



Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'



Message from Mr. Smith

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been absolutely fantastic to watch the KS3 students practice and perform their stage production of Shrek. Every class has been involved and every student has taken part. The students were hugely excited to show off the production on Wednesday.

This is not the only fantastic event that Manor Green students have been involved with this term. We have also taken part in Rock Challenge where a team of 54 students competed against other schools from Sussex. The college's performance led to a standing ovation and 5 awards from the judges. A special mention has to go to Mr Harrington and his team of staff who worked tirelessly to make it happen. We also had the fantastic Crawley Sings event led by Abbie Simmonds and Vanessa Dell. Students performed a number of songs as a college and as part of a mass community choir with the other schools.

All of these events have had an extremely positive effect on student's self-esteem and confidence which is fantastic to see. It was lovely to see so much support from families at both events.

I hope you are all looking forward to the Easter break.

Best wishes

Tom Smith

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MGC this
half-term

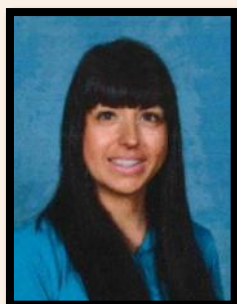


SARAH BAILEY



CHLOE BURTON

We welcome both Sarah Bailey and Chloe Burton, Learning Support Assistants, to the College Staff.



NURSE KATE SHORT

We say goodbye to Nurse Kate and thank her for her contribution and dedication to the College. We wish Kate well for the future! She will be greatly missed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8-22 April
Easter Holiday
- 23 April
Return to school
- 7 May 2019
INSET Day/ Autism Support Day
- 20-24 May
Year 7 Activity Week
- 27 May – 3 June
Half Term
- 10-28 June
Art Exhibition at The Hawth
- 24-28 June
KS5 Activity Week
- 27 June
Leavers Garden Party
- 28 June
Last day for Student Leaver's
- 8-12 July
Year 8 and 9 Activity Week
- 23 July
Last day of term
- 4 September
Pupils return to school

3MG Term 2 Learn

After a fantastic two terms of learning music and keyboard skills the finale was an opportunity for 3MG to experience a variety of musical instruments including ukuleles and recorders. The students looked forward to their music session each week and were disappointed to learn it was the last one.



Brilliant News!

Last term the FE Arts Award group had their work accepted for the Worthing Museum and Art Gallery "Open 18" exhibition.

Last term Kieran Stevens had his photograph taken with the Mayor of Worthing with his painting in the background, and now.....

The brilliant news is that Brandon Reader has sold his painting "Botswana Airways"!

Very well done Brandon and Kieran.

Yet more exciting art news

The Towner Art Gallery in Eastbourne are exhibiting the FE Arts Award and GCSE artwork that Sally created with them at a workshop before half term.

The work is in an exhibition called "Draw me in".

This exhibition is free to see and opens on Friday 5th April- so go and see what fabulous work the students have produced.



Manor Green Makes Music

On 18th March 2019 Manor Green College proved, once again, that our community ROCKS by taking part in the first ever inclusive Crawley Sings Live 2019! at The Hawth Theatre.

Twenty four Manor Green students were joined by parents and adults from our weekly community choir to wow the audience with their enthusiasm, energy and enjoyment of the music.

The event brought school choirs from all over Horsham and Crawley. Our young people performed on stage with a mass choir of over 150 students, singing songs that included pop, acapella and party anthems!

"It was just so good," said Steven Vaczi, a Y12 student. "Being part of a choir is AMAZING!" agreed Charlie Jones, Y14.

Manor Green Community Choir is an inclusive, weekly group that has been supported by West Sussex Music Service. We aim to bring together parents, students and the local community to enjoy singing, learn more about signing and have a good time! We meet weekly on a Monday evening from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and welcome EVERYONE who would like to give it a go, have fun and be part of something very special. If you would like to join, or just come along and see how it works, email admin@mgcollege.co.uk for more information.

