

## Manor Green College 'Opportunity and Success For All'

Dear Parents/Carers

Another term under our belts and I hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas break, as I know the College staff team are. Even though at the moment, it is a considerably

tightened belt, I hope that you will agree, and are still confident, that the hard work that everyone is doing here is making a difference to your children as they grow to be more confident and independent young adults.

Despite what I am sure will only be a temporary financial difficulty, it is important to recognise and remember that it is people that make a difference in our lives. I can confidently state that the College staff team is made up of very good people who are doing their absolute best to make a positive difference to your children's and hopefully your family's lives, and so long as we are working in close and open collaboration with yourselves, supporting each other to achieve what is realistically aspirational, we will come out on top.



It remains a privilege to know you and to be given the opportunity to work with your children, so with all my heart I wish you a very Happy Christmas and my very best wishes for the New Year.

Grahame Robson Headteacher

Term dates: Start of Spring term: Thursday 4th January Inset Day: Friday 9th February Half Term Break: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

# Notices from the MGC Admin Team.



Please report all student absence to the school office by 9:30am. This can be done via text message or by leaving a voicemail on our absence line.



The school day begins at 8:45am and ends at 3:15pm. Unless you have a prior arrangement in place then please make sure you adhere to these times as any lateness can cause disruption and upset.



Payments can be made online or by cash/ cheque via class



Parents are welcome inside the school foyer for end of day collection from 3:00pm



Please can all parents use the home school books to communicate with classes. This should included any changes to the end of day arrangements. If you need to make a change on the day then please call the office as early as possible.





If your child attends an after school club please ensure payments are made on time and that you are here to collect your child at the allocated time.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### Children in Need Day

Students and staff in 3GA and 3DP worked hard to raise money for this year's Children in Need appeal. We made head bands, pom- pom monsters and t- shirts. Everyone in college dressed up in spots and bright colours and in the afternoon we had a Stictly Spotacular Showcase of our very talented students. It was a great day for a very special cause. We raised a grand total of £211.06!



#### **4PC Bowling trip**

4PC had a fantastic time bowling and then enjoyed a take away pizza for a Christmas treat!

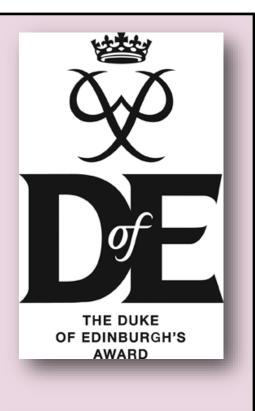


# D of E

D of E has taken off to a fantastic start this year. We have 14 new students signed up to do their bronze award and for the very first time we are running a silver award with 7 students.

The bronze group are currently working hard on their volunteering section, they are sweeping leaves, litter picking, washing the minibuses and getting the outside areas ready for winter.

In the new year we will be getting ready and working hard on the expedition skills needed for the summer expeditions on the South Downs. The students will learn to put up tents, cook on a camp stove, clean up afterwards, pack a rucksack, put away a sleeping bag, roll up a mat, find a route and most importantly work as a team. I will keep you posted on their progress.



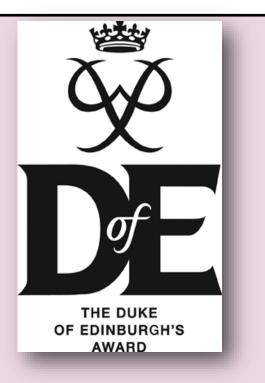






# D of E

The silver group are also working hard on their expedition skills, we are currently looking at the menu and becoming confident using the cookers and clearing up after themselves. They will be completing their other sections, physical, volunteering and skills outside of school.



This group will be doing an expedition which will mean leaving school on the Tuesday of the week of the expedition and not returning home until Friday night! It's a big challenge that we are confident they will all step up to.





We would also like to welcome our new assessors to the award. Sarah Jefferies will be assessing the Silver award and Sandra Coucher will be our Bronze assessor. They are in the process of completing their training and will be joining us in the summer for their first expeditions.

# **Year 14 Work Experience**

Some of the Year 14 students have completed their work placements. Here are our reviews.

