



**Manor Academy**

Successful, Happy, Confident

# School Matters

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our second academy newsletter this academic year.

As part of our strive to improve communication between the academy and parents, we would like to share what has been happening over the term with parents and carers.

This edition is packed full of information about what our staff and students have been involved in.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kerry



## STUDENT COUNCIL

During November our Student Council elected a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Members of the student council who put themselves forward for election to the posts were required to pitch to the student council who then voted by Ballot box for their preferred candidate.

The successful candidates were Ella Carew as Chair of the Student Council and May Brown as Vice Chair.

Good Luck in your new roles!



## MISS ROWBOTTOM REPRESENTS GREAT BRITAIN

During September Miss Rowbottom, one of our fantastic, and multi-talented maths teachers was selected to represent Great Britain in the Indoor Cricket World Cup in Dubai. Miss Rowbottom said,

"During the tournament we played group matches against Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and UAE. We defeated the UAE twice and South Africa once, to qualify for the semi-finals. Again, we faced South Africa, who reversed the result of 24 hours earlier, to progress to the final, meaning that we finished the tournament in 4th place. Personally, the tour was an incredible experience, representing England and playing against the top indoor cricketers, as well as sampling the local culture and sights. An opportunity I will never forget."

Well done Miss Rowbottom!



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

CAKES

SWEETS

GAMES

CRAFTS

ALL STALLS RUN BY STAFF AND  
STUDENTS

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

## ROYAL BALLET

We were lucky enough at Manor to host a Royal Ballet School event at the end of last term, where Year 3 pupils from six Mansfield Primary schools got the opportunity to take part.



A group of teachers and musicians from The Royal Ballet School will arrive in Mansfield, together with final-year Royal Ballet School students and younger students from the School's nationwide Junior Associate programme.

Primary Steps touches the lives of more than 2,000 young people throughout England each year in Dagenham, Swindon, Blackpool, Bury St Edmunds and Mansfield.

The project aims to bring ballet into the consciousness of local children and their families, giving them a unique opportunity to learn from one of the world's great ballet schools.

## WORLD SKILLS SHOW

A group of our Year 11 students were able to visit The World Skills Show at The NEC in Birmingham on 16th November.



The World Skills Show is a Careers Event and the day is going to be a combination of meet and greet stalls, seminars and 'have a go' experiences.

This was a great opportunity for students to be inspired and hopefully raise their aspirations and attainment levels.

## MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Students from our alternative provision department spent some time on October 10th, creating a positive mental health display as part of raising awareness for World Mental Health Day and the #HelloYellow campaign that YoungMinds have put out.

They learnt about different mental health conditions. This included how your mental health is not a fixed state and can change throughout the day, week and year! They all worked really well on this and have taken pride in spreading positivity!



# DROP DOWN DAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2017

On Thursday 28th of November students took part in a 'Drop Down day', taking them out of their usual timetable and giving each year group the opportunity of participating in something fun and exciting!

All students thoroughly enjoyed the day. Year 7 students enjoyed their '999 Challenge Day' linking into PSHE and learning about 'Staying safe' and careers information. Year 8 students visited Cadburys World and learnt about the history at Cadburys and the process of how chocolate is made with their machinery. Year 9 students worked with Humanutopia and their inspirational workshops throughout the day, to relax the students but yet at the same time, give a positive spin on Hope, Confidence, Happiness, Relationships and Employability. Year 10 students had the

opportunity to visit the Royal Armouries in Leeds, to learn about the history and have a look at the armour used in the war, whilst Year 11 students were working hard in their revision sessions to prepare for their mock and final exams this academic year!

Year 12 students also visited Sheffield Hallam University to get a taste of university life!

Overall, the day was really successful and all students learned valuable lessons from the sessions that took place. We will be holding more Drop Down days, throughout the year with the next one taking place in February 2018, when more students will get the chance to go out on trips and take part in exciting activities and workshops.



## MFL POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ethan Simmons, Alex Hill, Lily Wright who were all winners in the year 8 French poetry competition.

