



Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'

WELCOME BACK



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and continuing to manage through these challenging times. We continue to be amazed by all of the students at the College. They have all managed this first half term brilliantly well. This is testament to you and your family's support and working alongside the College.

We have had a great first half term at the College. Life skills lessons have accessed some lovely parts of the local community including Tilgate Park, Wakehurst Place and Box Hill. Students have thoroughly enjoyed accessing this part of the curriculum again.

We are continuing to be vigilant at Manor Green College and follow our risk assessment. This is frustrating at times, due to class teams being desperate to spend time together so that they can enjoy each other's company and learn together, however staff and pupils are doing an amazing job of sticking to their bubbles and there are some lovely activities happening in the classroom.

With the current national situation and the guidance for schools remaining the same it is unlikely that we will change or reduce our risk measures for the second half of the Autumn term. We will, therefore, continue our hygiene practices, bubble structure and the timings of the school week.

Thank you for your continued support and kind words. Have a lovely Half term break and we will see everyone back at College on Monday 2nd November.

Tom Smith

Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS



Harvest Festival in support of
Open Reach Crawley
Mon 19th - Thurs 22nd Oct



Remembrance Day
2nd - 6th November 2020
Merchandise will be available
Students will need to bring
cash in to school on this
occasion if they wish to
purchase any items.



Children
in Need

Children in Need
Friday 13th November
Activities TBC

Winter Lights

Winter Lights
16th December 2020
Online event
Further details to follow



Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December 2020
Further details to follow

Welcome to the following New Members of Staff:



Louise Haslsett
LSA



Sharon Denman
LSA



Nickie Harrison
LSA



Leavers:

We are sorry to say goodbye to the following staff, we would like to thank them and wish them all the best.



Marianne Craik

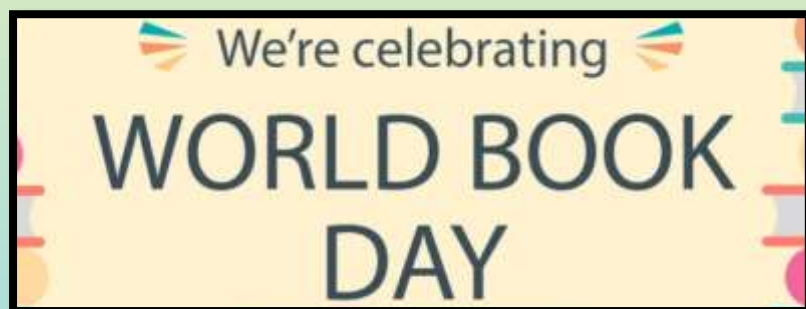


Jo Anne Rowe

PREVIOUSLY

As you're all aware the college was shut down earlier this year due to the current pandemic.

However, we are extremely proud of our students and still wanted the opportunity to share with you some of the wonderful events, visits, etc that our students experienced before lockdown.



Thursday 5th March 2020

What a success!

Thank you to all the staff and students who participated by dressing up as characters from various books. We really did have a great day.



Arundel Wetland Centre



In February and as part of the Geography curriculum, students in 4PF visited the Arundel Wetland Centre which provides a range of curriculum-linked sessions suitable for all ages and abilities.

It was an extremely wet day, however, we were able to learn about the habitat of a wetland and the animals that live there.

The highlight of the day was a boat safari where wildlife surrounds you. There are ducks on the surface, fish below, water voles rustle the reeds while birds fly the skies above.



BATTLE ABBEY



Students previously from 3MG, 3SN and 3SU visited Battle Abbey in February.



Students contributed £1.00 and came to school in odd socks



Students came into school in sports wear to support Sport Relief. Sporting activities took place during the day and the students had a great time.

LOCKDOWN 2020





**Year 7
Bubble**



Normally this is the time of year when we hold our Big Pedal event where the whole school comes together over a couple of days and classes take turns riding as many times around our track on the playground as they can.



**Year 8 & 9
Bubble**

Over the last few years we have been using the event to raise money to build a track on the field to give our youngsters a better, more independent biking experience.



**Year 10 & 11
Bubble**



This year, with the restrictions of the Covid outbreak, we are proposing that each Key Stage has access to an exercise bike and, between the Key Stage bubbles, they will try and clock up the most time/distance on the bikes over a period of three weeks.



**FE
Bubble**

This will commence after half term from Monday 2nd November – Friday 20th November.



