family or those you support to access services within your / their local communities?

- After your session you will know how to use the Local Offer to: find services; events; comment on services; bookmark services to your personal Pinboard; and signpost families to using it.
- An opportunity for you to meet representatives, ask questions and give your feedback on the Local Offer website.

BURGESSHILL,
Sidney West
Children & Family Centre,
Leylands Road, RH15 8HS

CRAWLEY,
Crawley Library,
Southgate Avenue, RH10 6HG

CHICHESTER,
Chichester Children
& Family Centre
St James Campus, PO19 7HA

Friday 3rd March 2017

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Wednesday 10th May 2017

FROM 10AM TO 16PM!

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