



Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'



Message from Mr. Smith

I hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas break, as I know the College staff team are. I would just like to express how much I have enjoyed my first term at Manor Green. I have absolutely loved getting to know the students, families and staff and look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

We have had an action packed first term with highlights including fantastic exam results, The Big Pedal, School Discos, Harry Potter trip and the Winter Lights to name but a few. All of these successes and fantastic events have come from a tremendous team effort by all involved.

It is a privilege to have met so many of you and to have been given the opportunity to work with your children. I wish you a very Happy Christmas and send you my very best wishes for the New Year.

Julie King is retiring from the College having been the Deputy Headteacher since January 2010. We would like to thank Julie for her hard work and dedication to the College for the last 9 years. Her experience, student centred attitude and commitment to both the College and our families have made her an invaluable member of the Senior Team. Julie has committed to continue to work with the College using her expertise in staff training and in other capacities.

Tom Smith

6 new
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welcomed
to MGC



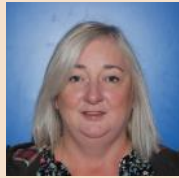
Casey Molloy –
Learning Support
Assistant



Maria Streamer
– Learning Support
Assistant



Carol Parrish –
Learning Support
Assistant



Jo Molloy – Casual
Learning Support
Assistant



Lucy Da Silva –
Learning Support
Assistant



Amanda Bishenden
– Learning Support
Assistant

3 staff
members
are leav-
ing us this
Christmas



Anthony Barden –
Learning Support
Assistant



Nicole Goodman –
Autism Consultant



Julie King – Deputy
Headteacher

We say goodbye to the staff and thank them for their contribution and dedication to the College. We wish them well in their new ventures.



UPCOMING EVENTS

20 December - 2 January
Christmas Holiday

3 January 2019
Students return to college

17 January
Stay Safe Information
Session

18-22 February
February Half Term

26 February
Rock Challenge

15 March
Red Nose Day

8-22 April
Easter Holiday

7 May 2019
INSET Day/ Autism Support
Day

WATCH THIS SPACE! More
news about our KS3
production– Shrek the
Musical- will be out soon.

APPLE PICKING WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

Year 11 students from 4DJ successfully completed work experience placements in October 2018, at the following companies/schools:

Tiffany: Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Primary School - TA in a Year 2 class

Rebecca: Seymour Primary School - TA in Early Years

Lourenco: Nando's - Assistant

Charlie : Manor Green College - PE Assistant

Adam: Halfords - Assistant

Aaron: Holmbush Farm - Farm Hand

Hazell: Holmbush Farm - Farm Hand

Jamie: Manor Green College - DT Assistant

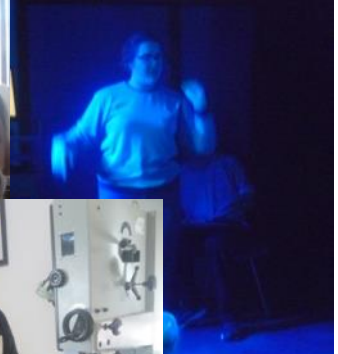
Michael: Wyevale Garden Centre - Gardening Assistant

Thomas: Currys - Assistant

Ellie: Manor Green College - LSA in a Year 7 class



All of the students did extremely well in their placements and they look forward to March 2019 when they will have the opportunity to complete another work experience placement.



3MG spent a lovely morning in the orchards of Paternoster's Farm picking and eating apples!! There is nothing better tasting than freshly picked 'straight from the tree' apples. Amongst the apple varieties were Cox, Russet, Braeburn and Discovery.

Once back in class the apples were washed and cut into quarters. Then, using a traditional apple press, the students pressed the apples and we all had some scrumptious fresh apple juice.