The winning students were presented with certificates and some fantastic vouchers in assembly.

Libby Turland, Olivia Nixon, Tiegen Stephens, Holly Cooper and Nathaniel Hobson also received certificates for their amazing work.

Students studied a poem on Autumn in their French lesson and then had to continue the poem about other seasons, the quality of work produced by all students was exceptional and made it very difficult to choose the winning entries.

Well done to everyone who took part!



## LEAD PRACTITIONERS

As part of The Manor Academy's drive to continuously raise teaching standards, 10 members of the Manor's teaching staff have now started the SSAT Lead Practitioner course. This is a nationally recognised qualification which develops the skills, experience and qualities of our staff, serving to embed and extend teaching and learning that impacts positively on our students. These are good members of staff who want to get even better and then support their colleagues to make the lessons as exciting and beneficial as possible.

**SSAT**  
**Lead Practitioner**

## SPORTING SUCCESS

### Football

On Friday the 3rd of November, a number of students represented the Academy in a football tournament at Joseph Whitaker school in Rainworth.

Students: Lewis Plant, Gemma Jones, Emily Miller, Ashley Radford, Liam Hill, Alex Davis, Kian Evans and Adam Phillipson

The team showed great teamwork throughout the tournament and were rewarded with an emphatic win against Tuxford, 7-0! Unfortunately they couldn't get the wins in their other three



games but gave it a really good go, getting narrowly beaten!

A special mention goes to Kian Evans, who scored 4 goals in their game against Tuxford and to Lewis Plant and Emily Miller, who showed great courage to play as goalkeepers for the team.

We are really proud of all of you. Well done!

### Netball

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls netball team on yet another outstanding performance at the School Games CVL competition.

Team: Teigan Stephens, Tilly Irving, Leila Riggs, Georgia Worboys, Emily Jennings, Becky Cartwright, Holly Cooper, Katy Ingleby and Paige Cornell.



The girls were undefeated in four games, drawing one against Bruns and beating Samworth, Meden and All Saints.

Mrs Biggs also added, "They were a credit to the Academy. Not only did they play well but they were very respectful and showed great sportsmanship!"

This triumph comes on the back of their previous wins against All Saints, Meden and Samworth during their previous tournament in October. This a great achievement by the girls and we are incredibly proud! We wish you all the best of luck in future matches! Go Manor!

## CAFE TASTE TESTS

In November the Student Council and Manor College students were able to taste test a selection of foods to choose which ones become available in the new vending machines due to be installed after Christmas.

This comes in response to the Student Council putting forward the idea of vending machines which could serve snacks and drinks. This would make the purchase of such items far quicker and easier instead of having to queue with students who are purchasing full meals in the cafe.

The students were enthusiastic and gave great feedback on which items they'd like to see made available, so we'll wait and see which foods they chose and appear in the machines after Christmas!



## ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOPS

On October 19th, our Year 7s participated in an anti-bullying workshop, delivered by Unique Voice, in Manor hall.

Students were given a scenario and had to act out different types of bullying, to gain a deeper understanding of the implications and how it can affect people.

We would like to thank Unique Voice for coming to deliver their workshop to all the groups. This is something very valuable for students to understand.

On December 5th, Year 9 students watched an anti-bullying performance delivered by the Education and Training provider, 'Loudmouth'.



Watching the moving performance allowed students to develop their understanding of bullying. For example, what students should do if they are being bullied, if they know of any bullying taking place, the affects of bullying and how it can really effect individuals.

We would like to thank Loudmouth for their performance and workshop. It really does help our students and the Academy put a stop to bullying.

## MUSIC

Nusic Music School Tour, part of the Inspire County Arts visited the Manor Academy in November to perform to Year 7 and 8 students, in the theatre.



Nusic are an organisation who look after new musical talent in the area and we were lucky enough to have Nina Smith and Protorius Hall come along to showcase their talent.

