



We have come to the end of another busy term. We have welcomed many new students this term and now they are all well-established College students and very proud of them we are too. We recently had the Christmas Fair which raised funds for both the College and the Primary, so a big thank you to you, the Friends and staff for their time and support.

This week we celebrated our second Winter Lights festival and this was even bigger and better than last year. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event, please let us know if you enjoyed it.

Our final assembly of the year included music and dancing as we celebrated our students of the half term with certificates and medals. All our staff had worked hard with the students and it is great to see how confident our young people are progressing.

We had a launch on Monday 12th of December with a billboard promoting employment for our young people and raising awareness that they want and need jobs too. Richard Lamplough has used his creativity, drive and communication skills to support people with autism, Asperger's Syndrome or moderate learning disabilities into paid employment. If you know of any employers interested in giving our older students the opportunity to do work experience, please let us know.

These are just a few of the events that have taken place at the College on top of a packed lesson timetable.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas, and may I extend our warmest best wishes from the College team. See you all next term.

Julie King

Deputy Head



Upcoming Dates

- **19 Dec—2 Jan**—Christmas Holidays
- **Tue 3 Jan**—INSET Day
- **Week of 9-Jan**—KS3 Parent Conversations
- **Week of 23-Jan**—FE Parent Conversations
- **Wed 1-Feb**—Dimensions Parent Information meeting (Y10-14) 6-7pm
- **Wed 8-Feb**—SALT Parent Coffee Morning.
- **Fri 17 Feb**—INSET DAY
- **20—24 Feb**—Half Term
- **Mon 27 Feb**—First Day Back
- **Thur 2 Mar**—World Book Day

Power Chair Sports

Di-Livyo, Fatoumata and Zainab enjoyed linking up with Angmering School to do Wheelchair sports. The students went to Angmering School for the day. The students at Angmering led sports activities for our students to learn and take part in. The students from both schools enjoyed spending time together and playing cricket, boccia, curling and hockey.



Bike Club



This terms bike sessions have produced 2 more new 2 wheel riders, Peter Savoy and Carlos Lucinario. By the time this goes to print I'm also very sure that Charline Permal will also be a new rider. A very big well done goes to them all!

Becky Killick



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Please visit:

www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk or call 08006430712 / 01403250644

Crawley Public Speaking Event and Question Time

Recently Manor Green College was represented by Year 9, 10 and 11, students in the Inaugural Crawley Interschool Public Speaking Contest. (18th Nov. 2016) at the Civic Hall.

Three students from each school (6 secondary) spoke for ten minutes on the subject of 'Democracy' and were then judged by an expert panel on their confidence, enthusiasm, and the flow and structure of their speaking. The event was arranged by Henry Smith MP to mark Parliament Week which aims to help connect people with the UK Parliament. We as a school are always keen for our students to have their voice heard and this was such a fantastic event to come third out of six secondary schools.

The students of MGC also attended Question Time which was another opportunity to voice their opinions to key community leaders in Crawley. They attended various workshops throughout the day and were well informed about services on offer for young people.



The Hidden Disability Programme at Gatwick Airport



The airport can be a scary place for someone with autism, it's busy, with way too many people not looking where they're going, only seeing things from their level. Then there are the noise levels, the lights, the smells, the selfishness of everyone else travelling, the waiting, the QUEUES! And then the flight itself. It's an autistic nightmare.

Thankfully due to a lot of hard work by some amazing people there is now a lifeline - The Hidden Disability Assistance Programme. Maria Cook, Chair of Autism Support Crawley and OCS (Outsourced Client Solutions) have been working together to put together a programme to support families and lone travellers with a hidden disability through Gatwick.

There is a dedicated email address - Hidden.Disabilities.at.Gatwick@ocs.co.uk - which gives you access to a team of wonderful people who will then set up a bespoke service depending on the requirements of the person/family travelling as it's not just those with autism that this scheme will help, there are many hidden disabilities that need considering such as dementia, hearing loss and anaphylaxis to name just a few.

