Manor High School
Excellence - Inspiration - Resilience - Respect

Manor High School Newsletter

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October 2019

Manor High School Sports Centre and Facilities Fund

Manor High School has enviable outdoor sports facilities. They are vast, green and beautifully located. Our sporting ambitions mean that we require a Sports Hall, fit for 21st Century learning. Whilst we have been able to evolve our site to meet the aspirations and needs of our learners, our current gym was built in 1968 and is too small.

Our vision is to create a sporting facility that will benefit the school and community. As well as state of the art multi-court facilities, our proposal includes a fitness suite, dance hall and additional classrooms/meeting rooms. Examples of similar designs can be seen attached. The Sports Centre will be accommodated comfortably within our existing land without compromising our outdoor provision or our neighbours. The additional inside facilities will enhance the extensive outdoor space available to our students and community users.

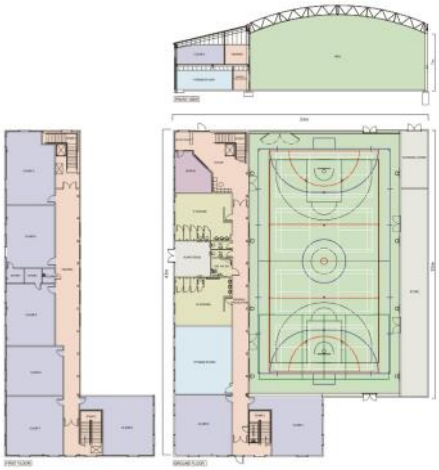
The Sports Centre will be available to host a number of local sporting groups and clubs who hold regular weekly sessions, and will also available for one off hire.

Funding for such projects is not readily available from the Department of Education or local authority, so instead, we will harness the energy and goodwill of our community, parents, governors and alumni.

Our community will help us to realise the vision. Our parental body covers a wide range of professions with many contacts in finance, business and commerce. We ask for your support in raising the funds, your help and any useful contacts you may have.

If you have ideas or access to useful contacts or to funding streams, or if you would like to raise money directly, please use this link and contact us: fundraising@manorhigh.leics.sch.uk

Our students and community deserve the best. Our relentless pursuit of excellence means that as well as our recent outstanding GCSE success, we aspire to provide the best sporting facilities so that every learner thrives.



An example of a similar project at a school in Hertfordshire

An Exceptional Open Evening

Our choir at our Open Evening

On Thursday 19 September we invited our local families and community to attend our annual Open Evening.

It was a great event, with presentations from our senior leaders and students past and present. Our orchestra performed beautifully, captivating the audience with their harmonies.

Each department relished showing off their skills and expertise through exciting hands-on activities, challenges and tasks, including liquid nitrogen ice cream making which is always extremely popular!

Our student ambassadors were, as always, a true credit to the school. Whether they were helping in the departments, taking families on orientation tours or running charity stalls. All took great pride in showing off their school to our guests.

As well as information from our curriculum leaders on the subjects offered at Manor High, there was information available about our bus routes and the admissions process.

It was a very busy evening with a lovely atmosphere, and the opportunity for those attending to learn about and experience first-hand the Magic of Manor.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

We have been asked repeatedly over recent weeks about applications to Year 7 in 2020 at Manor High, and are happy to clarity the process:

- Applications should be made through your local authority.
- County residents have three choices of secondary school and city residents have four.
- All choices should be used to indicate your preferred schools; it is wise to use all of them so that the choice is not made on your behalf.
- If you wish to apply for more than one Oadby secondary school, you can.
- Your preferences for school will be considered when places are allocated.
- There are no restrictions in regards to the schools you wish to apply for.
- The deadline for applications is Thursday 31st October 2019.

It is essential that you apply for your place by the deadline of 31st October. Late applications receive the lowest priority. Please ensure that you do not miss out.

If you have any queries or have heard differently, please contact us or contact County admissions for further clarification.