Football

On March the 18th, Manor Green attended a football tournament organised by Albion in the Community. We took 10 players and although our first game was a loss, the team performed exceptionally. Aidon Smith was the team's top scorer, with 3 goals, and also picked up the team's fair play award. Toby Flude and Josh Williams scored 2 goals each but the team narrowly missed out on a place in the semi finals. The whole team played with great confidence, showed fantastic fair play and supported all the other teams that played.

ROCK CHALLENGE AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Rock Challenge

On the 26th February 2019, 52 students from Manor Green College took part in an international competition, Rock Challenge, at the Hawth in Crawley. Manor Green competed against 6 mainstream schools.

Our routine 'Against the Stream', which was written and created by the students of Manor Green College, told the story of a child who was in a mainstream school and expelled. With the help and support from family and his special needs school, he succeeded and accepted who he was.

On the day the students got 3 standing ovations and ended up winning 5 awards for their routine, including the people's choice award which was selected by the other schools.

Charlie in Y11, the lead, said 'I am so proud of what we have achieved. We worked really hard.' Summer in Y7 said 'I want to do it again'. Brandon in FE said 'When the crowd stood up and clapped, the noise was so loud.'

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported with the routine. It has been a real community challenge and we succeeded.

Well done to all the students involved, we are so proud of you.



On 6th March 2019 students who were part of Rock Challenge, were invited to perform the routine 'Against the Stream' as the finale to the Crawley Community Awards.

Our routine was hand picked by the manager of the Awards and The Hawth to perform. The students were equally as amazing. Pat, one of the managers of the Community awards, said 'It was so emotional, I never expected to feel so much emotion in 8 minutes'.

Toby who was the lead at this event said 'I cannot believe I did something like this.'

We were equally proud of the team and their hard effort. They are superstars.



Year 7**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour – Amy Bromfield**

Amy has had another excellent half term.

She is someone who is always extremely polite, friendly and supportive to everyone in the class. Amy is enthusiastic and always works hard in all of her lessons, in particular she has been working very hard on her fine motor skills and on her handwriting, which is really beginning to improve. Well done Amy, for a great half term.

**Personal Development Award – Isabell Jackson**

When Isabell joined Manor Green College in September, she found it tricky speaking aloud in the class and saying no to people when she didn't agree with them.

This term Isabell has started to become more vocal in the classroom and more assertive on the playground. She has learnt to stand up for herself on the playground and will now share her ideas with the rest of the class during lesson time.

**Most Improvement in Learning – Nilash Krishanthan**

Nilash has been working extremely hard this term. He has been doing some good listening in lessons and has made excellent progress with his work, particularly with his writing. He has also made great progress in reading and maths. Well done Nilash, Keep up the great work!

KS3**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour – Abbie Welling**

Abbie works hard in all of her subjects and is making good progress as a result. She has a good sense of humour and is trying to join in more in our discussions. Her thoughtfulness and sensitivity in supporting students in her class has really impressed the staff. She is a pleasure to teach.

Personal Development Award– Rosie King

We've put Rosie forward for the Personal Development award because she has been really focused in lessons, and has been really trying her best. Despite having distractions Rosie has been able to distance herself from this and made the right choices. She is usually full of questions, consolidating her understanding of the task in hand as well as linking this with her own ideas and previous learning. Well done Rosie!

Most Improvement in Learning – Callum Baker

Callum has a very positive attitude to his work, he joins in well with class activities and enjoys seeing what his peers are doing as well as what he is doing.

He is making good progress in his Maths, he is able to comment on how many when an adult holds up one or two fingers.

Callum is also communicating much more in class and around school, he will repeat what an adult says and use his signing and words to communicate feelings, choices and answers in class.

We are so proud of Callum and the progress he has made, he is a great asset to 3EM.

KS4**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour – Henry Flowerday**

Henry has been working diligently throughout the term.

He always comes to school ready to engage in all his learning.

He is particularly working hard at his GCSE Art.