Students were given the opportunity to listen to two of Nina Smith songs, with Protorius providing background vocals. Afterwards they were allowed to question the artists, to get some insight on their personal journeys and how the music industry operates.

We would like to thank Nusic for coming along and performing for us. The students thoroughly enjoyed what they had to say and have come away with some vital information on music.



## MEET THE TUTOR EVENT

On October 4th, we held a 'Meet the Tutor' event which allowed parents to meet with their child's tutor, talk about their progress and discuss the best ways to unlock their potential. The event was very well attended and some great feedback was received from parents, such as the comment below from the parent of a Year 7 student.

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school for putting on the "Meet the Tutor" event.*

*It was a fantastic opportunity to meet the people my daughter has spoken so highly of since starting Manor. It was lovely to see some of the work she has been carrying out since September. The curriculum opportunities have been fantastic and the staff are welcoming, friendly and cannot do enough to make sure the pupils feel valued and safe.*

*Thank you all for making the transition for my daughter into Year 7 a positive and incredibly enjoyable one!*

*I hope that your next OFSTED visit reflects the hard work and amazing improvements made in the school so far.*

## RAF - 'FUN WITH FLIGHT'

On Monday the 13th November Year 9 were treated to 'Fun with Flight', a 50-minute jet fuelled presentation exploring the physics of flying. Students discovered how the physics they study in the classroom is an integral part of the work that engineers undertake in the RAF and other engineering organisations.



The Roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country and by capturing the interest of young people aged 12 – 14. Inspiring students can hopefully increase the numbers that take STEM subjects and ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come.



Using exciting demonstrations, students were invited to take part in some jaw dropping experiments. Drones, balloons, airships and even jet engines were explored and students learnt about the microlight world altitude record and the physics behind how the RAF achieved their goal.

The sessions ended with a member of the RAF talking about his experience and answering the students' questions.

We would like to thank the RAF for putting on such a fun and inspiring presentation! The students really enjoyed it and took away interesting facts and information.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations go to some of our talented students for being selected to represent the County or Region.

Taran Elms and Natalie Garratt have both been selected to play Rugby for the Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire, Three counties Rugby Squad.

Milly Wortley and Madison Wardle have been selected to play football for the Nottinghamshire Under 16 Girls squad.

Well done Everyone



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We value the high importance of school attendance for your child. A key factor in raising levels of achievement is establishing a regular pattern of attendance and punctuality. Students cannot achieve if they are absent from school.

We are therefore giving Additional Achievement points for each half term 100% attendance. Tutors will also be rewarding students who have good punctuality and attendance.

We recognise that many students and their parents ensure they have excellent attendance. We also appreciate some students' attendance is lower due to health or family circumstances.

To ensure these students also receive rewards tutors will reward improved attendance.

Ghandi said, "Don't count the days but make every day count."



## BOOKS FOR ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS

During assembly on Friday 8th December, all students in year 7 received their free Bookbuzz books from Mrs Prestwood, our librarian.

Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading.

Students were given the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles.



# In the Spotlight

## MIU

Manor Inclusion Unit

In every newsletter we will put the spotlight on a different aspect of the school. Some you may be familiar with, others you will not. We aim to highlight the huge variety of aspects of the school which help support, encourage and give students the resources they need in order to be Successful, Happy and Confident.

In this newsletter we get an introduction to the **MIU**.

*Hello Parents and Carers.*

*I would like to introduce myself and the MIU, Manor Inclusion Unit. Many students and parents may never have any association with this part of the academy. The MIU is a sanction for students as a consequence for serious behavioural issues. Up to 6 students at a time can be referred to the unit and spend the day in there; they are isolated and sit in silence completing work from their teachers. They are in the unit from 8.30 – 4.30 every day they are booked in. This can be anything from 1-3 days. This is used in place of excluding students, as it is found to be much more effective.*

*Not only is this a punishment, I also work on behaviour intervention with students. I believe every wrong decision has a reasoning behind it. I take time to identify any further support which may be needed, looking at their academic abilities, strengths and weaknesses and mental health. I set up plans with the students to ensure they are supported with any difficulties and they know they can come to me to assist them with anything from issues*