I really enjoyed working in the kitchen at Chartham Park Golf and Country Club. All the staff were really helpful and friendly. I felt part of the team. I learnt how to make the prawn cocktails for the Christmas lunches. <u>By Maddison</u>





I had a fantastic work experience at Ifield Park Care Home. I enjoyed helping the guests with activities, talking to them and serving their lunches. Everyone was very friendly. The manager said they would like me to volunteer as I made the guests happy. By Colin

I enjoyed working at Hammerpond Kennels. I worked very hard, sometimes I worked until 6.30pm. I cleaned the dog kennels and made the beds. I fed and gave them water. I played with the dogs in the garden and helped wash a dog called Alfie. 17 dogs came from Romania. The staff said I could work there again. **By Emily** 



I really liked working at K2 and I would like to work there again. I worked in the gym booking people in, I helped with swimming lessons and set up badminton and basketball equipment. It was great being part of the K2 team. By Jacob.



It was great working with the Countryside Warden's at Warnham Nature Reserve. I enjoyed being outside with the team. I worked hard and had fun. I cut bracken and brambles. We had large bonfires. My favourite job was using the leaf blower. **By Guy**.



# KS4 'Paraplay' at Chichester University

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, some students from KS4 were able to take part in 'Paraplay' at Chichester University. University students and staff hosted this very enjoyable day. Students engaged with all of the activities and particularly enjoyed playing wheelchair basketball.





### 5LC cookery mini enterprise.

For three Tuesdays in November, our class carried out a mini enterprise in our cookery lessons. We served staff with a simple lunch that consisted of a jacket potato with a choice of fillings –

- grated cheese,
- tuna mayonnaise and
- baked beans.

They were served with salad and coleslaw. The pudding choices were

- Tiffin or
- flapjack.

The lunches turned out very successfully and we had some great comments from staff. They were sorry that we stopped after three weeks. We charged  $\pounds 2.50$  for the potato and  $\pounds 1$  for the pudding.

We all learnt a lot about working together as a team and working to a strict time limit because we had to serve the lunches on time at either 12.25 or 12.55. We also had to think about portion control and how much shopping we needed. We reviewed how things had gone each week so that we could solve any problems we had had and to improve our service.



Written by Thomas Willis and Sam Teles-Amaro

## GCSE ART TRIP

Our Art teacher Vanessa took GCSE Art group Yr 10/11's plus Sally, Manor Greens FE art tutor, and selected FE art students went to Royal Academy of Arts London in November to see the Jasper Johns Exhibition







Students and staff alike had such a fantastic day and found the exhibition incredibly inspirational and informative.



# Winter Lights lantern Workshop

Great winter light making at our family workshops with John Varah from Samesky arts org!









### Science Club

Science Club for RED and GREEN group students has been meeting every fortnight in 3DP on a Tuesday after school from 3.15 to 4 pm.

We have been working with Cathy Bourne, a science teacher from our neighbouring school: Ifield Community College.

Cathy has been assisted by one of her GCSE students, Grace.



Investigated acid strength
and tested for hydrogen gas

We have:

Discussed inherited characteristics and made 'marsh monsters'





And we also looked at plastics and polymers by making slime





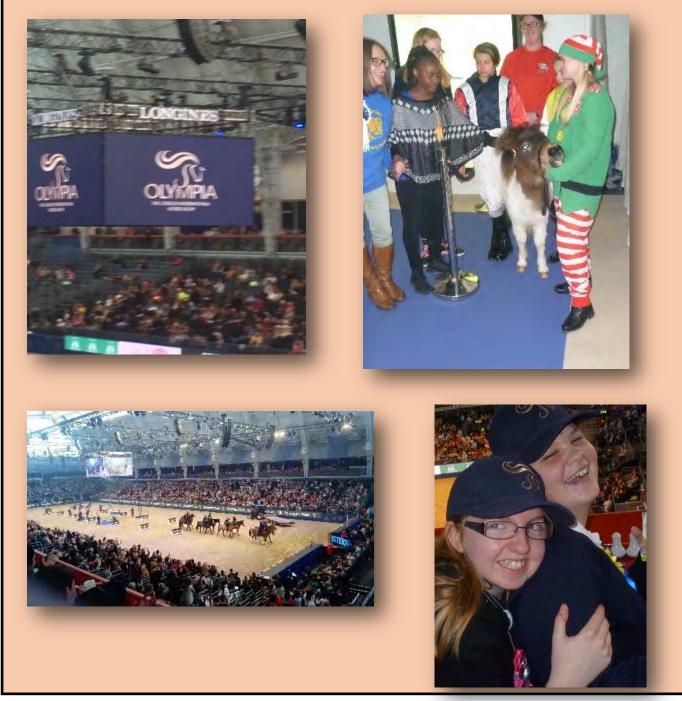
We have enjoyed all three sessions and are aiming to run a few more in the spring term of 2019.