Those wanting help are also then sent a green lanyard with sunflowers on in the post for them to wear on the day of travel. This very subtle marker highlights to airport staff that the person in question needs extra support, perhaps extra time to process information and to prepare to go through security.

The future for accessible air travel is very bright indeed thanks to the dedicated team at Gatwick Airport. Don't forget to contact them next time you are planning a holiday flying out of Gatwick.



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.

Ifield Medical Practice Parking:

We appreciate that parking is difficult but our neighbours at Ifield Medical Practice request that you do not use their car park as they need all available spaces for their patients.



Sainsbury's

Keep an eye out as the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers will be starting again soon!



DofE

Our DofE volunteer group is doing amazingly, students attendance is fantastic and their enthusiasm is contagious!! As the weather is getting colder we have been litter picking and leaf sweeping. We thought it best to stop minibus cleaning as I'm not sure their hands would cope with being cold and wet. Our minibus cleaning will happen depending on the temperature. I must say the minibuses are looking better than they have done in years!!!!

We also had some fantastic news last week—we have been awarded funding for the campsite fees for the expeditions next year and also to purchase some new stoves and a camp bed!



Let's talk
Makaton

Makaton are now doing 'sign of the week' on their website/facebook/instagram pages. You can subscribe via the website (www.makaton.org) to receive it every week via an email.

Festive greetings from the ICT & Computing Department at Manor Green College.

We have a glossy new Edition of Digital Parent Magazine created by Vodafone for you to browse over the Festive season. Issue 5 is full of lots of easy reading guides to help you keep your children safe online.

In particular the magazine highlights the need to help your children become resilient online. This is a topic we are keen to promote at MGC as it's so important to your child's future too. It's proved that resilient children are less likely to experience harm.

Another significant article is the topic discussing children with special needs. Cerebra is a UK charity dedicated to supporting families and the theme is aimed at overcoming the difficulties faced online by children with SEN.

Another useful and informative commentary is the "How NOT to embarrass your child on social media". This is clearly worth a read and helps adults judge when and when not to post specific items on social media.

Finally there is a parent's guide to gaming. As most parents of young children and teenagers will be considering buying video games for Christmas, there are some good guides to help you deal with the issues they may cause. From screen time to lack of exercise the article gives families gaming tips to help manage your child's use of digital technology.

I would like to wish you and your children all a safe and festive season.

Mr. Cambridge

ICT & Computing Leader.



Trongate Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland

The Art Group has been very successful this year with submissions of art work to various art galleries around the country.

8 of our FE Art students, Amber, Reece, Leighton, Callie, Tyrone, Thomas, Sadia and Adile have their work on display in Glasgow, Scotland in an exhibition called Superhero's.

At present 4 of these painting have been sold on behalf of those students, this follows on from our students work being accepted into the Crawford Gallery, Cork, Ireland—see article further in newsletter.



halfords

A very big thank you to Halfords, in particular Sam and Neil, for all of

the help and support they have given us this year. Especially for adapting the hand crank bike so it is much more user friendly. The brakes and gear shift levers are now next to the seat instead of being on the handlebars which many of the students were unable to use and the gear and brake cables were forever getting tangled up around the handlebars. Its brilliant!!

Forest School



Our new Forest School area is fully up and running now. Many of the students have helped build a shelter, set up a swing and have enjoyed lots of cooking on the camp fire. We have also been making reindeer decorations in the run up to Christmas.

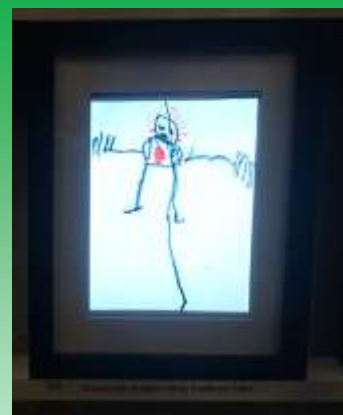
FIRST AID TRAINING

FE students are working towards a first aid course. Students have been learning what to do to help someone in an emergency, how to put people in the recovery position and how to treat people who are choking.

By Harun



Tight Modern Brighton



Amber Southern has her art work, called Horses, on display at the Tight Modern in Brighton at the Jubilee Library. Her work will then be on tour all over the UK.