*with peers to college application/interviews and anything in-between, good or bad.*

*I am sure you will agree this has many benefits and although your child may never be referred to the MIU, this unit will indirectly have had an impact on them, by promoting positive behaviour and happy students around the academy.*

*Mrs C Hodgson – Manor Inclusion Unit Manager*



## HENRY MAYBURY PRESENTATION

On 17th November, students watched a presentation by Singer Songwriter and campaigner, Henry Maybury, accompanied by his mother, Sally Maybury. (Chairwoman for the Lost Days Charitable Aid Trust)

The presentation was based on Henry's own personal experiences after losing his brother Tom to alcohol addiction. The presentation was extremely powerful and moving. Students also got the opportunity to listen and watch Henry's song 'Lost Days'.

This enabled students to gain more of an understanding of the effects of alcohol, if it is not consumed appropriately, and how it can affect not just your own life, but others around you.

We would like to thank Henry and his mum for coming in and presenting for us, it was truly inspirational.



For more information visit [www.henrymaybury.com](http://www.henrymaybury.com)

# MANOR COLLEGE

## YEAR 11 RECRUITMENT

On the Friday before October half term 74 Year 11 students took part in the Manor College, 6th form "taster day". This involved students taking part in a series of sample A Level lessons, having the use of 6th Form Base for the day, being in non-uniform, having lunch provided and taking part in Mr Sully's end of half-term trivia quiz! Students' reactions to the day stated it was "awesome" and they "can't wait to be in 6th form". Offers of places in Manor College have gone out to parents, but there are still places left for Year 11 students who achieve the entry requirements, and are interested in staying on with us.



We are delighted to announce that for September 2018 we will be offering the following new subjects as the post 16 curriculum expands:

- For September 2018 A Level: L3 Core Maths and A Level Art, ICT, English Language, PE, RE and Philosophy, Drama and Spanish.
- For September 2018 post 16 vocational: L3 BTEC Engineering; L3 BTEC Applied Science; L2 Hair & Beauty; L3 BTEC Health & Social Care. Some courses may also be delivered across MAT for example: Motor vehicle maintenance; construction.

Please contact Mr Sully for any further information about these courses. A full Manor College prospectus is available.

## A-LEVEL RESULTS

The external assessment of the 2017 A Level results came through with a positive value added score of +0.16. This means that on average all students in Year 13 achieved above their expectations based on their GCSE results. The predictions for 2018 are suggesting that achievement will be even better with another positive value added score of +0.43. This would suggest that on average students are performing around half a grade better than would be expected from their GCSE results.

## UCAS APPLICATIONS

Currently Year 13 students are busily completing their UCAS (centralised university application process) personal statements. Representatives from UCAS have been into Manor College to deliver a presentation on how to complete an outstanding university application. The process is supported by tutors and the Head of Sixth Form. References will be completed during December in plenty of time for the January 15th UCAS deadline.

Students not applying to university have had a presentation on Apprenticeships and Career Pathways, and are currently supported by tutors, Head of Year and the Carers Officer who is based in Manor College for 2 days per week.

Year 12 students are beginning their information, advice and guidance process for university and careers options. Y12 students also attended the Apprenticeships presentation, and on 24th November there was a presentation on the benefits of going to university, by representatives from Loughborough University. On the 30th November "drop down day" all Year 12 students went on a trip to Sheffield University, with a full programme of activities outlining the benefits of Higher Education and the delights of student life!

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

The opportunities for extra-curricular participation continue to grow in Manor College. All Year 12 students are currently applying for work experience placements and some are volunteering around school. There was a trip to Alton Towers in October and over 30 students are signed up for the Hagg Farm outdoor pursuits weekend in the spring term. Sixth form students participated in a food tasting exercise to facilitate the placement of a healthy food vending machine in the base, and Manor College students will gain free membership of the MSRC, including free use of the gym, in the coming weeks.