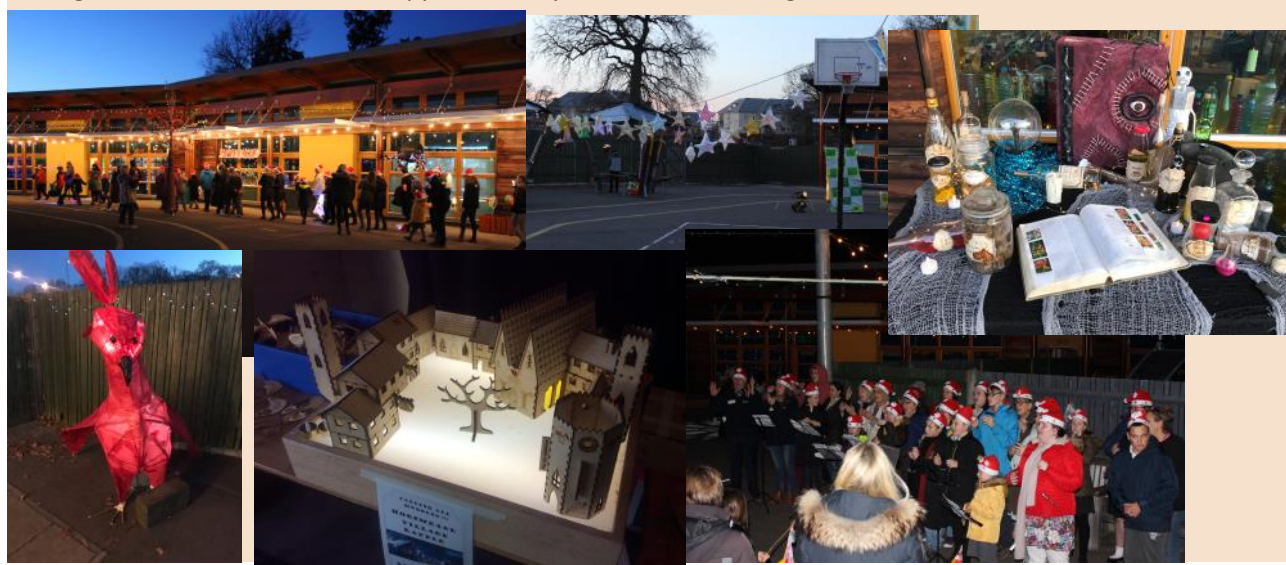
HARRY POTTER TRIP

On 20th November, Keystage 4 and 5 went to Harry Potter Studios in London. Students took a convoy of minibuses and coaches to the studios. Students got to see how the magic of the Harry Potter movies were made. Students got to see costumes, sets, animatronics and even the Hogwarts Express. Harry in FE said 'It was the best trip in my life'. Mia in Y10 said, 'It was a magic trip I'll never forget.' We thank all the staff who helped make this trip possible, and the Friends of Manor Green College for fundraising for this trip. It truly was magic.



Hogwarts at Christmas

On 12 December, the Manor Green College community came together to celebrate all things Potter and Christmas. Students from the college built structures and lanterns inspired by the magical world of Harry Potter. There were broomsticks, phoenix's owls, Hogwarts Express, a house elf and much, much more. Carys in Y10 said 'The school looked so amazing, it felt like being at Hogwarts'. The Winter Lights saw the first performance of the Manor Green Community Choir. It was great to see so many of our community singing. We hope that we can carry on the choir in the future. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped make things, organise and make the school look magical. The event has raised approximately £1000, which will go towards our bike track.



WINTER LIGHTS

Year 7**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour – Maheera Islam**

Maheera is an all-round superstar, she is always polite, helpful and a very caring friend. She is never phased by distractions and will always try her absolute best with any work she is doing. Maheera is becoming more communicative with adults. At the start of the year she was really quiet and timid but is beginning to come out of her shell and voice her opinion more.

**Personal Development Award – Kieran Moyo**

Kieran is an energetic and enthusiastic young man. He has shown that he can be a good role model for the other students particularly when we are out on trips in the community. His social skills and interaction with others is improving every day. He is a pleasure to have in the class and keeps us all smiling.

Most Improvement in Learning – Lee Gunner

Lee is very dedicated to his learning. He loves to be creative and writes the most amazing stories about various adventures that he can dream up. He has worked particularly hard with trying new foods. Lee has really worked hard to try new foods in cooking, Forest Schools and even some foods from the school lunch menu.

KS3**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour – Oliver Poole**

KS3 class based student of half term for all round effort is Oliver Poole in 3EM. Oliver is a very polite young man who always tries hard at whatever he is asked to do. He is always smiling and has a great sense of humour. Oliver keeps us all entertained with his dancing and singing and is an extremely helpful member of the group who will offer assistance whenever he sees help is needed. He is an absolute pleasure to have in 3EM.

Personal Development – Rhys Ford

Rhys has really worked hard on being at the right place at the right time. Taking an active part in lessons, writing more, and great verbal contributions. In cooking he is learning to enjoy using ingredients to make an end product especially cakes or anything with cheese. Well done Rhys we are proud of you in 3JB.

Most Improvement in Learning – Alfie Rycraft

He has made the move from a Y8 Generic class to a Y9 Modular class and has coped tremendously well with the change. He is working incredibly hard in all lessons, and every teacher comments on how he is trying his very best to be as good as he can be in everything he does. Alfie sometimes finds certain situations to be quite challenging, but this year he is reflecting on events and thinking about what he could have done differently and what he would do instead next time. This is a really positive step forward for Alfie. It has been a brilliant start to the year, and long may it continue!



