



The Manor
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

To parents and pupils in Y6

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Dear Parents

The Manor Essay Competition 2010

Every year the girls in Y6 enter The Manor Essay Competition. The winner and runners up will each receive a prize and their work will be displayed in Manorisms.

The entries are judged externally and this year we are pleased to announce that Mr Paul Mayhew-Archer has kindly agreed to judge and award prizes to the best entries. Paul is a renowned script writer for the BBC and his work includes *The Vicar of Dibley* and *My Hero*. Before becoming a script writer for the BBC, Paul worked in Radio as a producer of comedy programmes and before that as Head of English at John Mason School.

The title chosen for this year's essay is:

The Strangest Day

The girls can choose to write in any style. It can be a story or a diary; it can be first person or third person; it can be funny or serious. Paul will be looking for exciting, original and imaginative work. It is a chance for the girls to be really creative. The girls can plan their essay over the holiday and then write their essay using their notes in class on Tuesday 8th June. Paul will read and judge the essays while the girls are in France and then return on Tuesday 6th July to read extracts from some of his favourite entries. Paul will also tell us about his career as a script writer.

I hope the girls enjoy this writing opportunity and are inspired to write and maybe even follow Paul into a career in script writing.

Yours sincerely

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