We are really looking forward to working with new families and taking new pupils through the Manor High Way on their five-year journey with us.

COUNTY APPLICANTS APPLY HERE:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place

CITY APPLICANTS APPLY HERE:

www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/

LSL Post-16 Careers and Education Event

In early October, Manor High hosted an informative event around post-16 pathways organised by Learning South Leicestershire (LSL).

A wide range of local post-16 providers, apprenticeships and sixth form colleges, both state and independent, from around the county and city were in attendance to raise awareness of the great choices on offer in this area.

The event was popular, highly informative and well-attended by students and their families from both Manor High School and across the 16 schools within the Learning South Leicestershire group.

This important phase of education is a mixed market and we are delighted that having achieved such high GCSE grades this year, our pupils gained places in their sixth form of choice.

The feedback was extremely positive and families went away with a strong sense of the routes available to them.

Thank you to all of the providers who attended the evening:

- University of Leicester
- De Montfort University
- Regent College
- Leicester Grammar Sixth Form
- Ratcliffe College
- Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College
- Gateway College
- Leicester College
- City of Leicester College
- South Leicestershire College
- Wigston College
- Beauchamp College
- Beauchamp City Sixth Form
- Robert Smyth Academy
- Cheryl McCarthy - Careers Adviser
- Royal Air Force

Excellence, Inspiration, Resilience and Respect

As reported in July, we have recently changed our core values to those above.

Our original values were agreed in 2012 by pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors who settled upon the four front -runners: Excellence, Inspiration, Care and Respect. These were well-chosen and ideal. They provided bespoke values for our ethos-driven school.

After seven years of rapid progress, we conducted the same exercise in 2019 and reached the following conclusion. Whilst care is at the heart of all that we do, our school has evolved from a 10-14 nurturing environment to an 11-16 setting in which pupils are prepared academically, but also in their confidence, eloquence, flexibility, competitiveness and ability to welcome and embrace change and challenges.

We live in an uncertain era of rapid economic, social, technological and political development. Students need to be fully equipped and ready for this world and the challenges ahead.

We were delighted to find that resilience emerged as the most popular choice among stakeholders for our new core value.

The school will maintain its caring nature through the vertical tutoring system, which supports teamwork across age groups. This will continue as a unique #MagicofManor feature. However, it is right that, through our highly-regarded and progressive pastoral work, our ambitious curriculum and enrichment programmes, we develop our students' resilience going forwards.

House News

Some of our student leaders

Bradgate

Bradgate have got off to a flying start this academic year! I am pleased to see all of the students returning after the summer with a very positive mind set.

Bradgate are currently at the top of the leader board for the House Cup and I hope this continues through the year.

As it is the start of a new academic year we have a new Student Leadership Team, our House Captains are Pearl Sahu and Muhammed Ahmed who are supported by their Deputy Captains Naila Girach and Netania Martinson. The team have a challenge on their hands to exceed the total Bradgate House raised for Rainbows last year, so I can't wait to see lots of fundraising events taking place.

May I take this opportunity to say I hope you all have a wonderful half term, I look forward to welcoming you all back fully refreshed ready for the run up to Christmas!
Miss V Booth

Clarendon

Clarendon have had a successful start to the new academic year.

As always, the Year 7s have settled in quickly and this continues to show that our students are welcoming and eager to support all.

The student leadership team, led by Ayushi Suchak and Aaisha Daya, are busy raising money for the charity Wishes4Kids. Read their article about the successful event in conjunction with Friends of Manor (right). In addition, both of them and the rest of the team have been holding bake sales, which remain as popular as ever.

This week the school has been celebrating achievement; Clarendon students have received over 70 certificates during Thursday's assembly, it is fabulous that so many students show they are embracing the Magic of Manor.

I wish you all a restful October break, and look forward to working with you all after the holiday.
Mrs S Wale

CAR BOOT SALE

On Saturday 21st September 2019 Manor High School and the Friends of Manor organised a car boot sale. This was a memorable day for us and the school considering it was our very first event to raise money for our charity Wishes4kids.