Mrs D. Patel

### Olympia – Horse of The Year Show December 2017

Lynda Guy who works extremely hard with the Golden Lions Charity invited some KS4/5 students to watch the show. We were picked up by Paul in a mini-bus and taken to the show. We had our own private box and were treated to lunch and as many drinks we wanted. Georgina and Anthony Andrews sponsored the box and Georgina came and chatted to the students during the day and came to see us off.

We all had an exceptional day and will remember the experience for some time to come.













### Winter Lights 2017



Winter Lights at Manor Green College was once again a huge success! We were so thrilled to receive so many generous donations from families in the weeks leading up to the event.

Special thanks to Adam Cresswell for leading the drummers and also to B&Q and Asda for donating food and lights!

The Winter Lights was created with the idea that purposeful creativity (and glittery things!) fosters community cohesion, and several Yr7 teachers have told me that they have now met some of their parents for the first time. This is great and we are hopeful that it will pave the way to fuller engagement. Research shows that better engagement between schools and families = better outcomes for students. We raised a grand total of £1503.17 which is absolutely AMAZING!! Congratulations Manor Green College on having such a fantastic community and thank you so much to everyone who had a hand in making it such a huge success.



### Awesome students at MGC!

Hi! I am Charlotte Crowther (5GC). In November, I did a 5 mile bike ride around Tilgate lake and it took me a hour and a half. The Rickshaw challenge inspired me to raise money for Children In Need.

I have raised nearly £400 for the charity. I found it quite easy because I had done 2 miles before around the lake and I wanted to try and challenge myself.



### Photo Sessions at MGC!



As part of fund raising at Manor Green College we held family photo sessions.

Families paid £25.00 for a half hour session in our Studio with two photographers (Mark Harrington & Fred Fisher ). Families had the opportunity to have as many photo's taken as they liked, formal ones, casual ones and even some with green screen.

All the photos that were taken were given to each of the families. What a bargain!

We thank everyone who supported us with this and we hope to have a another photo session in the new year.



## KS4 Visit to see Woman in Black.

On the 16th of November the modular students in KS4 had a terrifying experience at the Fortune Theatre in London watching the Woman in Black.

The student have been studying the book for their Entry level or GCSE exam and thought they were fully prepared for this haunting experience. As we found out , we were not prepared at all. 'We were all jumping out of our seats' Sophie in 4DJ said. 'Even Mr Harrington jumped out of seat!' Said Charlie in 4MH.

We all had a brilliant time at the theatre and the staff working there congratulated our students on their impeccable behaviour and manners.

If your looking for a good scare they all recommended the play and the book.

One way or another she will get her revenge.... Mwhahaha





Manor Green College has joined the national film club Into film. This offers the school a free library of 1000's of films and also gets us to Free film events all around the country. Twice this term students at Manor Green College have been invited to see



The second film that we watched was 'Goodbye Christopher Robin'. This showed the truth about the famous Winnie the Pooh family. Students were extremely shocked by how the family treated the real Christopher Robin. We also enjoyed recognising lots of the local places around Sussex.

We would like to thank Into Film for some really exciting

The first film that students were invited to watch was 'Their Finest'. Based in World War II a studio is trying to make films more appealing to the people back home and not propaganda.

'I really enjoyed this film. It really showed how hard it was to live in London during the war.' said Fatoumata in 4DJ



# Students of the Half term

#### Year 7

#### Most improvement in learning - Callum Hillier 3RW

Callum has very much been an 'always' person this term. He <u>always</u> concentrates well, is <u>always</u> involved in lessons, <u>always</u> answers and asks questions to further his learning, and is <u>always</u> willing to help others in the class. He has been a model student, and can always be relied upon to be doing the right thing at the right time. He has been making excellent progress with his reading and writing due to his determination to improve and succeed. In addition to this, he has been working hard to develop social skills and friendships, and so has been enjoying breaks and lunch times with his peers. A fantastic term, Callum, keep up the excellent attitude and hard work!

#### Consistent good work and behaviour - Abbie Welling 3KZ

Abbie has settled in very well and soon became an excellent example of a student with a great attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour. Abbie likes exploring new topics and is always willing to try new challenges. Abbie is modest and doesn't like too much attention around her. Abbie feels comfortable in our class and is flourishing in all the subjects. She is a real star student.