Henry has also been successful in his social skills and in particular now joins in and tries his best at group activities.

We are all very proud of Henry.



Personal Development Award – Ceira Carter

Staff in 4HH are proud of the mature attitude Ceira has shown this term. She has focused on her work and persevered with tasks she finds difficult. Ceira has shown she is able to express her emotions in a more positive way and we are sure that as she moves on to the summer term and then goes to FE she will maintain this excellent progress.

**Most Improvement in Learning – Toby Flude**

6 months ago, Toby had hit rock bottom. Things at school were not going well for him. At this time Toby made a promise that he was going to try and turn things around, and boy did he! Toby started off by being in school more and attempting work (this was a rare thing for Toby.) Toby then began to join in with some of the rehearsals for Rock Challenge. From this he became the understudy to lead. Whilst this was going on, he was increasing the amount of work he was doing, communicating issues he had and really thinking about the person he wanted to present to the community. Toby applied himself so well it was decided that Toby should be given a chance to lead the schools dance routine. So when we were offered the Crawley Community Awards finale, we asked Toby to lead and he did. On the day Toby was extremely sick, however refused to let his friends and production team down and performed the 8-minute routine without fault. The Toby of 6 months ago would not have done this. Toby has come such a long way. He has shown that he is a caring, dedicated, loyal, passionate member of Manor Green College. As Toby said 'I have completely turned my life around.' We are all so proud of what Toby has achieved and can't wait to see what he achieves next. Well Done Toby!

KS5**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour- Kyle Scutt**

Kyle is very conscientious and hard-working. He always completes his work in lessons and often does extra work besides. A great asset to FE, he shows particular skills in gardening and cooking. He is very reliable at clearing up and washing up. He took a leading role in the recent Jim Green competition at Ardingly. He also helps with washing up at home and reads every day.

**Personal Development Award- Charlotte Crowther**

Charlotte has had a brilliant term working and learning on a farm through the Farm Buddies scheme. Her energy and enthusiasm has really shone through and her attitude is fantastic. She gets stuck in with all jobs from making a fuss of the donkeys to cleaning out their stables at the end of the day! In class, Charlotte has shown increased focus and determination to work through difficulties and is working hard in her LSA work experience in KS3. We are proud of the mature young woman you are becoming Charlotte. Keep up the hard work!

Most Improvement in Learning- Charlie Jones

Charlie has worked incredibly hard this half term and has been absolutely invaluable to the drama and choir teams. A key member of Rock Challenge, Charlie has not faltered in his energy and enthusiasm at every single rehearsal and performed brilliantly on the nights at The Hawth. Charlie has thrown himself into choir with equal enthusiasm and has supported the choir leaders at every meet-up. He has also given up his lunchtimes to support the KS3 choir and acted as our technology guru to make sure the right lyrics are on the screen at the right time! Charlie has worked really hard in his drama and exercise-class work experience, supporting KS3 drama and KS4 exercise sessions, leading activities and giving individual students support. You are a star Charlie!



High Needs Group**Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Zoya Bobkowska**

Zoya has been working consistently hard in the swimming pool during this term and she can now swim 1 or 2 metres independently. Zoya always tries her best when she is swimming which makes her a role model to her peers and friends in class. Zoya smiles, laughs, vocalises and plays interactive games with staff whilst in the pool so that everybody around her enjoys the experience. Well Done!

Personal development Award - Joshua Colvill

Josh has shown an improvement in his Personal Development by being a lot more proactive and taking the initiative to control his surroundings in a mature way.

For example Josh heard another student in the room next door using an app which Josh enjoys on his iPad. Josh went to the cupboard to check to see if his iPad was still there. It was so he was satisfied and closed the door!

In the Light & Sound room another student turned on the main lights. Josh wanted them off so he turned them all back off again!

Josh wanted a foot stool so he moved a chair from the computer, brought it to the circle, sat down and put his feet up on it!!

Josh indicated that he wanted to do work so he pushed his work box towards the adult, sat down and did his work. What a great student!! Well done Josh.

