



2018-2019 | Summer Term

Manor High School Newsletter

July 2019

Fond Farewell to our Year 11 Students

After six magical years together, and lots of hard work, our Year 11 finished their journey at Manor High in style with a sensational prom, followed the next day by a formal leavers' assembly.

Most of this year group joined us in Year 6 in the days when all students had no choice but to leave at the end of Year 9. This particular year group had the option to remain and they took the opportunity to do so. They believed in us just as we believed in them. Together, we never looked back. No regrets!

WORKING HARD TOGETHER

The students benefited not just from the small class sizes in Years 10 and 11 but more importantly, from the close relationship we forged with each individual student and his or her family. It felt unique and special.

They started their GCSEs with us in Year 9 which helped to spread the load of the new GCSEs and the significant increase in workload and knowledge required. This in turn, helped to reduce stress and support wellbeing. We undertook several rounds

of assessments with the intention that by the time we got to the real examinations, their stress levels would be low and they would be used to the exam conditions and environment. On each day of the exams, several teachers spoke to them on their way to the hall and offered words of encouragement. By the last week, the students were all smiling and relaxed.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER AT THE PROM

The final exams were for Further Maths and Statistics which came just two days before the Year 11 Prom. There was a real sense of excitement as the big day arrived. We were determined that having worked



so hard together, we would celebrate with equal commitment. The Prom Committee worked hard for a year in the build-up to the event. Each week, they raised money through cake and samosa sales and all of this helped to reduce the cost of tickets for everyone. The venue was decorated to look beautiful. Guests were stunned on arrival by the glitz, glamour and sparkle! Miss Dawes deserves special thanks for ensuring that the venue was given the kind of makeover that the students so richly deserved.

The first arrivals at the Prom appeared around the corner, near the Curve Theatre, and what an entrance it was!



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From their school uniforms just a few days before in their exams, it became clear that our Manor High Year 11s had matured into young adults, almost overnight. They dazzled and impressed with a collective wardrobe that would make royals and celebrities blush! This was followed by the roar of a top spec Porsche roaring around the corner, a Ferrari and three Rolls Royce's. Over the next 30 minutes, a range of cars that even Premiership footballers would think twice before buying, made their red-carpet drop-offs at the venue. A professional photographer was on hand to take beautiful portraits of individuals and groups for each to purchase after the event. Then, there was a banquet on a scale that few had imagined possible. Suffice it to say that there was plenty to go around and every preference of diet was catered for. An alcohol-free prosecco was provided to everyone on arrival.

After lots of fun, laughs, tears and dancing, ably supported by our ace DJ, we began the Prom awards:

- Prom King: Muhammed Patel
- Prom Queen: Tamika Mudimu
- Prom Prince: Adam Choudry



- Prom Princess: Tiana Patino-Pocuca

Mostly like to:

- Appear on reality TV: Lily-Mae Farrow
- Win the lottery and lose the ticket: Mohamed Sakur
- Work at Manor High School: Will Lord
- (Continue to) be a comedy genius: Finn Hamill
- Backpack round the world: Jai Chhagan
- Be Prime Minister: Paige Uppal



The public who passed the venue, on their way to the theatre, congratulated everyone on their impeccable behaviour and their unbounded joy. The hosts, DJ, photographer and caterers also thanked the school and paid tribute to the marvellous way in which the youngsters celebrated.

At 11.30pm, the final songs were played and the farewells began. Carriages awaited.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY:

On the following day, the students reassembled for a formal farewell from the school. After so many years together, it was a chance to exchange gifts and



cards and to remember not just the night before at the Prom but the whole magical six-year journey at Manor High.

House Managers paid tribute to all the students and they picked out individuals who had shone in various ways. The assembly ended with a video which covered the Prom from the night before and photos and footage from the students' time and experiences at Manor High.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Our professional photographer has a dedicated page for the Prom photos. You can order copies online from here. Please go to:

www.facebook.com/Manor-High-School-Year-11-Prom-356109401774751/





House News



Bradgate



Wow, what a year we have had! Bradgate house have been working very hard in all aspects of school life. We have achieved so much and have absolutely smashed our previous total amount of money raised for charity.

All students have been accumulating house points by receiving achievement points for hard work or entering house competitions. Special congratulations to Nidaa Ahmed who has amassed the highest number of conduct points in the whole school!

The fight for 'top spot' has been really close but unfortunately, we have just missed out. However, we will come back next year with this in mind and work even harder to become Cup winners again.

Our student leaders have been amazing; the House Captains have organised and led the team to success. They have organised and ran a variety of charity events, making sure that every form group pulled their weight! I really can't thank them enough for all their hard work.

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely summer break, stay safe and I very much look forward to welcoming you back in August.

Miss Booth

Looking back over this year, our fundraising has gone better than we could have imagined. We have broken the previous record for our charity total by

raising well over a £1,000, which we think is incredible! One of our favourite ideas from this year were all the hampers we put together; with help from all the forms. We raised an amazing amount from this alone.

Now we are at the end of the year we would like to say a big thank you to Miss Booth and everyone else for this amazing opportunity and for helping us throughout the year.

Shailee Yadav & Pameet Plaha – House Captains

Clarendon



Hello and welcome to the last Clarendon news article of this academic year.

Firstly, we would like to say thanks to all eight forms for helping raise an astounding amount of money for Wishes4Kids this year. Along with the student leadership team, as a house we have raised over £2,000 (a new record!) for our house charity which will go and help a great cause which is very special to us. This has been raised throughout the year in many ways from nacho and pizza



sales to the raffling off of hampers, sponsored silences and most recently a 5k-run completed by members of C4. Each form has contributed differently with C4 having raised the most money with £558 and winning themselves masses of Maltesers.

Throughout our time as house captains we've had many ups and downs from the huge success of our fundraising, and open evening speeches to the lesser success of our place in the house leader board. However, overall, we've had a great year and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Being house captains has allowed us to improve ourselves as well as the house, strengthening our leadership, organisation and time-management skills. We're very proud to have had the opportunity to represent our house this year and wish Clarendon and the new house captains all the best for next year!

Eisha Sodha and Devan Uppal – House Captains

I would like to add a heartfelt thank you to the student leadership team. They have been an enormous asset to Clarendon this academic year and shown the true spirit of Manor High. This year, with their help, we have smashed our target of £1,000 for charity, the house have exceeded all expectations and I look forward to the continuing competitive spirit next year.

Finally, I wish each and every one of you a safe and happy summer holiday and I am looking forward to your return in the autumn term ready to face new challenges for the next academic year.