Harry Green also has his work on display as a runner up piece in a digital frame.

Work has been submitted from all over the British Isles so we are very happy and excited that our 2 FE students have had their work accepted! What an amazing achievement—well done!

Crawford gallery, Cork, Ireland.

The exhibition called 'Perceptions' was an International Exhibition and Beth's work, a student who left us last year, was chosen from supported studios worldwide.

Sally, the FE art instructor, visited Cork to make contact with other people working in an art co-operative like us here at MGC.

We have also exhibited and sold work on behalf of the FE Art Group in Brighton open houses and at the Pallant House Gallery's website, inside out, in Chichester.



CRAWLEY STADIUM TOUR



Brandon Whitworth organised a Crawley Stadium Football tour for the FE footballers. The students had a brilliant time. The tour was led by Brandon who works there every Saturday. Students really enjoyed the tour and especially enjoyed looking around the changing rooms. Brandon's boss Amy reported that the FE students behaved perfectly. A great day was had by all. Thank you Brandon for organising and leading a great tour.

By Brandon



Student of the Half Term



KS3 Class Based

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Ceira Carter 3MJ

Ceira works consistently well in all areas of the curriculum. She contributes enthusiastically during lessons and gives thoughtful answers. She has worked very hard on letters and sounds and she is making excellent progress with her reading—Well done Ceira!

Personal Development – Thomas Haysom 3MG

Thomas has made outstanding progress developing his independence.

He is taking on more roles without support and learning to make better lifestyle choices.

We are very proud of him—Well done Thomas!

Most Improvement in Learning – Jake Tamila 3MG

Jake has had a positive half-term and is more confident trying new experiences.

In particular he has been working on coping with different social situations and environments.

He had a very successful trip to London one weekend travelling by train and underground to the theatre and kept a diary of his experience—Well done Jake!

KS3 Modular

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour – Nathan House 3SN

Nathan has worked consistently well throughout the last term. He is always polite, helpful and supportive of other students. He has worked well in all subjects and is always very conscientious about what he does. He has put a lot of effort into maths and he has made good progress and is becoming a lot more confident when working. Well done Nathan!

Personal Development – Sophie O'Brien 3SU

Sophie had a tricky start to her term but after coming back to school she has pushed herself as much as she can. Sophie has shown her resilience by continually trying her absolute best at anything. She is a very confident young girl and will continue to progress because she rarely gives up.

She has a great group of friends in her class and has become a key member of her group. Well done Sophie.

Most Improvement in Learning – Adam Szewc 3GA

Adam has amazed us this term with his growing vocabulary and knowledge in all his subjects. He listens very well and remembers all the topic and key words and uses them correctly. He always takes care to do his best work every day and this includes his homework: which is on time and to a very good standard. He is very practical and artistic and is able to take on a project and see it through to the conclusion. Keep up the good work Adam.

KS4

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour— Liam Murray 4SM

After a difficult transition, Liam's behaviour has improved greatly; he has settled back into his old routines with his previous teacher and seems to be very happy. He will join in with all classroom activities without creating any fuss.

Liam is also making great progress with his maths especially

in number work where he is working with numbers up to 20. We are all very proud of Liam's progress and the effort he has put into his studies. Well done Liam

Personal Development – Michael Ormandy 4DJ

Michael has been attending year 11 since September 16. He has quickly settled in and is making great progress. Michael always works hard in his lessons and thoroughly enjoys learning. Michael is getting on well with peers and enjoys socialising at break time and over lunch. We have recently been visiting Central Sussex College as part of a transition programme and although he is unsure as to whether he wants to go there he has enjoyed the experience. Great work Michael!

Most Improvement in Learning – Ryan Smith 4HH

Ryan is always helpful without being asked. He regularly cleans up after cooking or messy activities. He make new students feel welcome and is always polite. Well done Ryan!

KS5

Consistent Good Work and Behaviour—Leighton Beagles FE

Leighton has become more independent within all areas of the curriculum this term. He always tries his best and is now confident to complete reading and writing work independently, asking for help when he needs to. Leighton is also participating in a very successful Work Experience placement one day a week where he is happy to work with decreasing staff support.