Most Improvement in Learning – Sachith Mendis

Sachith is increasingly showing great maturity when engaged in targeted work tasks. He is more relaxed and concentrates for longer periods at a time. It is great to see Sachith develop into such an engaged young man. We are all looking forward to a very productive post 16.

**Thomas Grimwood**

Thomas has had a great year so far in Manor Green College. Thomas is a brilliant student, he cares and looks out for his friends, he consistently works hard in all his subjects and is always willing to go out of his comfort zone and try different things.

Thomas has really challenged himself in his community visit sessions. At the start of the year Thomas would walk a short distance to Sainsbury's and use his wheel chair for the remainder. Now, Thomas will walk the entire way there and back challenging himself to do more and more.

He has settled in well and will continue to progress for the remainder of his time in year 7.

Special award for best imagination and creativity — Ethan Mold

Ethan has always shown an extremely positive attitude towards school projects with his fantastic imagination and creativity skills. He has been keen to help with ideas as well as resourcing and making costumes, decorations, props and outside activities for all to enjoy. He particularly enjoyed planning, resourcing and making a water wall within the garden for himself and his peers to share. We are all very proud of Ethan's persistence in completing the projects he creates. Well done Ethan continue to share your wonderful ideas that we all very much enjoy helping you create!

Trip to Glyndebourne

At the end of February a small selection of students were invited by the Golden Lions Trust to watch a community opera at the world famous Glyndebourne Opera House near Lewes in East Sussex. We had a lovely day, enjoying the atmosphere of the beautiful house and grounds. The stage set was simple but effective and we all enjoyed the music. The story was less successful for us, we thought they could benefit from some Makaton signing, but the singing was strong and beautiful. Thank you very much to Lynda Guy from the Golden Lions Trust for offering this trip to us.



Work Experience

Year 11 students from 4DJ successfully completed work experience placements from 11th-15th March 2019, at the following companies/schools:

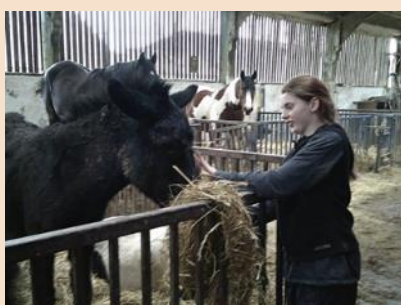
- Adam - Hazelwick School - A member of the Premises Team
- Tiffany - Manor Green College - A LSA in a Year 8 class
- Hazel - Holmbush Farm - Farm Hand
- Michael - Wyevale Garden Centre - Gardening Assistant
- Aaron - Holmbush Farm - Farm Hand
- Thomas - St Catherine's Hospice Charity Shop - Retail Assistant
- Rebecca - Doodley Dogs - Kennel Assistant/ Retail Assistant
- Charlie - Co-Op - Retail Assistant
- Lourenco - Decathlon - Retail Assistant
- Jamie - Manor Green College - PE Assistant



All of the students received excellent Employer Reports.

Aaron, Hazel, Adam and Tiffany are going back to their work experience placements to work during KS4 Activity Week! Hazel is also doing another work experience at East Grinstead Veterinary Hospital during the Easter Holidays.

Congratulations to all of you.



GLYNDEBOURNE

WORK EXPERIENCE

POETRY

Poetry

Students in 3AC, as well as some from 3LC and 5SM, had the pleasure of welcoming Chris North from "Lifting Poetry off the Page." The aim was to bring poetry to life with a plethora of resources, creative ideas, enthusiasm and a great sense of fun. Chris worked hard to ensure all the young people were involved to the best of their abilities. There was something for everyone so both our verbal and non-verbal students could participate or they could dip in and out as appropriate. There was never any pressure to take part so the young people clearly enjoyed their experience. Safe to say both staff and students had a thoroughly great time!