KS4**Personal Development – Henry Allerton**

Staff in 4HH have been impressed with the progress Henry has made in terms of his personal development. He has been joining his peers on outings and in most activities at school. We are especially pleased to see Henry choosing to eat mid-morning snacks on occasion and look forward to supporting him further with this as he continues to gain confidence in managing his health

**Consistent Good Work & Behaviour – Carys Wiltshire**

Carys has shown over the last term how much a person can change. Carys last year found school and her emotions quite tough. This school year she has impressed the whole school by controlling her behaviour, speaking more about her feelings and emotions, and working on focusing on her school work.

Carys has excelled in all her lessons and is a credit to Key Stage 4. She is developing friendships and is a bright shiny star in her Drama lessons. We are all very proud of Carys's positive changes and new mind set. Well Done Carys and keep up the hard work.

Most Improvement in Learning – Anika Patel

We are extremely pleased that Anika has received the award for Most Improvement in Learning. Anika is always very focused and determined in all of her lessons. She always completes her work to the best of her ability and has a fantastic positive attitude. We have really noticed an improvement in her reading and writing and are all very proud of her in 4PF.

**KS5****Consistent Good Work & Behaviour- Lucy Miles**

Lucy has had an excellent half term which has included starting work experience at Seymour Primary School. Lucy is supporting in the Early Years classes and is really enjoying working with the young children. Her confidence and self esteem are increasing week by week. Well done Lucy, we are very proud of how well you are doing.

Personal Development Award- Zach Vico-Green

Zach has worked really hard this term, particularly on his team work and social skills. Zach has participated in role play and shown enterprising skills during class tasks, as well as really improving his emotional regulation, self-expression and social skills. We are proud of you Zach.

**Most Improvement in Learning- Ben Abou-El-Abbes**

Ben has had an excellent half term where he has pushed himself to improve in work related learning and maths. This has led him to starting work experience in a number of different departments of Manor Green College – notably the FE café (with a 7:30am start!) and the PE department as an assistant. Well done Ben!



High Needs Group

Most Improved Learning - Alex Mali

Alex has had a great first term at MGC. He has settled in well to his new routine and enjoys working with a range of staff members. He gets on well with his peers in the class too. He learned the names of all the new people very quickly.

Alex is nearly always happy to do his work sessions and he will focus for longer in adult led activities. He is getting better at writing his name within an outline. He has done well matching CVC words and can verbally identify what someone in a picture is doing. He can put numbers 1-20 in order.

Well done Alex!



Personal development- Liam McMath 5SM

This term, Liam has shown that with great patience, he can make himself pasta for lunch once a week. This has been a great achievement for Liam as in the past, he could only have pasta cooked by his mum. Liam can, with a little support, follow the cooking instructions and is always very pleased with the end product. This is an achievement worth celebrating- Well done Liam.

Most improved behaviour – Mohamed El-Gawish

Mohamed has had an excellent half term. He continues to try hard to improve his behaviour. He is listening more to instructions and being more compliant in class and around the college. Mohamed is also joining in more in lessons and staying focused for longer periods of time. He is also trying lots of different activities out of the classroom with other peers around the college including trampolining, biking, virtual reality, ICT, cooking and visits into the community. He is learning lots of new skills and using his iPad more to help support his communication. Well done Mohamed!

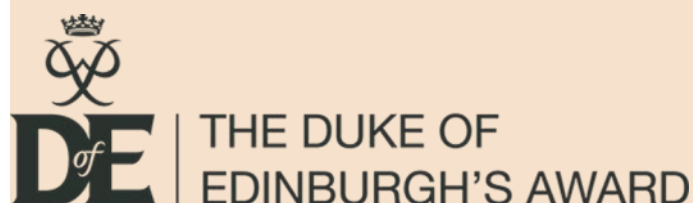


Charlie Finch

We are very impressed at how Charlie came back in September determined to make the most of year 9. He is doing very well in all lessons and enjoying school life more. We are very proud of the way he is managing his anxieties and know he will make lots more progress as the year goes on. He is helpful, generous and kind and this is now being recognised by everyone around him. Well done Charlie.



Manor Green College is taking part in Rock Challenge at the Hawth on the 26th February 2019. The group of 20 students have been rehearsing to create their routine 'Against the stream'. Students meet on a Friday after school and have worked extremely hard to give a real show stopper performance. Jack in Y10 said ' We are working really hard and we know we are going to surprise people with our performance'. The group will be getting bigger after Christmas with new students joining on stage and backstage. If you would like your child to join the club please contact Mark Harrington. We are going to Rock their socks off!



The DofE group have been working hard on a project to get the whole school involved in recycling. Every class is responsible for checking and emptying their recycling bin. Some of the students are volunteering their own time to empty the specialist area bins, which is helping them to complete their volunteering section for their bronze and silver DofE awards. The bronze group have been making posters, put together a newsletter and have made collection boxes. We can now recycle:

- Any plastic bottle tops,
- Empty crisp packets,
- Any cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers.
- Used felt tips, Tipex bottles, biro, markers and highlighters.