From the Clarendon side of the team we hosted a raffle, table top sale, guess how many sweets are in the jar and guess the name of the teddy. A lot of preparation and hard work went into all the stalls, a very well done and thank you for that!

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Manor for organising this special day and contributing towards it with the food stall and the face paint and many other activities that were there.

Another big thank you goes to all the car booters who came to support us and made this event a successful thing and by bringing their car along and contributing £5 towards the school.

Finally a big thank you to the visitors who stopped by and spared a few hours of their day to have some fun. The car boot sale was a very big hit from the live band, the ice cream van and the awesome sales. We hope the school can have many more special events such as these in the future!
Ayushi and Aaisha – Clarendon House Captains

Knighton

Our house captains are leading the house through example with, impeccable conduct and attendance. It's inspiring to see that they have taken to their roles with the natural flair of true leaders, as all of the leadership team are working well to ensure that our charity work with the British Heart Foundation is efficiently

organised. October is the month where we De-chox and we have been inundated with requests for sponsorship forms, as students and staff bravely give up chocolate for the month.

We're eager to continue supporting our community with events after the half term break. Our choir and band shall be part of the entertainment at the Oadby festive lights switch on 9th November and on the 18th November students and staff are invited to Westminster along with other local schools and businesses, as part of Zeph's Café's initiative to spread awareness of being a Dementia Friend and the huge impact this has in supporting those who are struggling.

Our next Community Cuppa is on October 25th from 10am to 12pm, please join us for some refreshments and a chat. However, please don't be expecting any chocolate just yet!
Mrs Ghani

We've started the year with a bang! We have made sure the Year 7's have been warmly welcomed and their transition to secondary school has been as easy as possible. Many of them have already been eager to participate in clubs and charity fundraisers. Our GCSE students have a tough year ahead so we wish them good luck!

There have been numerous bake sales for our charity, the British Heart Foundation, and other events. A lot of fundraising has been happening, many to do with our brand-new Year 7s. Everyone has been pitching in to raise money for charity.

On top of that, there has been the annual Knighton De-chox going on; many have participated. We have already raised lots and still have the rest of the month to go! We as house captains are finding the De-chox rather inspiring as it teaches us resilience, our new core value.

As individuals, being house captains has allowed us to move out of our comfort zone and become more confident, well rounded pupils. A lot of responsibility comes with the role, so it is our upmost aspiration to become role models for our peers to look up to. We have high hopes for the year ahead and it is our goal to lead our house to victory!
Safia-Noor and Ammarah, House Captains

Watermead

We have had a very positive start to this academic year and Watermead currently sit second on the House points table, which is very encouraging as we strive to win the House Cup again this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new student leadership for this year. Our House Captains are Megan Mehta and Laila Abdalla, supported by Yara Schalch and Aaisha Sheikh as Deputy House Captains. So far, I have been very impressed with them: their first bake sale raised £80 and they are currently working on new ideas to raise money for our charity, WaterAid. All of our forms in Watermead are taking part in House competitions which is wonderful to see.

Finally, I would like to reflect back to this time last year when Watermead were top of the leader board for the first time ever. Through the consistency of our students we retained that position until the end of the year, when Watermead was awarded the House Cup; an outstanding achievement! It will be even harder to retain the cup this year but through hard work and determination we can do it.

A big well done to all of the students in Watermead keep up the great work and stay focused.

Mr L King

Top Achievers

At Manor High, we celebrate the achievements of our students and this is done within our House system.

Students are awarded house points for good behaviour, exceptional work and representing the school.

House points can be viewed through School Gateway by parents.

Please see our top ten for this term. Well done all!

