

Mangotsfield Newsletter



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Exam success

We offer congratulations to our students in Year 11 who achieved the best ever Mangotsfield results this year, continuing the improving trend of recent years. Thank you for supporting staff in working with these students to achieve these fantastic results.

80% of Year 11 achieved 5A*-C, an increase of 12% on 2010. 55% achieved 5A*-C including English and Maths, a 3% increase on 2010. More than a third of students achieved at least an A*/A grade in one of their subjects.

Many students achieved beyond their target grades and have been able to progress into the sixth form, college or apprenticeships. Students studying BTEC courses have achieved particularly well, with special mention to ICT and Science who achieved over an 80% pass rate.

Advice and support

We will be inviting some of these students to share their successes and they will be able to give advice and support to those students in younger years, although the old adage of hard



Students receive their results

work, regular revision, use of catch up sessions and support to work at home are all key factors to success.

Our Year 13 students also achieved record grades this year with 95% obtaining a pass in their subject, with the average grades achieved being BCC.

Higher Education

We have a number of A and A* grade students who will be leaving Bristol to study Higher Education at universities such as Oxford, Leeds and Cardiff. However, due to their success in their exams, most students were able to claim their first choice places at university, college or within employment.

We wish them well in the future.

Mangotsfield Students Impress!

Year 10 Work Experience, July 2011

Over 220 of our current Year 11 students ventured into the workplace just before the summer holidays and made a very good impression.



There was a huge variety of placements this year covering many different employment areas.

Big names

As well as big names such as Airbus, Rolls Royce, the NHS, Bristol Old Vic, Aardman, Bristol Zoo, Porsche, Filton College, UWE, Novotel, Premier Inn, Strada and many others, there were a huge number of local businesses and schools who kindly offered Mangotsfield students the chance to find out about careers opportunities and gain experience that will help them make decisions for the future.

Staff who visited students received lots of great comments about the maturity and enthusiasm of our students and some were offered part time jobs and apprenticeships for the future. We also had some telephone calls made especially from employers to congratulate - one who said that Stephen was 'The best work experience student he had ever had!'

Persistence

In a year when it was a challenge to find places due to businesses struggling to offer the time and competition for places between schools, our Year 10s showed persistence in their search for places. Many contacted numerous companies by letter, email and telephone. They have gained confidence in this area which will help them in later life. Taking part in work experience will also help with their future interviews for Sixth Form, College, Apprenticeships, University and employment. They did brilliantly!



Competition

Year 10 students this year will also have the opportunity to do work experience from 9th - 13th July 2012. We encourage students to apply to companies to secure their places as soon as possible as competition for places will be high and the school needs as much notice as possible this year to arrange health and safety checks for each placement.

If you are a parent and work for an organisation which may be able to offer a work experience placement to a Mangotsfield student, please do contact me at the school on 01454 862731. Well done to all who took part and thanks to parents and school staff in all the support they gave to students.

Carey Phillips, Vocational Education

Strictly Mango!

Strictly Come Dancing comes to Mangotsfield

Saturday 15th October 2011
8.00 pm - 10.30 pm
Mangotsfield School Hall

Are you a secret Strictly fan? Do you wish that you could just do a few steps of waltz or jive? This is your chance!!

For one night only, you will have the opportunity to learn some ballroom and Latin American dancing. Your teacher will be local dance professional Michèle Webber (see her website at www.dancefactorybristol.com) and you will be treated to a demonstration by Helen and Graham Diles. There will be a bar, raffle and refreshments available. The evening is open to anyone of Sixth Form age and above.

This is strictly for beginners and those with at least two left feet, so put away those inhibitions and come along.

Places will be strictly limited, so make sure that you get your tickets early by returning the slip below to the Finance Office (at Break or Lunchtime only) with your payment by cash or cheque in an envelope marked 'Strictly Mango'. Cheques should be made payable to "Mangotsfield School PTA". Tickets, priced at £6, will be transferable but not refundable and all profits will go to Mangotsfield School PTA to be used for the benefit of our students.

STRICTLY MANGO PTA EVENT

Number of tickets required at £6 each _____

I enclose a cheque / cash to the value of _____

Child's name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please mark your envelopes Strictly Mango and return to the Finance Office.



Strictly Mango
fun and relaxing evening
learning Ballroom and Latin American dancing

Saturday 15th October
8.00—10.30pm
Mangotsfield School Hall

Raffle, Bar and Refreshments

No Experience necessary

Professional dance teacher, "Michele Webber."

All 6th formers and adults welcome

Dancing display by Helen and Graham Diles

Tickets £6
(transferable but not refundable)

Return reply slip A.S.A.P. to book your place



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Dates for your Diary

Tue 20 Sep:

Yr 7 & 9 Photos

Yr 7 Tutor Evening

5 pm-7 pm

Tue 27 Sep:

Post 16 Opportunities

Evening 7.00 pm

**PUBLIC MEETING—
Save Mangotsfield Open
Green Spaces.**

Friday 16 September at 7.00 pm at Mangotsfield Secondary School.

A public meeting has been arranged for Mangotsfield residents to meet representatives of Taylor Wimpey to discuss the future of the field in Cossham Street. The meeting will be chaired by our MP, Chris Skidmore, and will follow a strict format. There will, however, be a Questions and Answers session at the end. You will be able to write your questions out during the break to give to Chris.

Open Evening

Many thanks to all the students who helped as guides and demonstrators at Monday's open evening when over 450 families came to see the school. They all did a great job showing our visitors around the school and letting them see the good work that goes on here.



Free adult education courses

Maths, literacy and ICT courses are due to start this term here at Mangotsfield.

Maths and literacy courses for those without a grade A to C at GCSE who would like to improve their skills, start on Thursday 29th September and will run for 15 weeks. If desired there is an opportunity to take a National Test at either level 1 or 2.

Absolute beginners



The ICT course is for beginners and will run for 10 weeks starting on Thursday 6 October.

If you are interested please contact Teresa Howell at South Gloucestershire Community Services on 01454 864619 or email teresa.howell@southglos.gov.uk

Dr Bike is coming

About 50 students regularly come to school by bicycle and make use of the locked cycle storage. We also provide some opportunities for



Year 7 students to receive cycle training and arrange for trained mechanics such as Dr Bike to look at the students' bikes.

Dr Bike is visiting the school on the morning of Thursday 22 September. Bring your bike to school on this day in order for Dr Bike to give it a free safety check and make it roadworthy. If there are repairs that the Doctor cannot make, you will be provided with details of the faults and what you need to do.

Bikes can be registered for Dr Bike's attention at the entrance to either of the bike sheds between 8.00 am-8.35 am on Thursday 22 September 2011. Bikes will be ready for collection from the bike shed from 3.15 pm. The Doctor will try to look at all of the bikes, but cannot guarantee to check them all. Priority will be given to Year 7 students.

Parking — We would like to respectfully remind our parents and carers to be understanding of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up their children from school. There have been incidents of driveways being blocked on Rodway Hill and Fairlyn Drive. Thank you.