Mrs S Wale

Knighton



This year we have managed to raise over £2,425 for the BHF! This is more than the current record amount which was £2,230. We have done this through a series of events such as the DeChox in October, which raised £900.90 and made up a majority of our fundraising total and the Easter Raffle, which was held by the Knighton Student Leadership Team and raised over £300. Finally, a series of smaller events such as pizza sales, bake sales and a tombola run by Riya in Year 7 have continued to increase the grand total. Also, the Knighton forms have greatly contributed to this total by raising money through selling candyfloss (K6) and biscuits/cakes (K4 and K7) to name a few.

In the push for house points this term, Knighton have been on a competition frenzy. We have organised and taken part in ones like the MFL competition run by the deputy house captains (Shivam and Ria); the Mental Health Art competition run by two of our Student Leaders (Aleena and Safia-Noor) and also a Movie Competition run by some fantastic Year 7s: Cayman, Ridah and Azra. We have also mastered the basics such as obtaining many achievement points whilst maintaining the lowest amount of behaviour points out of the four houses throughout the year.

We have both learnt key life skills during our time as House Captains. These include leadership, co-operation and persistence, which make up the foundations of a strong team but also skills like patience and time-management, which made our job a lot easier as we were able to function smoothly as a unit when these skills were employed. We have also improved our public speaking through events such as Open Evenings but also the near week-to-week talking in assembly.

In particular we would like to thank our House Manager, Mrs Ghani, who has enabled us to plan and execute these events. She has also given us the support we needed to settle into our roles and pushed us to where we needed to be.

Also, we would like to thank our Student Leadership Team who have closely worked with us to do these amazing things.

Finally, we would like to thank anyone who has helped the Knighton cause to uphold the Manor High core values and help other people.

Daniel Karim & Sadia Jussab– House Captains

What a fantastic year it has been in Knighton House, filled with experiences that have enabled you to grow in character and skills. From mental health and wellbeing, community awareness and academic excellence, I am proud of the achievements of each and every one of you.

Knighton House has maintained the lowest amount of behaviour points whilst our fundraising has sky rocketed, breaking all of our house records to an outstanding £2425.00 for the British Heart Foundation, thank you to all of you for showing care and awareness to help those with cardiovascular diseases.

Our House Captains, Sadia and Daniel, have been a phenomenal support to me, a dynamic duo who have stepped up to every challenge brought to them. Ria and Shivam, our deputies, have been unstoppable when it has come to fundraising. Again, I am blown away by their organisation of events.

Our student leaders have made a great team effort to support the rest of the student leadership team, thank you also to Sania, Evie, Safia-Noor and Aleena.

Our recent new starter Riya Choudhury has added to the fundraising success too, holding near weekly tombolas after school and raising over £130 within a short period. She has contributed considerably to K6's end of year pizza reward, for the form to have raised the most money in the house.

So whilst we cannot hold the house cup this year, be proud of your contribution to not only Knighton house but also to the whole school. The enormous pile of end of year reward certificates for Knighton House, clearly tells us that there lies much success in the things you do and get right everyday. Well done!

Have a brilliant summer, you deserve every lie in, treat and adventure!

See you all in August!

Mrs Ghani

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 year. Well done all!

Name	Total
Nidaa Ahmed B8	1546
Maxime Panne W2	1540
Samuel Schalch W2	1519
Alexander Magill K3	1420
Bhagiot Nahal K7 Aaishah Sheikh W3	1385
Mohammad Hanif C5	1384
Zayna Tutla B8	1380
Abdullah Marfani W7	1374
Martha Hulme C7	1367
Betty Fagbolade K4 Cayman Spain K2	1363

Charity Totals

Bradgate	£1,538.59
Clarendon	£2,304.73
Knighton	£2,424.78
Watermead	£569.65



House Cup Winners: Watermead

Final Results:

- 1st. Watermead (240,447)
- 2nd. Bradgate (239,524)
- 3rd. Knighton (239,116)
- 4th. Clarendon (235,120)



As you will know by now this has been our most successful year winning the House Cup for the first time, an absolutely fabulous and amazing achievement.

I attribute this accomplishment to the hard work, focus and dedication of the students in Watermead and all of the tutors in our house whom have really got behind me and raised the expectations and standards of our students, pushing us over the line to success. For that I am thankful to you all.

Throughout the year we have done all of the usual fundraising and charity events, but to a higher level of dedication. This may not be reflected in the amount of funds raised (£569) even though it was clearly evident in the amount of work and effort our students were putting in for our charity of choice WaterAid.

Our determination as a house drove us on to win sports day amassing an incredible 6400pts.

Now that we have arrived at the summer holidays, this is the perfect time to take

stock and reflect on the last year as House Manager for Watermead. Last August we welcomed our new Year 7 students into our house they brought with them an enthusiastic and energetic thirst for everything that is Manor High School. The settling in period passed so quickly it felt like I was looking into faces I had known for a lot longer than a couple of weeks.

I think this is down to our vertical tutoring and the excellent staff in our school. At this time my message in a lot of assemblies was about getting the basics right and consistency. This theme stayed with Watermead throughout the year.

We also had our first Year 11 students in the 50-year history of our school making this past year epic on so many levels.

This is not forgetting our Year 8s 9s and 10s, who are the back bone of our house. Those middle year students are where I see so much change and character development in Watermead. Some take the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and qualities, which is the perfect time to talk about my house

captains, Natalia Spodenko, Megan Falconer, Anmol Raj and Amreet Rana. All of them have been excellent and each of them has excelled my expectations and managed to in print their personalities on the role of student leader.



I will finish this brief reflection by looking forward to next year and not resting on our laurels, so that we can push on and have an equal successful in 2019/2020.

Wishing you all a happy and restful summer.

Mr King, House Manager



Students Think Litter

Manor High School students are well known for their social conscience and involvement in the community. As such, the school was approached by members of the Pride of the Borough 'Think Litter' group for our students' input into ways to educate young people about preventing and dealing with littering in our area and the wider community.

On Wednesday 8th May, a group of Year 8 students met with Mrs Jean South and Mrs Susan Poole from the Think Litter campaign to brainstorm ideas. These students are already passionate about the environment and had recently taken part in a litter pick along Harborough Road. Together they looked at how to



educate fellow students, primary pupils and the wider community about the damage that littering does and how to motivate young people to participate in anti-littering campaigns. Our students came up with lots of innovative and engaging ideas and were a credit to the school. Our visitors were very impressed by their mature approach and vision for their future world. We look forward to continuing working with the Think Litter group and hope to develop an anti-littering award scheme in the near future.

admin@manorhigh.leics.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Thank you from all in PE.



Sponsor Us!

Manor High School is looking for a sponsor for some new netball dresses.

As we're sure you know, funding for sports kit and facilities is extremely scarce in the current climate, which is why we need a helping hand.

If you are willing to sponsor our team, please get in touch by emailing

Uniform Swap and Share

We recently requested any spare uniform from parents whose children may have outgrown their current sizes. We have had a great response so have been able to stock up our spare kit and now have more than we need.

It was recently suggested by a parent that we offer the items as a swap and share—you bring what no longer fits and anyone can help themselves to the items that have been donated. We thought this was a great idea, not only to help parents but also from an environmental perspective.

So we would like to invite any parents interested, to come to school during the

holidays and we will happily let you have a look through to see if there are any items that suit. There is no charge for items but any donations are welcome.

The uniform store will be open from Wednesday 17th July each week day, between 9am-3pm. At the end of the holidays any remaining items will be donated to charity.

If you would like to have a look, please come to the main reception doors and ring the wall bell for attention.



Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

Orders are still being taken for our Class of 2019 hoodies as voted for by our students. The heavy-weight hoodies are £19.00 each and there are 26 colours to choose from. They feature an embroidered logo on the front and large printed design on the back. All hoodies can be personalised for just £3 extra.

It is really easy to order. Go online to: <http://wav.ee/manorhighhoodies19>.

Deadline for orders is Monday 29th July at 9.00am. Hoodies will be available to collect from school on GCSE results day.

Get your lasting memento of your time spent, and the friends made, at Manor High School.



GCSE Results Day: 22 August

We are eagerly awaiting our first set of GCSE results and looking forward to catching up with our Year 11 students on the day.

The school will be open between 10am and 12pm for our students to collect their results.

If you are unable to attend on the day, please contact our exams officer, Heather Hurst, to find out how you can receive your child's results:

exams@manorhigh.leics.sch.uk.

Induction Days

It was a real pleasure to welcome our new cohort into school over three days during the last week of term.

As we often say, settling into Manor High School really does take less time than at other schools. After just one day, our new intake of Year 7 pupils were immersing themselves in the #MagicofManor.

Helped by Student Ambassadors and by older pupils and our staff, they found their feet quickly. When asked in their assembly if they had enjoyed the day, met new people and made new friends, every hand went up. Beaming smiles could be seen all around the hall.

On day two of the rapid integration of the new members of the Manor High community, our students were receiving help, guidance and support, as well as the beginnings of the stretch and challenge in lessons for which our school is known.

And it was not just the children that were happy. We had lots of happy parents who left amazing comments on Facebook:

"My son loved his first day at Manor High and could not stop talking about it. He said he felt like he was always going to the school."



"My son really enjoyed his first day and had lots of fun meeting new people and making friends. He had a "magical" time!"

"My daughter had the best day thank you everyone at Manor for making her feel so welcome and part of your fantastic school already."

"My son had a fantastic first day... he honestly can't wait to start. Having a daughter who has just completed her GCSE's at Manor, I know my son will have the best five years of his secondary schooling."

"New parents you've made a brilliant choice in choosing Manor High... they've been amazing with both my daughters and my eldest had brilliant support and guidance when needed while sitting her

GCSE's recently. So glad i chose Manor High for my daughters."

This has been a great start to their five-year journey at Manor High School. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the autumn.



Sports Day

The activities were organised, the staff were briefed, gazebo's were up and the day had arrived... Manor High School Sports Day was here!

By agreement with the Met Office, there was sun and cloud but strictly no rain. Perfect conditions to smash a few records and have lots of fun on day three of our induction!

The students signed up to their preferred activity or sport, which included quad kids, netball, capture the flag, table tennis, basketball and rounders.

Our new, 2019 Year 7s were looking very settled into their lives at Manor High and were contributing to their new house as everyone could earn house points through their successes on the field or court.

House Managers were encouraging their students to do the best they could, as they were all acutely aware the points won on Sports Day could sway who took home the House Cup.

As always, the atmosphere was full of fun, encouragement and healthy competition.

It is all smiles, skills, speed and strength at the Manor High School 2019 Sports Day!



MFL News

Barcelona Trip

On Monday 10th June, 40 students from Manor High School travelled to Barcelona with the MFL department to soak up the language and culture of this beautiful city.

On arrival, students participated in a tapas cookery course and then sat down together to enjoy the meal that they had prepared. Students then travelled to Barcelona FC's Nou Camp football stadium to learn more about the sporting history of this great club through a visit to the museum and a tour of the world-famous stadium.

Our second day began with a visit to a Spanish secondary school where students attended lessons and learned more about the life of a young person in Spain. Some of our students were even fortunate enough to meet the pen pals with whom



they have been corresponding during this academic year.

At Poble Espanyol, students learned more about the unique regional identities of Spain and were able to appreciate the different styles of architecture that have influenced Spain throughout the ages. There was also time to browse the artisan gift shops and pick up some souvenirs for friends and family.

The afternoon was spent enjoying a guided tour of Barcelona's Olympic stadium that hosted the 1992 Olympics, followed by a visit to the interactive museum. Despite torrential rain, the day would not have been complete without photo opportunities in front of Gaudí's iconic Sagrada Familia cathedral and a visit to his famous park, Parc Güell.



On our final day the sun finally shone for Manor students, who were treated to a day at Lloret de Mar's WaterWorld aqua park.

The Modern Languages department would like to thank all students who participated in the trip who were fantastic ambassadors for the school and received compliments wherever we went on their exemplary behaviour.





Language Plays

In May, Year 9 and 10 students attended French and Spanish theatre productions performed by native speaking actors to add authenticity.

French students watched *La Salle des Énigmes* and Spanish students watched a performance of *El Viejo Saloon*. Both plays by Onatti Productions, gave students the opportunity to see their chosen language being used in a real-life context, and there was even some audience participation by a number of students from Manor High School!

The Modern Languages Department was also delighted to be able to welcome 50 students from Leicester Grammar School to join us for the Spanish production.



Baking for Bastille Day

On Wednesday 26th June, 14 Year 5 pupils from Brookside Primary School visited the MFL and Food Tech departments at Manor High to do some 'Baking for Bastille Day'.

July 14th is a national holiday in France, and celebrates the start of the French Revolution (1789) and the birth of the modern French nation. There were many starving peasants in 1789 who did not have enough money even to bake bread, therefore we have commemorated this by asking the Brookside pupils to bake their own bread!

The primary children were assisted by Manor High pupils who study French in



Year 8. The recipe they were given, in French, of course, required the children to create breadsticks in the colours of the Tricolore (bleu, blanc, rouge), then shape these into either the shape of the French flag (drapeau) or a firework (feu d'artifice), as the events in Paris culminate with an enormous firework display over the Champs Elysées, lighting the sky for miles around.

The Brookside pupils took their bread home to share with their families – bon appetit!



2020 FRANCE TRIP

In the first couple of weeks back after the summer, our new Year 8, 9 and 10 need to look out for the letter with details of our exciting trip to France in June 2020. (£100 deposit will be required).

EXPEDITION TO GREECE

Calling all explorers from next year's Year 8, 9 and 10: an exciting opportunity to discover the world awaits you in 2021. More information to follow when you come back after the summer!

GCSE Gujarati


We have been offering GCSE Gujarati for a number of years at Manor High School, with many students from all year groups achieving their GCSE following the tutoring from Mrs Sodha, a highly experienced and excellent teacher.

Throughout the academic year of 2019/2020, we will again be offering students the chance to study Gujarati with Mrs Sodha.

Students from all year groups are welcome. There is a small weekly charge for the course but prior experience is not necessary. Students of any year, who are at the required level, may be entered for

GCSE Gujarati in the June 2020 series. Any enquiries, please see Ms Hurst in the Admin Office.







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Science News



Go4SET Winners

On Thursday 27th July at Pride Park Arena in Derby students from Manor High School competed in the Go4SET event (supported by EDT).

This is a STEM event where the students showcased their 10-week STEM projects on designing eco-friendly structures for the future. The students also enjoyed the STEM activities of The Big Bang Fair which was part of the event; there was so much to see, even meerkats!

We had four teams entered against nearly 80 other teams from schools across the Midlands.

The judges were very impressed by our students projects; the way they were communicated and how our students spoke with knowledge and confidence.

The students that participated were Aleena, Megan, Pearl, Safia-Noor, Shailee, Sadia, Eisha, Hardy, Kushal, Fergus, Cole, Muhammad, Shailin, Jonathan and Daniel.

One of our teams won Best Team award and were presented with their trophy at the awards ceremony at the end of the day. This team was Sadia, Eisha and

Shailee for their 'Willow Brook Leisure Centre'.



Fire and Ice at Woodland Grange

Mr Faruk and Dr Kellett delivered an exciting and inspiring science assembly to Key Stage 2 pupils at Woodland Grange Primary School.

Dr Kellett started with some liquid nitrogen demos - shrinking balloons, freezing flowers, smashing bananas, creating frozen bubbles and making the pupils squeal with delight at the large clouds produced when liquid nitrogen is mixed with warm water.

Mr Faruk ended the science assembly with a bang, exploding methane balloons! All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the assembly and the staff are keen to have a repeat next year.



Year 10 Space Careers Seminar

Manor High students enjoyed a visit to a career seminar at the National Space Centre in June.

Run by the National Space Academy, our students learnt about the space sector and the diversity of careers available.

They heard from scientists, academics and engineers who have taken different career paths to their roles within the space sector. They also took part in many hands-on activities and thoroughly enjoyed the robot programming challenge.

ESA Outreach

Daniel Robson, an outreach ambassador from the European Space Agency visited Manor High School on Monday 1st July to deliver an inspiring talk on Space and his experience of being part of the simulation programme in Utah for the Mars Mission Launch.





Our Year 10 Combined and Triple Science students, along with a few Year 9 students who are thinking of studying GCSE astronomy next year, listened to the talk attentively and had many questions for our speaker.



Salters Chemistry Festival

On Thursday 6th June, students attended this exciting one-day event at Leicester University, which provides the opportunity for enthusiastic young students to spend a day in a university department and to take part in practical chemistry activities which are fun!

Our Year 9 girls enjoyed the extended laboratory experience, where they carried out investigations "like a real chemist". The day encourages team working and independent problem-solving skills, as they meet and interact with fellow students from other schools. As always, Manor High students worked well together and came home winners of the University Challenge competition.

School Physicist of the Year

Bilal (right) in Year 10 was nominated by his teachers for the Student Physicist of the Year (SPOTY) Award. It was a celebratory event for students and parents and a chance to meet with other

Young Physicist Nominees and meet representatives of different institutes such as Ogden Trust, Institute of Physics and Nottingham University.

The event was held at Nottingham University where a proud Mr and Mrs Osman, along with Bilal's siblings, attended the event. Bilal is looking forward to the opportunities that this award brings in the future.



Summer Science Exhibition

On 2nd July some of our Year 9 students were treated to a visit to The Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition.

This week-long festival celebrates the cutting edge of UK science, with a packed programme of thought-provoking talks, jaw-dropping demonstrations and entertaining performances alongside 22 exhibits of hands-on science and technology.

Our students were encouraged to explore the science shaping our future with the



people making it happen.

As always, our students behaved impeccably and came away inspired by their experience.



Super Physics!

We entered two teams in the annual Inter Schools Physics competition aimed at gifted and talented Physics students in Year 9. The event was organised by the Institute of Physics and was held at Uppingham College.

The challenge on the day was for each member of the team to take part in six short experiments. They fed back to the team about what they observed and information they gathered. This was then used to complete a poster/presentation challenge that was judged by industry experts and physicists.



Team 1 was Shailee, Rosie, Eisha and Sadia, while Team 2 members were Daniel, Muhammed, Cole and Fergus.

Both teams performed brilliantly, there were 24 teams at the competition from different schools, from both the city and county, as well as a number of private schools.

Team 1 came in sixth place whilst our Team 2 finished second missing out on the top spot by just one point.

We are incredibly proud of our physicists and hope this will inspire next years Year 9 cohort to enter the competition.

English News

Manor High Book Week

To encourage a love of reading in our students, the English department organised Manor High's first Book Week from 24-28 June.

NEW TITLES FOR THE STUDY CENTRE

The weeks events kicked off with book talks from Creative Learning Services (CLS) who presented over forty new titles to Year 7 and Year 8 students, all available to borrow from the Study Centre in September. There is something for everyone in the new collection. You might want to start with *Railhead* by Philip Reeve – a thrilling ride in a richly imagined universe of humans, androids, sentient interstellar trains and mutant insects!

AUTHOR VISIT - GARY TOWARD

On Wednesday we were privileged to welcome Gary, a local author who delighted our students by sharing his collection of WWI weapons and explaining how one's passion for history can lead to



powerful writing. They gained a much greater understanding of the way a book is created and developed. Students also learned a little more about the history of WWI, which will certainly help them with their English and History lessons in the future. The Year 8 boys who took part in Gary's poetry workshop described their experience as 'inspirational' and 'fun', with one student commenting: "It gave us the confidence to write poetry".



"YOU CAN BE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE!"

This was the message from Holly Smale, who came in on Thursday to inspire our Year 8 and 9 girls, as well as Year 5 girls from Overdale, Brookside and Woodland Grange Primary Schools: dream big, have confidence in yourself and let your inner geek out! Holly is the author of the bestselling *Geek Girl* series. She shared an insight into her life and work, and even planned a book together with our budding female writers.

Sara (Year 9) said: "I felt that she clearly explained everything and showed how easy and interesting creative writing can be. She showed the structure and different points of a story, which is really beneficial. Also, I loved how she shared

her personal experience and made the session relatable for girls."

Christine (Year 9) agrees: "Spending time listening to her made me realise you can do anything if you put your mind to it."



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

Finally, on Friday imaginations were ignited in Creative Writing and Reader Development workshops by CLS. All the books used in the workshops are available in our Study Centre. Get reading!

Judging a Book by its Cover!

Congratulation to the winners of last week's competition "Don't Judge a Book by its Cover", where students had to guess the title and author of the book from its cover! Congratulations go to:

First: W2 (400 house points)
Second: W3 (300 house points)
Third: C4 (200 house points)

Thank you to all the students who took part and KEEP READING!

Maths News



Maths Relay

On Wednesday 26th June, Miss Bryce and Miss Vaghela visited the new and very impressive Upper Key Stage Two building at Brookside Primary School, who are part of the OAK Multi Academy Trust, to run a Maths relay competition.

Our Year 9 Maths leaders were a credit to the school as they supported the Year 5 pupils to use their reasoning and problem-solving skills to answer a series of tasks.

It was a very successful and hard-fought competition and we look forward to returning to Brookside in the future!

KS4 Maths

Our first cohort of Year 11 pupils have now completed their GCSE examinations. In Maths, they worked exceptionally hard and joined us for extra preparation and revision at both the Easter school and half term revision sessions.

Congratulations also to the pupils who completed examinations to obtain GCSE qualifications in Statistics and Further Maths. Impressively, this means that some of our pupils will be leaving us with three Mathematics qualifications. Well done to everyone for a fantastic work ethic and attitude to their revision.

YEAR 10 PPES

Following in the footsteps of Year 11, our Year 10 pupils undertook a series of examinations in order to complete their end of year Maths PPEs. Revision was targeted and the exams were sat in early July. Results from these will provide crucial analysis and will be used to form the basis of the Summer Year 11 bridging tasks. These will be available for all pupils on Show My Homework at the end of the academic year.

UKMT Maths Challenge

Once again groups of pupils from Year 7 and 8 participated in the first round of the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Students competed by attempting problem-solving and logic-based problems as part of the UK's largest Maths competition.

Manor High pupils continued the history of success that the school has enjoyed, the results can be seen in the table (left).

Alex Magill in Year 8 was awarded the prestigious titles of Best In School and Best in Year. While Kareem Patel was the Best in Year accolade for Year 7.

KANGAROO ROUND

Huge congratulations to Kareem and Alex who qualified for the Junior Maths Challenge Kangaroo round. Both have completed the paper and we eagerly await the results.

Year 7	Certificate:		Year 8	Certificate:	
	Kareem Patel	Gold		Alex Magill	Gold
	James Askew	Gold		Taha Mamsa	Gold
	Mariyah Patel	Silver		Aleena Jussab	Gold
	Benjamin Braint	Silver		Aisha Osman	Gold
	Rebecca Betts	Silver		Shayan Patel	Silver
	Aryan Patel	Silver		Aaishah Sheikh	Silver
	Kush Morjaria	Silver		Muhammad Nana	Silver
	Ziyad Shafi	Silver		Sara Imran	Silver
	Isaac Baxter	Silver		Faizan Hassan	Silver
	Carter Ricketts	Silver		Davy Ward	Bronze
	Ciaran Reiff-Marganiec	Silver		Amaziah Marmon	Bronze
	Finn Griffin-Shaw	Silver		Sukhraj Flora	Bronze
	Sam Vale	Bronze		Ryan Sangha	Bronze
	Alastair Hume	Bronze		Isaac Manship	Bronze
	Oscar Wheatley	Bronze		Areeb Ah mad	Bronze
	Zaid Haris	Bronze		Megan Mehta	Bronze
	Phoebe Ellis	Bronze		Anay Morjaria	Bronze
	Thomas Braint	Bronze		Hamza Musani	Bronze
				Harris Khattak	Bronze

Health and Wellbeing Trip



“ On Tuesday 4th May we went to a Celebration of Health & Wellbeing event organised by Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership.

The day started with an inspirational keynote speech about mental health by Jackie Wilson, founder of Empower Education. She talked about ways to improve your mental health, the statistics of mental health in young people and also her personal experience with mental health.

After that we were directed to our first activity, yoga, which to be honest was so much better than I think most of us were expecting. It was very relaxing and all of us had respect for one another.

Next, we tackled social media. First, we were split up into groups and each group was given a task to complete; they were the perfect selfie, the perfect man, the perfect woman and how would you feel if you got little or lots of likes on an Instagram post. The instructor gave us about 10 minutes to complete what we were given. Then we discussed it as a group.

The activity we moved onto after that was the best by far. Bubble football. Most of the time when you were on the pitch it wasn't football, it was like WWIII - total chaos! On the last match Miss Booth decided to join in and managed to knock over a few students!

After lunch, which after the football, was

very peaceful, we came to our penultimate activity, martial arts. Let's just say some of the students have an extremely strong punch/kick, so much so that one student managed to injure their fingers by punching a pad!

Our final activity of the day was nutrition and healthy eating. We learnt about the 'Eat Well Guide' and why we need to eat a balanced diet. It was interesting to learn how much sugar is in a bottle of Coke!

Overall, this was a very interesting trip. The activity's were very good and entertaining, as well as teaching us about looking after ourselves and our mental health. ”

Pearl Sahu

Proud Parent: Will Harrison

Sarah Hall wrote to us earlier this term, "My son William Harrison is currently a member of the Leicester Riders Junior National Basketball League U14 Premier Team. He is on the club's pathway for

elite junior players and also part of Basketball England's Aspire programme at the regional level. He was recently awarded one of only two places at the Obra Doiro Basketball Club summer training camp in Spain from June 23 to June 29 under a partnership scheme between the two clubs."

This was an exceptional educational opportunity for Will so, of course the school supported his visit. We asked him all about it on his return, he said, "Each day from 10am to 7:30pm, we played basketball drills and games and then some days we went to the beach afterwards. It gave a good view on what basketball was like around the world especially in a country that is more widely known for the game." Well done Will!



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



Duke of Edinburgh's Award News



Bronze Final Expedition

On Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June, our Bronze DoFE group undertook their final expedition, walking in the Bradgate and Charnwood Forest area and camping in the picturesque Beaumanor Hall grounds.



District, in far sunnier conditions than their Bronze colleagues. Here's hoping that they packed their sun cream!

The assessment will again look at their map reading, navigation, camp craft and cooking skills. As it is a longer expedition, lasting for three days and two nights, the students will have to be even more prepared and organised to successfully complete the expedition.



eDofE accounts. Once the evidence has been checked and verified, students will be invited into school at the start of the new academic year to receive their awards. This is always a lovely, celebratory evening with students bursting with pride as they accept the prestigious award.

Silver Final Expedition

At the time of writing, 15 students are completing their final Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. They are walking in the beautiful Hope Valley area of the Peak



This is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the great outdoors and develop the skills which they have gained as part of the LORIC programme in their forms, namely: Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. We hope that the students involved will now be inspired to complete their Gold Award in the future.

The weather was less than kind to them as they set out on Friday but all showed great spirit and resilience and greatly enjoyed the experience.

The students were assessed on their map reading, navigation, cooking skills and camp craft. They all successfully passed the expedition section of the qualification.

Students now need to focus on ensuring that they have completed all other sections and uploading evidence to their

PE News



GCSE Residential

The Year 10 GCSE PE students went on their residential trip to the Acorns Adventure Centre in the Brecon Beacons during May. The centre provides bespoke outdoor activity trips, specially designed to help young people develop a good sense of adventure and discovery. This very much feeds into the Manor ethos of enrichment as a way of developing the student as a whole, not only academically, but as a rounded individual.



An action-packed four days saw them involved in rock climbing, canoeing, raft building and many other exciting activities. Our students threw themselves into the activities and were full of energy even in their down time, where many hours of volleyball were played. New challenges were taken on, fears overcome and a sense of pride developed for all.

It was a brilliant experience for the students and staff involved and, once again, the students represented Manor High extremely well, ably demonstrating our new core values of Excellence, Inspiration, Resilience and Respect.

Cricket

Boys from Year 7, 8 and 9 have participated in our cricket club and have represented Manor High this term as part of indoor and outdoor cricket teams.

Despite the poor weather recently the boys have enjoyed playing hard ball cricket against other local schools. They showed great resilience in attending the practice sessions in less than perfect conditions, and it has been lovely to see their skills develop. For some of the students it was their first-time playing hardball cricket and they rose to the challenge admirably.

Lots of experience gained and plenty of fun was had during the games which were thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Athletics

Girls and boys from both Key Stage 3 and 4 represented Manor High at the Saffron Lane Area Athletics competition on 24th May.



All students gave their best efforts and were a credit to our school. There were particularly outstanding performances with school records being broken and 11 students qualifying for the County Championships.

At the County Championships our students once again gave their all with Dejourne, Sophie, Maxime, Layla and Princess reaching the finals of their



respective races. Dejourne and Layla came away with bronze medals and an unbelievable performance from Princess saw her break an 18-year-old county record winning the 100m in 12.3 seconds.



Cyclocross Event

During May, the school hosted the Oadby & Wigston and Harborough area Cyclocross championships. This is a competition for primary aged children to compete as a team at various cycling challenges using our extensive playing fields.

A group of Manor High School Year 7 pupils were selected to be sports leaders to ensure that the event ran smoothly. The care they showed to the younger children was exceptional and really contributed to the overall enjoyment of the day. Our primary partners benefitted from the experience of working with our students and the whole event was a great success. Well done to all who took part!

PE Masterclass

Well done to our talented Year 7 athletes Martha Hulme, Jesse Lo Shun Shing, Heba Amin and Sam Schalch who took part in the PE Masterclass at The Kibworth School. They competed with others from local schools and worked hard to improve their athletic performance.



Coding Class

On Monday 17th June and Tuesday 2nd July, the Computer Science Department welcomed the wonderful Year 5 students from Brookside Primary. During each session, the students from Brookside were taught the fundamentals of coding by our famous Digital Leader team.

Students learnt core coding concepts such as iteration and selection and applied them to problem solve coding challenges. At the end of the session certificates were awarded recognising their new skills.

The feedback from students was really positive and many can't wait to come join us in Year 7 to continue their Computer Science journey.

Thank you to the staff from Brookside and Daniel, Rosie, Cole, Anmol, Shailin, Shailee, Fergus and Pameet from our Digital Leader Team, for facilitating the sessions.



Memorial Fountain

We started the new school year with the sad news that our colleague, Kam Dhinsa, passed away over the summer. Kam was a much-loved and valued member of the school who worked within the pastoral team, supporting our students and giving outstanding care to them.

Mr McKinley has made a beautiful solar-powered water fountain in her memory, which is in the memorial garden. The fountain really adds to the tranquillity and peace of the garden and makes it an even lovelier place to sit, reflect and

remember. Thank you to Mr McKinley for all your time and care in creating such a beautiful tribute.



Orchestra Visit to Wigston College

On Friday 21st June, Manor High School Orchestra joined Lutterworth High School, Wigston College and Wigston Academy students for a day filled with rehearsals, sectionals, and performances in a massed orchestra. The day started with a rehearsal of all pupils together, and then the rest of the morning was spent working in the different sections of the orchestra to fine-tune the pieces. At 2.30pm parents were treated to a

performance of all the pieces. The firm favourite was the main theme to *The Incredibles*! All students had a great day learning new pieces and meeting new people from local schools.



Core Values: From Care to Resilience



Such is the extent to which we embrace innovation at Manor High our Core Values, central to all we do, are ready to evolve. Our current Core 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.

It is right, therefore, that through our highly-regarded and progressive pastoral work, our ambitious curriculum and enrichment programmes, that we develop our students' resilience. Examples within this newsletter of sporting competitions, Duke of Edinburgh, the Aqua Park and much more, show the many ways in which we encourage our students to try new experiences and to grasp life's opportunities. We were delighted to find that resilience emerged as the most popular choice among stakeholders for a new core value.

The school will continue to be known for its caring nature. The vertical tutoring

system, which supports teamwork across age groups, will continue as a unique #MagicofManor feature. Thank you to everyone who fed into this process.

Our new core values will be Excellence, Inspiration, Resilience and Respect.



LORIC Awards

On Tuesday 2nd July we held our PiXL Edge celebration event where both Manor High students and the Avon Valley school students received certificates for excellence in our character awards.

Apprentice, pioneer and graduate awards were warmly received and our special award winners thoroughly deserved these accolades:

Leadership for Devan Uppal, Organisation for Riya Choudhury, Resilience for Sebastian Chapman, and Initiative for Anzar Rahat.

Niamh Brooke received the Health and

Wellbeing Award for her work as a mental health ambassador where she has consistently supported her peers.

This year's prestigious Character of the Year award went to Safia-Noor Patel and

Aleena Jussab for their work in the community, for their charity work, as dementia friends and for raising mental health awareness. Well done to all of you, we are very proud.



