



Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'

Message from Mr. Smith

My first half term at Manor Green College!



First of all I would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome. It's been fantastic to get to meet students, staff and families. In particular I have really enjoyed visiting students in their classes and seeing all the brilliant work that takes place.

The highlight so far for me has been the fantastic Big Pedal that so many of you took part in.

I think it's a really exciting half term we have ahead with trips, discos and Christmas!

I hope you have a lovely restful break over half term.
Tom Smith

7 new
staff are
welcomed
to MGC



Isabelle Burton
School
Business
Manager



Abbie Simmonds
FE Tutor



Jeff Gardiner
FE Tutor



Barbara
Zanleoni
LSA



Rebecca
Houlston
LSA



Nina Butler
LSA



Camilla Dixon
Counsellor

UPCOMING EVENTS

22—26 October
Half Term Holiday

31 October
Hallowe'en Disco

3 November
Bollywood Event
6:30 —10:00 p.m.

12 December
Winter Lights Festival

14 December
Christmas Disco

15 December
Multi Sensory Pantomime

19 December
College Christmas Lunch
& last day of term

20 December - 2 January
Christmas Holiday

3 January 2019
Students return to college

INSET Day
7 May 2019

Hallowe'en Disco
31 October
4-6pm

Tickets £3.00 per student
Face painting 50p
Prizes for best outfits
Bring money for pizza
All proceeds go towards the bike track

BIG PEDAL 2018 DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Our Duke of Edinburgh programme has been growing in popularity each year. We now have 18 students working towards their Bronze award, 9 students working towards their Silver award and 1 student working towards their Gold award.

In the summer term the Bronze expedition will take place on the Cuckoo trail, and the Silver expedition will be on the Jurassic coast. We have yet to work out if we are able to run a gold expedition but our young person is currently working on her skills, physical and volunteering sections and we are looking into ways to help her achieve the expedition section.

I'll keep you all posted on all of their achievements. Those on expedition in the summer have a lot of new skills to learn and are already working well towards them.

Becky Killick, D of E Co-ordinator

A big thank you goes out to all of you that have supported us during the Big Pedal earlier in the term. We have raised an amazing £877.10 towards our bike track.

We have now raised almost £12,000 over the last 2 years but still have a long way to go. We need almost £40,000 to have a track laid that will go around the edge of the field and be wide enough that it will allow 2 wheelchair users to move side by side. This would allow those students, of which there are many, that are able to ride a bike, either 2 or 3 wheels, but aren't able to follow instruction or understand how to stay safe while moving on a bike to experience a sense of freedom, in a large safe space, that cycling gives you.

Some of our students use the bike riding as a form of physio and they are also used for some P.E lessons which also makes exercising more fun. Some of our students have never had an opportunity to use a bike and it has taken many months, and in a few cases, years, to help them get over their fear of riding.

We are looking into and have organised more ways to continue to raise this money, if you can support us in any way please let us know.



'Power Up!'

Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft

GCSE Art Students and FE Arts Award Students visited this fabulous little gallery in East Sussex village Ditchling, on Wednesday 10th October. They went to see an exhibition of the work of Corita Kent (1918-1986), a radical nun and political artist who worked in the Pop Art style. Our students will be producing works in response to this exhibition, using words, bright colours and the silk screen technique.



Manor Green Community Sing + Sign Choir

Starts Wednesday 31st October 3-5pm, Manor Green College, Courtyard

Come and join us to sing and sign some Christmas songs in time for Winter Lights 2018. This will be our first ever Community Choir and we encourage you to come and do something fun and rewarding with your child. You can choose to just sing, or just sign; some of you amazing people could do both! It doesn't matter what level you're at, this is an opportunity for staff, parents, students and friends of the college to come together in a creative and relaxed setting and celebrate our community.

There are 6 Wednesday sessions to sign up for, and it's all absolutely free. We'll be led by a conductor from West Sussex Music, and Fiona Maxam will support us with the Makaton signing. Children over the age of 7yrs are welcome and if you need support with transport arrangements, speak to our choir coordinator: Vanessa Dell.

CHIME: Crawley Borough Council Event, plus workshop at Manor Green College

Saturday 24th November 2-5.30pm Memorial Gardens, Crawley

Crawley Borough Council has been awarded money by Arts Council England to stage a cultural 'Light' event at the end of the year. A family parade of illuminated puppets will wind its way around the town centre to the Memorial Gardens. Incorporating the turning on of the lights on the 40ft Queens Square Christmas tree; a spectacular fireworks display will bring celebrations to an exciting end.

Creative producer Same Sky has been commissioned to deliver this large-scale event. We have been chosen to host a day's workshop from Same Sky in November, and some of our students will have the chance to make something for the CHIME parade.

POWER UP SING & SIGN CHOIR CHIME

KS3 Class Based

Most Improvement in Learning – Rida Chahboune 3SU

When we first meet Rida for a transition day he was quiet, shy and a little cautious to be involved but from the start of September Rida has shown that he is ready for the challenge of a new school. Rida is particularly proud of his work and always presents it to the best of his ability whether it's intricate colouring or some challenging maths.

Well done Rida.

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Thomas Grimwood 3SU

Thomas has had a fantastic start to the year; he has shown that he is incredibly kind, caring and a very hard worker. He even once bought a new rubber for a student because theirs had broken the day before. Thomas is already showing that he is a fantastic role model for anyone that may look up to him in the future.

Well done Thomas.

Personal Development - Oliver Godwin 3SN

Oliver has had an excellent first term at the College. He has good friendships with everyone around him and is always polite and helpful. Oliver has also shown an extremely grown up attitude and always behaves in a very sensible and mature manner. He is extremely hard working and always tries to work with as much independence as possible. Well done Oliver – a very well deserved student of the half term.



KS3 Modular

Personal Development - Toby Flude 3RW

Toby has had a fantastic start to his time in Year 9. Although Toby does find college challenging, I am so proud to see Toby working hard to manage his own behaviour, make good decisions and take control of his own learning. He is completing work in his lessons now and even asking questions when he doesn't understand something. On top of all this, Toby has a really positive attitude, and can often be seen laughing and joking with members of staff and other students. Toby is increasingly becoming a role model as to how others should behave. This is particularly clear when other students are having a difficult time, Toby is able to reflect on his own experiences and offer very good advice to help them out.

Well done, Toby. I'm looking forward to seeing all you can achieve over the coming year!

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Brandon Loades 3KZ

Since the beginning of this year Brandon has set the bar high. He has been very motivated and eager to complete every piece of work to the highest possible standard. Brandon is also polite and a reliable person and his circle of friends is constantly widening. Day in day out Brandon delivers the best qualities both work, and behaviour related. Well done! Way to go!

Most Improvement in Learning – Kyla Robinson 3GA

Kya consistently works hard in every lesson and is keen to learn new things. This has meant that she has made very good progress this term already. She is polite and helpful to staff and students and is a pleasure to take out for Life Skills. Well done Kyla -keep it up.

KS4

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – [Alhena Ali 4HH](#)

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

It's been a delight to have Alhena join KS4! We've been really impressed with her positive attitude and the kindness she shows towards everyone in her new class. Whether it's Maths or English, Art or ICT, Alhena listens well and stays on task; she will ask adults for help if she gets stuck. Keep up the fantastic work Alhena, we're really proud of your outstanding start to Year 10.

Most improvement in Learning—[Aidon Smith 4HH](#)

Congratulations to Aidon on receiving this award from all the staff in KS4. Aidon has made a really positive transition from Year 9 to Year 10, especially with regards to his learning. When he arrives in the morning he'll often complete some Maths work or read a newspaper. Aidon works consistently well across all subjects but it's in Maths where he is doing exceptionally well; he is now part of the GCSE Maths group. Good luck Aidon with your learning challenges for the rest of the year!

Personal Development - [Michael Treadwell 4DJ](#)

Michael joined the Year 11 modular class in September 2018. He settled in very quickly, understanding the importance and ethos of this year— preparing for life after school. Michael has arrived at school on time every morning as if he were attending work. He is working hard towards achieving a GCSE in English, Maths, ICT and D.T., and gaining The Prince's Trust Level 1 Award. Michael has just completed his work experience placement at Wyevale Garden Centre. He had to catch two buses to get there. Has received excellent reports and when visiting the centre his manager and other colleagues have reported that Michael is courteous, polite and hard working. They have also stated that they would consider Michael working for them over the Christmas period! They will be in touch! Well done Michael!

FE

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - [Abdullah Din 5JG](#)

Abdullah is always helpful – offering to go on errands and hand out resources. He puts full effort into everything he does. In gardening he works hard and is always trustworthy. He gets involved with lots of school activities including the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He is a respectful and polite individual who thoroughly deserves this award.

Most Improvement in Learning – [Daniel Blakemore 3AS](#)

Daniel has worked exceptionally hard in all of his lessons this half term. He has stayed focussed and completed his work – he's even completed extra homework tasks! Well done Daniel – your reading, writing, spelling and maths are all improving. We are proud of you!

Personal Development – [Ben Randall 5JG](#)

Ben has been consistently positive and happy during the transition to FE. He manages to go on his walker, standing frame and motorised chair without any fuss. He also loves going on the trampoline, and joining in with classwork of any kind. Ben is a friendly lad and a delight to have in our group.

STUDENT OF THE HALF TERM



High Needs Group

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Edward Shaw 5SM

Edward exhibits great maturity in his behaviour and of recent has been walking away from situations that hitherto used to bother him. He shows empathy towards other students and is always willing to help out especially in the DT lessons. Edward's obsessive behaviours have also greatly diminished, he is now more focussed and engaged in all activities in the classroom. We are all very proud of Edward and the fact that he is behaving so well- Well done!

Personal Development - Daniela Adeniyi 3AC

Daniela's communication is getting much better – she initiates a lot more conversation with staff showing them pictures she has done and wanting to describe them in simple terms. She is also using communication much more than behaviour to say what she does or doesn't want to do. She is beginning to ask questions e.g. she noticed Harry wasn't there at register so she said "Harry?" Also she asks about who is picking her up each day – Julie or taxi.

Daniela is beginning to use imaginative play e.g. teddies in the classroom and toy cars in gardening.

Daniela is playing more with her peers e.g. playing chase with Annabelle and Harry and playing teddies with Annabelle.

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Harry Richards 3AC

Harry has come back after the summer holidays happy and ready to work. He adapted to the new routine of the class quickly and accepted his new peers in the class.

Harry enjoys his timetable and will follow it to the best of his abilities. He is usually happy to do his 1-1 work with an adult and sometimes even comes and sits down without prompting. He understands he can have the reward of the Green Garden afterwards. He will sit in a group for anything up to 45 minutes which is a big improvement from a year ago when he would sit for only 5 minutes. He enjoys time outside playing with his peers such as games of chase which is lovely to see this social development. Although Harry is still dealing with a lot of anxiety there are very few outbursts which we would have seen more of a year ago. Well done Harry!

Manor Green College are proud to announce that on February 26th 2019, we will be taking part in Rock Challenge at the Hawth Crawley.

Rock Challenge is an international dance and drama competition, where students work together to create a routine for the stage. Students are then judged against a variety of markers, including originality, costume, and music. Students can win prizes for team work and inspiration.

The Modular Performing Arts group have begun developing a routine titled 'Against the Stream'. Charlie in Y11 says 'We are so excited to show everyone what we can do.' Mr Smith has even signed a contract with the group to say that we can do Rock Challenge

The whole school has been invited to audition and then will be invited to our Rock Challenge Club.

We hope to have many students involved either onstage, backstage, lighting or media. If you think your child would be interested or if your interested in helping please do not hesitate to contact our director Mark Harrington.

We are gonna ROCK!!!



HORTICULTURE

This term groups from all key stages have had the opportunity to access horticulture.

Key stage 5 have been clearing and weeding the large flower beds by the main gates. Once cleared, they then planted it with wallflowers, snapdragons and some other flowering shrubs. The group worked extremely hard but lovely weather made the task much easier!



Students from 4PC have been moving the raised beds from the playground to the area at the back of the building. These are going to be used to grow vegetables in the spring. To move the raised beds the soil was taken out and then the structure was moved.

4PC have also been weeding the established vegetable patch and clearing away vegetables that have finished.



Key Stage 3 students have been experiencing sensory play and tidying, again the weather has been in our favour.

Some of the D of E Students finishing their skills for their Bronze award have been planting a tree, maintaining the apple trees and weeding.



Winter Lights 2018: Christmas at Hogwarts

We are pleased to announce that our Winter Lights event will take place in Manor Green College grounds on Wednesday 12th December between 4-6pm.

This year our theme is all things Harry Potter. Throughout November our students and staff will be stretching their creative and artistic vision to create sculptures and lanterns for both the Winter Lights event and our student Christmas dinner – all on the same theme.

We would love for you to come and see all the hard work on 12th December! Put the date in your diaries and expect a magical, multi-sensory event to light up the night.

WINTER LIGHTS

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 autumn 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 through the home school diary.
- 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.

Many thanks for your help

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.