Name	Total
Isabella Martin K5	270
Delicia Yadav W1	268
Evie Breward W3	266
Nailah Boda B1 Max Lowe-Bennett K7 Alfie Barnes W6	264
Melinda Amankona K3	262
Veer Shoker B2	260
Ellie Trueman B3	259
Aedan Dauney-Duignan K2 Humairaa Patel K7	258
Amaan Sakur B4	257
Em Jack B3 Jawad Salman W4	254

English News

Our #GetCaughtReading winners

#GetCaughtReading

Congratulations to Mrs Moseley and William Moggeridge for winning Manor High's first ever #GetCaughtReading competition. William was caught reading deep under water and Mrs Moseley fought her way onto the Iron Throne. Both were given a £10 shopping voucher for their amazing pictures. Well done guys!

You can find all the pictures on the English department's twitter page @enmanor.

Thank you to everyone who entered we will be back for Christmas special…

'Read for Good' in Full Swing!

Manor High was incredibly fortunate to have an expert storyteller, Amanda Smith, come and visit the school on Friday 27th September to launch 'Read for Good', a national readathon which helps raise money for children hospitals across the UK.

Amanda delivered a personalised assembly to our Key Stage 3, sharing stories she would typically tell children suffering with a range of illnesses, who are hospitalised and struggling, to give our students an insight into how uplifting and powerful stories can be.

Amanda expressed how appreciative the 'Read for Good' team are with the efforts put in by students and how life-changing the money raised is in making a difference to these children.

Students were informed that the choice of literature was completely in their hands and they were welcome to read a range of texts, from classic novels to crisp packets, as long as they had an agreement with their sponsors as to how much they needed to read in the two

weeks given to raise as much money as possible.

'Read for Good' officially kicked off on Monday 30th September and will end Thursday 10th October, allowing students plenty of time to challenge and motivate themselves to get reading for good.

Whilst visiting Manor, Amanda also ran a workshop with a small group of students, sharing more stories and discussing what students could be reading in their attempt to raise money for 'Read of Good'. One student commented on how "entertaining and witty" the stories being shared were and said they were going to look into being sponsored for reading a 'Fortnite Manual'. It was a pleasure to see students being excited about reading and discussing ways to raise money for a worthy cause.

If you would like to sponsor a pupil you can do so at readforgood.org

You will not only be encouraging a love of reading but also raising money to provide books and storytellers for children in hospitals across the UK.

Meet our Literacy Ambassadors!

Our newly appointed Literacy Ambassadors had their first official meeting on Wednesday 25th September and have already volunteered to take on a variety of different roles to help enrich and promote high levels of literacy across the school.

We have a small team who have been appointed to help organise the Study Centre, creating a new system which will hopefully enable students to find books more efficiently.

Another group has been designated with the task of creating a range of activities to support the literacy sessions being delivered in tutor time, ensuring the activities created are not only challenging but engaging too.

Additionally, we have a group of students who have offered to run a Spelling Bee next half term and are already organising this in order to be ready to launch it with Year 7 the week commencing 4th November.

Alongside all these amazing initiatives, we also have: a small group leading 'Read for Good', who are already delivering assemblies and helping students with reading recommendations and sponsorship money; a group of students who are looking into creating writing frames to assist students across a range of subjects and as a team; we are also looking into how we can set up a 'book club' to share our passion of reading.

These inspiring, hard-working and creative students have hit the ground running, and I'm looking forward to see the product of their hard-work.

Drop Everything and Read!

Affectionately known as DEAR in school, this whole school literacy event happens every half term. At designated DEAR times, every subject area stops what they are doing and everyone in the class reads for 30 minutes. This could be an article, newspaper or a book of their choice.

The benefit in this initiative is that it promotes reading for pleasure as well as the importance of reading. It is a positive reading model as students and staff read together.

#Competition

Thank you to Jim and the marvellous people at Zeph's Café, Oadby, for creating an imaginative and exciting competition that was launched at our Open Evening.

You have heard of #MagicofManor and the #ManorHighWay, this competition gave students the opportunity to submit their own hashtag for Manor High.