Wellbeing Award



"Wellbeing is at the heart of Manor High School"

We are delighted to announce that in May Manor High School achieved the National Wellbeing Award for Schools by showing commitment to promoting emotional wellbeing and positive mental health.

The National Wellbeing Award for Schools has been developed by Optimus Education Ltd in partnership with the National Children's Bureau to recognise schools that embed a culture which values the happiness and emotional welfare of all its students and staff.

Achieving this award required the involvement of all members of the school community: staff, governors, parents, students, the community, and external partner organisations.

Some of Manor High's strengths identified in the awarding of the National Wellbeing Award are:

- Wellbeing is an integral part of the existing core values which are based on caring, character development, and positive mental health, including protecting and promoting the wellbeing of all.



- An effective leadership and management team have involved the staff across the school, resulting in a whole school community which has ownership of the award.
- Governors are actively involved and passionate about promoting emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- Character development is delivered via a tutoring programme called LORIC which is a vital part of building resilience.



- Pupils have been given opportunities to contribute towards the strategy via the Mental Health Ambassadors, School Council, assemblies and involvement in organising and celebrating Mental Health Awareness weeks.
- The pupils have access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities which have a positive impact on their wellbeing and mental health.
- The shared values of the staff team are clearly evident. There are opportunities provided for staff to socialise together through various events throughout the year.

- Pupils' are provided with opportunities to talk about how they are feeling. They also feel confident that there is always an adult to speak to. As they all articulated, "All of our teachers know their pupils very well and will notice if there was something wrong with you".
- Extensive training on wellbeing and mental health has been provided to the Pastoral Team.
- Parents feel that staff are very approachable, and the school is very welcoming. As a result, they feel secure and supported by the school. As they stated, "Staff really go out of their way to make you feel supported and they understand the challenges we have as parents".
- The families' wellbeing and mental health is further supported via participation in a range of activities such as 'Curry chaat', Community Cuppa, Wellbeing Day and coffee mornings.

Keep a look out for regular updates on our wellbeing journey and information on how you can get involved.



DTA News



Harry Potter Studios Trip

On Friday 5th July we took 40 Year 7 and 8 students to the Harry Potter Studios to experience the range of careers available within the creative sector. Below is an extract written by two Year 7 students:

“ During our trip to the Warner Bros studio, we experienced the sets of the films, costumes and lots more. As soon as we arrived, we immediately saw the giant chess pieces featured in the films.

When we entered the building, it was a lot bigger than we imagined. The start of the tour began with a short video in a mini cinema explaining how the movies

were created and what it was like on the set. After that, we were taken into the great hall where we saw the costumes and props from the very movies. Also we saw Gringotts, Dumbledore's office with the pensieve in it and the forbidden forest with all of the spiders!



Personally our favourite part was platform 9 ¾ because it was hard to imagine we were in the very place they had filmed the movies. After coming out of the train, we were greeted with the smell of glorious butter beer. If you were ever wanting to visit Harry Potter studios we highly recommend you try the butter beer – it is amazing! There were masks hung on the wall that characters in the movie had worn.

This trip was linked to technology as it showed us how the props, costumes and more were made and all the time and effort they put into making all of them. We highly recommend you visit as a day out because it is so much fun and fascinating to see how everything was made. ”

By Sophie Darch and Megan Jones

MasterChef's

On 24th June, Margaux and Ellis represented Manor High School at a MasterChef competition hosted by Brockington College.

Their challenge was to produce a detailed

time plan and a cost analysis for a 2-course meal costing under £7.

Together they made an excellent, and beautifully presented, garlic prawn linguine as a main and a chocolate and caramel fondant for dessert.

The competition was hard fought, with Welland Park Academy the eventual winners. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience (and the food) and received certificates for their enthusiasm and effort towards the competition.

Well done Margaux and Ellis and we look forward to seeing (and tasting) what you produce in the future!



LOVE Oadby, love cake!

In May, our keen Year 9 bakers enjoyed taking part in a Bake-off style 'Technical Challenge' with LOVE Oadby.

Students competed in two teams alongside the LOVE Oadby team leaders to each produce their own take on a fruit-based Swiss roll.



Both teams excelled by confidently producing their Swiss rolls with only a very basic recipe to follow. Overall results were incredibly close with only one point difference deciding the winning team. Well done and thank you to all those involved.



STEM Rocket Days

On Tuesday 25th June and Friday 28th June we sent our STEM Ambassadors into Overdale Junior and Brookside Primary Schools to lead Year 5 student through a variety of STEM related activities.

These included maths quizzes, scientific experiments, rocket designing and, ultimately, rocket launches.



The day allowed our STEM ambassadors the chance to develop their leadership skills and personal confidence as they took the lead in teaching the Year 5 students all day.

Both days were a huge success and, the highlight for all was when it finished off with rocket launches on the school field.



The Year 5 students gathered excitedly to watch the culmination of their hard work soaring into the summer sky.

The effort that went into the design and decoration of the rockets was a real credit to both the Year 5 students and our STEM ambassadors. Well done all!



OAK Academies Trust: One Year In Celebration

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed leading educationalists, Hywel Roberts and David Cameron to Stamford Court for the OAK first anniversary celebration.



Hywel and David spoke to Trustees, Members, Senior Leaders and staff

from all of the OAK Multi-Academies schools. The focus was on curriculum and how to deliver something that is exciting, enjoyable, interesting and relevant to children in the OAK schools so that they progress and build upon strengths and skills throughout their 3-16 journey with us.

David talked about the intent, implementation and impact of our curriculum and how we should be brave in setting our agenda in the ways that we know are right for our children in Oadby, Knighton, Leicester and Leicestershire. Hywel talked about the difference between a warm and a cold curriculum and how the former will engage children to such an extent, through the creation of a narrative around learning, that they

invest fully in their education.

Each of the OAK family of schools is now working collaboratively and individually to develop the partnership work that will lead to future projects and partnership and make inevitable the success of our 3-16 curriculum.



Humanities News



Warwick Castle

Year 7 students were transported back in time on their recent trip to Warwick Castle, most famous for being home to the 16th Earl of Warwick and 15th century kingmaker, Richard Neville, during the Wars of the Roses.

During the visit, students learned about the development of the castle as a medieval fortress, starting from its earliest existence as a wooden motte and bailey castle, to the magnificent stone fortress that stands to this day. They were able to experience the commanding vantage point the castle gave its occupants as they climbed the 500 stairs that make up the towers and ramparts of the castle walls.



Students also enjoyed visiting the Great Hall, the Kingmaker exhibition and seeing the largest replica medieval siege engine in Europe in the shape of a 13th century trebuchet. However, for many, the most memorable part of the day was reserved for the falconry display in which Barn Owls, Sea Eagles, Bald Eagles, Vultures

and Peregrine Falcons swooped low over the students' heads in a thrilling and informative show.