Shrek

This term all of KS3 have been working hard on their production of Shrek. All ten classes have taken part: rehearsing, recording, singing, dancing and making props. The staff were also very busy organising and making the costumes. A particular thanks to Sandra, Nikki and Dani for the lead costumes, hat and wigs, as well as Mandy Haysom for her invaluable donation of several costumes.

The students and staff have all put in a lot of work to develop their roles to entertain you. The hard work and dedication from our lead actors: Toby as Shrek, Ella and Kyla as Fiona, Thomas as Pinocchio and Donkey, George as Gingy and the very creepy Lord Farquaard, as played by Alfie R, has been amazing.

We could not have achieved the production without Richard Wilkins, who recorded and re-recorded all the scenes, made the overhead presentation as well as directing prop making and several rehearsals.

Thank you for being our audience- we hope you enjoyed it!

'Pinocchio's performance is a little wooden' -
Comment from Toby H



SHREK

Jim Green

In March, students from FE went to Ardingly Showground, to show off their hard work and FE entry for the Jim Green Competition. The annual competition consists of four categories all linked to horticulture - 2019's theme was the Bee. This year, FE entered two teams and created some fantastic models, made some brilliant Bee scarecrows, planted pots of lovely tulips and baked wonderful Bee decorated cupcakes.

The competition offers our students an opportunity to socialise with young adults from across Sussex during a day of fun activities at the showground. All the entries are judged and given feedback and at the end of the day there is prize giving, tea and cakes!



Horticulture

This term some students have been enjoying horticulture.

The Autumn leaves have been cleared and have been bagged up to make leaf mould or put into the new compost area. Classes now have small bins to collect items to add to our large compost bins outside.

3DP and 3EM have made grass heads and eventually when the 'hair' grew they were able to give them a haircut.

Now the weather has started to warm up Key stage 5 and 3AC have been planting seeds in the greenhouse. There are a variety of vegetables and flowers growing well.

The onions and garlic planted in the autumn term are ready to be planted out, hopefully before the holiday.



World Book Day- Books are BRILLIANT!

Manor Green celebrated World Book day in style this year with event stretched across the whole week.

On Monday, FE treated the whole school to a very special pantomime starring Brandon Reader as the evil Tom Riddle and Charlie Jones as an innocent school boy who unleashes some scary book world characters onto Manor Green. With the help of the whole school singing and signing, the bad-guys were defeated and we all promised to KEEP READING! During the week, classes practiced their life skills by choosing and purchasing World Book Day books using our free World Book Day tokens. There were also all sorts of writing, reading and storytelling activities happening in class.

To finish off our celebrations, we had a costume competition on Thursday where staff and students alike threw themselves into the spirit of the event and dressed up as their favourite characters from works of fiction. 3EM were crowned the winners of the competition with 3SU in a close second.

What a wonderful week!



JIM GREEN

HORTICULTURE

WORLD BOOK DAY

Manor Green's Hotel Trip by Samuel Teles-Amaro

On March 12th 2019, the students of Manor Green went to Gatwick Airport to meet former student Maddison at her job at Hampton by Hilton Hotel. The staff invited us to enjoy some quality time, learning about the hotel and what the staff do. The students were looking forward to the trip. The group got to the airport by bus and went on the shuttle to take us from the South Terminal to the North Terminal. The hotel was inside of the airport and had other hotels all around it. It was a medium hotel. It was for people who want to have a rest if they missed their flight or just for waiting at the bar, if they're a bit too early.

Mel Simmonds introduced us to the food and beverage section of the hotel. The students and staff had a look below the restaurant and saw what was on offer. The tour was led by the manager of the hotel, who gave us a further look at the features of the hotel. There was a gym, meeting rooms and there were a few female staff, who were friendly. The hotel seemed nice. The hotel jobs seemed very important to the staff's lives.

Sam Teles-Amaro, a year 14 student, said "The hotel was beautiful. My favourite part of the trip was learning about the different jobs that were at the hotel. I wish I could get a job working at the bar." Zach Vico-Green, a year 13 student, said "It was good. I liked the bar. There were loads of drinks on offer."

