April Newsletter 2017

Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'

Message from Mr. Robson

It has been an absolute joy to watch the KS3 students practice and perform their stage production of The Jungle Book.

Every class has been involved and every student has taken part, and despite missing a dress rehearsal due to Tuesday's closure (for which I thank you for your patience and understanding in helping us at short notice) they still confidently produced two performances on the Wednesday.

Drama is an important and developing part of our curriculum offer, and despite money being tight, we have managed to raise sufficient funds to convert a classroom into a dedicated drama studio. Drama helps to give students the confidence to cope under pressure, and if you accept that in general, life is a performance, it enables our students to learn to perform in social situations—nervous on the inside, but confident on the outside—not unlike the rest of us.

Our Key Stage productions offer our students the opportunity to take part in complex social situations, no matter what their difficulties and differences. As I was discussing with a parent on Wednesday, their complete acceptance of their peers and their support and encouragement for each other, helping to overcome their difficulties is a lesson for all.

Upcoming Events

Fri 7th April—Last day of term

10th-21st April—Easter Holidays

Mon 24th April—First day back

Tue 2nd May—INSET day

Wed 3rd May—Dimensions Parent Information Meeting Y10-Y14 6-7pm

Wed 17th May—Speech and Language Parent Coffee Morning (9:30)

Week 15th May—FE Activity Week

Week 22nd May—KS3 Activity Week

29th May-2nd June—Half Term

Mon 5th June—First day back

Mon 10th July—INSET day

School Uniform

You can order school uniform by telephone, email or on 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

Crawley Dance Festival 2017

On Wednesday 8th March 2017 Key Stage 4 Performing Arts Group took part in Crawley Dance Festival at The Hawth Crawley. The students had worked tirelessly for weeks preparing themselves for the event. The students danced to a mix of Whitney Houston hits from the soundtrack to The Bodyguard film and Musical. On the day the students performed with great confidence, attitude and character. The dance organiser of the event Kiera Whittaker said 'I can't believe that is Manor Green College. They are so professional and have worked extremely hard and it showed in their performance.' Georgie Prosser who took part in it said 'It was so nerve racking to start off with, but once we had done it I wanted to do it again'.

The group have done so well that we have already been asked to go back next year. Well done to all the students involved and thanks to the staff that helped on the night.

Manor Green College were Kings and Queens of the Night!

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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.

Holidays during term time

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)

Sainsbury's

Active Kids is back so please do collect them when you visit a Sainsbury's store and bring them in to college!
Thank you for your support.

From the I.T Department

Throughout this term as you may know we have been teaching Internet safety. It has presented many challenges with students raising concerns about their own experiences with the internet and they have dealt with these issues in a mature manner. With social media now more popular than ever it is easy for someone to find out your personal information. We advised the children on their privacy settings and the dangers that could happen when they talk to people online. The internet is not a bad thing by any means and everyone who has been in our lessons have learnt that over the term. However, children and adults must be careful with what they post online and who they chat with. Recently after help from Mr Morris we have set up a letterbox outside the I.T suite for students where they can write on a piece of paper any trouble they are having online and the I.T department will offer help and guidance to a student. Some students may not feel comfortable voicing their concerns at home even if you may be close with them so we thought the letterbox would be a helpful idea for them.

From Mr Cambridge, Fred and George

We will also be holding 3 parent workshops on online safety in the next half term—a letter about this will be sent to you next term.

FE Work Experience

Some of the Year 14 students have had work placements. These are our student reviews.

I enjoyed working at Halfords. I got products from the stock room on a trolley and put them in the correct places on the shop floor. I would like to work there again. **Fraser B.**

I worked every Friday at the Revive Charity Shop. My favourite part of the job was pricing the CD's and DVD's and putting them on the shelves. I checked to see if the CD's and DVD's were in the cases. I found £10 in a case. I gave it to the shop manager. **Leighton B.**

I really liked working at K2 and would like to work there again. I worked in reception booking people in for classes and swimming. I also helped the swimming teacher. I independently went to work on the bus. **Reece L.**

I loved working at Hazelwick School as a caretaking assistant. I enjoyed working as part of a team. I delivered parcels to departments and looked after the school grounds. My favourite job was cleaning the boiler room. **Brandon W.**

I enjoyed working at K2 with the staff. I helped sign people into the gym and I helped with the swimming lessons. **Callum K.**

I looked forward to going to Christ Hospital School in Horsham every Monday. I worked in the kitchen with lots of chefs, they were all really friendly. My favourite part was working in the pastry section. **Chloe D.**

KS4 Work Experience

Brandon at Chemigraphic

Daniel and Taylor at Tilgate

Steven at Jack Frost

Lorcan at Wilkinson's

Caitlin at Revive

Jack at Halfords

Ben at M J Carpentry

Charline at Revive

Louis at Salvation Army

Kirtsy-Anne at MGC

The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal took Place on the 20th and 21st if March and got off to a very wet and windy start on Monday but the groups all took part and braved the weather. Tuesday turned out to be a much dryer day. We had some very competitive students throughout the day but in particular in 3JW with Connor Doherty and Noah Steggles both managing an amazing 111 laps of the track!!!!! We had some very red faces and tired legs.

A massive thank you to all of the students that took part in raising money towards the construction of the bike track on the field. All money raised will go towards hiring equipment or materials. We are still in the planning stages and we are hoping to get enough donations of materials and man power to make this project work - I'll keep you posted.

If you or anyone you know may be able to help us please get in touch with me on rkillick@mgcollege.co.uk

We can't begin the building of it until we know we can complete it.

Fundraising

Variety Coach

We collected our brand new 14 seater minibus on the 30th of March at the Walton Heath Golf Club. We would like to thank Variety – The Children's Charity, for your help making this possible and of course to the Variety Club Golf Society.

It was a lovely event and our students enjoyed the event. Thank you again to everyone involved!

Foyle Foundation

We are still extremely excited that we have been offered a grant by the Foyle Foundation to create a Performing Arts room!

We are all very excited about the new space and we can't wait to see what it looks like.

Works for the room are set to start in the summer break so hopefully by September 2017 we will have a brand new studio for students to work in!

Thank you Foyle Foundation!

If you would like to know more about the foundation please visit:

FOYLE FOUNDATION

Student of the Half Term

KS3 Class Based

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Lee Potter 3MG

Lee has made good progress across the curriculum since the beginning of the school year.
He is an enthusiastic learner and puts lots of effort into every task.
He arrives at school each day with a smile, ready to learn.
Lee is learning to be more independent and challenges himself every day.
He is a kind, caring and friendly young man and always tries to make the right choices.

Personal Development - Annabelle Keza 3AC

Annabelle's language and communication has greatly improved.
She regularly gets an adult's attention by calling their name and then either asks a question (in statement form) or comments on something she has noticed in her environment.
She has a better understanding of verbal instructions and questions and will respond more appropriately.
She is offering more verbal requests at home.

Most Improvement in Learning – Alhena Ali 3MJ

Alhena has really worked hard this half term. She tries her best in all subjects. We have noticed a real improvement in her maths this year. She always speaks up in class and likes to learn at all times. Well done Alhena.

KS3 Modular

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Ella Burrett 3JW

Ella has made very good progress in all areas of the curriculum since she joined us in September. Ella has become very independent in her everyday school routine and has gained a great deal of confidence. She was very determined to ride a bicycle and was so proud, as we all were, when she succeeded. Ella's behaviour is exemplary and she is a good role model.

Personal Development – Thomas Smith 3SF

Thomas is really blooming at the moment. He has taken on a lead role for the Key Stage Production, and has learnt his part well. As the rehearsals have progressed there have been tweaks and scene changes, and Thomas has readily taken these on board, and accepted stage direction. This is clearly something he enjoys and is good at. Well done.

Most Improvement in Learning – Aaron Campbell-Salmon 3GA

This term Aaron has worked hard in all his lessons and has made great progress in all subjects. He now more confident to try new things and is very good at helping others. He very quickly learnt his lines and actions for the KS3 production and we are very proud of him.

KS4

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Michael Ormandy 4DJ

Michael has made tremendous progress in year 11. He always works hard in all his lessons participating fully in all that is asked of him. He has grown in confidence and will readily be seen chatting/laughing with peers. He often plays games on internet with other students from school which is good.
Michael has chosen performing arts this year and has worked with Mark Harrington in Drama and Dance. Michael has proved to be such a good artist that we sent home details of a local drama group.
We were asked to attend Dance Time at the Hawth for which Michael worked so hard and produces a very polished routine.
Michael is working towards achieving Functional Skills L1 in English and Maths and has been entered for GCSE Maths.