**Admin / Premises
Bubble**



If you are able to, please sponsor your child to help us raise more money to fulfil our vision.

Sponsor Forms will be sent home with your child.

We will update you on monies raised in our next newsletter.



SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



Can you help us?

Our current playground is no longer fit for purpose and in need of a revamp. Most of the play equipment is 15 years old and some of it has been removed due to health and safety issues. The once colourful floor markings have faded and it has become drab and colourless with very little opportunity to interact with the space.

Play is such an important part of children's mastery of physical, social and intellectual skills. Now outdoor play has never been as important as in the current pandemic. Playground activities can promote physical and emotional health and social well-being. As well as being used by all students at break and lunchtimes it is planned that the space would be used to enhance the curriculum. Not only PE but also incorporated in to Science (motion / space), PSHE (team work / supporting others, Maths (area / numbers etc) and many more!



Many of you will have attended our Winter Lights Festival that has become a fixed cultural event on our calendar. It takes place outdoors and includes a lantern procession and performances. As part of our playground redevelopment we would like to include a stage area that can be used for the purposes of the festival but also throughout the year to develop the creative and expressive potential of our students. The intention is to build an accessible raised platform, with a covered roof. As the playground is south facing this will offer a sun shade in the summer months and poor weather shelter too.

Our vision for our playground is one in which there are plenty of opportunities for all our students. We are working with the student council and designers who will be sensitive and responsive to the needs of our young people, and can create an inspiring and flexible space to be enjoyed for years to come.

We are currently fundraising for this project so if you know anyone or work for a company that would like to donate funds then please contact the School Business Manager, Isabelle, via the school office.

Art Therapy



On Wednesday 30th September Class 3DP took part in one of our Art Therapy classes hosted by Sally Deakin.

They enjoyed a session of 'Bubble Painting' which the students really enjoyed. This was a great experience as it linked to our English Topic 'Under the Sea'. It also supported the development of fine motor skills as well as offering sensory stimulation.

Thanks Sally!



NCS were invited to deliver a virtual assembly to FE students at Manor Green College on Wednesday 7th September

FE enjoyed a Zoom call with friends from National Citizenship Service (NCS). FE students found out a lot of information about ways they can engage in activities at half term, run by NCS.

As you can see from the photos, FE students were fully engaged and enjoyed their talk.

Information was sent home earlier this term. If you would like more information about possible FREE activities for 16-18 year olds, please ask the office.



**A YOUTH PROGRAMME
LIKE NO OTHER**



celebrate

Winter Lights 2020

Live Film Launch
Wednesday 16th December

Our annual Winter Lights Festival is an occasion for us to come together as a community and celebrate the creativity of our young people through hand-made lanterns, music and food. Last year over 500 people attended our Winter Lights in our school playground. This year it's not possible to do that, so like most things 2020, we're going on-line! The theme is simply 'Celebrate', in acknowledgement of the resilience we have all shown during this challenging year.

We are putting together a film of different clips to showcase all the great things we are doing this term. We aim to include as many students as possible in this film, as well as staff and our community sing and sign choir. And we'd like you all at home to contribute too with a lantern-make. We will be sending home a paper lantern pack for every student to make over half term, and they will need help from their families to make it completely unique and extra special. We will collect these back during November and create a light installation to include in our 'Celebrate' film.

We are grateful to funding from Sussex Community Foundation, which has provided us with both filming equipment and help from arts charity Carousel. Carousel will edit and put together what we hope will be an entertaining and uplifting film that celebrates Manor Green College. This will be released and streamed on both YouTube and our website on the evening of December 16th.

We can't wait!





THE THERAPY IN SCHOOL

A big hello from Emma and Luisa, who are very excited to have joined Manor Green College as part of the new Therapy in Schools (TIS) programme.

Emma is a Paediatric Physiotherapist with many years' experience working in special schools and the community.

Luisa is an Occupational Therapist, who previously worked for West Sussex Social Services so her face may be familiar to some.



Luisa and Emma will be working collaboratively with Kate, our college Occupational Therapist.

Emma and Luisa will be offering all staff training to build on the existing knowledge of the dedicated school staff through the TIS accredited training programme.

TIS aims to enable the therapy team as a whole to provide more therapy input across the school.



MAYOR OF CRAWLEY



On the afternoon of Wednesday 30th September,
FE students enjoyed a Zoom meeting with
Mayor Francis Guidera.