The reason the group went to the hotel was to continue their work on Employability. Employability is a specialist subject at Manor Green College. The aim is to give students more information about jobs, tasks to do and what there is to do in the world of work.



College News

Well done to Cameron Hughes in FE (year 12) for being accepted into Crawley College this September. Cameron applied and attended an interview, and we're very proud of his success. He will be missed next year.



HOUSEKEEPING

Thank you for your support so far this year. We would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help with a few housekeeping matters.

We would like to encourage you to:

- Make any necessary payments through School Gateway. If you need assistance with this please do ask the office staff and they will be able to help.
- If you need to make payments by cash or cheque please send these in with your young person via their class teacher in a sealed named envelope.
- If you have not yet paid for cooking for the spring term we would be grateful to receive payment.
- Medical appointments should be made out of school hours whenever possible. If this is unavoidable please notify us in advance of the date through the home school diary. Please let us have a copy of the appointment letter for our records.
- If you need to change the arrangements for your young person at the end of the day, e.g. someone else is collecting them, please let the class teacher know or call the office before 2pm.
- Parents waiting to collect students at the end of the day are invited to wait in reception from 3:00pm onwards. We ask that the reception area is kept clear before this time.
- Cars parked in the drop off zone during drop off and collection times must have their engines switched off.

PARKING

Please be aware the car park at the bottom of our road is a private car park for staff, patients and ambulances of Ifield Medical Practice only.

We have been asked to pass on a plea that parents do not use this car park.

It is crucial that patients and staff of the practice are able to access the car park at all times.

We would also ask that parents park considerately in the neighbouring streets to the college causing as minimal disruption to our neighbours.

Caroline Haslett Memorial Project Exhibition 30th April - 16th May, The Hawth

Three Bridges Forum is celebrating 100 years of Caroline Haslett's influence with an exhibition of artwork submitted by people from all over Crawley. Some of our Year 8 and Year 9 students have submitted work to this exhibition, we won't know whose work will be selected until after Easter but we can be guaranteed our fantastic college will be represented. Caroline Haslett (1895-1957) was born in Worth and lived for a time in Three Bridges. She was an electrical engineer and instrumental in opening up the world of engineering to women. The Year 8 and 9 students have been studying Surrealism and Steampunk this term and Ben's finished artwork definitely has an electrifying theme!



FREE & FRIENDLY PARENTING COURSES ACROSS WEST SUSSEX

ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER WHO IS WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD (AGE 9-14), BOTH ON AND OFF THE INTERNET?
IS YOUR CHILD SHOWING SIGNS OF VULNERABILITY? DO THEY TAKE RISKS? COULD THEY BECOME VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND/OR CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION?



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Tuesday 30 April 2019, runs 4 consecutive weeks, 6:30-8-30pm

AND

Tuesday 18 June 2019 9:30-11:30am for 4 sessions

Free parking, including refreshments

To book a place or find out about other courses, dates email: DiceReferral@barnardos.org.uk or call 01293 610691 Mobile; 07892 756 943



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Join us from 5:00 - 7:30 pm

18th March - Chichester College, Conference Hall, CHICHESTER

29th April - Crawley College, Corporate Suite, CRAWLEY

19th September- Collyers College, Sports Hall, HORSHAM

22nd October - Worthing College, Exhibition Hall, WORTHING

With 30 stands in the room you may want to ask providers about transitions and pathways into **training and employment, being active in your community, independent living and your health & wellbeing.**



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Join our groups for 12-16 year olds

Have fun being part of these great groups and get outdoors. Become a Wildlife Ranger and join other young people taking action to protect and learn about local wildlife, bush craft skills and lots more.

10:00am-3:00pm

at **Horley** Saturdays once a month
& **Tilgate Park** Fridays during the holidays

To join our groups:

Contact Tom Simpson for Horley Group

Contact Tamara Jewell for Tilgate group

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Cost per child is £10.00 per day (book first session for free)

