

Headteacher's weekly update

Please ensure you get your tickets for the academy production of Beauty & the Beast, which takes place in the Main Hall on 6th – 8th December 2017 at 7pm. Tickets are available from reception and full details are shown below.

My weekly Headteacher's Surgeries will continue on a weekly basis on Thursday evening's from 4pm to 6pm until Christmas and thereafter will be fortnightly. The first one in the New Year will be held on 11th January 2018 from 4pm – 6pm.

If you want to contact me via email: head@mansheadschoo.co.uk

Key dates for the diary for this half term:

- 6th - 8th December 2017 Production: Beauty & the Beast – Main Hall, 7pm
- 11th December 2017 Year 7 Christingle Service – Priory Church, 1:30pm
- 19th December 2017 Last day of term
- 2nd January 2018 INSET day: students not in the academy on this day
- 3rd January 2018 Students return to the academy – Spring Term
- 11th January 2018 Headteacher's Surgery – 4pm-6pm **(fortnightly)**

Best wishes



Mike Smith
Headteacher

KEY PARENT EVENT DATES **JANUARY TO JULY 2018**

10 January	Year 11 Parents Evening
17 January	Sixth Form Parents Evening
07 February	Year 7 Parents Evening
28 February	Year 9 Parents Evening
14 March	Year 10 Parents Evening
25 April	Year 8 Options Evening
02 May	Year 8 Parents Evening
20 June	Year 8 HPV Dose 2
03 & 04 July	Y6 Transition Days

Beauty and the Beast

The production starts next week and runs from 6th to 8th December and tickets are still available at £2 per student and £4 per adult. Please support our students. We are looking for someone to help with face painting. If there are any parents able to assist please contact Ms N Bishop by email on bishopn@mansheadschoo.co.uk

N Bishop

Head of Drama

Sixth Form Applications

Please be reminded that the deadline for receipt of applications for Sixth Form is next week Friday, 8th December 2017. Application forms are available from the academy website or from the Sixth Form Office. Please ensure that completed forms are handed in to the Form Tutors.

C Brailsford

Sixth Form Administrator

Library News

Best Selling Children's Author to visit Manshead CE Academy on 8th December 2017
Steve Cole's work includes the new, explosive Young Bond titles and the hugely successful Astrosaurs young fiction series, which has been a UK top-ten children's bestseller. He will be visiting us next week and giving talks to all Year 7 and all Year 8 students as well as running a workshop for some students from Year 7.

A selection of Steve Cole books will be available to buy in the academy on 8th December at their standard price, £6.99 – £7.99.

Years 7 & 8 Reading Round Up

During the last two weeks, 7H2 and 8H2 had the highest proportion of students passing quizzes in the reading classes. Among tutor groups, 8.4 stays top and 7.3 joins them. Another five students from each year have been rewarded with 5 credits each for achieving the highest percentage of their targets in the last fortnight. Congratulations to everyone whose reading has contributed to these results.

Word count stands at almost 45 million AR words read and 1,244 quizzes passed.

Find out your child's word count from the Home Connect website:

<https://Ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/2232129/HomeConnect>

Please contact Mrs Lowther lowtherc@mansheadschoo.co.uk in the library if you need any help registering your email address.

Guess the number of books in our Christmas tree

Our Christmas tree of books will go up this week. Every child visiting the library is invited to enter their guess for how many books it took to build it and have a chance to win a prize.

D Hopkins
Library Assistant

Anne Frank Trust Exhibition

The Anne Frank Trust will be visiting us next week and host an exhibition regarding Discrimination and Prejudice. A group of twenty Year 9 students have been selected to act as hosts to the whole academy and usher them through the exhibition.

C Syson
Head of PDE/Ethics

Year 11s Humanutopia Experience

We have invited an organisation called Humanutopia in to work with Year 11s on the 18th December 2017 and your child will be asked to participate in this very exciting and innovative event.

The first phase of the project is called The Final Push and is a day-long experience which deals with Year 11 students who may need motivation when the finish line is sight ahead of their exams. It will encourage the students to reflect on their life chances, encouraging them to have high hopes and aspirations for their future and motivate them to want to do better with their exams. The students will be receiving their Pre-Public Examination results during the course of this day.

Other important teenage issues around personal awareness, peer pressure and conformity will also be discussed.

The experience is designed to empower young people to develop critical life skills and take motivation and ownership of their education. We are certain that this will be a positive and memorable experience for your child and feel it is a perfect complement to their academic studies.

We will also be inviting a small number of Year 11 students to a second day with this organisation on 4th January 2018, and this will involve reflection and building upon the first day to ensure that the students get the best from the experience. The students involved in this second day will be notified before the end of term.

For further information on Humanutopia – please go their website at www.humanutopia.com.

T Darby
Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion

Music Department

The Music Department have already started the Festive period with Performances in the Community. The Wind Band have performed to thousands at the opening of the Luton Mall Christmas Season and St. Augustine's Church for their Christmas Bazaar. They performed really well and did a great job representing the Academy.



Christmas Concert Wednesday 13th December, 7pm

There will be a Christmas Concert taking place in the Hall this Year celebrating the Festive period and some of the amazing talent at the Academy. Please come along and support students, join the celebration and tuck into mince pies!

Tickets at the door £3, Concessions £2.

J Cappello
Head of Music

Manshead CofE Academy Presents

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Doors open 6.45pm

Curtain up 7pm

Wednesday 6th December

Thursday 7th December

Friday 8th December

Adults £4

Children £2

Music by

Alan Menken

Book by

Linda Woolverton

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical
Productions

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth

This amateur production is presented by
arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also
supplied by MTI Europe

www.mtishows.co.uk