He explained what it meant to be Mayor of Crawley
and how proud we should feel about our wonderful
and growing town.



He told us that Manor Green was the best school in
Crawley and that he was dedicated to raising money
for our school.

He was friendly and helpful, answering
questions asked by the students.

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CHOIR



Parents / Carers / Grandparents / Aunts / Uncles / Siblings / Cousins /
Friends / Students and Staff,
pass it on!
Anyone can take part if you have internet and a device. **EVERYONE** is welcome.

The Manor Green Sing & Sign Community Choir went online over the summer months and we had 32 people join in! 26 was our largest Zoom meeting. See us singing on Manor Green TV [here](#).

Come and learn some Makaton sign language, sing and have a bit of fun. This term we are singing a song by Alicia Keys and Kool and the Gang.

We will film ourselves for a final performance by the end of term.

Choir commenced on Monday 14th September 2020.

Come and join us every Monday at 4.45pm—5.30pm

This is the recurring link to join each week:

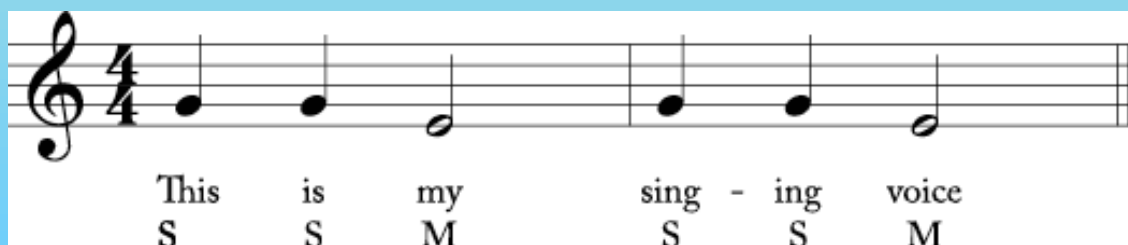
Choir College Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89314329451?pwd=Q090aGluZFJJS1BDdUhWNmo2eWR3UT09>

All the best

The Community Choir Team

Vanessa (Community Lead), Izabela (Singing Lead),
Fiona and Sandra (Makaton Signing Leads)





On Friday 25th September 2020, Manor Green College hosted an event to celebrate and support Macmillan.



Macmillan Coffee Morning is an event we have supported at the college for the past 5 years and together have raised well in excess of £1000 for this worthwhile charity.

Due to the current guidelines and restrictions, our event ran slightly differently, however, still enabling our students the opportunity to raise awareness, learn about Cancer support and enjoy the social opportunity!



We held an "Afternoon Tea" in each of the bubbles and linked up remotely between classrooms so all students could see everyone celebrating the event together.

We asked for voluntary contributions of shop bought cakes or biscuits, plus monetary donations (suggested up to £1).

In total we raised
£219.35



More information about Macmillan Coffee Morning events & Macmillan Cancer support can be found here:

<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why/>

FUNDRAISING

HARVEST FESTIVAL



CRAWLEY
OPEN HOUSE

This year we have been collecting donations for Crawley Open House. Crawley Open House runs a number of projects in Crawley targeted at people who are homeless or who are at risk of being homeless in the Crawley area.

These projects include a day centre, a hostel, a health and outreach team, an advice centre and a resettlement team, which looks at finding long term accommodation for people to move on to.

The day centre provides hot meals for people who might otherwise have nothing or very little to eat of any substance and the hostel provides beds and a sense of security for people who are homeless and have nowhere else to stay.

They are looking for non-perishable food items which can be used to make meals and also for toiletries for residents who frequently come into the hostel with nothing.

Unfortunately, due to the current climate we've been unable to invite Open House in to school, however, over the last two weeks we have secured an amazing amount of donations from you all. It really is wonderful to see the community spirit across Manor Green College and we are extremely proud to be able to present these donations to Open House.



Well Done Manor Green College!!



Finally, please see the below link for further information – this will also direct you to the Open House Harvest Festival page which shows how your donations are used to aid the homeless.

<https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/makea-donation>





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

All Awards

Bronze, Silver and Gold

The DofE have come up with some creative ideas to enable students to finish of their awards from last year and start up afresh this year.

Those students who have been unable to complete their expeditions will receive a very special Certificate of Achievement this year once the rest of the four sections have been completed.