Personal Development – Ethan Kennedy 4SM

Since joining 4SM Ethan has learnt through language sessions to project his voice. His confidence has increased and he is now voluntarily putting his hand up to answer questions without any prompting.
Ethan is also working towards his Duke of Edinburgh award, listening and following instructions. Well done Ethan!

Student of the Half Term

Most Improvement in Learning – Kai Ward 4HH

This term has been a fantastic one for Kai in all areas of the curriculum. In the classroom he has been focusing well to complete tasks and is sometimes giving direct answers to questions from staff. In cooking, Kai has been more hands-on this term with chopping, pouring and mixing ingredients - as well as with washing up afterwards! At the swimming pool Kai has started to swim full lengths, counting them with his teacher; his best so far is 8 and we are aiming for 10 next term. The staff in 4HH are delighted with Kai's progress this term and are looking forward to building on it in the summer. Well done Kai!

FE

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Lauren Meehan

Lauren has settled in well at Manor Green College this term. She is always willing to have a go at tasks and tries hard to work independently. Lauren has already made lots of friends in the FE Department and is a pleasure to teach.

Personal Development - Liam Ozarslan

Liam is always polite and helpful . He holds the door open for staff in the morning and greets them all cheerfully. Liam is also a very good peace maker within his peer group, helping other students to discuss problems with each other.

Most Improvement in Learning – Adile Koksal

Adile has made really good progress in DT and has a really positive attitude to her work. She has become very independent when sawing and filing and requires little to no support. This demonstrates huge progress since the beginning of the year.

Head teacher Award: Tiffany Kemp 3GA

Tiffany has made excellent progress in all her subjects and loves learning about the world around her from politics to football. She has been very considerate of other students and is handling her relationships in a mature manner.

She represented the college in the football tournament and the Sunday football club and made us proud. Most impressively she played one of the lead roles in our Jungle book production- Baloo. She offered ideas for the script, learnt her part very quickly and adapted if there were any changes. Other teachers have told me that she was very helpful when rehearsing with their classes and supportive of the less confident actors. She is a super star!

Sussex Disability League Update for Manor Green Flyers

Some of our students played at the Sussex Disability League on Sunday the 26th of March. Stuart the coach was impressed with how well everyone played. Lorcan was amazing, Going in for tackles and defending! Even the referee was astounded at how well he was at defending. Taylor was a man-marking expert and stuck to the person he was asked to mark like glue. Tiffany was excellent in defence, tackling boys clearly bigger than her then passing the ball to team members. Jamie was great at getting the ball away from our goal and had the closest shot hitting the bar. Jason was creative with the ball and played in different positions which is a good experience for him. Lewis was great at getting hold of the ball then passing it to the team.

Liam and Stuart were astounded with Lourenco, he was everywhere, one minute has was back defending, next minute trying to score a goal like a Manor Green Pele. Then there was Steven saving shots from all angles. He will make a true goalkeeper one day!! Steven was praised by the referee in both games and by coaches from other clubs in the league and made Man of the Match in both games due to the saves he was making by another clubs coach.

Even though this was the first time they had played in the Sussex Disability League they gave it all they could and made Stuart, Liam and Matt (club coach) proud. We have some work to do to build the team but we are confident we can improve our results. We lost the first game 3-0 then the second 2-0 but we were happy to play win, lose or draw. Next games are on Sunday 30th April.

Stuart Butcher
Manager of Manor Green Flyers

April's Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings

On Sunday mornings throughout the month, films suitable for all audiences are screened in a sensory friendly and inclusive environment. Adjustments at the cinema reduce over-stimulation and create a welcoming place for people with autism to enjoy films with their families, friends or carers.

Cineworld host an autism friendly cinema screening on the first Sunday of every month at 11am.

Showcase host an autism friendly cinema screening on the second Sunday of the month at 10am.
Showcase's next autism friendly film screening is Beauty and the Beast on Sunday 9th April at 10am.

ODEON are showing extra autism friendly screenings to celebrate World Autism Awareness Month. Films include Power Rangers (12A), The LEGO Batman Movie, The Smurfs, Kong (12A), The Boss Baby and Beauty and the Beast.

Vue host an autism friendly cinema screening on the last Sunday of every month at 10:15am, from £1.99. Vue's next autism friendly film screening is TBC on Sunday 30th April at 10:15am.