These items will be sent off to a company called Teracycle and turned into plastic pellets which will then be turned into plastic benches, watering cans and plant pots, also we get points for sending in a specific weight of items which are then turned into money which will be put towards our bike track fund. Please support us with this.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Last week, students from 3LC celebrated all of their hard work this term by enjoying a special treat to 'Breakfast with Santa' hosted by Old Barn Nursery Garden Centre at Dial Post.

LSA Cat Watson worked very hard with the garden centre staff to ensure that the trip was inclusive and met the needs of all the students. The garden centre staff were fantastic including preparing blended breakfasts, giving sensory toys and we even had a signing Father Christmas. The breakfast was delicious and we were all VERY full up. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed this trip and deserved it after all their hard work! Well Done!



Kieran Stevens and his mum took part in the preview evening of the Worthing Open 2018 exhibition.

There were over 500 hopeful artists submitting their work and students from the FE art group had their work accepted in the young artists section. The exhibition and their work will be on show until March 2019 try and get along to see some great art work!



ART EXHIBITION

Dear Parent/Guardian

Update on Stay Safe

West Sussex County Council has joined forces with the children's charity NSPCC and Barnardo's in a mission to help children and their families stay safe.

We will be hosting a FREE Stay Safe Information session for parents and carers at: The Holy Trinity Church of England Secondary School, Buckswood Drive, Gossops Green, Crawley (Sat Nav: RH11 8JE) 6pm – 8pm on Thursday 17th January 2019 and would like to invite parents, carers and guardians to join us for this informative event.

The 2 hour session is a great opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to try and understand the internet and technology as children see it. Guest speakers will cover topics such as: How children are using digital technology, through to setting up privacy settings and controls as well as ways to help you have the right conversations with your children about online safety. The training is aimed at parents of 7 – 12 year olds, however parents of younger children may also find it useful.

You will also hear from Barnardo's and local Community Safety experts about some of the warning signs of exploitation and radicalisation.

As this is an early evening session aimed at adults ONLY, children are unable to attend. Please ensure you have appropriate childcare arranged as teaching staff won't be on site to look after your child and the school is not a suitable place for children to be left unattended after school hours.

If you would like to attend the workshop please email: communitysafety.wellbeing@westsussex.gov.uk

Many thanks,

Community Safety & Wellbeing Team

West Sussex County Council



HOUSEKEEPING

We have settled into the new academic year and would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help with a few housekeeping matters.

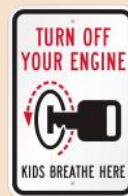
We would like to encourage you to:

- 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.
- 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.
- Please pay dinner money in advance via School Gateway or cash/cheque.
- If your young person is absent please call in to the absence line before 8.30am.

Bottle Tops!

Many of you will be aware that one of our former students was well known for collecting milk bottle tops in support of charity.

Callum may no longer attend college but he is continuing his charity support. If you have any clean milk bottle tops you would like to donate we would be very happy to receive them.



Many thanks for your help

Barnardo's Moving Forward Project West Sussex Short Breaks

The Moving Forward Project has been asked to undertake some research within West Sussex on what families, children and young people want from their short breaks.

We are a children's service which delivers short breaks to children young people with disabilities in West Sussex.

We have provided services within West Sussex over the last year and had very poor take up so we are keen as are West Sussex County Council to understand what people's needs are and to provide the right provision in the future.

We have created a questionnaire (via survey monkey, link below) to gather feedback (optional) from families which will then be written up and fed back to West Sussex Short Break Commissioners.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9SCF3QF>

Your Guide to the Social Networks Your Children Use

Net Aware is the O2 and NSPCC guide for parents to the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. We've updated the content in April 2018, based on reviews from 2,059 young people and 2,049 parents.

Net Aware provides parents with the information they need to understand their child's online world and help keep them safe. Using Net Aware, parents can form their own views about whether an app, site or game is appropriate for their children. Please access <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to see all the available resources.

SEN morning at Tilgate Park's Magical Christmas

We have teamed up with parents and carers of children from Manor Green College to offer you the chance to come and enjoy the magic at our specific SEN morning on Friday 21 December from 9-12 noon. There's a Santa's grotto (must be booked) for £10, the Narnia® maze with a wheelchair-friendly entrance will be open from 10.30am at a reduced price of £3 per person. The Christmas market is free to wander around with a variety of stalls along with an Alpine-themed bar in the heated marquee, offering buy one get one free deals on all soft drinks, including hot chocolate. The Christmas carousel will be muted and offering rides for £1 a go, just for that morning.

Tilgate Park's Magical Christmas have added a session specifically for special needs and disabled children, their family and friends.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!