We had a great response to the competition but the winning entry was finally decided on as #aspiringtobeaManorHighflyer, which was entered by Safia-Noor. Runners up Hardy and Riya also earned house points with their fantastic entries.

The winners of the have proudly received vouchers kindly donated by Zeph's Cafe in Oadby. Well done all and thank you to Jim for supporting us!

Praise Postcards

Our Science department ran a competition for students to design a praise postcard for the team to use.

Congratulations to Pearl, Ridah (pictured) and Safia Noor who won the competition with their fantastic designs.

The postcards will be used this year by the science staff for excellent science work and great effort in lessons.

MFL News

European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26th September the Modern Languages department invited the whole school to take part in a celebration of the European Day of Languages, which we participate in annually on this date.

A house competition was launched to find members of staff who could speak other languages and had experience of living or working abroad. Winners were as follows:

1st: W2 (500 house points)
2nd: C3 (300 house points)
3rd: K1 (100 house points)

In tutor time, students took part in a European Day of Languages quiz and at lunchtime our wonderful catering team treated students to a delicious, French and Spanish inspired menu; students were able to choose from gratin dauphinois, vegetable paella and nachos.

All students who ordered their main meal in the correct language received a free Magdalena (Spanish cupcake) from the Modern Languages department.

This day is the perfect way to celebrate languages and increase our understanding of the rich cultural heritage of our continent.

MFL Language Leaders Selected

The MFL Department is pleased to announce the selection of 15 Language Leaders, all of whom are in Year 8.

Applications were invited from any pupil in Year 8 who felt that they had an enthusiasm and passion for the promotion and development of languages within school.

Pupils had to describe themselves in six adjectives, using either French or Spanish, then write a short text in English, explaining what they would bring to the role.

The names of pupils selected were revealed on September 26th, which is the European Day of Languages.

Our French Language Leaders immediately got to work in planning and delivering lessons, which they will be teaching to pupils in Year 6 at one of our linked primary schools after the half term break.

Well done to all the leaders, and good luck with the events with which you will be helping!

French Leaders:

- Kareem Patel
- Josh Pegg
- Martha Hulme
- Zayna Tutla
- Ravi Singh
- Mariyah Iqbal
- Raeesah Osman

Spanish Leaders:

- Saamiya Sacranie
- Mariyah Patel
- Megan Jones
- Sia Makwana
- Nidaa Ahmed
- Ehrum Karim
- Faatima Suria
- Adrian Kotiela

MFL Trips

As you may know, we have two overseas trips planed in the coming years. Updates can be found below.

OUTLOOK EXPEDITION TO GREECE

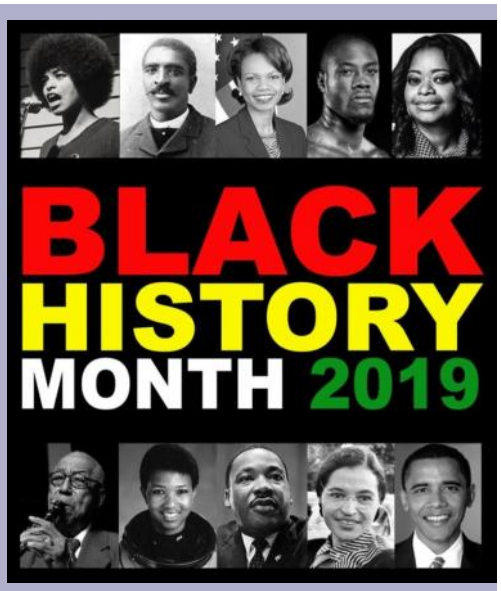
Great news! We have reached the minimum number of students needed in order for the trip to go ahead so Manor High School will be taking part in an amazing turtle rescue project in 2021. Look out for fundraiser events that will be organised by our students!

FRANCE TRIP 2020

The trip to the Opal coast in northern France allows students to sample the culture first-hand and have numerous opportunities to improve their language skills. Excursions will include learning how to make croissants and visiting a snail farm.

