



MANGOTSFIELD SCHOOL
SPECIALIST COLLEGE IN ENGINEERING & SCIENCE
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations to Y11 2006 who produced Mangotsfield's best ever GCSE examination results this summer. 50% of students achieved 5 or more grades at A*-C. There were examples of individual excellence for students who achieved the highest grades, and examples of students who worked hard to achieve very good value added scores at the very limit of their potential, they include: Chloe Penman(3A*,3A,4B,C) Jamie McMillan(2A*,7A,B), Rebecca Mills(2A*,5A,4B), Ben Thompson(2A*,3A,6B), Maria Babar(A*,A,B,6Cs). Over 80 students have returned to school to join the sixth form, others have taken college places or commenced employment. Sixth form students also achieved well in Y13, with almost thirty obtaining places at Universities across the country. 93% of grades in Y13 were passes at A-E , a quarter were higher grades A&B. Tom Wright(AAA), Scott Jones(AABB), James Hogan (ABB) and Gemma Brimson (ABC) achieved particularly good results. Congratulations are also due to Year 10 students who achieved particularly well in Year 9 SATs, these results will be published to parents shortly.

I am sure you will wish to join me in congratulating the students, their parents, their teachers, and the pastoral year teams in celebrating the success of this team effort.

Year 7 students are already settling in well, as are a number of staff who joined the school this year. Over the summer there have been considerable efforts in continuing to develop the site and extend facilities. Three new science labs are now in use, as are the new music rooms and the refurbishment of vocational education rooms in the main block means that all areas of the school have now received attention in the recent building programme. We were able to remove the concrete floor of a World War II anti-aircraft building from the school field and complete necessary work on the All Weather Pitch. Negotiations are well underway to participate in the community use of Pomphrey Hill playing fields when they become available next year.

Ten Y12&13 students and Ms Tabor returned from four weeks in Namibia and Tanzania World Challenge with more than memories. High points included finding lion tracks 100m from desert bivouac; low points include the intestinal immigrants who outlasted the trip! The team contributed to building of a school in Tanzania.

Please look out for the homework timetable which will be issued shortly. Please make very effort to support your child in taking time to attempt work which is set. Year 11 students in particular have considerable work loads in completing coursework this term.

We will be welcoming more prospective parents on Monday 18th September at our annual Open Evening, If you would like to support this event the PTA make a considerable contribution and would welcome any additional help.

Established partners of the school will be sorry to have heard of the recent death of Ken Clough who was Chair of Governors for more than eight years, retiring from this role in 1996. Our thoughts are with his family.

There will be an opportunity to serve as a governor in the near future; parent governor elections will be held this term. I look forward to receiving your nominations.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming term.

Richard Badley
Headteacher

SCHOOL CLEANER/SUPERVISOR

Due to the expansion of the school we require a Cleaner/Supervisor to take day-to-day responsibility for a team of 14 cleaners and to carry out general cleaning duties.

Hours: 20 hours per week, worked as 6.30 am to 8.30 am
and 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm, Monday to Friday, all year round.

Salary: £6.4127 per hour, rising to £6.7455 after six months.

For further details, please telephone Julie Scull on 01454-862703.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Here are the winners of the Balloon Race. There were 16 replies out of 257 balloons launched and here are the best three balloons:-

First Prize £30.00	Sue Joyce (Parent)	228km 141 miles	Mantons Farm Norfolk	Finder: Malcolm Rains Wins £20.00
Second Prize £20.00	Tryph Jenkins (Parent)	194km 120 miles	Hill Farm Wistow Cams	R. Blackhurst
Third Prize £10.00	Luke Hall (13.1)	184km 114 miles	Huntingdon Cams	Mrs. Brandon

ERROR IN STUDENT PLANNER

The Inset Day information on page 15 of the Student Planner has two errors. **The correct dates for the Inset Days are:**

20th October
1st November

and **NOT 16th and 30th October** as stated in the Planner. Please be sure that your child's Planner has the correct information written in.

ATTENDANCE

The £50 prize for perfect attendance in terms 5 and 6 was won by Alex Button (9.3). He received his prize during a recent Year 9 Assembly.

The School's attendance figures for the academic year 2005-2006 were:-

Present: 92.6%; Authorised Absence: 6.4%; Unauthorised Absence: 1.0%.

Quite a large amount of the unauthorised absence was holidays in term-time which the school does not always support, particularly in September, during exams and throughout Years 10 and 11. Good attendance is essential for good school performance.

CYCLE ENCLOSURE

The secure cycle enclosure behind the new Art Block is now operational. Students should use the side entrance by Cleve Rugby Club. The facility will be locked between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm. The enclosure is not quite finished. We intend to put permanent stands inside the cage and lockers at the end so that cyclists can leave their helmets and other belongings safely.

This facility was paid for out of money awarded through our successful Green Travel bid. We hope that more of our students will now cycle to school and fewer use their parents' cars as 'free' transport.

Our thanks go to Mike Thorne, one of our School Governors who, with the help of his employer Seward Wyon, have built us a splendid cycle store.



Andrew Wait
Deputy Head teacher

ART SKILLS CLASS

All Art students at GCSE and 'A' Level

Want to improve your grades?

Develop your drawing skills, explore new media and refine your techniques at our new Art Skills class.

All work produced will be submitted as part of your coursework.

Refreshments provided. No cost for materials.

To be held on Tuesdays from 3:15 pm. A Tuesday lunchtime class will also run for those unable to stay after school.

See Miss Barringer in Art 4, or turn up to the first class on 3rd October 2006.

Miss K. Barringer

WAR GAMES CLUB

The 'Warhammer Workshop' we ran during last term's Enrichment Programme was so successful that we have decided to start a club. This will take place in the LRC after school on Wednesdays. We shall start off by using some of the scenery we made last term, but hope to create more as we go along. 'Warhammer 40 000' and 'Lord of the Rings', along with some of the other popular games, will be played. Beginners and experts welcome.

CHESS CLUB



Following the success of chess in the LRC a club is to be formed. This will meet in D1 on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes and on Wednesdays after school. Please see Mr. Pellow or Mrs. Wells for details.

READING GROUP

The Reading Group meets on Thursdays after school in the LRC. At present we have mostly Year 9 as members, but if there is enough interest from other Years we may increase this to another evening. This is a good opportunity to read and discuss books you might not normally consider reading.

Mrs. Wells
LRC

PTA CAR BOOT SALE

The next Car Boot Sale will be on Saturday 30th September 2006. £5.00 in advance or £6.00 on the day. Students can have a stall for £3.00. The sale starts at 12 noon but 'Booters' can start setting up from 11.00 am. All monies are collected on the day. To book a stall please telephone 07719969764 or Sue Knapp in the School Office.

FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS:

10 October 2006	7.00 pm	Annual General Meeting - all parents are welcome.
13 October 2006	7.30 pm	Quiz Night - an ever-popular annual event.
18 November 2006		Coach trip to London for Christmas shopping & the lights.
27 January 2007		Race Night - further details nearer the time.

*Andrew Wait
Deputy Headteacher*

'BLOOD BROTHERS' at the BRISTOL HIPPODROME

On 5 September a group of us went to the Bristol Hippodrome to see the long-awaited 'Blood Brothers'. We all arrived in good spirits and settled down with our sweets in eager anticipation. We were not disappointed! The story of twin brothers separated at birth, leading separate lives in contrasting neighbourhoods was deeply moving. Their mothers swear a pact that neither brother must learn of the other's existence, for fear of them tragically dying. Throughout their lives they grow closer which results in a tragic end. Tears were shed and everyone was shocked by the moving play.

Amongst the disbelief saw several uplifting musical numbers which found us tapping our feet. After the show came a roar of applause from the Mangotsfield contingent after a jaw-dropping show.

We all enjoyed the performance tremendously and would like to thank Mr. Gregg for organising it and the accompanying members of staff for taking us.

Beth Saunders (11.3)

SPECIALIST COLLEGE COMMUNITY LINKS

Would you like £40 towards any College or Evening Course?

Please bring your College receipt to the Bursar's Office for reimbursement!!!

MANGOTSFIELD YOUTH PROJECT

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of Mangotsfield Youth Project will take place on Tuesday 19th September at 7.00 pm in St. James Church Hall in St. James Street, Mangotsfield. After the formal agenda there will be a Wine and Cheese Supper, followed by nail and body art for young people attending.

STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Daniel Higgins (7.4) obtained Black Belt 1st Dan at Karate on 21 May 2006. Our congratulations on this terrific achievement.