KS4 Activity Week

KS4 activity week was a huge success and very memorable! Students enjoyed activities such as Swimming at Burgess Hill, Biking, a trip to Guildford Spectrum, a day out at Brighton seafront with fish & chips, and trips to Bodiam Castle and Thorpe Park and many more.

Brighton Theatre

Thorpe Park

Brighton Pier

Bodiam Castle Trip

Guildford Spectrum—Ice skating

KS3 The Jungle Book Production

All the students have been working very hard to learn and rehearse their parts and dance moves as all the favourite characters from the story. This production could not be achieved without all the support from volunteering parents and encouragement from our brilliant staff that have written scripts, choreographed the dances, made costumes, backdrops and props and given lots of technical support.
We very much hope you were as proud of all students as we were and enjoyed the show. Please feel free to email us at admin@mgcollege.co.uk with your comments and feedback.
A DVD will be available to buy in the Summer term.

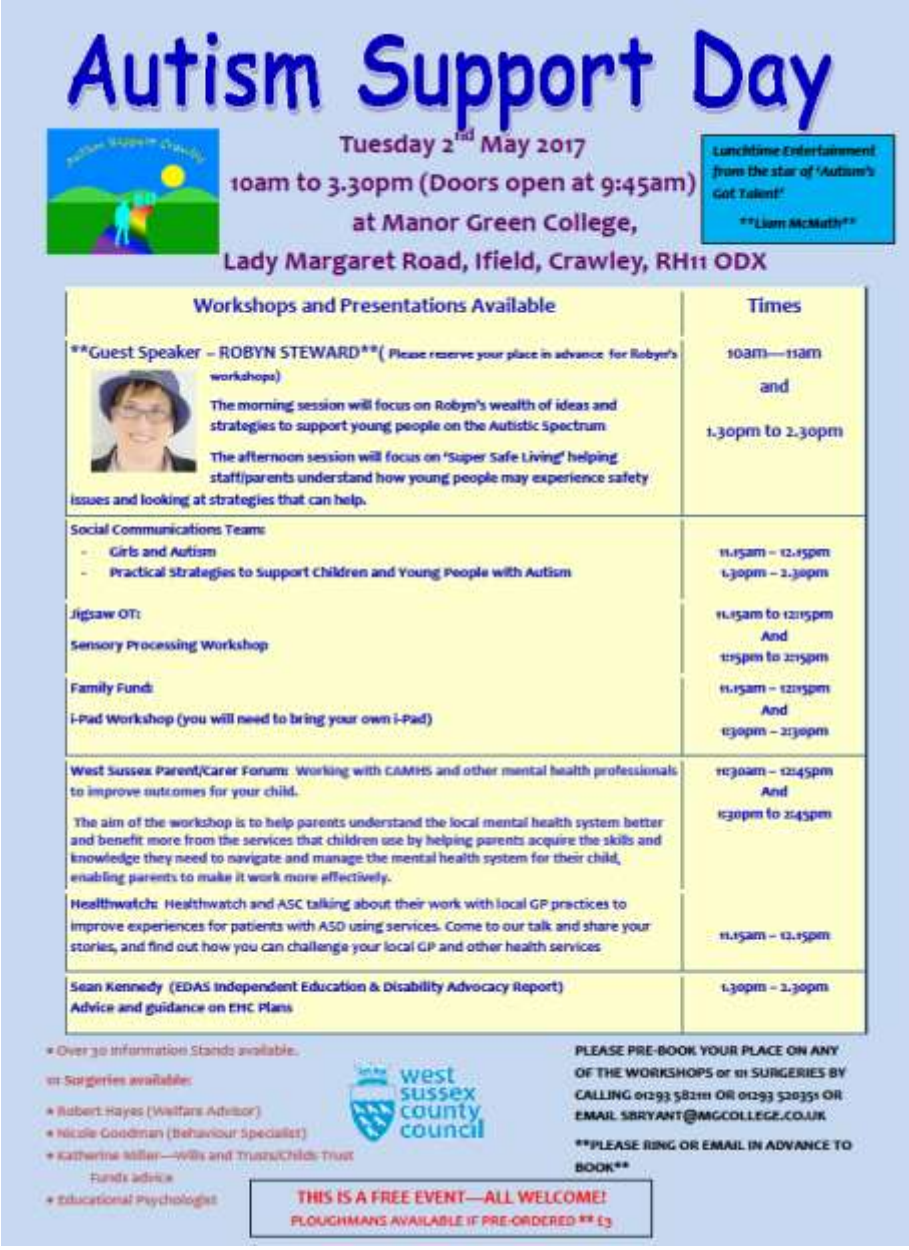
Production co-ordinator
Gwenda Atkinson

Musical director

Re-opening of Cherry Lane Park

Manor Green College attend Cherry Lane Park re-opening

Manor Green College were invited to attend an event to celebrate the re-opening of Cherry Lane Play Area (Langley Green, Crawley) on Monday 13th March . The students at Manor Green College were consulted and also involved with the planning of the play area. This was a lovely chance to meet with the Councillors to promote the new park.
The Council have now made the Cherry Lane play park suitable for wheelchair users and children with disabilities.



Autism Support Day

Tuesday 2nd May 2017
10am to 3.30pm (Doors open at 9:45am)
at Manor Green College,
Lady Margaret Road, Ifield, Crawley, RH11 ODX

Lunchtime Entertainment from the star of 'Autism's Got Talent'
Liam McMath

Workshops and Presentations Available	Times
Guest Speaker – ROBYN STEWARD(Please reserve your place in advance for Robyn's workshops) The morning session will focus on Robyn's wealth of ideas and strategies to support young people on the Autistic Spectrum The afternoon session will focus on 'Super Safe Living' helping staff/parents understand how young people may experience safety issues and looking at strategies that can help.	10am—11am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Social Communications Team: - Girls and Autism - Practical Strategies to Support Children and Young People with Autism	11.15am – 12.15pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Jigsaw OT: Sensory Processing Workshop	11.15am to 12:15pm And 1:15pm to 2:15pm
Family Fund: i-Pad Workshop (you will need to bring your own i-Pad)	11.15am – 12:15pm And 1:30pm – 2:30pm
