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The VOICE

Newsletter for Malet Lambert students and parents



**Welcome to our new
*Head of School***

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The only way is up!



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Meeting our new Head of School

Having spent much of 2014 and 2015 here as a Deputy Headteacher I now know our pupils, staff and community well.

I feel immensely privileged and proud to be at the forefront of the everyday running of this ambitious school.

Following my application for the role of Head of School, I was put to the test in the last week in January against some very high calibre candidates. After two full days of assessments, I was absolutely delighted to be told that I had successfully gained the position.

Your child will not see huge changes at Malet Lambert in the coming months. I recognise that we have been doing good work here for some time and that will not change. We need to consolidate whilst working as one big team,

making minor adjustments, to ensure that your child continues to make rapid progress.

From our thorough transition process in Year 6 through to the close mentoring and support for our pupils taking public examinations in Year 11, we will continue to put the needs of individual pupils at the heart of everything we do. As a school, we pride ourselves upon having high aspirations. This will ensure that all of our pupils meet their potential by creating a safe, yet vibrant learning environment, which sees first class teaching and learning every single day.

We are very fortunate to have such a caring, skilled and dedicated set of teachers, support staff and governors here at Malet Lambert - ultimate professionals, who are dedicated to the pupils. I have a vision for Malet Lambert to be a school where pupils are happy, whilst learning and achieving exceptionally well in a safe environment.



Please continue to support us by ensuring that your child has good attendance and punctuality, wears smart school uniform and has opportunities to extend their learning at home.

I look forward to meeting you.

Patrick Sprakes

Coming up...

Events at Malet Lambert

7th - 11th March 2016
Careers Week

Tuesday 12th April 2016
First day of summer term

Thursday 10th March 2016
Year 11 Subject Evening

Thursday 24th March 2016
End of term

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The Education Alliance

We are pleased to confirm that on 1 February 2016 we formalised our partnership with South Hunsley School and Hunsley Primary into a multi-academy trust arrangement.

The trust will now be known as The Education Alliance and is currently made up of three schools; South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College acting as the lead school with Hunsley Primary and Malet Lambert as partners.

Go Greenpower!



Five students from Year 9 produced an impressive presentation to win one of five electric kit cars from Greenpower and the University of Hull.

Team 'Maletch' had to speak in front of a panel of 'dragons' and persuade them that they deserved to win the car for their school, that would normally cost £2500 to purchase.

They spoke brilliantly - confidently and clearly - and despite competing against many schools, sixth forms and colleges from around the area, were named one of the five winning teams.

Their task will now be to build the electric kit car from scratch, drawing on their engineering and teamwork skills.

Greenpower Education Trust started this project back in 1999 to raise awareness of STEM subjects.

The electric car challenge requires students, guided by their teachers and an industry mentor, to design, build and then race an electric car.

Race events are held at weekends at major motor circuits around the UK, ensuring excellent attendance from the general public who can witness the amazing vehicles, focus and team work required from the students.

University Challenge

They may have only just started at secondary school, but a group of Year 7 students were given their very first taste of university this week.

Many admitted before the visit that they didn't know much about university, but after a day of campus tours, higher education activities, lectures and a fun STEM challenge, that soon changed!

Firstly, students discussed the main differences between secondary school and university and discussed what it would be like to live at university, including what one essential item would they take to their student house!

After a tour around the university site and a 'question and answer' session with their student ambassador, students were split into six groups to devise a solution for protecting an egg being dropped from a fixed height.



Skills and technical knowledge learned included teamwork, forces, gravity, understanding of mass, impact and the history of physics.

Everyone involved came away with a really positive insight into our local university, including Year 7 student Jack who said:

"Today has changed my opinion of university because I now know what you can do there. I think I would like to come to the University of Hull, or maybe another university."

Visit this news story on our website to view more details of what our students thought.

Debating success!



Written by Leah Rees (Year 10)

Back in the last term of 2015, the Malet Lambert debate team took a trip to University of Hull to compete in their first ever tournament.

The event took place on Saturday 12th December at the University of Hull campus and was an all-day competition. Malet Lambert entered two teams into the event.

The teams' tutor, Mrs Hambleton, was present throughout the whole event and offered a gracious amount of support.

The day began with an early start at 9am, where both Malet teams met up with their opponent, the undefeated Hymers College, and were educated on how and where the debates would take place.

Students from the university who were in charge of the day gave us a brief overview on what was to happen, during and between each debate. Afterwards the two competing schools gathered with their debating tutors to discuss their feelings on the upcoming arguments.

Ten o'clock marked the start of the debate and every team was given their position, either Government or Opposition, and the statement they were debating.

A position on the Government meant that you were arguing for the proposition whereas a position on the Opposition meant you were arguing against.

The first statement of the day was "Parents should make important medical decisions for their children instead of medical professionals".

Each member of the team was granted a five minute slot to convince the judges why they should be the winning team. After an extended debate, the results were in and each team was given a certain number of points, depending on their ranking.



Another debate occurred before it was time to break for lunch. The discussion was about implementing a proportional voting system. Malet Lambert managed to score a victory in both debates and was in a run for a position in the final.

After an hour break for the teams to discuss their progress and to consume some provided refreshments the contest was back on. The statement was revealed and positions were sorted; this time the teams were debating whether or not only violent criminals should end up in prison. Tension was high as it was everything to play for; everyone had a chance to make it to the final.

Teams gathered and debated for their final chance to make it to the concluding discussion of the night with the statement "All British police officers should be armed with lethal weapons".

Everyone waited anxiously to find out if they had done what was needed to make it to the final and when the results were announced Malet Lambert cheered. Both of their teams had made it to the final round!

So, all that was left was for the two teams from Malet Lambert and the two teams from Hymers College to argue their cases to win the title of Hull Schools Debating Champion 2015.

The statement was issued and all four teams used their fifteen minute preparation time to try and write the most convincing argument they

could. It was a difficult one, as the statement was something many were unfamiliar with.

Tension was high, everyone was worried and everything was to play for. Hymers spoke first and with a very convincing argument. Sooner than they hoped, both Malet Lambert teams were up to talk and after a gruelling debate the event was over.

The outcome of the debate was announced and the first good news was delivered; both members of Malet A's team won a position on the best speaker list!

To Malet Lambert's surprise and joy, one of their teams had won first place! Their classroom discussions on a Wednesday evening had paid off and they had managed to defeat Hymers' reign.

It was a proud moment for both the students and their tutor, their first ever competition had ended in first place.

Overall, the team learned a great deal about debating and competing with others. The teams couldn't have done it without the help of their teacher, Mrs Hambleton. She contributed time and money into making sure all students in the team could achieve their full potential - challenging them, encouraging them to leave their comfort zone and try something new.

This led to great success in the competition and much more will hopefully come their way!

Enrichment Day

Written by Chloe Arnold (Year 10)

Before we all broke up for Christmas, Malet Lambert held another Enrichment Day for pupils.

The Year 10 theme was racism and a small section on gang culture, and throughout the day we did related activities in our form classes.

We did all sorts of themed and appropriate workshops, including: watching an informative documentary on gang culture and various videos on racial discrimination, writing a letter to the family who had experienced racism first-hand, matching up human rights laws and a diverse array of group discussions with our classmates and our form tutor.

It's important that we have Enrichment Days in our school year as they help us to learn about

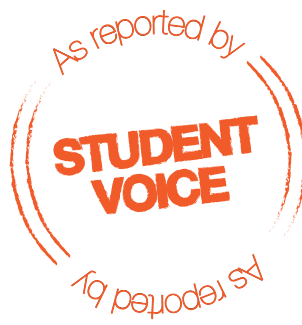
various topics that we may not be educated about in our usual timetable.

Other year groups tackled issues such as littering, bullying and respect, homophobia, and crime and safety.

External visitors included prison experience company, 'Prison, Me? No Way!' and Humberside Police search dogs.

All subjects covered are relevant to modern life, and we could use them to be better and more informed people in society and our surroundings. There were no two workshops the same, so there was something for everyone.

Without the knowledge that we learn during these days, we'd miss out on important skills that the curriculum doesn't involve.



Over to you

Written by Shannon Mulholland (Year 7)

In January, a group of Year 7 and 8 students met up with two people from RM Unify to speak about how they enjoyed school and how we could improve.

Some of the questions included: what is the best/the worst part of school, what would you do to improve school.

The session was around an hour and a half and you were free to say what you wanted. The session was recorded so the people from RM could see what students at Malet Lambert think about it.

Most people complained about homework and how long lunch time and break time is, but the positive things included the brilliant education that is given and that you get to go out for lunch in Year 8.

My opinion is that Malet is an amazing school and gives its pupils a great education.

Student Voice

The Student Voice group meet weekly and write about student experiences from their own point of view.

Their articles are featured in our newsletter and on our website, and in March the team will be taking part in BBC School Report.



Getting into *the spirit*

Written by Victoria Byelova (Year 10)

This December saw the school's most recent Christmas Concert, packed with even more performances than the previous year.

A wide array of performances took place, ranging from dance pieces to percussion groups, suiting to everyone's taste.

Family and friends filled the crowd, creating a jovial atmosphere, and took pleasure in watching all of the acts.

One talented pupil, Year 9 pupil Yasmin, performed several times.

Her performances varied in material; singing one of her original songs, with her own accompaniment of guitar, and two violin pieces, one of which was a duet.

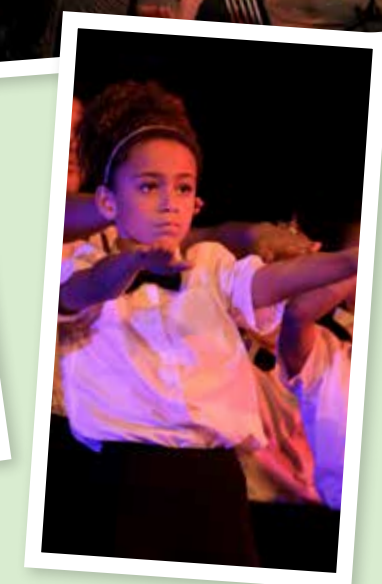
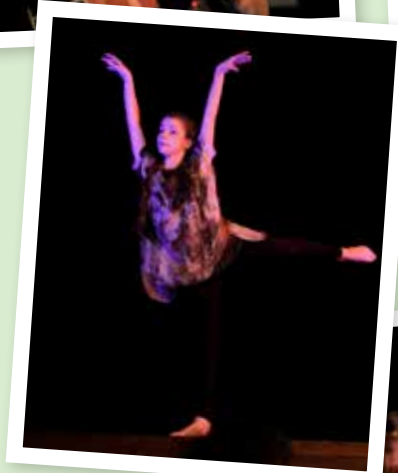
Yasmin even took part in singing in the choir, which had many parts in the concert. The choir backed up the dance group in some of their acts, both groups compiling students from all year groups.

These are but a few examples of the massive range in pupils performing; from brass bands to percussion bands, from solo singers to pianists, everyone took part.

The concert showed only a mere fraction of the talent that can be found within the different year groups, many of which take lessons or enjoy these hobbies in their spare time.

The concert wasn't the only festive event organised in the last week; recognition trips took place on the Thursday morning of the concert, and teachers dressed up in themed costumes, according to department.

Overall, Christmas spirit was well-embedded into the last week of term, with the Christmas Concert contributing to the festivity and showing friends and family some of the brilliant pupils in this school.



Quarter final success for Y11 in national football competition

Congratulations to our Year 11 football team who have made it through to the semi-finals of the ESFA Open National Cup for the third year running.

They beat Leicester team Beauchamp College 3-0 in a tough match in very difficult weather conditions at the beginning of February. Goals came from Jacob and Josh.

Team captain Billy has been on the bench for a number of months now after tearing a cruciate ligament and is only just getting back to his best.

Both he and Josh have just signed two-year scholarship deals with Hull Tigers and will start training at the Bishop Burton College-based academy in July.

This will be the last chance the team have to push for a place in the national final together before they leave Malet Lambert for post-16 study/training later this year.

A force to be reckoned with amongst local school teams, the squad won both the Hull Schools Cup and Hull 5-a-side tournaments last year, plus were local champions three times over in Year 9.

They fell at the semi-finals of the national cup in Year 9 and Year 10 in tough matches, so we'll all be hoping that this is their year to make it to the next stage!



Student scholarships

Hull Tigers Academy has offered two-year scholarships to six local youngsters in the Under-16s age group - including two from Malet Lambert.

The scholarship programme will see Year 11 students Billy and Jacob start full-time at the Academy's Bishop Burton base in July later this year ahead of the 2016/17 campaign.

Academy Manager Tony Pennock said: "All the boys have done very well to get this far and we're looking forward to seeing how they all adapt to full-time training and progress during their time as a scholar."

"We continue our drive to unearth and develop the best local talent to go forward and play first team football for Hull City."

Sport Successes

How have other Malet Lambert teams and individuals been faring locally?

Y7 student Charlie Turner qualified for the U13 Table Tennis national finals, after winning the Humber round.

Y11 boys badminton team came 3rd in the Humber Games championships.

Year 10 girls rugby team finished 2nd in the Hull Schools Rugby League Tournament.

Y8 boys rugby team are due to play in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup, and have made the next round of the national cup.

U16 girls netball team won the Hull Schools League and finished 4th in the county.

Ex-student and Hull City youth player Josh Tymon has been called up to the England U17 squad.

Festive fancy dress

Every year, we run a staff fancy dress day on the last day of term.

Every department - including our administration team, premises staff and cleaners - get involved and come up with some amazing outfits.

It's great fun, and adds to the festive atmosphere of the day.