Spaces have been filling up very quickly and the list of students who have been successful in securing a place on the trip will be announced after half term.

Black History Month



October is Black History Month in the UK and it's been celebrated nationwide every year for nearly 40 years.

It was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to this country over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just Afro-Caribbean black people but all black people in general.

To celebrate Black History month, our humanities department have created a competition with house points up for grabs. Students have been asked to design an image or piece of art on Black History to celebrate the contribution black people have made to society over the years. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 30th October. All entries to Miss Chudasama in Room 7.

Amy's Shine Night Walk

Amy Smith in K1 is walking the Shine Night Walk in the fight to beat cancer. She is walking in memory of her Nana, in aid of Cancer Research UK.

This 10km night walk goes all around Leicester and participants light up the streets, celebrate, feel proud and raise money for life-saving research.

Each year Cancer Research UK's scientists get closer to beating cancer, and they've helped double survival rates in the last 40 years. But we can't stop there.

Only with continued support can they turn this research into breakthroughs that save millions of lives. If you would like to sponsor Amy, a link is below. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's ground-breaking work.

fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/amys-giving-page-2339

Proud Parents

Are you a proud parent? If your child has done something outside of school that you would like to shout about, please email Alison with the details: adawes@manorhigh.leics.sch.uk

Ciaran's Summer Concert

In July, Ciaran joined talented youngsters from all over the UK in heading to Repton School in Derbyshire for this year's National Children's Brass Band course, a five-day residential summer camp for members of the National Children's Brass Band of Great Britain.

The children spent the first four days rehearsing their music as well as participating in activities designed to promote team building, health and exercise. During the week they received expert tuition from professional musicians as well as the opportunity to meet and rehearse with some of the best brass players in the world.

It was a tremendous honour for Ciaran to participate in the week, which he had to audition for, beating off fierce competition to be one of only 60 students selected nationally. During the week, additional auditions were held to determine seating places within the orchestra.

The week culminated in a wonderful concert on the final day which was thoroughly enjoyed by participants and audience alike. Ciaran will be joining the group again in summer 2020.

Ciaran is an accomplished cornet player who regularly performs with the NCBB as well as here at Manor High where last year he led the Remembrance Day assemblies, playing a moving rendition of *The Last Post*.

The Urban Equestrian Academy

The Urban Equestrian Academy is a social enterprise, based in Leicester, which aims to connect inner city communities to the world of equestrianism to enrich the lives of children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience interactions with horses. On Tuesday 10th September, the Academy took a number of their students to a day organised by Olympia Horse Show and the Tim Stockdale Foundation. This 'Olympia Riding Academy' aimed to introduce the children to the range of career prospects within the equestrian industry. One of those attending, Eesa, is a Manor High student.

The day was hosted at the yard of the late Tim Stockdale, a champion showjumper who sadly passed away at 54, soon after being diagnosed with cancer. During the day, the children were given the opportunity to meet professionals who work within the sector and receive advice and inspiration on their future careers. They also had a lesson with Tim Stockdale's son, Joe Stockdale, and were further treated to a live demo of him displaying his amazing show jumping skills. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day which we hope has inspired future generations of equestrians.

Friends of Manor High News

Our new canopy

Friends of Manor High (FOMH), the school's Parent Teacher Association, had a busy start to the academic year.

SAMOSAS AND REFRESHMENTS

We were again in attendance with our fund raising samosa and refreshment sales at the whole school Tutor Evening and Open Evening, both held in September. All this, while also planning our second big event, a Car Boot Sale and Autumn Fair, with the support of Clarendon House, on Saturday 21st September.

CAR BOOT SALE AND AUTUMN FAIR

The sun shone, the band played, and 15 car booters came to sell their goods, together with additional stalls, refreshments and games, organised by FOMH and Clarendon House, all taking place on the school front car park. The party atmosphere ensured everyone had a fantastic time. Overall, FOMH managed to raise £437.82 from the day!