West Sussex Parent/Carer Forum: Working with CAMHS and other mental health professionals to improve outcomes for your child. The aim of the workshop is to help parents understand the local mental health system better and benefit more from the services that children use by helping parents acquire the skills and knowledge they need to navigate and manage the mental health system for their child, enabling parents to make it work more effectively.	11:30am – 12:45pm And 1:30pm to 2:45pm
Healthwatch: Healthwatch and ASC talking about their work with local GP practices to improve experiences for patients with ASD using services. Come to our talk and share your stories, and find out how you can challenge your local GP and other health services	11.15am – 12.15pm
Sean Kennedy (EDAS Independent Education & Disability Advocacy Report) Advice and guidance on EHC Plans	1.30pm – 2.30pm

- Over 30 Information Stands available.

10 Surgeries available:

- Robert Hayes (Welfare Advisor)
- Nicole Goodman (Behaviour Specialist)
- Katherine Miller—Wills and Trusts/Childs Trust Funds advice
- Educational Psychologist

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PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR PLACE ON ANY OF THE WORKSHOPS or 10 SURGERIES BY CALLING 01293 582111 OR 01293 520351 OR EMAIL SBRYANT@MGCOLLEGE.CO.UK

PLEASE RING OR EMAIL IN ADVANCE TO BOOK

THIS IS A FREE EVENT—ALL WELCOME!
PLOUGHMANS AVAILABLE IF PRE-ORDERED ** £3

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, the college celebrated World Book Day. Students and staff came into college dressed as their favourite characters and enjoyed a wonderful assembly.

Thank you to everyone who dressed up and made the day a huge success!

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

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Short Breaks

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

Wheels for Wellbeing Making cycling accessible

2017 Programme

Come along to ride a range of four, three and two wheel adapted bicycles.

What's on offer?
Qualified leaders to offer support and encouragement to get riding for children aged eight and over. Bikes and helmets are provided.

Where: Inclusive BMX Track, Cherry Lane, Langley Green RH11 7NX

When: Every Friday from 21 April to 20 October. Every other Saturday from 22 April to 21 October

Times: Friday 10.30am-12 noon
Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm

Cost: Only £4 per session (this applies to child/person with disability only – there is no charge for parents or carers).

For more information call 01293 585350, email WheelsForWellbeing@crawley.gov.uk or visit www.crawley.gov.uk/wfw

PLEASE NOTE: Sessions are subject to cancellation. To avoid disappointment sign up to our e-bulletin service by visiting www.crawley.gov.uk/wfw or call 07973 480083

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www.crawley.gov.uk/wfw