Bronze Group 2020

The Bronze award group, which would have been on expedition after Easter this year will be taking part in their expedition walks on the South Downs in the middle of October. The only difference is they will be returning home at the end of the walk to sleep instead of camping overnight.



Bronze Group 2021

This new academic year has reached record highs with 24 youngsters in Year 10 and 11 signed up to take part in the Bronze award. They will be working towards all of the goals that DofE challenges them to do except for camping overnight. They will be working together, cooking lunch and going on a DofE Adventure over the course of two days but returning home to sleep.

The youngsters have already set their team names which are :

Positive Pizzas / Time Force Walkers / Simpson Hunters / Breadsticks J

Great names, I'm sure you will agree.

I will keep you updated throughout the year on the progress the teams are making.



RECYCLING SCHEME



The Recycling scheme in school is going very well. Many of the pupils who are taking part in the DofE Award Programme are using this for the Volunteering section of their award.



Please continue to send in only POTATO crisp packets and any Walkers packets.

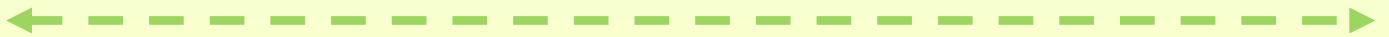


Pens and Lids

Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Popcorn bags • Crisp tubes • Pretzel bags • Meat snack bags

Waste that is accepted: • Any brand of crisp packets



Offsite Visits



Just a reminder that if your child is going off site for a school visit they will be required to wear a face mask for travelling on the minibus if they are happy to wear one.

Please can you send one in with your child.

If you have any queries please contact the College.

Year 7

Personal Development - Nashwan Malik - 3MG

After a difficult start to the term Nashwan is now settling into his morning routine. He is enjoying Music and Maths lessons. Well done Nashwan!

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Jayden Walker - 3SU

Jayden has started this year with a great positive attitude and always shows great positive behaviour. He will always try his best in every lesson, even if he finds learning tricky. Jayden has really shown his creative side, recording his interesting rhyming raps or creating inspiring Halloween shadow scenes. A great start to the year! Well done Jayden!

Most Improvement in Learning — Ethan Williams - 3SN

Ethan has worked extremely well in all areas of the curriculum, including English where he is also working hard on both his writing and his reading. Ethan is someone who does not like to make mistakes, but he is beginning to see that when you start a new area of work, or do something that is a bit tricky it can be a little harder, but as you practice and get the hang of it, it gets easier. Making mistakes is something that Ethan is beginning to be much more positive about. Ethan is a pleasure to have in class and he has also shown some brilliant skills in art, design and model making. Well done Ethan!

KS3 - Year 8 and 9

Personal Development - Lee Gunner - 3RW

Lee has come back after the summer holidays with a real maturity and enthusiasm for learning. He has coped superbly with changes in routine, dealing with his worries in a grown-up and effective way. He is very conscientious, thinking about others at all times and ensuring that his actions and decisions don't impact negatively on his peers. He is also very caring and will go out of his way to make sure other students are happy. In addition to this, Lee's work has been exceptional so far this year - he is neat, careful, methodical and is even choosing to challenge himself with harder work so is making good progress. A really fantastic start to the year. Well done, Lee!

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Riley Page - 3JB

Riley has had an excellent start to the school year, returning from the summer holiday and lockdown full of energy and motivation to learn. In all lessons he has taken an active part, answering questions and completing his work and then helping others to complete their class work. He has even remembered subject knowledge from before lockdown, demonstrated when answering questions in class. Well done Riley keep up the good work!

Most Improvement in Learning - Thomas Arpino - 3DP

Thomas always arrives at school with a massive smile on his face. He enjoys coming up to me in the morning to greet me with a 'Good morning' supported with the correct MAKATON sign. Thomas used to be a very quiet boy, he hardly spoke at all when he first joined 3DP. He is now joining words in simple sentences on a daily basis in most of his lessons. He also likes to play games and point out items of interest to his classmates when out and about during Life Skills. Thomas absolutely loves yoga and often gets the giggles when we are trying out a new pose especially if it involves twisting and bending. Thomas is also reading daily both at school and at home. He will try his best to sound out longer and unfamiliar words. Well done Thomas!

KS4**Personal Development - Yasin Hussain - 4PF**

Yasin has had a difficult time recently but he has settled back into school very well and is making excellent progress with his work. He is using his speech more and he is making a really positive effort to communicate with people. He has also made really good progress with his walking, which is lovely to see. We are all so proud of Yasin and hope he continues to make the really good progress that he is making. Well done Yasin!