We would like to thank the following local businesses, all of whom donated prizes for the various stalls: Asda, Waitrose, Lloyds Pharmacy, Co-op, Wilko, Polly's Boutique.

All our fund raising goes directly to improving school facilities, and ultimately the lives of all students.

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event – to Clarendon students, Mrs Wale and Mr Clarke for their help in planning and promoting the event, to all our volunteers who helped on the day, and to staff, parents and friends who supported us by having a stall. The band in particular deserve a special mention – everyone agreed they were AWESOME!!

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved with FOMH, we would love you to join us - please get in touch through school. Our A.G.M. will be held in November 2019 at school (date to be confirmed), when we will elect the committee for the forthcoming year, and plan our future events. This meeting is open to all - please come along and have your say!

If meetings are not your thing, there are lots of other ways to help and get involved. We have a Whatsapp group where we share FOMH news and chat about forthcoming events; any new members are very welcome to join us.

Please contact FOMH Treasurer, Pip on 07402 626570 for more information, or come and see us at our refreshments stall on Parents' evenings.

Thank you for your support.

Canopy donation

FOMH are very visible at all our school events, raising funds for the school and our students. They have recently donated a massive £2,000 towards furniture in our newly acquired canopy.

A number of recycled plastic picnic tables have been purchased, offering students additional space to be able to eat lunch, relax and socialise.

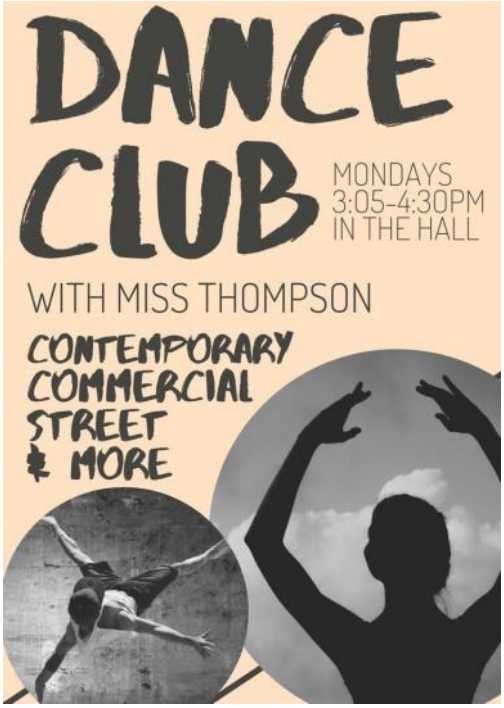
The school, staff and students would like to thank them for all their hard work which directly benefits our students.

PE News

NETBALL

This year's involvement in netball has had a tremendous start. There are currently three extra-curricular clubs that run, all of which have had a really enthusiastic turn out.

There is one lunch time and one after school session for KS3 netball teams to attend, both of which have been really successful in allowing teams to practice and improve certain aspects of play for upcoming fixtures. This has seen teams make incredible improvements and really helped individuals work on both independent and team goals to allow us to be ready for league matches playing local schools.



A participation club has also begun, on Wednesdays after school, where all KS3 pupils can come down and enjoy some fun games and allow them to continue to participate in the sport. This club has been particularly successful, seeing up to 36 girls attending, including team and non-team players.

It has been great to see lots of pupils increasing their involvement in netball and we hope to see this club continue its success.

FOOTBALL:

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 boys football teams have started their league matches playing local schools. Over 110 boys came to trials which is a massive turn out!

We also had a great turnout at the Year 7 and 8 Girls Football tonight with over 30 students attending.

All teams are through to the second round of the national cup and await their next games. The Year 9 team have just made it through to round four which is a great achievement.

We are also running a participation football club for all students to attend which has been very popular with students of all ages.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB:

Table tennis club is up and running again at lunch times, the teams haven't been picked yet so it's not too late to come and try! Competitions in November.

You can now follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook