



MANOR Newsletter

HALF TERM 2 - 2022/23

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WELCOME

to the Manor Newsletter *(Autumn Half Term 2)*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw near to the end of the Autumn term we have had a lot to celebrate at Manor. Our new Year 7 students have settled in well, and it was great to see so many of them at the Minster on 3rd December for Gabrieli Roar - an amazing event.

We saw our Year 12 students return in November for their Certificate Evening and it was wonderful to be able to catch up with them as they begin the next stage of their education throughout York.

One of the aspects of Manor that we are very proud of is the extra-curricular offer that we are able to provide. This is thanks to the staff here, who are willing to give up their time to support students with trips, visits, sports, CCF and performing arts to name but a few. These opportunities enrich the experience that students have here.

It is very important to us that we give back as a community - last year we raised over £15,000 through our non-uniform days. Through your contributions we continue to support The Mbedza Project in Malawi and Cry in the Dark in Romania. In addition we support charities which are closer to home, Mrs Tate coordinated a collection of household items for Kitchen for Everyone - a minibus full was delivered - thank you to you all for your generosity.

After Christmas we will be opening up the new rotunda in the centre of school. Those of you who know the building will know that we had a space in the centre of the school - this has been filled in and developed as additional space for lunchtime and to improve circulation around the site. Year 11 will gain a space upstairs, while downstairs we will have more seating at lunchtime. The design is very impressive - take a look the next time you are visiting!

Liz Mastin | Interim Principal



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2022 Gallery

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Year 7 Miss Day

Year 7 have had a fabulous first term at Manor, and I continue to be impressed with their commitment and enthusiasm for their studies and extracurricular activities. It's been great to see so many of them being involved in the concert at the Minster, and in the different sports clubs.

This term has been about settling in and finding their place within Manor. In other words it's been about finding their feet and learning to walk. This term is about learning to run, and pushing themselves out of the comfort zones they've created.

So my challenge to the Year Group is to try something new. Join a new club, push yourself to attempt a more challenging piece of work in class, or talk to someone new in the year group. Good luck Year 7!

Please contact your child's form tutor or myself with any concerns or queries you have.

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Year 8

Mrs Stephens

It's been a real pleasure getting to know my new year group and I look forward to working with them in the future. They certainly are a talented lot! Particular mention to Bea Prendergast and Isabelle Anderson for reading so beautifully at the Minster concert and to Ned Petts for his amazing solo. Also congratulations to everyone involved in the performing arts concert in November. There are definitely names to watch! I've been impressed by the enthusiasm in the year group for joining in with the wider life of the school, including art workshops, rugby CCF, tech crew, library, choir and chess. Extracurricular activity is always worthwhile and there is something for everyone.

Year 8 students have been offered the chance to go to London with the Maths department and there is a huge amount of excitement about this over-subscribed trip. We will get confirmation of place out as soon as possible and selection will be fair.

Wishing the whole year group and their families a very peaceful Christmas.

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Year 9

Mr Willoughby

It has been a very successful half-term for Year 9 and I have been delighted with how many of the students have been involved in extracurricular activities and contributing to the wider school community.

There were some fantastic donations to the Community Kitchen and Mrs Tate would like to pass on her thanks to everyone who contributed and was involved in this collection. The Minster Carol Service was again a fantastic event and to see so many year 9s involved in the orchestra, choirs, readings and CCF is testament to their hard work and commitment.

As we move towards the Christmas break it is time for the students to start thinking about their options. I know Mr Hill has been working hard to finalise the options booklet and he sent a list of key dates with their most recent report. He is due to meet with Year 9 on Friday 20th January to speak to them about the process. This will then be followed by Options Evening in school where parents are invited into school (Monday 23rd January) to speak to subjects teachers.

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Year 10

Mrs Harrower

This half term has been a huge success for Year 10 with everyone now adjusted and settled into their GCSE option subjects. The year group have demonstrated their commitment and excellence through a number of in and out school opportunities. I have been delighted with how many of the students have been involved in extra-curricular activities and contributing to the wider school community. A massive thank you and well done to the Year 10 student leadership group, who baked the cakes which they then gave up their time and sold at the Year 12 presentation evening. Also a massive thank you to the donations to the Kitchen for All and Mrs Tate would like to pass on her thanks to everyone who contributed and was involved in this collection. The Minster Carol Service was again a fantastic event and great to see Year 10s involved.

Year 10 were the only lucky year group to receive the assembly with Manny Duku, a real sense of “claim to fame” for some as well as an engaging assembly. Manny spoke about his resilience to become a footballer, how he dealt with the ups and downs of his career but how his faith guided him through and what an important part of his life it is to him. I don't think I have ever seen the year group as engaged in an assembly!

The ski trip is set to leave for Austria for some of the Year 10s just before Christmas, hope you all have a great time on the slopes. As Christmas arrives, take the time to enjoy your rest and precious time with your family. You have demonstrated your hard work and commitment so far this academic year which is a testament to you all and I look forward to seeing lots more success in the new year!

Year 11

Mr Rescorle

This half term has been a really successful time for Year 11 as they approach the end of their first mock exam period. Our students have shown a great deal of resilience and maturity throughout the last two weeks and it has been amazing watching them adapt to the realities of this time in their school careers.

For a lot of our students, this will be a time to celebrate as their results come in from their different subject areas, however it will also be a time of reflection as they draw ever closer to the exams in May. Year 11 should now be settling into their revision routines at home, creating resources and developing their ability to retain knowledge. Mr Hill mentioned in a recent assembly, that our minds are like sieves and need to be kept topped up with knowledge in order to make it stick.

For Year 11, the next hurdle is the March mock exams and although this is another period of hard work and concentration, there is much to look forward to over the coming months.

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Events in the Spring Term include:

Tues 10th January - Drop Down Day 2 - students will be off timetable for the day to focus on issues surrounding relationships and sex education (RSE) - see website for more details, or contact Mr Rab for more details (l.rab@mce.hslt.academy)

Tues 10th & Thurs 12th January - Year 11 Taster Days - Year 11 taster days - an opportunity for our students to visit Post-16 providers in the city.

Fri 10th February - Training Day

Mon 13th - Fri 17th February - Spring Half Term (Closed)

The pre-loved uniform shop is available Monday to Thursday from 3.30 - 4.15pm on a drop in basis (cash only). If you have any good quality used uniform that you would like to donate, please drop into school at any point or send it in with students. Thank you.

Please stay in touch

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments using hello@mce.hslt.academy and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.

Our website <https://mce.hslt.academy> is regularly updated and has information about all aspects of school life.

On behalf of all of us at Manor, I hope that you all have a peaceful and happy christmas.

Liz Mastin
Interim Principal



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