#### KS3

#### Most improvement in learning – Filip Bulawa 3EM

Filip is always very energetic and enthusiastic about his learning. He is working incredibly hard with his letter sounds and making excellent progress. This is having an amazing impact on his speech. Well done Filip!



#### Personal Development – Ciaran Edwards 3DP

Ciaran is always cheerful and up-beat. He works well in all of his lessons and he is happy to give up his free time to assist others. Ciaran also has a good sense of humour and can laugh at himself too! Life has not always been easy but Ciaran has kept going and has persevered. Ciaran has also enjoyed participating in science club.

#### Consistent good work and behaviour - Jake Tamila 3JB

Jake always gives of his best in lessons, and willingly contributes to group discussions and answers questions posed. Jake has been working hard to read and recognise numbers in maths, and decoding words phonetically in English, and he is making great progress with it. Jake is always polite and helpful to staff and students, and is a pleasure to teach.

#### Personal Development (class Based) Annabelle Keza 3AC

Annabelle's social interaction with staff, but especially peers, is really improving. She has been trying to make friends with one particular peer (Daniela) and tries to "chat" to her and makes a point of saying goodbye when she leaves at the end of the day. Annabelle is more aware of unfamiliar staff too and will learn their names quickly. She is becoming more confident in asking them questions (with support from familiar staff). Annabelle's vocabulary is increasing - she will learn new words and then use them in context. In her work, Annabelle is concentrating much better and even accepting when she has done something incorrect. Also, Annabelle is a lot calmer and more mature. Well done Annabelle!

#### KS4

#### Most improvement in learning - Hazel Miller 4MH

Over the last term Hazel has gone from strength to strength with her learning. She has recently joined the GCSE English and Maths classes and she is flying. She works hard throughout all her lessons and completes home work with excitement and flare.

Hazel is an exceptional artists and is also working very hard to completing her GCSE art. Hazel is a role model to all the other students in her class for her positive attitude and exceptional work.

Well done Haz<mark>el</mark>

#### Consistent good work and behaviour - Cameron Humphrey 4HH

Congratulations to Cameron on receiving this award from all the staff in KS4.

Cameron has really matured since he started Year 10 in September, especially with his behaviour. These days his behaviour is brilliant, whether he's working in his own classroom, or in specialist rooms around the college. We're all thrilled to see this fantastic improvement and are sure it will continue.



#### Personal Development - Archie Clark 4PF

Archie found the change from KS3 to KS4 difficult and was unsettled at the beginning of term. He is now much more settled and is participating much more in lessons which take place in other areas of the school. He is able to stay in DT and join in and has made excellent progress with staying in his Drama and Cookery lessons. We are very proud of him!





#### KS5

#### Consistent good work and behaviour - Sam Teles-Amaro 5LC

Sam has worked consistently hard and at the top of his capacity during the term. We have been impressed with his willingness to listen to constructive criticism of his work and behaviour and his maturity in working to raise his standards. He has produced creative media work of a consistently high quality as well as contributing to FE enterprise projects through cooking. Other highlights have included being very patient with the sewing machine in textiles to produce goods. In his general behaviour in FE, he has been demonstrating lots of patience and problem solving alternatives during stressful situations.

#### Personal Development - Edward Shaw 5SM

Edward has shown great enthusiasm and ability in DT. He now completes a full morning in the DT group with his peers from FE. He has shown great care and attention for detail, working accurately and safely with lots of independence using most of the hand tools and machines in the workshop. He has made stools, birdboxes, lanterns and many other items, some of which have already been sold. Edward has shown a huge leap in confidence in the workshop and working as part of a larger team.

Well done, Edward!

#### Most improvement in learning - Sadia 5SE

Sadia has worked really hard this term, especially in functional skills lessons. Her reading is improving and she is using a dictionary to help her to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.

She is able to work out her own bill from a group receipt when making her own lunch. Sometimes she can do it without a calculator!

Sadia is able to help other students in her class group with reading and maths work when they are finding it difficult.

# Inspirational crafts by

# inspirational people.

At Priory Park from November 30th 2017 to 3rd Jan 2018. Reigate is proud to present A new Christmas Market at Priory Park's *Reigate on Tee* event!

Manor Green College is selling wooden traditional crafts, with original designs, Christmas treats, jewellery and handcrafted seasonal gifts.



Flyer designed by Sam Teles-Amaro in FE



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