As ever, the students were wonderful representatives of the school. It was very pleasing to see how much they have matured and grown in confidence during their first year at Manor, and we are proud that they are developing into such impressive young adults.

Rowena House – Historical Author Visit

It was great to welcome Year 5 students from Avenue and Brookside Primary Schools to our recent creative writing workshops with former Reuters North Africa correspondent turned historical author, Rowena House.

As part of our primary transition work, the Year 5 students and some of our Year 7 and 8s worked with Rowena creating their own historical fiction.



Rowena's recent book *The Goose Road* is based around the First World War. Rowena gave an interesting talk on this topic before spending time discussing the creative process of historical fiction writing. Students gained an insight into how to develop characters and plot, as well as the importance of thorough research to maintain historical accuracy.



Students enjoyed the opportunity to discuss their ideas with Rowena in a final session of writing activities which encouraged students to develop their own historical fiction.



Building Resilience: Rutland Water Rewards Trip

Our students enjoyed a day in the July sunshine at the Rutland Water Aqua Park. This was a reward for excellent work and effort throughout the year at Manor High.

The central theme of the day was resilience. Some of the students were nervous about the water, its depth and temperature.

Some had to be coaxed into the water at first but within minutes, even the most cautious students were scrambling in their

wetsuits and buoyancy aids all over the inflatables, slides and obstacles.

The biggest challenge was jumping off the tower into the water, where we experienced the staggering 5.5 metre drop! It is so high that there was plenty of time in the air before making a splash.

Significant fears were overcome and this led to a real sense of pride and achievement.

We will continue to work on levels of resilience throughout the next academic year. This is a key #MagicofManor theme and one which will give our students the leading edge in an increasingly competitive world.

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Friends of Manor High



Friends of Manor High (FOMH) is the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We are made up of volunteers and a few staff. At the start of the 2018/2019 school year, a new committee was formed to take FOMH



forward and build on the excellent work of the former committee and volunteers.

During this year, many of you will have seen us raising funds at our now famous samosa and refreshment sales! We have been there at every opportunity - parents' evenings, Christmas Music Night, Options and Induction Evenings. Thank you to all our volunteers who have made these sales possible but also to all the staff, parents, students and families for supporting us. In total, these sales have raised nearly £700 this year alone, which will be donated to the school and used towards furnishing the outdoor canopy space.

We also organised a Bingo afternoon in March, with the support of Knighton House, who helped us to promote our event. Knighton were able to have a variety of their own stalls at the event, raising funds for their own charity, the British Heart Foundation. Local shops supported us by donating prizes, and the event was tremendous fun for all involved!

Our next big event will be a Car Boot Sale & Autumn Fair on Saturday 21st September at school. Please look out for our posters and flyers at school and on social media, and help us to promote this event as widely as possible.

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 September (date to be confirmed), when we will elect a new committee. 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. Thank you for your support.



Year 10 Aspirations and Careers Events

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to our Aspirations event this week.

Lots of key information and support for the next part of the Year 10s Manor High

journey was given, which will be vital as they prepare for life Post-16.

Examples include: PPEs NEA deadline, applications to post-16, wellbeing, attendance plus the Year 11 Prom and associated celebrations.

This event was followed by a focused and motivating Careers Day, targeted at Year 10, and supported by a selection of entrepreneurs, professionals and business leaders.

In each workshop our business leaders talked through what they look for in applicants and how to make their personal statement noticeable. In addition, they spent time working on interview skills, writing applications and mock interviews.

Students really benefited from their time talking to professionals and gaining hints and tips for their future applications for further education and employment.



Message from Chair of Governors



It has been another busy year at Manor High School and it doesn't feel to me as though it has been a whole year since I last wrote to you!

We started the year with our 50th Anniversary, which is a huge accomplishment for the school. This rightly cements our place in the heart of this wonderful community, and it was lovely to hear students of the 1970s reflect on their time here. Some of these former students sent their own children to study with us, and those children sent their own children. It is also great to hear students talk about their grandparents attending this school and what they were 'taught' compared to what students of today 'learn'. I only hope I am around in another 50 years to celebrate the school's 100-year anniversary and how the school has evolved, albeit not as Chair of Governors!

Midway through the year we were visited by Ofsted who made extremely pleasing observations about the school with a couple of my favourites being; "pupils are proud of their school" and "the school is highly inclusive. Pupils from a wide range of backgrounds come together as a single community. They know and uphold the school's core values."

If I highlight a few observations relating to the governing body, Ofsted said "Governors and school leaders have managed the change of age range exceptionally well, taking the local community with them" and "Leaders and governors have established a highly aspirational 11 to 16 school with a

distinctive character and ethos" and "Governors have a clear vision, which helps to focus the school's strategic direction, including the development of the curriculum. They are determined that the school will be the secondary school of choice in the local community." We thank Ofsted for their visit which contributes to our continuing mission in developing the school to its fullest potential and my thanks go out to all of those involved in the visit.

I would particularly like to thank some of the governing body whose terms of office have come to an end this academic year including Adam Watson who was a staff governor for the last eight years, Maddy Alton who has been an appointed governor for eight years and will continue to contribute to the school via the 'Friends of Manor High'; and, finally, to Amar Mehta who has been with the governing body as a parent governor for the last four years. To them, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for all their dedication and contributions to the school over the years and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

As a result, in some of the changes above, we welcome Sanjay Mistry to our governing body from September who as an architect was recruited, in part to support us in delivering our vision of developing the school and its facilities, particularly those surrounding our sporting facilities. With such a large footprint available on the school fields this is a great opportunity to create amazing sporting facilities for the school and the Oak MAT family of schools particularly with the growth of new

housing development in Oadby and the surrounding areas. To help turn this vision into reality will clearly take a lot of financing and so the governing body is also searching for a new governor who has experience of fundraising. If you or anybody you know can help us with this or any other area relating to governance, please do get in any touch via the school.

On to GCSEs and our first ever Year 11s have now taken their final exams which have been the culmination of six years of hard work for the entire school, not just for our students. The governing body would like to thank all those involved and feel honoured to have contributed in some small way to the lives of our young students who have made us extremely proud and to whom we wish every success in whatever they decide to do next in their lives.

On behalf of governors, I would like to thank all the parents, carers and our entire staff who give so much of their time freely to ensure the success of this happy and successful school. On a personal level, I would like to thank my fellow governors who have supported both myself and the school over the last 12 months with their tireless contributions and dedication. Lastly, I would like to thank our diligent, courteous and caring students, without whom none of this would be possible.

In closing I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in August.

Ashif Manjothi
Chair of Governors, Manor High School



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