



Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'

Message from Mr. Robson



The January shift is always held up as the most difficult time of the year, dragging yourself back to work or back to school after Christmas break. On top of which it is cold and wet and it's dark at both ends of the day, but as in so many ways, special schools are different as even a cursory glance through this half term's newsletter shows. Our students bounce back and just get straight back into taking part, giving everything a go, learning loads and enjoying themselves to boot, and of course that's only a snapshot!

As ever we have 12 fantastic students of the half term but for the first time I have chosen two students for my half term award. Josh and Shannelle were both brilliant at the business breakfast which was held two weeks ago at the Holiday Inn hotel in Crawley. The event was to both celebrate and promote employment for young adults with learning difficulties and there were 50 people present including local business leaders, County Council Officers, employment experts and young adults including ex MGC students, who are now in paid work.

Shannelle and Josh had to introduce the event and both spoke beautifully to the whole group without showing any sign of nerves – I was nervous just watching them. The event celebrated over 20 young adults getting paid employment and helped Richard (the college's business liaison officer) make new contacts for future students to benefit from.

The event was a stupendous success and Josh and Shannelle did us all proud hence the joint award. And if you wanted a demonstration of MGC progress, if you ask Shannelle, she might tell you what she was like when I first met her just three years ago and compare that to what I've just described!! Both she and Josh are stars and I am so proud of them. And whilst we're talking of stars, or stars in the making don't forget to book your tickets for this year's drama production because it's going to be absolutely Wicked!

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome three new staff this half term:

Naila



Midday Meals Supervisor
Physiotherapist

Corinne



LSA

Roz



Upcoming Events

- 9 Feb
INSET Day
- 10—18 Feb
Half Term Holiday
- 19 Feb
Students return to college
- 12 March
Whole School Photographs
- 23 March
Sports Relief Day
- 26—29 March
KS3 Activity Week
- 28 March
'Wicked' Production
- 29 March
Last day of Term
- 30 March - 15 April
Easter Holiday
- 16 April
Students return to college
- 8 May
INSET Day/Autism Awareness Day
- 14—18 May
KS5 Activity Week
- 18—22 June
KS4 Activity Week
- 2 July
INSET Day
- 24 July
Last Day of Term

Year 14 Work Experience



I really enjoyed working at Closs and Hamblin. The staff were very friendly and I felt part of a great team. I experienced doing lots of jobs. I learnt how to use the till and serve customers, I put products on the shop floor and made displays, I dressed manikins and I measured fabric. The staff taught me how to knit, sew and do cross stitch. This is the type of work I would like to do. **By Sadia**

Two more of our fantastic Year 14 students have taken part in work experience; here are their reviews.

I worked at Little Brook Stables. I helped groom the horses and put straw in the stables. I also worked at Warnham Nature reserve. I liked working outside. I pulled bracken and cut holly to make a fence. My favourite part was fixing a gate. **By Joseph**



Forest Schools

As I'm sure you are aware, the weather has been very wild and windy over the last couple of weeks which has meant a few windy day alternative Forest School activities have been taking place. Students from 3DP & 3GA visited Wakehurst Place and were very engrossed in attempting to hand feed wild birds including blue tits, robins, sparrows and a group of pheasants. A few of the students were able to stand still and be quiet for long enough to have the tiny birds feed from their hands. Two of the students were brave enough to overcome their fear of animals.



Students in 3MG explored Standen House Gardens, challenging their physical skills and exploring a new environment. One very windy day made us steer clear of trees completely and so students were challenged to find their way around Crawley town centre looking for items that could be used in Forest School.

When we have had the opportunity to be out in the woods, our time has been packed full of activities such as fire building, cooking noodles, toast and jam, marshmallows and popcorn on the camp fire. Other activities have included collecting wood for many tasks, exploring a new environment, playing in the mud, challenging physical skills, tree climbing and playing on the swings. One group worked together to build a lovely shelter, which unfortunately collapsed minutes towards the end of the session! Obviously the students involved were very disappointed but coped amazingly well with it.

The Forest School motto - a good day ends in dirty clothes!
When your child takes part in Forest School activities, please remember to send in your child's school uniform and shoes in a bag to change into when we return from the woods.

Wearing appropriate old, warm clothes and shoes/boots are an important part of life skills. Students need to understand what is required for different types of activities, to help them be successful each time. Those that forget to bring old clothes often won't join in for fear of getting dirty!

GARDENING FUN

One of our students, Ethan Moran, volunteered to plant flowers in the empty planter outside 3DP's classroom.

Ethan went with staff to the garden centre and picked out a variety of different plants, followed by a trip to the café!

Ethan helped plant the flowers and he is now in charge of ensuring that they have been watered.

Ethan's idea behind planting these lovely flowers was to make the school more fun and interesting to look at.

Ethan is very proud of all his hard work as are the staff.



Bodiam Castle Visit

On Thursday 1st February 3KZ and 3SN were the first of three Year 7 groups to visit Bodiam Castle. We had a fantastic day out and the weather was also extremely kind to us as we had sunshine all day. First, we had a guided tour of the castle, including looking at the medieval toilets, visiting the well, climbing the spiral staircase up one of the towers and walking along the battlements. After lunch we dressed up with our shields, sword and helmets and did some battle re-enactment. This is what some of the students had to say about it

"I liked the thrones in the castle where the king and queen used to sit. The really fun bit was going up the steps to the towers." – Brandon Humphrey



"The best bit was the castle." Annie



"The castle was so amazing because on the pictures it looked small, but when you get there it's really big." – Callie Howick



"We were fighting 3KZ in a big battle. We had swords and shield and it was really fun." - Freddie Lackey

"The best bit was going up the towers and there were so many steps. It was fun because we did the re-enactment of how they used to live and we had a big battle." – Riley Williams

"We had a battle fight and we were all fighting with our swords." – Harvey Ahmed



"I was looking for dragons in the castle. I looked up the chimney and in the moat." Harry Banton

"The castle visit was really, really fun. Everything was really good, but the best bit was going up the really steep stairs in the tower." Abbie Welling

"I liked going upstairs and looking in the castle, but Mandy stayed downstairs. We were right in the top of the air and I could see down in the water in the moat. It was dirty water – you can't drink it." Virgil Hayes

"I liked the fact that it was very old, but it wasn't too damaged or broken and there were still bits of it left that you could explore. We watched a video about the castle and it told you about the history of the castle." Lily Layzelle





**BRONZE
AWARD**

We have 14 students taking part in the Bronze Award; currently we are working on their volunteering section during club time. The students have given up their time to take part in litter picking, sweeping leaves, shredding paper, preparing the garden areas for winter and a favourite was breaking down some old bicycles for spare parts. We also had a visit from Patrick Burgess, the chairman for the County Committee earlier this term. He was very impressed with the team work amongst the group. After the half term break we will be concentrating on preparing the students for their expedition on the South Downs in the summer.



D of E Update



SILVER AWARD

The D of E Silver Award students are working hard improving their expedition skills and building team relationships.

In the summer term they will be visiting the Jurassic coast to take part in their expedition. The group's aim will be to clear 2 separate beaches of plastic and other litter which is polluting our seas and killing the sea life.

This group are taking full responsibility to cover their award sections which include volunteering at a charity shop, supporting younger and new youngsters in various clubs outside of school, learning to play an instrument, joining new youth groups and meeting new people.

Spring Art Work

In 4PF students have been investigating Japanese art and looking at the work of Ando Hokusai (1760-1849) and created wonderful responses to his famous piece 'Great Wave off Kanagawa'.

This piece by Hannah Royle is a powerful piece of art in its own right but equally demonstrates the enormous progress made by Hannah to make strong marks with the graphite stick which she so enjoyed! She has also used wax and watercolour.



Year 7 students have been studying the work of Austrian artist Frederick Hundertwasser (1928-2000) and have worked on their pattern-making and mark-making in acrylic paint.

We have glued their beautiful watercolour trees onto the canvas.



Work
by
Harry
Banton

3KZ



Work by
Abbie
Welling

3KZ



Wicked

On the 24th January, the KS4 Performing Arts group went to the Victoria London Theatre to see 'Wicked'. Students took the train to the spellbinding show. Students were very lucky to have some of the best seats into the house. The staff and students were completely blown away by the show and now feel more inspired than ever for our production on the 28th March. Charlie Harvey Y10 said 'I cant believe how good it was. I cant stop thinking about it.' Georgie Prosser Y11 said ' It has given me great confidence and has really helped me develop my character for our show'. All students were impeccably behaved and the staff couldn't stop singing. We are all looking forward to showing you our show on the 28th March. It is going to be Wicked!



Poster Design
by Charlie in
FE



Breakfast meeting

On Thursday 25th January, Richard Lamplough from 'A Potential Diamond', organised a Celebration Breakfast at the Holiday Inn, to celebrate the 21st young person to be supported into paid employment by his company.



Richard works at Manor Green College once a week and asked Shannelle Fyfe and Joshua Ayling to help him organise the event. Both Year 11 students did exceptionally





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 / 01403 250644

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

Student of the Half Term

KS3 Class Based

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Callie Howick 3SN

Callie always works extremely hard. She also always shows great perseverance and never gives up when she is working on something until she has completed the task.

Callie's behaviour is always excellent. She is very mature and she can reflect on difficulties and problems and think of sensible and fair solutions. She is also extremely supportive to all of her friends, and she is always ready to help someone out if they are finding something difficult or they have a problem.

Callie readily deserves student of the half term – well done Callie!

Personal Development - Daniela Adeniyi 3AC

This half term Daniela has been working on managing her own behaviour.

She has done really well with this, remembering the "Angry Rules" and is using her words more to express what she needs.

There have been some tricky situations which she has handled really well and has regulated her own behaviour.

Well done Daniela!

Most Improvement in Learning – Bailey Heath 3MG

Bailey has made great progress so far this year academically, socially and emotionally. He has shown great potential and enjoys working towards achieving it. Bailey is always enthusiastic about participating in activities and continues to grow in independence. He is a delightful young man, helpful and kind and a pleasure to teach.

KS3 Modular

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Tyler Browning 3SU

Tyler Browning is always happy to help no matter what or who it is. He always tries his best in all his work, contributes to his lessons and always does so in a mature way. Tyler is always ready to face a challenge in all areas of his education and he never gives up.

Great work Tyler!

Personal Development – Yasin Hussain 3EM

Yasin has made a great effort in his independence skills over the half term. He is co-operating far more in all aspects of his personal life especially with getting around the school and doing jobs for the class. He is far more happy about going in his walker and is doing really well with it. He is also getting to know new people all the time and communicating well with those around him.

Well done Yasin!

Most Improvement in Learning – Kimberly Kenyon 3GA

Kimberly has made excellent progress in her reading and writing this term. She has lots of ideas and can write independently. She is able to work with an adult to check through her written work. When doing this she is spotting if she has missed out a word or made a spelling mistake, which is a great improvement. Similarly her reading has improved and she enjoys the stories we are studying. Kimberly is always a pleasure to teach.

Student of the Half Term

KS4

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Sana Zahid 4PC

This term Sana has worked conscientiously through the various subjects. Her application to Maths work in particular has been meticulous in order to complete it and get it right.

Sana has also been working hard doing voluntary work around the school as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

She is polite and kind to her peers and works well with other students in collaborative work.

We are very pleased Sana seems happy in school and always has a smile for everyone.

Sana's attendance at school has been excellent.

Personal Development - Jamie McMilan 4MH

Jamie has had some personal struggles over the last year. Throughout this time he has been strong and worked hard. He has worked extremely hard throughout all his lessons to be the best possible student he can possibly be. Jamie is a role model with his attitude to his work and the respect he shows others around him. We are all very proud of what Jamie has achieved. Well Done Jamie

Most Improvement in Learning – Raymond Savoy 4PF

Raymond has really matured over the current school year. He is becoming increasingly independent in all lessons but especially practical lessons such as DT and cooking. His signing is excellent. He listens to instructions and is now much quicker at doing everyday activities such as organising his belongings. Raymond has a great attitude towards school and is a joy to have in 4PF. Well done!

FE

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour Harison Eaton 5LC

Harison is on time for school each day and well prepared for lessons. He knows what is coming up each day and comes in with a good attitude to learning each day. He is a good role model to other students in his behaviour and his learning attitude. He will encourage his friends to behave well too – Well Done Harison, keep it up!

Most Improvement in Learning – Liam McMath 5SM

Liam shows great maturity in regulating himself. He follows his structured timetable without much ado and will work through any changes to his routines without getting upset. Liam's highlight of the week is during the drama sessions in which he takes on various roles and performs them to great satisfaction. During the community visits, Liam diligently follows adult instructions and interacts with his peer in a very caring, understanding and mutually respectful way. It has been a great start to the academic year for Liam and we are looking forward to more positive outcomes for him.



Whole School Photographs

Don't forget your child will be having their photograph taken on Monday 12 March.



'The Club' is closed for half term and will start again on Thursday 22 February.

Now the nights are getting lighter 'The Club' is hoping to get a coach in to teach the rules of football and basketball, and have some training and games.

The young people are doing well with the arts, crafts and cooking. If your child would like to join us or come along and spend an evening please do!

£3.00 per session
Thurs Evenings
6.30—8.30 p.m.

Dormans Youth Arts Centre
Dower Walk
Gossops Green
Crawley

Student of the Half Term

FE Continued

Personal Development – Austin Hunt 5SM

After a very difficult start to the year, Austin has tried really hard to settle down into his school routines. He will now diligently follow his daily schedule without much trouble. Episodes of frustration and exhibition of behaviours that challenge are short lived now and far between. Austin is far more inclined to use his words to express his emotions and will request to move away from situations that may upset him. This is a great achievement for Austin and we are all very proud of him.

Head teacher Awards

Shannelle Fyfe 4DJ

Shannelle Fyfe continues to make stupendous progress in every area of the curriculum. Shannelle participates fully in all her lessons and is working hard towards achieving a GCSE in D.T., English and Maths and will achieve an Entry Level Certificate 3 in English, Maths, Science and I.C.T. Shannelle is busy revising for her exams.

She is going to do her second work experience at Seymour Nursery in Crawley. Shannelle will be going to Crawley College in September 2018 where she hopes to study childcare. Shannelle has also grown both emotionally and socially and appears very stable, remembering to ask for advice when and if necessary.

Shannelle was invited to attend a 'Celebration Breakfast' by Richard Lamplough where she was given the job of meeting and greeting the audience. She did exceptionally well.

Joshua Ayling 4DJ

Joshua continues to make great progress in every area of the curriculum. Joshua participates fully in all lessons and is working hard towards achieving a GCSE in English and Maths. Joshua is also working towards achieving an Entry Level Certificate in English, Maths, Science and ICT. Joshua thoroughly enjoys Performing Arts and will be receiving an Arts Bronze Award. Joshua will be playing a lead role in the KS4 Production of 'Wicked'.

Joshua has also grown both emotionally and socially and appears very stable. He is able to ask for advice when, and if necessary.

Joshua is working towards achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Joshua hopes to work at Debenhams, Crawley for his second work experience placement.

Joshua hopes to transfer to Crawley College in September 2018 to continue his studies.

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Congratulations

Year 14 at Bewbush Community Centre

Year 14 go to Bewbush Community Centre every Tuesday. Sometimes we take the mini bus and other times we catch the 200 bus.



Comments from students in Year 14:

I like playing with my friends, having a lunch with them and playing on the Wii with my best friend Maddison. If we play on the bowling game and she scores a strike, I buy her a bar of chocolate from the machine – **By Colin.**

My favourite thing to do at Bewbush is play pool with Guy and some of the others who go on a Tuesday – **By Jacob.**

I love the food at the café. My favourite meal is burger and chips. The prices are good – **By Guy.**



FE ART GROUPS



"Peacock"

By Eloise

Made from: Paper Mache, Cardboard, Feathers, Felt tip pens, Glitter, Paint, Pom-Poms, and Ribbon.

On the 19th January there was excitement in the FE Art Department - 6 artists from FE had their art work on show for a new exhibition "Can't take my eyes off you" at the Trongate Gallery in Glasgow.

The exhibition is about dolls. Each artist made a doll, or how they thought a doll could be and it was placed in a box and sent to Glasgow.



The students who call themselves "The Art Group" had had their work accepted at this International Exhibition and were thrilled to learn that Thomas Willis had sold his piece of sculpture on the first day!

We will be sharing our work later on in March at The Pallant House Gallery where students will give a talk about their individual work to 'Outside In' a group of community artists.

Paintings from past students are on show in the FE building. These include work completed by Matthew O'Sullivan that was short listed for the Royal Academy summer exhibition last year.



"SpiderDoll"

By Kieran

Made from: Paper Mache, Cardboard, Paint, Plastic, Fabric



"Stitch Mouth and Button Eyes"

By Thomas
Made from: Clay, Paint and Cardboard.



"Frozen"

By Maddison
Made from: Paper Mache, Cardboard, Paint, Fabric, Felt tip pen, Plastic wrap and Glitter



"Underground Man"

By Thomas

Made from: Clay, Cardboard, Paint, Twigs and Fake Turf.

"Fork Woman"

By Harison

Made from: Paper Mache, Wood, Paint, Plastic and Felt tip pens.



"Featherhead"

By Colin
Made from: Paper Mache, Cardboard, Paint, Clay and Feathers.

MANOR GREEN COLLEGE PRESENTS



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WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2018

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON