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Newsletter for Malet Lambert School students and parents



Students gather for the final time at Year 11 Prom

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A message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back after the long and refreshing summer break.

Congratulations to the students who successfully took their public exams. The school is delighted with both the individual and whole school results. A big thank you to the students, parents and staff - we are Team Malet!

We have a number of staff new to the school and welcome two new deputies. Mr Fenna will lead Standards and Curricular Development and Mr Sprakes will lead in the area of Pastoral Care.

The school will be working hard with a major focus on Teaching and Learning, Student Progress and Literacy for Learning. The new Gateway team in Year 7 are developing expertise in literacy and pupils are clearly enjoying this new way of working.

As always, we welcome over 300 new students to Year 7 and we look forward to an exciting and productive 2014-15.

Warm regards,

Jane S. Disbrey

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Leading the field

Malet Lambert School has been recognised as one of the best schools in the country for student progress at GCSE and shortlisted for an award by SSAT (The Schools Network).

A recent in-depth analysis of official Department for Education data on all state-funded schools in England by SSAT - the national schools' membership organisation for improvement and collaboration, identified Malet Lambert's success.

The school sits in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress made by pupils between key stage 2 results at primary school and their GCSE results at age 16.

This qualifies Malet Lambert to receive an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award, which will be presented at a regional celebration ceremony in June.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, added her congratulations to Malet Lambert on their exciting news.

She commented, "Malet Lambert School should be congratulated for their exceptional achievement. They have proved themselves to be leading the field in improving GCSE outcomes for their students.

"There is so much good practice that this school could share, and I hope many schools will join us at the celebration ceremony for the chance to network and share strategies with award-winning schools.

"These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at Malet Lambert School, and show what can be achieved when skilled teachers have high expectations and ambition for every young person."

Packing a punch

Two Year 7 students have been karate-chopping their way to success as members of Hull and East Riding Karate Club.

Ellie-May and Mia have both been with the karate school for 3 and 4 years respectively and have excelled at recent competitions.

Ellie-May, who is graded as a green belt, currently holds the title for Under 12 Northern Open Champion and has also won gold in her category for the last three competitions she has attended.

Purple belt Mia won a bronze medal for her solo routine at the Northern Open, but won gold at previous competitions.





An ACE opportunity

A group of Year 9 students were invited to take part in ACE Day at the University of Hull, to further their knowledge of higher education.

ACE stands for 'Aiming for a College Education' and the event endeavours to encourage secondary school pupils to consider higher education as an option for them.

During the morning, they discovered more about the courses they could do, played university 'Top Trumps' and heard real life experiences from student ambassadors.

Careers Guidance Officer, Mr Millar, said, "Pupils in Year 9 are just getting to the point when they are asked to think about what they might like to do as a career.

"Some may have a goal in mind and might not have realised that they need to do a degree to reach it, or they may think that there aren't any courses that would interest them.

"An informal event like ACE Day gives students the chance to ask questions and find out how accessible university courses are to them."

In the afternoon, students were given a tour of the campus by student ambassadors and asked to create a poster and slogan to market a particular university, using prospectuses as a reference.

The event had a very positive effect on students' opinions of university, with the majority who had not previously considered it, now thinking it could be an option for them.



Malet heads to No.10

On the first day of our last term for this school year, Year 8 student Harry, 13, travelled down to London with Assistant Headteacher Mr Logan on a very special school trip.

Harry was one of three students chosen to visit 10 Downing Street to meet the government's Enterprise Advisor Lord Young, to present an enterprise education game he has helped to design.

He was joined by Florrie, 10 from Gillshill Primary School, Harry, 14 from Sirius Academy, and representatives from Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership who organised the project.

All three schools had put forward a team of students to work on the board game with designers Engaging Education back in March, depicting how young people in Hull can progress from an idea to a working business with support from local organisations.

Lord Young declared it to be very impressive and even indicated that he'd like to take it to the Prime Minister and play a game with him.

Harry, who won the Badger's Sett Enterprise Challenge 2013 during Global Entrepreneurship Week last year, was delighted to be given the chance to visit the home of our Prime Minister.

He said, "Downing Street was amazing, it was so much bigger on the inside than it looks.

"It was such a great experience and I feel very proud to have been involved. It's not everyday you get to visit 10 Downing Street."

Youth Enterprise Summit 2014

Malet Lambert School was the venue for the second annual Youth Enterprise Summit in June, as part of Humber Business Week 2014

Visit the news section of our website to read more.





Parlez vous Francais?

A group of Year 9 students were thrown in at the deep end of teaching after being asked to teach French to two Year 3 classes at Victoria Dock Primary School before half term.

The six girls were asked to create lesson plans, activities and teaching aids to help them deliver a 45 minute lesson on either animals or family, in groups of three.

This task is to enable the students to achieve their 'Language Leaders' award, which they will be given during a ceremony later this year.

Languages teacher Mr Thompson said, "The pupils acted like true professionals today and showed off their superb linguistic skills.

"They proudly represented their school and I can certainly see some trainee teachers in the making, especially from their excellent delivery and patience under pressure. It was great to see Malet Lambert and Victoria Dock School working together once again in Modern Foreign Languages."

The pupils enthusiastically joined in with activities and listened attentively as our students taught them how to describe their pets and to say whether they like their little brother or not.

Olivia's subject focus for her team was 'family' and she enjoyed the interaction with the groups they were teaching.

She said, "We had to do a lot of preparation for these lessons, like practising what we were going to say, creating activity sheets and making sure our presentation was correct.

"I think we were all nervous beforehand but it's gone brilliantly. The children listened to what we said and responded really well. It was very enjoyable and I'd like to do it again."

All about Hull



Three winners have been announced for the English department's creative writing competition this term - a poem focusing on our City of Culture win earlier in the year.

Harry (Year 7), Callum (Year 8) and James (Year 9) were rewarded with a shopping voucher each for their creative efforts by English teacher, Mr Black.

He said, "I greatly enjoyed reading all the submissions and it was tough picking the winners - but they were well deserved!"

Harry, who simply called his poem "Ull", collaborated with his dad during half term on his entry.

He said, "We were on holiday in Cayton Bay, it was raining really bad and we were looking for something to do.

"I remembered the competition from school so me and my dad sat down and wrote the poem about all the famous people of Hull. I didn't know I had won so I'm pretty pleased."



Belgium History Trip 2014

Just before the Easter holidays, students from Year 7 and Year 8 visited Belgium to learn more about World War 1.

The annual trip gave students the opportunity to visit some of the sites of war events they have been learning about in their history classes.

Trip organiser and history teacher Miss Binns found some of the students were taken aback at their experiences.

She said, "This trip is always hard-hitting for students because it helps them understand that what they learn about in textbooks really happened to people.

"Many students were shocked by the sheer scale of the cemeteries and many found names they recognised - there are 54,896 names on the Menin Gate alone.

"Pupils were particularly affected by the ages of some of the soldiers who were listed - one in particular, Private V Strudwick, was just 15 years old when he died, only a couple of years older than them.

"It's a wonderful, if sobering, way to bring history alive for them."

Amongst other attractions, students visited Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the area, Langemark, the German cemetery for contrast, and laid a wreath on behalf of all the soldiers lost with no known grave at the Menin Gate ceremony, from all students at Malet Lambert.

They were also afforded an opportunity to place a wreath to commemorate a Hull hero, and an ex-pupil of Craven Street School, which is where Malet Lambert now stands.

John 'Jack' Harrison MCVC was an ex-Hull rugby player who was killed during an attack at Oppy, Pas-de-Calais. He was awarded a post-humous Victoria Cross for bravery after launching himself at a machine gun to protect the rest of his troop.

A plaque in his memory rests in the main hall of Malet Lambert School and also at the Arras Memorial.

Year 7 student Harry thoroughly enjoyed his time in Belgium and is itching to go again next year.

He said, "My favourite parts were visiting Tyne Cot and also being able to get in the trenches at the Somme Battlefield.

"Tyne Cot was quite important to me because I found out I had a great-great uncle who died in the war. He was only 17 years old at the time. We tried to find his name on the memorial but we couldn't see it there.

"World War 1 is a sad subject to study, especially when so many people died during it, but I really enjoyed being able to see some of the things we have talked about in lessons in real life.

"I'm hoping my mum and dad will let me go again next year."



Hull Book Awards 2014

Book-loving students were treated to a seminar with a bestselling author, in anticipation of the James Reckitt Hull Children's Book Awards, held at the Freedom Centre.

The five nominated authors for the Hull Book Award - C. J. Flood, Andy Mulligan, Alex Gutteridge, Tom Becker and Phil Earle - were touring the city's secondary schools promoting their books to the students who would be voting for them.

Alex Gutteridge, who wrote 'Young Adult' book Last Chance Angel, popped by for the afternoon to Malet Lambert to talk about her life, her creative processes and to answer questions from students.

She completed the session with a creative activity, where students had to come up with a word or feeling from looking at a picture, then create a story from all their ideas combined.

Alex said, "They've been a joy to talk to today, and this has been a lovely school to visit. They came up with some great ideas during the activity so I hope they enjoyed it too."

The following day, 13 students who help out with reading clubs and library duties went along to the Hull Book Awards, together with student representatives from schools across Hull.

After hearing speeches from each author and enjoying a sit down lunch, all pupils were invited to vote for their favourite book to win the prize.

The award went to C.J. Flood for her book Infinite Sky, a powerful, touching tale about a young girl in the midsts of a family breakdown who befriends a traveller boy.

Sports Day 2014



Students from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 were on top form at this year's Sports Day, smashing several school records from as far back as 1989!

Over 360 students attended the annual event, held at Costello Stadium in West Hull. All competitors had qualified for their track and field events at a pre-Sports Day competition earlier in the month.

The day covered field events in long jump, triple jump, shot putt, discus and javelin, and track events in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and relay. Each competition was split into year group and gender.

Every time a student won an event their tutor group would collect points. At the end of the day, all points were collated to discover who would be crowned tutor group champion in each individual year.

During the field events in the morning, two new records were made:

Year 8 girls long jump
Lauren 4.32m (previously 3.84m in 1993)
Year 7 boys long jump
James 4.49m (previously 4.41m in 2010)

After lunch, the sun truly came out and gave our competitors some very warm running conditions.

Leah from Year 8 broke the first record for girls 800m race, slashing three seconds off the previous best from 16 years ago.

These talented sportsmen and women soon followed suit:

Year 10 girls 800m
Tonya 2:39.39 (previously 2:41.30 in 1999)
Year 10 boys 1500m
Jordan 4:38.35 (previously 4:46.37 in 2010)
Year 9 boys 100m
Billy 0:11.88 (previously 0:12.19 in 1990)
Year 10 girls 100m
Emily 0:13.09 (previously 0:13.75 in 1994)
Year 10 girls 400m
Robyn 1:08.14 (previously 1:10.40 in 1999)
Year 9 boys 400m
Jake 0:57.53 (previously 0:58.86 in 1989)
Year 10 girls 200m
Emily 0:28.64 (previously 0:29.25 in 1999)

Head of PE, Mr Ripley, said, "We all had a fantastic day - great performances, great atmosphere and a great school. A massive well done to all the students who took part, they were all brilliantly behaved and really supportive of each other."

The overall tutor group winners were 7SMA, 8SAT, 9SBE and 10LBE.

The top performers from the event were selected to represent Malet Lambert at the Hull Schools Athletic Championships where our Year 10 girls team and Year 9 boys team both won their age groups against eight other schools. Well done all!



**The only
way is up...
and down!**

Five students from Year 7 took part in a trampolining competition against schools across Hull, and achieved two 1st places and a 3rd place between them.

Rebecca, Ella, Katie, Molly and Oliver all had to show off what they could do for the judges, after training over lunchtimes at school.

All of them worked hard, competing against over 40 students from other local schools such as Winifred Holtby and St Marys College.

Rebecca was awarded 3rd place in U13 intermediate section, while her fellow students Oliver and Katie were both awarded 1st place in the U13 elite boys and U13 elite girls, respectively.

PE teacher Miss Atkin, who coached them at the competition, was very pleased with the outcome.

She said, "An excellent effort on all parts. To come away with two 1st places and a 3rd place is just brilliant - they performed superbly on the day."

See our website for all the extra-curricular sports you can get involved in at Malet Lambert School.



Another trophy for the cabinet

This term Malet Lambert played in yet another sport final, this time in the Hull & East Riding Rugby Plate.

The Year 10 rugby team - fielding their strongest side - took on Wolfreton School in an epic battle to victory.

Malet dominated throughout the first half and managed to take a 12-0 lead.

In the second half, Wolfreton managed to scramble over the line and score their first try of the game. Malet staged a couple of fantastic passing moves which were started by Brad and

Lewis, leading to a further two tries from Malet, and one from hooker Joe, completing his hat trick

After a few mistakes in the last few minutes, Wolfreton scored two tries and converted one kick to make the final score Malet 34 - 16 Wolfreton.

This win follows a stream of successes from our sports teams over recent weeks

Coach Mr Thornham said, "Superb work from our lads and I'm very proud to say we're Year 10 rugby champions of Hull. Man of the Match goes to Joe, particularly for his hat trick of tries! Well done everyone!"

Year 10 Work Experience

During the second week of June, Year 10 student Eryn joined the marketing department for a taste of what it is like promoting a secondary school.

Between taking photos of sports events, tweeting from a science fair and reporting on all the day-to-day goings-on in school that week, she still managed to find time to write a few words about what she - and some of her classmates - hoped to gain from work experience.

This double page spread is dedicated to Year 10 work experience and the work Eryn completed during that week.



By Year 10 student Eryn

When I started my Work Experience, I was pleasantly surprised with what the job entailed. I took photos and wrote stories about what is happening at my school on a daily basis and started to create a Year 6 student brochure to inform them about Year 7 life at Malet.

I took lots of photos of the new BTEC Art Sculptures and put them in a gallery on the school's website. I

also wrote an article called 'How to be Outstanding'. Outside of the office, I took photos of the school production, We Will Rock You, attended TeenTech with a group of Year 8 students, and represented the school media team at Hull Rounders Championships.

Finally, I took some photos of the IT rooms that we have at Malet so new students will be able to see what some of our classrooms are like.

Apart from myself, there are a few other students taking part in their work experience at Malet. These placements range from P.E, to I.T and to Art.

All of the placements are 'beneficial for the future' as they give the opportunity to have an insight into what their desired profession entails. There is a lot for these students to do inside of the school, and they will learn skills such as being independent and using their creativity to have a productive work experience.

Tiegan talks about her work experience in the P.E department, "I chose to do my work experience in P.E because I already do GCSE PE and I will get a bit of experience of what it's like to work with other people in the department.

"I hope to gain a lot of communication skills because I'll be working with a variety of people, such as staff

members and kids, which will benefit me in the future. I also hope to gain teamwork skills and how to teach people new things.

"In the future I would like to go to college and university and train to be a teacher and my work experience helps me because I'll be able to gain a lot of experience from what it's like to teach others and how to help students improve in the future as well."

I also asked Kate who is taking her work experience in the Art Department some questions and these were her responses:

"I chose Art because I want to either be an Art teacher or an Architect when I'm older and this placement will help me decide if it's what I want to do and also, help me achieve my goals.

I think I'll learn more independent skills but also teamwork because I'll be working with other people doing their work experience in Art too."

Personally, I hope to gain more people skills and have a more detailed insight into what goes on behind the scenes of the website and running of Malet on a daily basis.



Elsewhere...at Shield Security

Year 10 students Bradley and James were sent to Shield Security as part of their work experience.

They so impressed company director David Frank, that he emailed school to say they were a pleasure to have and he wished he could have had them for longer to see more of what they could do.

Bradley and James were pleasantly surprised by how much they got out of their time at Shield Security.

Bradley said, "Overall my week at Shield Security has given me lots of experience and gave me a wider

knowledge of what I wanted to do and what the working world is like. The staff made the working environment very welcoming".

James said, "Shield Security sounded as though it would give me more experience and broader options than some of the other workplaces I could go to.

"I didn't really know what to expect because I didn't entirely know what I'd be doing, but I have really enjoyed it because I have learnt things like how to use software called Logosoft which helps manage their staff."



Year 8 boys making bread with Jacksons Bakery

Year 8 tackle TeenTech

By Year 10 student Eryn

On the 10th July, a small group of Year 8's set out to the KC stadium for the annual 'TeenTech' event. Students used their STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) skills to apply themselves to different situations and solving problems.

A range of businesses were at the event and they all had their different stalls and activities for over 200 12-13 year olds to participate in throughout the day which would test their abilities to the maximum.

From disabling a 'bomb' to building bridges, the event offered a huge amount of interactivity for the pupils, making the excitement increase by adding prizes, from as little as a certificate, to a JVC Boom blaster and an iPod touch.

The first event of the day was construction, which saw the girls' team finding out how 'STEM' properties could be applied within the real world and after their discussion, they had to answer questions about their new taught knowledge and when they got the answer right, they were handed a piece of a jigsaw puzzle, applying their construction skills.

Afterwards, they entered a different room which saw them creating an 'egg rover' that would have to hold an egg and drop it from a height without the egg cracking. One out of the four teams managed to create basket like carriers that prevented the egg from

cracking, beating two other student teams and even a teachers team too.

The girls then went to an events room which held approximately 16 different companies that were showcasing what they could do and what skills are necessary.

The girls were given a rota and enjoyed speaking to people who told them more about where their newfound 'STEM' skills come into different situations, including being in the army, creating modern technology at JVC, and making 'windmills' for a chocolate bar.

This event happened until lunch, where the final ideas for the ideas wall were placed. The ideas had to be about something that could either improve life or make their current life better. The winner of this would receive an iPod touch so the stakes were high.

After lunch, Malet's students were tested against other schools' students to make any app that they want. They ranged from healthy eating apps to games where you could 'bite Suarez back'. The 12-13 year olds pitched their ideas at the end of the 30 minute creating time, having just 60 seconds to persuade the app designers to choose theirs as the winning one.

After every team in the room had pitched, all groups were re-united to see who won the prizes of all events, which saw Talitha Marshall who beat a KC employee at Mario Kart, winning a £10 Amazon

Fundraising for Life for a Kid

On the last day of term for Year 11, a charity 'Egg and Flour' fight was organised on the school field.

Students donated money for supplies and raised over £165 for local charity, Life for a Kid. Charity representative Dean Hoggard said: "We'll make sure that the money goes to changing a child's life."

"At the moment there's a little girl who lives locally and is looking for a new wheelchair and some of the money raised will be used to help her."

voucher. After the prizes, the pupils watched video from the previous TeenTech, showing students from this event travel to Buckingham palace for the grand final of the TeenTech event, which also influenced the students to think about applying for roles working with 'STEM'.

Malet came away with one certificate from the app designers as the winners of the best pitch, with their jingle 'Reduce Your Excuse' which was a first for the TeenTech completion ever.

Student comments

'It was amazing, unbelievably amazing and the best day of my life.' –David

'I found it quite interesting today and I would do it again any day' –Alex

We Will Rock You

This year, students put on a fantastic performance of We Will Rock you to crowds of students, staff and the general public, even putting on a special performance for Year 6 students during their transition week.

Here is just a selection of photos from this year's show...



After five years at Malet Lambert School, Year 11 students celebrated the final time they would all be together at their prom at Lazaats Restaurant in Cottingham.

Over 240 students ordered tickets to the annual end of term event, which had previously been hosted at Staff House at the University of Hull.

This time, students and staff enjoyed a three course meal in an impressive marquee, followed by music and dancing.

Throughout the evening, a film was playing, made especially for Year 11 leavers showing their time over the years at Malet Lambert - from nervous Year 7 students to confident Year 11s on their last skiing trip.

Loui and Ellie, Head Boy and Head Girl at Malet, were proud to be at the event and have very fond memories of their time at school.

Loui said, "Teaching staff here have been so supportive during our lessons and exams, they've made a real difference. Personally for me and my business, Mr Logan has been a brilliant help. He's really given me a push and lots of advice to get my business moving in the right direction.

"This evening has just been amazing and such a great way to end the year."

Ellie commented, "I've had the best time at Malet Lambert - it's been life changing. I've made so many friends here - in fact, the best friends I could ever ask for. We've worked so hard for our exams this year and staff have been there every step of the way.

"I've been looking forward to prom so much that I bought my dress in October last year! Everyone

Memories to last a lifetime

here looks amazing tonight and we've all had an unforgettable evening."

Loui and Ellie also had some words of wisdom for our Year 6 students who are ready to make the transition to Year 7 at Malet Lambert.

Loui said, "Don't be too nervous. It can be scary at first but everyone at Malet is there to help you and is on your side."

Ellie said, "The best advice I can give is to take every opportunity that you are given. There is so much to get involved in at school so make the most of it and enjoy it."

Year 11 Progress Leader Mr Chapman said, "The evening was a great success. Feedback from both staff and students was excellent.

"There was a real sense of togetherness and a family-feel, brought about by the sudden breakout of singing in unison to "Proud" by M People.

"The staff from Lazaats, photographer and DJ were very complementary about the impeccable behaviour of our students."



Having a blast at Big Bang!

A selection of Y8 & 9 students were given the chance to visit one of the biggest science shows in the area - The Big Bang Fair at Doncaster Racecourse.

The exhibition, which is a local version of the national event that takes place in London and Birmingham, housed stands from a variety of businesses, training providers, colleges and organisations, who put on some great activities to engage older children and primary school children alike.

Students got to experience a jockey simulation ride, racing mini formula one cars, holding exotic animals, creating wind turbines and finding their liver or bowels with an ultra sound machine.

Scores of companies were represented, including HETA, Bishop Burton College, Hull University, Siemens and Humberside Police, who brought their high-tech iCar which simulates crashes in different scenarios to promote road safety.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition and many took the opportunity to get free a keyring with their fingerprint on - one of many freebies on the day!

STEM Co-ordinator and science teacher Mr Johansson, is hoping to go one better with next year's event.

He said, "The students had a great day today, and with many of them being part of STEM club, the activities were of a real interest to them.

"I'm hoping that next year we'll get a chance to take this trip to the next level and visit one of the main Big Bang Fair events in Birmingham or London."



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