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It has been an extremely busy Spring Term here at Manor Academy. There have been many teaching and learning developments, mock examinations, charity events, and sports fixtures which have taken place. To support achievement we held Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations. There was also a very successful Y8 Options Evening, and parents' evenings for years 9 & 10, both of which were very well attended.

Students were also involved with fundraising for Red Nose Day and leading an afternoon tea event for residents of a local care home in Mansfield Woodhouse.

We have had many successful trips and visits this term including a very popular ski trip to Italy, a Brilliant Club Ceremony at Nottingham University and a variety of AQA examination support workshops. Our students were, as always, exceptionally well behaved and real ambassadors for the Academy.

We continue to work closely with all our feeder primary schools. We are very pleased with the record breaking numbers of Parents/Carers who have chosen Manor Academy as the school for their child in September 2019. Our Year 7 numbers are the highest ever seen in the history of the Academy.

All of these events and activities have been delivered alongside quality teaching and learning throughout the year. As always I would like to thank all the staff and the students for their hard work. I would especially like to wish the Year 11 and 13 students the best of luck for their summer examinations.

MISSING PIECE CHILD LOSS CHARITY DONATION

We are proud to announce that the Manor Academy has been able to donate £850 towards the Missing Piece Child Loss charity, in memory of our former student Lewis Crouch. This is a local charity that is very close to our hearts and we are so proud that we can contribute to this wonderful cause. The work completed by Cheryl (Lewis's mother) and her family is an absolute inspiration to the community.

We cannot stress enough how proud we are of how hard our students have worked in order to raise the considerable amount of money that will be used to help those in need, who are going through such a difficult time. Students organised a Christmas Fayre to help raise the donation and all the money spent was donated to the charity.



Further information about the charity can be found here:

www.missingpiecechildloss.com



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VISIT BY CAPT. LOUIS RUDD

On Thursday 14th March a selected group of students, chosen by their Humanities teachers for doing so well throughout the year, were treated to a presentation delivered by Capt. Louis Rudd.

Capt. Louis Rudd is an exceptional human being, who has recently completed the Expedition Spirit of Endurance. This involved him skiing solo and unsupported 1,000 miles across Antarctica in just 56 days! Prior to this he planned and led the SPEAR 17 Adventurous Training expedition which saw him lead a team of 5 reservist soldiers as they completed a 1,100 mile traverse of Antarctica, for which he was subsequently awarded an MBE for leadership.

We would like to thank Capt. Louis Rudd for visiting us and sharing his experiences with the students. This was truly inspirational.



VIDEO CALL WITH MP

On Friday 15h February, our Student Senate got the chance to take part in a digital survey as part of the The Politics Project.

Students were able to talk to Ben Bradley, (MP) for Mansfield, via a video call and have the opportunity to ask questions about the issues that really matter to them. This was a great success and a great way to engage with our MP.



STUDENTS INTO NLD RUGBY DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

We would like to congratulate four of our students for being accepted into the NLD (Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire) development squad. Sam Day of Year 12, Natalie Garratt and Grace Cook of Year 10 and Brydie Hamel of Year 9, have all earned their places. Sam Day loves playing rugby and is passionate about progressing through the ranks. Here is what Sam had to say about being accepted into the squad.

"Recently I have been accepted into the NLD (Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire) development squad. This presents an opportunity to represent the 3 counties in fixtures against teams such as Leicestershire, Staffordshire and other county sides made up of high quality rugby players from the whole nation. The NLD also provides a possible opportunity to trial for Midlands U18's, a once in a lifetime opportunity and a massive achievement. As well as this if players are of a high enough calibre during/after performing for midlands, a white England shirt may be within reach. As well as this I have been accepted into the Nottingham Rugby Academy. The academy has fixtures against other premieriership teams such as Leicester Tigers, Saracens and Northampton Saints. To play at this standard amongst premieriership academy players is a huge honour and I aim to develop and go as far as possible with my rugby. Representing the academy allows players to be picked up by other premieriership teams and squads, leading to further player development and even greater opportunities. Overall, the opportunities that can now be reached are endless and achievable, providing I put in the hard work. I know that I am more than dedicated to achieve this and am willing to do whatever it takes to play at the highest standard I can whilst, most importantly, enjoying myself!"



We wish all students the best of luck in their squads and you never know, we might even be watching them on the telly playing for England one day!

DROP DOWN DAY JANUARY 2019

On Wednesday the 7th of January, Manor Academy held the second of three Drop Down Days for the 2018-19 academic year. Drop Down Day gives all students and staff the chance to take part in educational activities, whether this involves going out on trips or staying in school and taking part in workshops provided by external providers, enabling students to strengthen their application of skills and to provide them with a deeper learning experience.

On this day, Year 7 visited Magna science centre to experience their exciting exhibits, including Air, Earth, Water and Fire. Students were also able to take part in a workshop demonstrating hot air balloons and rockets!

Year 8 were provided with the opportunity to learn about fundamental British values in school, taking part in fun workshops and really taking on board our culture.

Year 9 spent the day at Roller World, giving them a chance to show off their skating skills and to take part in a couple of games, including dodgeball and racing. Students did extremely well dodging the balls their teachers were throwing at them as they skated around the rink.

Year 10 had an exciting visit to Si5 Spy Missions and Clip 'n' Climb in Nottingham. In this instance, students were really tested physically, emotionally, strategically and socially. However, every student hit each challenge head on and really excelled. A great day all round for Year 10.

Year 11 stayed in school on this occasion and were given a Careers Day, providing them with an opportunity to take part in mock interviews and activities educating them, ready for when they are applying for jobs or taking the next step in education.

Year 12 took a trip out to Lincoln University to see University life and get a feel for what they may experience after leaving Sixth Form, whilst Year 13 stayed in school taking in more information in preparation for their final exams.

Overall, the day was a great success and we would like to thank students for being really well behaved. You are a credit to the Academy.



JOHANCO SPEED SKATING CHAMPION

One of our Year 13 students, Johanco Veldsman has recently been competing in the British Longtrack Speed Skating championship. Johanco performed exceptionally well, winning gold medals in the 500m, 1000m single distance and mass start boys' category. He also won silver medals in the Supersprint and 1500m and 3000m single distance men's category.

In addition to his individual performances, he also won a bronze medal while competing for the UK masters team in the Team Pursuit. Johanco's plans for next year are to focus on his skating in the Netherlands, working towards competing internationally, and aiming to represent Great Britain in the Junior World Championships.

Congratulations Johanco, you should be proud of what you are already achieving and we wish you all the best for future!



FOOD COLLECTION

On Friday 14th December 2018 all students and staff at the Manor Academy came together to help those in need, by contributing items of food. The following Monday, Mr Ward, Mr Derricott and a group of students took the food collected down to the Ladybrook Community Centre. There were over two thousand individual items of food, all of which can help those in need over a difficult Christmas period.

We would like to thank all students and staff for their contributions. Collecting so many items of food will really have helped those in need over Christmas 2018.



COMIC RELIEF 2019

On Friday 15th March, students and staff raised money for Comic Relief. There was plenty of fancy dress and non-uniform on show, plus a bake sale that took place during brunch. Everyone was asked to donate at least £1 to charity.

A special mention goes to all the science staff and Mrs Marriott for coming in the best fancy dress, dressing up as The Flintstones and Ali G.



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