

Special points of interest:

Sponsored Walk/
Run on Friday
2nd July in aid of
Leukaemia
Research and the
Willow
Foundation.
This is also a
Non Uniform
Day.

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Mangotsfield Newsletter



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OFSTED

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Report of Inspection - May 2010

I am pleased that the report has noted many strengths in the school and provided guidance about what the school can do to improve further.

The report is complimentary of the students and their contribution to school, their high attendance, mature and sensible behaviour which supports learning, and their contributions to leading the school. Inspectors report that students feel safe and enjoy their time in school. Achievement is satisfactory, inspectors noted the particular progress of Year 11 students in 2010.

The continual drive for improvement is noted, and the inclusion of all students is praised; there is good equality of opportunity and the support the school provides means that no students are left behind. Provision to minimise absence is outstandingly effective. There is clear advice on development of planning, and deepening the involvement of governors in evaluating the work of the school. Governors' support is noted, and in particular their excellent contribution to safeguarding.

Aspects of good teaching are noted, and advice to improve consistency is provided. The improved assessment and tracking of student achievement is praised, advice is provided on improving marking and classroom feedback. The work of partnerships through Specialist School status, the Kingswood Partnership, and links with employers are all noted as providing a rich and varied curriculum experience.

Sixth Form students value their experience, and there is an improving trend of attainment, noted along with the development of academic tracking. An area for improvement is to ensure students are selecting the correct courses in order to take best advantage of the wide variety on offer.

I hope you find the report informative and helpful. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to respond to the Ofsted questionnaire. The Summary of the school's recent Kirkland Rowell questionnaire, completed by parents and carers, will be published in July.

Richard Badley
Headteacher

SUMMER CONCERT

We would like to invite you to our Summer Concert on Wednesday 30th June at 7.30 pm in the School Hall. Tickets are £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children, to include refreshments. We hope you will be able to join us for this popular event in the school year.

Tickets are available from the Music Department.

CHESS NEWS



On Saturday 12th June, five students from Mangotsfield School took part in the South Gloucestershire School Chess Tournament at Coniston Primary School. This was the first time we have sent a team to this competition and the all-boy team did very well, with Mitchell Brain finishing in second place in the secondary school category. Other team members were David Baker, Toby Fox-Robinson, Jack Hindmarsh and Joe Sanderson. Well done to all of them!

If you are interested in playing chess, come along to the LRC on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30-4.30 pm.

Year 9 TAG - Maths and Science Event

Over 60 students took part in these workshops held by trained RAF officers. During the science event students took part in a fitness challenge and designed a balanced diet. During the maths event they had to read maps and solve puzzles.

Students really enjoyed the day and made a lot of positive comments.
Zac Harvey-Knights said "It was great, I had lots of fun"
Harley Dando commented "I found out a lot of information"
Max Evans said "It was a lot of fun and set my mind on fire"

ROYAL AIR FORCE

The RAF Tag Team Event

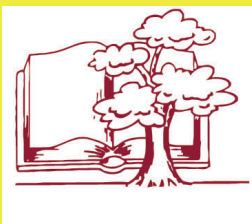
In this TAG team event, an RAF Flight Sergeant named Dave took groups of people out to the front of the school to do some team building challenges. For example, we had to send six different balls along an open-top pipe into a bucket at the other end. This challenge proved very difficult but in the end everyone finished. Another one of the challenges was when everyone had to stand on a small plank of wood. Dave then told us to line up in shoe size order but there was a twist, we couldn't walk off the plank and we could not talk to each other either so we had to use gestures to communicate! When we were finished we had to shout as loud as we could our shoe size. In the end everyone had a good time so a big thanks to Dave and everyone who organised the event.

By Ryan Hanney, Sam Redfern and Toby Fox-Robinson

We have had the RAF into school on numerous occasions but due to cuts they will probably no longer be able to offer the fantastic school sessions that they have historically.

Flight Sergeant Dave Trembath said that Mangotsfield students had been the best kids he had worked with for a long time. They were beating the times that the adults in the RAF had taken to solve problems. They worked well as a team, took on leadership duties and solved each problem in a very mature and efficient manner.





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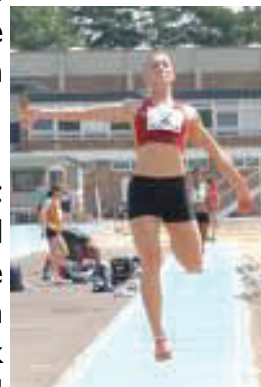
Please support the school in ensuring your child has a school sweatshirt for September. Burgundy tops are in stock in school for September 2010, and an order form can be obtained from main school reception. If you require financial assistance in this matter, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Sporting Success at Mangotsfield

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 9 girls' athletics team who came second in the South Gloucestershire Athletics tournament held at Brimsham Green earlier this month.

There were some excellent individual winners: Georgia Lines (Discus), Jess Hocking ran 200m and Ebony Chapman ran 1500m (and broke the record). However, no team can win with individuals alone as demonstrated by the teamwork involved with the Year 9 Relay: Jess Hocking, April Treasure, Ebony Chapman and Izzie Millward.



It was the whole team's effort that managed to secure second place overall.

RUGBY



On Sunday 2nd May, five students from Year 10 at Mangotsfield School travelled to Harrow School to play for the Bristol Rugby Academy in a 12's tournament against teams from other premiership sides. They were:

Sam Earnshaw
Adam Lambert
Jacob Perry
Ryan Roach
Monty Ryan

After six games of Rugby against Wasps, Saracens, Bath, London Irish, Harlequins and Gloucester they finished second overall. At this tournament the England Under 16 selectors were there and the boys received many pleasing comments.

**Don't forget Sports day on
Monday 5th July. Parents are
welcome to come and watch.**