SPECIALIST LEADER OF EDUCATION

Mr Richardson has been successful in his application to become a Specialist Leader of Education for English & Teaching and Learning within Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

After his initial application and subsequent shortlisting, Mr Richardson was successful in a round of interviews to secure the position. Mr Richardson is a fantastic asset to the school and he will now also be used to support colleagues in other schools and departments who are keen to make progress.

He commented, “It’s an exciting time and I’m now able to support colleagues not only at Manor, but other schools to ensure they make the progress they want.”

Well done Mr Richardson!

UNIVERSITIES AND APPRENTICESHIPS FAIR

On 9th March 40 Manor College students attended The Universities and Apprenticeships Fair at the King Power Stadium in Leicester. There was a range of displays and seminars from many major universities and East Midlands employers, in areas such as finance, ICT, accountancy and digital marketing, along with the police and armed forces.

Students gathered information and spoke to employers and university representatives about career and higher education options.

Some students gathered information about Degree Level Apprenticeships where employers pay students’ fees through university and pay them a wage to train on the job.

Students found the fair very helpful and they were able to obtain lots of useful information to help them make choices for their future.

SPORT RELIEF

Students have been raising money for Sport Relief by baking cakes with Miss Marriott. The cakes were sold at lunch time and in tutor time on Friday afternoon to raise as much money as possible!

In addition to selling cakes, students and staff have taken part in 3 games of ‘Staff vs Students’. Wednesday 21st March was a game of Dodgeball, Thursday 22nd was Netball and finally Friday 23rd, was a game of football!

Students were victorious over staff in Dodgeball, but the staff fought back with a resounding 11-2 win at Netball. Staff won the football 4-2 on Friday, making them overall winners for the fundraising competition!

UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Huge congratulations need to go to Holly Cooper, Zachary Botham, Jess Gale and Harley Tryner who represented the Academy at the Regional Finals of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge on March 21st.

Following four tough rounds, consisting of a group round, cross number, shuttle and relay, they finished a very commendable 5th out of 27 competing schools. They showed excellent team work and problem solving skills to never drop out of the top 5 throughout the whole day.
There are many after school clubs to get involved in. Below are just a handful of the many clubs available for students to take part in during lunchtimes and after school. For information about the clubs available, look at the Manor Website under the ‘Students - Extra Curricular’ section.

**Book Club, Lego Club and Manga Club**
Every Thursday after school is Book Club. There is a shared read every term, and we shadow the Brilliant Book Award and Carnegie Book Award and we celebrate Harry Potter Book Night in February every year. We also run quizzes, play games, design bookmarks and other fun activities. The group is open to anyone but specifically aimed at students in 7, 8 and 9. Every Friday after school is Lego Club. There are lots of bricks to build and create with, plus mini figures and access to iPads to make short stop motion videos too.

We also run a very popular Manga Club at lunchtime on Wednesdays where students come to talk about all things Manga. Manga is a style of Japanese graphic novel. Students love to draw in the manga style, watch anime, create origami and vote on which books they would like the library to stock next.

**Science Club**
A new after school Science Club has started up this half term. The first session was all about ‘fire writing’ and students were given the chance to write on paper with fire! Mr Bofinger had brilliantly organised the club and was able to show the students an example, before sending them off in groups to give it a go!

The club got off to a great start with a large number of students attending and really enjoying the excitement of science and fire writing! The second session saw students making lava lamps which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The club is running every Thursday after school in S8 and this is available to all students in Years 7 and 8. I’m sure Mr Bofinger would love more people to come along and try some fun and enjoyable experiments!

**MFL Club**
MFL club runs every Tuesday lunchtime in L2 and is open to all students in years 7, 8 & 9. We look at other languages and cultures and there is normally a different food to try each week too!

So far this year, we have made crepes, made ‘day of the dead’ masks, learnt about a very strange ‘moustache’ festival in Germany, learnt how to say & write our name in Japanese and lots more.

Everyone is welcome, even if you don’t study a language, we’d love to see you there.

**ICT Club**
Students have the chance to develop their Python skills and work through developing new ideas and abilities using different coding software.

They look at different functions and have been learning how to develop their coding skills. They have also asked to look at different programming environments such as Gamemaker, and develop the skills they would need in order to choose computer science as an option.

It is also a great opportunity to complete homework set in different subject areas.

**Art Club**
Art club continues to be a popular and beneficial resource for students to refine their practical skills in Art and Design. Students have the opportunity to use specialist equipment to build skills and share ideas in a supportive environment.

Students were extremely keen to participate in this opportunity and enjoyed the performance and the chance to see the text brought to life.

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**Y8 NETBALL**
We would like to congratulate our Year 8 Netball team on their incredible achievement on the 14th March 2018. The Year 8 team became winners of the Mansfield District netball competition!