Personal Development— Amber Southern FE

Amber has worked really hard this term. She has completed some excellent art work and had a painting accepted for the Tight Modern Exhibition.

Amber has also developed more confidence in her ability to complete reading and writing tasks without support. Her confidence is growing in all areas of the FE curriculum.

Most Improvement in Learning—Irene Pasat 3JB

This term Irene has made excellent progress with her communication and has started to use pecs to ask for her favourite object. She has responded really well to her new timetable and eagerly comes into school with a smile. Well done Irene!

Headteachers Award: Michael Treadwell 3DP

Michael's attitude towards his learning has been excellent and he tries extremely hard in every lesson. He is becoming very mature and in the run up to Christmas he has gone out of his way to help in all areas from: setting up tables for our dinner and party and helping other classes as well. He is always polite and friendly and a good role model for other students.





On FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER we raised £204.13 for Children in Need.

3GA/DP sold their unique collection of Spotty headbands, fridge magnets and badges and contributions were given toward wearing spotty or bright clothes. In the afternoon we held a Strictly Spotacular dance competition and were entertained by: 3SN, 3SF/SU, 3AC, 3JW, 3DP/GA, 4MH, Lee Potter from 3MG and Charlie Jones and Callum Kewley from FE. It was a closely fought competition with our very own Bruno, Darcy and Len (also known as Mr Cambridge, Caroline and Fred!). The proud winners were 3GA/DP and second were 3SN.

We had a fun day and are very proud of all our students and staff who took part in the dancing, sold the items and dressed up.

G Atkinson



A big thank you to The Naturesave Trust for donating £1000 towards our FE greenhouse. You can find more

details about the trust on:

www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/

Key Stage 4 Performing Arts



This term the Key Stage 4 Performing Arts have had some really exciting projects to work on.

The team started off with a production of 'The Hunger Games'. Students had to act out as if they were fighting for life within an arena. Students invited members of staff and Y9 students to come and watch the performance. Gwen Atkinson commented 'I can't believe how amazing those students are'.

Students then worked on a singing project for the Winter Lights Festival, students used professional equipment to lay their tracks and worked very hard on crafting their performance for the evening. Steph Webb said 'They have worked so hard, I have had goosebumps from their performances'.

Lastly the group are continuing to work on scripted work of Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'. The group were fortunate enough to go and see a professional production of the play. The students at the theatre were impeccably behaved and loved every minute of it. Esther Barraclough said 'The show was amazing, the actor that played Linda was my favourite. Mr Harrington even cried.' Brandon Reader said 'It was so good, my favourite character was Mickey. We were so lucky to go!'

The students managed to get in contact with the cast, and the actor who played Mickey (Josh Capper) sent us a picture and a message saying 'Thanks guys for all your support and I am glad you enjoyed the show.'

We are all so impressed with how hardworking and dedicated these students are to their craft. Students are working towards their Arts Award grades and are doing very very well. Look out for more from us in the next coming weeks and thank you all for your continued support.



Winter Lights Festival—14th of December 2016

A big thank you to everyone involved in the Winter Lights Festival and to everyone that attended the lovely evening. More information will come in the following newsletter about the beautiful event.



Paraplay Day at Chichester University

On Wednesday 30th November, students from Key Stage 4 enjoyed a day of inclusive sports. Hosted by the University of Chichester, trainee PE teachers organised a carousel of different activities including; seated volleyball, VI football, parachute games, tennis and basketball.

Our students had great fun and really enjoyed mixing in and playing the sports with young people from other schools too. Staff at the university were delighted with how well the activities ran and how Manor Green students were helping young people from the other schools.



Friends of Manor Green Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Fair which took place on 3rd December 2016. The donations were amazing, the help to set up and clear away as well as to man the stalls on the day were fantastic and also all of you who came to spend your hard earned cash to support all the young people who benefit from the funds raised at both Manor Green College and the Primary.