Consistent Good Work & Behaviour - Rhys Ford - 4HH

We are thrilled to present Rhys with the Student of the Half term for 'Work'. We've seen such an improvement in his attitude towards his schoolwork, and in getting things done. Rhys is engaged and on task during his lessons, including lessons around the school like DT, PE and gardening. Such a brilliant start to year 11, we are loving this mature outlook Rhys! Well done Rhys!

Most Improvement in Learning - Lily Layzelle - 4IP

Lily has continued to mature and become more independent. She has a lovely sense of humour and is becoming more involved with class discussion. Lily works really hard during lessons and is a very kind, polite and friendly young lady. Although Lily struggled with coming into school last year, her school attendance has risen considerably and we are very proud of her. Well done Lily!

KS5**Personal Development - Ceira Carter - 5JG**

Ceira has returned to college with loads of enthusiasm. Her personal progress is really pleasing to see and her overall confidence, as a young adult, is much higher. We are really happy to see Ceira flourishing and being much more independent. In lessons, Ceira is answering more questions, speaking in front of the group and trying her best to complete all tasks. Ceira tells us her motto is "Never Give Up". Well done Ceira!

Consistent Good Work & Behaviour - Ethan Kennedy - 5GC

When Ethan joined us in FE, a big target for him was to increase his use of speech and interaction with his peers. Ethan has been trying really hard to achieve this and we are so pleased with his progress. A number of staff at MGC are so proud to have worked with Ethan and have noticed how happy he is to chat and make conversation. Ethan has a fantastic personality and his increased expression is very funny. His friends in FE enjoy spending time with him in lessons and social times. Well done Ethan!

Most Improvement in Learning - Jacinta Savoy - 5AS

We would like to celebrate with Jacinta, her transition to FE and the fantastic start she has made. There have been lots of changes for Jacinta and she has accepted lots of these with enthusiasm and brings fun to all lesson and activities. Her work in DT and use of machines and hammers is particularly impressive. Every day Jacinta makes it her mission to tell as many of us as possible, how happy she is feeling. We are extremely proud of Jacinta and all her friends in FE and how well every student has come back this term - ready to work and making the most of each opportunity. Well done Jacinta!

High Needs

Personal Development - Chris Darbon - 3KC

Chris has continued to work very hard on his return to school. He is working on preference through eye gaze and tac pac. He has really worked hard at the demands that are being asked of him and this has shone through in his work. Well done Chris!

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Daniela Adeniyi - 5SM

Daniela has settled in very well after such a long time off. She has become more compliant, following staff instructions without much ado and using her words to communicate more in the classroom. Being in a new class with new peers and staff hasn't affected Daniela's enthusiasm to learn. She joins in with all classroom activities and is a pleasure to teach. We are all very proud of Daniela's good work and exemplary behaviour. Well done Daniela!

Most Improvement in Learning - Alfie Cox - 3AC

Alfie had a difficult start to the year as he found it tricky to now be in College instead of Primary. Due to Lockdown he had not been able to have his usual transition sessions. However, he has now settled down and is proving to be a very keen learner. He joins in with both group and 1-1 sessions. In Maths he has demonstrated an ability to "think ahead" as when sequencing numbers he left gaps for numbers he had not yet ordered. When another student left his ICT work prematurely, Alfie came over and sat down in the chair, keen to get on with his own ICT work! Well done Alfie!

HOUSEKEEPING

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.
- 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 office email: office@mgcollege.co.uk
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 via email or class dojo.
- Cars parked in the drop off zone during drop off and collection times must have their engines switched off.
- Please can Parents / Carers notify the school of any changes to their child's medication, consent to administer medication or medical needs as soon as possible.
- We would appreciate payment for cooking if you have not done so yet.

Many thanks for your help

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd November 2020

Students return to school after Half Term

Remembrance Day Week

2nd - 6th November 2020

Merchandise available

Remembrance Day

Friday 6th November 2020

Big Pedal

2nd November - 20th November 2020

Winter Lights

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December 2020

Last Day of Term

Friday 18th December

1.30pm Finish

Monday 6th January 2021 - INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th January 2021 - INSET DAY

Spring Term Commences

Wednesday 8th January 2021

Students return to School



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