The team played some fantastic Netball to become victorious and won both matches, by beating Samworth Church Academy and All Saints Academy.

We are all very proud of what they have achieved! Another great sporting success for Manor Academy! You should be very proud girls. Well done!

Good luck in your future matches, we are sure you’ll continue with the success.

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**THEATRE VISIT**
On Wednesday 21st March 2018, a group of year 11 students had the opportunity to visit the ‘Theatre Royal’ in Nottingham to see a live performance of one of the key texts for their Literature examination ‘Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde’.

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**SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS**
Manor Academy hosted the Yr. 7 and Yr. 8 Mansfield School Games Sportshall Athletics Competitions on 6th Feb and 8th March respectively. The competition included various track and field events and competing were 4 local Secondary Academies including Manor, Brunts, All Saints, Garibaldi and QE. In the Yr. 7 competition the students had a fantastic afternoon with the girls achieving 5th place and boys achieving 4th place overall.

In the Yr. 8 competition, Manor Girls came 1st with Boys achieving 2nd place. The girls will now progress to the County Final and represent Mansfield! Well Done everyone!

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**WORLD BOOK DAY**
The snow didn’t stop our English department from taking part in World Book Day, even though it was a few days late.

Unfortunately, Paula Rawsthorne, the award winning writer of young adult fiction was not able to attend, so we will be visiting us on Thursday 19th April to talk to our students about being a writer, and encourage them to read more widely.

All of year 7 will have an assembly with Paula, which will get the students involved and should make them think about their reading and writing. She also incorporates readings from her books.

Students from years 7, 8 and 9 who have been nominated by their English teachers will take part in Creative Writing Workshops.

We will also be running a quiz in tutor time, where we will test their book knowledge and students will compete to win book prizes and treats for their tutor group!
In ever 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 Manor College. Head of Manor College, Mr Sully reports on recent developments in the Sixth Form.

Results have been excellent and are forecast to be even better, careers and university guidance is fully embedded, and he is particularly looking forward to welcoming current Year 11 into the Sixth Form in September!

Progress and Achievement

External analysis of examination results for last year’s Year13 suggest a positive value added score, and I am delighted to report that the Ofsted data analysis document, released in January, puts progress from GCSE to A level to be in line with the top 20% of schools and colleges nationally, for the second successive year. Teacher predictions for A Level achievement this summer are again very encouraging, with a positive value added score overall of +0.39, which is an improvement on last year. The recently published league tables report that we are the second highest performing school for Post 16 education in the Mansfield area. I won’t rest until we are the highest!

Recruitment and curriculum development

Following on from recruitment initiatives in Year 11, the projected increase in Year 12 numbers, hopefully in excess of 60 students, is allowing us to broaden the curriculum. The following new subjects will be offered, and will run if numbers allow: 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; L3 BTEC Health & Social Care.

I am also excited to announce the implementation of a new course entitled Uniformed Services, which will be delivered in conjunction with Ashfield School. This caters for students who may not be considering A Levels and who have a desire to enter the police, fire services or the military. The course involves a combination of physical and academic modules, and genuinely does lead to recruitment in these services. The course has been run at Ashfield for around 12 years and is nationally recognised for the excellence of its delivery and potential as a gateway into the uniformed services. Year 11 have been told about this in assembly; Mr Sully and Mr Cooper are interviewing suitable candidates.

University and careers information, advice and guidance

With regard to university applications, apprenticeships and next steps, the support we offer in Manor Sixth Form continues to develop, not least in that Year 11 will be involved in a presentation about the benefits of going to university, and degree level apprenticeships, at the beginning of next term. For Year 13, UCAS (university) applications have been completed and offers of places from universities are flooding in. Year 13 students and parents have had presentations on student finance and “surviving university”. The 7 students not applying to university have had individual careers interviews, a visit to the National Apprenticeships Fair and a presentation from Rolls Royce on careers and apprenticeship opportunities. Year 12 have visited Sheffield University, and have had a presentation on beginning to apply for university (UCAS process) as part of the Drop Down Day. We will visit the UCAS fair and students will open UCAS accounts in June. For those students who do not want to go into Higher Education, there was a well-attended trip to the National Apprenticeship Fair at the King Power Stadium in Leicester on 9th March.

Extra-curricular activities

The opportunities for extra-curricular participation continue to grow in Manor College. Year 12 students are currently applying for work experience placements and some are volunteering around school. Over 30 students are signed up for the Hagg Farm outdoor pursuits weekend on 20th April. Y12 students are participating in a questionnaire about the development of the ICT facilities in the base and Manor College students all have free membership of the MSRC, including free use of the gym.