Friends of Manor Green are proud to announce a profit of £4196 which will be spent to benefit every child from both schools.

We would like to thank the following companies for your amazing donations and support:

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We wish you a safe, peaceful Christmas and New Year. See you all in 2017!



Diamonds are Forever

Crawley MP Henry Smith and the Mayor of Crawley, Cllr Raj Sharma co-hosted the launch of a poster campaign for A Potential Diamond at Manor Green College recently.

A *Potential Diamond*, in partnership with Manor Green College and West Sussex County Council, supports young people with learning disabilities or autism into paid employment. *Ad In Your Face* is a mobile billboard-advertising company who believe in the power of strong messages put over in a dynamic and eye-catching way.

The poster features three young people, two of whom are employed locally: Blake Edwards, who has worked at B&Q in Burgess Hill since 2013, and Liam Miller, who joined JLC Aviation in Manor Royal four months ago. Blake went to Central Sussex College and Liam went to Manor Green College and, whilst many young people with additional needs end up unemployed once college comes to an end both Blake and Liam moved straight into work.

When organisations from the voluntary, state and private sectors get together the results are often spectacular, so don't be surprised to see a huge billboard pulled around the Crawley / Horsham area throughout December with a message you wouldn't normally expect to see!





The Springboard Project is a local charity providing short breaks activities for young people aged 12-18yrs through its Buddies group during term time evenings and school holidays with activities including cinema, bowling, swimming, Chessington, Thorpe Park, London, Brighton and many more. We currently have space in our Crawley Buddies group so if you'd like to find out more about becoming a member and the service provided please contact Simon Pearce on

01293542821 or email cb1@springboardproject.com

Short Breaks

ONE TO ONE & SMALL GROUP SUPPORT

Does your child need to develop their independence, become more confident and learn new skills?

Does your child need support initially to access groups?

If you answer 'yes' or 'maybe' to any of the above then one-to-one/ small group short breaks could open up some doors.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
UNDER 18 YEARS OLD AND IN RECEIPT OF MIDDLE OR HIGHER DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

If you wish your child/young person to be considered for this new and exciting programme please contact: short.break.team@westsussex.gov.uk with the age of your child, their special educational need/disability and the area that they live in.*

Your details will be passed to the relevant organisation who will contact you to discuss your specific requirements.

*services vary across the County and some restrictions apply

west sussex county council

Short Breaks

0 to 25 with additional needs?

We've got great news!

A new West Sussex initiative will make fun and socialising more affordable for 0-25s with additional needs.

Launching in April 2016, West Sussex County Council has teamed up with local charity, Amaze, to deliver 'Compass Card West Sussex' - a card which will provide special deals at dozens of venues.

What deals do you want?

Fill in our quick questionnaire www.surveymonkey.com/s/32361387/CompassWestSussex or pick up a printed copy in your local library. Alternatively, call Amaze on 0300 123 9186 and we will send a copy to you.

Come to a Focus Group and register your interest
 Come and enjoy an informal session talking about fun, leisure, sport and play with Amaze's new West Sussex Team.

Email CompassWS@amazebrighton.org.uk to register your interest in Compass Card West Sussex and to get an invite to our Focus Groups. If you don't have email access, call Amaze on 0300 123 9186.

You can also check the latest Focus Group dates and details on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CompassCardWestSussex or on the Amaze website www.amazebrighton.org.uk/services-and-support/the-compass-card/

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YIP4YOUTH

West Sussex Yip4Youth Buddies

Linking young people aged 12-18 years with moderate learning difficulties with a trained volunteer to take part in small group activities, such as meals out, go-karting, rock climbing and swimming trips.

As well as having fun, developing friendships and going on adventures, this service is outcome focused and supports young people to develop confidence, life skills and independence. The activities enable young people to practise everyday life skills, such as handling money, using public transport and ordering food - skills that are beneficial as they develop into their adult lives.

West Sussex Yip4Youth Buddies also enables young people to interact with their buddies and peers, building confidence to develop relationships in the wider world.

YMCA

Find out more
 To find out more about West Sussex Yip4Youth Buddies, please contact the Short Breaks Team:
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