



# Malet MERCURY

*Newsletter for Malet Lambert School students and parents*



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## *A message from the Head Teacher*

*We are only one term into this school year and so much has happened already.*

*Talented students have graced our stage to receive awards, business-minded pupils have won prestigious competitions, and outstanding results were achieved and celebrated before we arrived back in September.*

*I wish you a marvellous Christmas and New Year with your families, and I look forward to seeing what 2014 will bring to our school.*

*Best wishes,*

*Jane S. Disbrey*



## Celebrating success at annual Awards Ceremony

**Hundreds of talented students were awarded with prizes for their hard work and dedication, at Malet Lambert School's annual Awards Evening in November.**

Over 230 awards were handed out in a variety of subject areas to current students from Year 7 to Year 11, and also to students who left in July this year, who are now in their first year of further education.

Headteacher Mrs Jane Disbrey led the way at the start of the event, saying how proud she is of Malet Lambert and its students.

She said, "People who visit us comment on our stunning environment, our positive relationships and our pride in what we do.

"Malet Lambert is a wonderful school with fabulous students; our staff, governors and parents are totally committed to bringing out the best in them.

"We are truly a school where tradition counts and people matter."

Current students were then presented with certificates for their subject specific awards, having been

nominated by their teachers for commitment and hard work in that particular area.

Year 10 student Kelly Gale won an award for excellence in Drama and was very pleased because it is her favourite subject.

She said, "I love drama lessons and I'm really proud to have been chosen for this award out of the whole of Year 10 by my teacher. I'll definitely continue to study it at college when I have finished my GCSEs, because I'd like a career in that area in the future."

The event was also about celebrating the achievements of last year's Year 11 cohort and their successes in their final year at school.

Students were awarded for excellence in a specific subject area, for outstanding achievement in Key Stage 4 and for excellent GCSE results, and were gifted a book of their choice for their efforts.

Some high achievers walked away with multiple awards, like current Wyke student Charlotte Mayo who won the Margaret Wright Prize for Contribution to Extra-Curricular Music, an award for her excellent GCSE results, and also performed 'Show Me' from My Fair Lady for the congregation.

Charlotte wasn't the only performer on the night. Year 10 student Alexander O'Malley sang 'This Nearly Was Mine' from South Pacific and Elizabeth Pickering, also from Year 10, performed her own composition 'Take Off Your Colours', both to rapturous applause.

Head of PE, Mr Andy Ripley, took the opportunity to publically congratulate the various sports teams at Malet Lambert on their endless victories last season, and team captains came forward to collect their trophies.

Sports successes last year included the Year 11 Netball team winning the Hull Schools League for the 5th consecutive year, Year 8 Boys Football team won the Hull Schools League, Hull Schools Cup and the Hull Schools 5-a-side Championships, and the Year 9 Cricket team won the Humber League.

Guest speaker Thomas Morrison, from Rollits Solicitors, was astounded by the talent on display at Malet Lambert.

Speaking to the audience, he said, "Seeing how much

you have already achieved gives me great hope for the future.

"You are well-known in the area as a body of students that try that bit harder, that go the extra mile. The awards tonight are testament to that.

"It is clear to me that you already possess vital employability skills and this means you have better career prospects.

"Use this moment to celebrate your achievements, enjoy the praise and use that as motivation to tackle the next set of goals you have set yourself."

The final award of the night was the Headteacher's Award and was selected by Mrs Disbrey, who was delighted to give the honour to past student Lee Pearson.

The former Head Boy was chosen for his kindness, his battle through adversity and for being an excellent representative of Malet Lambert School.



What the Twitter world was saying about Malet Lambert's Awards Ceremony...

@grace\_cornforth – "Was such a lovely night at Malet Lambert's awards evening tonight, so proud of everyone who got an award! Thanks for my 2 @maletlambert"

@HullsEnterprise – "Congratulations to all the young people @maletlambert who got awards this evening #HullYes"

@THELOUIBANNERS – "Thanks for all the support from @HullsEnterprise @maletlambert @Stephen\_Logan @RuthBadger @andyfowler13 for receiving The Extra Mile Award!"

## Many hardworking students were delighted with top GCSE results during Summer 2013.

An impressive 62% of students gained the benchmark of five A\*-C grades including English and Maths.

Fiona Taylor, Lucy Ranner and Reanna Wray (pictured) were overjoyed in reading their outstanding GCSE results.

Students gained a crop of exceptional results in many areas, including: Art, Drama, Music, Business Studies, Physical Education, ICT, Textiles Design, Travel & Tourism and Engineering (HETA).

Congratulations to our students William Cogley, Rebecca Brown, Elizabeth Hamilton and Molly Hardy for achieving top grades.

# Top exam results at Malet Lambert



# From Farm to Fork

**Inquisitive Year 7 pupils visited an arable farm today in Goole to discover more about where their food comes from, courtesy of The Cooperative Group and the 'From Farm to Fork' initiative.**

The trip, organised as part of Food Technology, was split into two parts - exploring the farm and learning about different types of grain, and making their own healthy pizzas in the workshop kitchens.

Linda and Rebecca from the Goole Estate Cooperative Farm led the sessions and dealt with many pertinent questions from intrigued students.

Using interactive activities, pupils learned the difference between types of grain and how they are used, and how everything we eat contains ingredients that come from a farm.

The session seemed to teach pupils - and staff - many things they didn't know, including Ellie-May Hume, who thought the activity was really informative.

She said, "I thought I could answer quite a few of the questions they asked but I still found out lots I didn't know which was great."

After donning their wellies and walking boots, they were taken on a tour of the farm to see newly sown fields, recently harvested sugar beet crop and poly-tunnels containing tomatoes, garlic and fennel plants.

For the second session of the day, the Year 7 pupils were given the chance to make their own pizzas from scratch, including designing their own packaging.

They could choose from a variety of healthy toppings and were encouraged to pick something they had never tried before.

Alan Briggs particularly enjoyed this aspect of the activity and was looking forward to sampling his creation.



He said, "I've made pizzas at home but I've never added new ingredients before. I think my pizza looks really tasty and I can't wait to try it, and maybe make one again."

The trip had been organised by Technology teacher Miss Armstrong, who felt it had been a worthwhile and educational visit.

She said, "We were introduced to the 'From Farm to Fork' initiative by the school's business champion and thought it would fit brilliantly with what our Year 7 pupils are currently learning in class.

"We've had some great feedback about the trip from students and luckily the weather has stayed relatively dry, although rather cold, during the farm tour."

The Cooperative Group have farms based across the whole of the UK and produce a variety of crops, including potatoes, wheat and peas.

The 'From Farm to Fork' experience runs at Cooperative Group farms across the UK and aims to improve children's understanding of where the food they eat comes from.





# STEM Club enter national engineering competition

**A group of enthusiastic young scientists and engineers narrowly missed out on winning funding and resources for their school in a nationwide competition for secondary schools.**

The Malet Lambert School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Club worked together to produce an application video, to persuade the Elite Engineering Programme for Schools that they should be one of only 25 deserving recipients of £3000 worth of LEGO Mindstorms resources.

Their video entry uses stop-motion technology with LEGO models and characters to explain why they should be chosen as one of the winning schools, and was created solely by the STEM Club which encompasses students from Year 9.

Science teacher Daniel Johansson runs STEM Club and was disappointed they didn't get chosen this year but hopes this spurs them on for next year's competition.

He said, "The entries were judged on the quality of their video, the amount of views it had on YouTube, the amount of likes it had on the EEP Schools website and the surrounding interest generated by the school on social media and in the press.

"It is a shame we didn't get chosen this year, but we were up against a lot of competition from schools on a national scale.

"Next year, the programme will choose 100 schools so we'll definitely be re-entering the next round.

"The students loved being involved in a project that had a real purpose, so it has been beneficial all round, and really showed their creativity, plus we received some great support from local organisations on social media.

"STEM Club students have shown exceptional dedication and enthusiasm towards all the projects they have so far undertaken and have shown a real

aptitude for problem solving and coming up with creative solutions."

STEM Club member and Year 9 pupil Callum Bratton spent three evenings after school with his fellow club members in the run up to the entry deadline creating their application video.

He said, "We spent over five hours producing our entry after school, using stop-motion technology and some LEGO figures that someone had donated for our project.

"STEM Club is great fun. We learn and explore things that we might not have time to cover in normal lessons, so if you've got a particular interest, you have time and opportunity to research it and learn more."

To view Malet Lambert's entry, search 'Malet Lambert EEP' in YouTube.

# Raising our game

**Malet Lambert School PE department are doing their utmost to ensure strong development of their rugby provision by forging links with east Hull Super League team Hull Kingston Rovers.**

Former Hull KR and England International player Shaun Briscoe and Hull KR Youth Development coach Rob Nickolay, will be on hand every Tuesday evening to put young hopefuls through their paces and nurture raw talent in Rugby League.

Mr Beadle, Malet Lambert rugby coach and PE teacher, hopes it will not only help improve the rugby skills of current team members at Malet, but inspire youngsters to take the game seriously as a past time, rather than just a spectator sport

He said, "We have some fantastic football teams at Malet Lambert – twice national champions – but our rugby teams have been lagging behind a little.

"We already know we've got strong talent here because some of our students have been selected for the Hull KR Scholarships, so we just need to raise our game a little and really give rugby at Malet Lambert a boost.

"This is going to make a huge difference to our teams. Just Hull KR being here has got them excited and inspired, especially Shaun Briscoe's presence.

"Year 9 and 10 both didn't have the numbers for a rugby team this year, but with this renewed interest we're hoping we can enter teams at the Hull Schools rallies after Easter, and maybe even win."

Mr Beadle originally contacted Hull KR to discuss the donation of a kit, which they kindly provided, but they also put him in contact with then Community Coach Rob Nickolay to deliver some training to students.

This year Rob was promoted to Youth Development Coach and, alongside Shaun Briscoe, offered to



come down and do some regular training, this time focused on developing raw talent and scouting for the scholarship teams.

Rob is keen to progress links with Malet Lambert and is already seeing a hotbed of talent emerging.

He said, "We were helping to coach Year 7 when they started last September and now they are in Year 8 we're really seeing some results from the time and effort that has been put in on both sides. They are only going to get stronger and better.

"The facilities here are second to none and it's a bonus to be able to have a pitch like this to train on. Compared to playing on a muddy field, it's a different ball game.

"Hopefully, we'll get some of these lads playing with our scholarship and academy teams, and maybe our first team in future."

Year 10 student Kieron Wilson was chosen for a position on the Hull KR scholarship team in September and will be joining Rob and Shaun to coach younger students from next week.

He said, "The training I have been given has helped to focus my mind and make me more aware on the pitch. My teachers have noticed a positive change in my attitude in the classroom too."

"We're really lucky at Malet Lambert to have the chance to be trained by coaches of one of the top teams in the country, and also to be scouted for their youth teams."

Everyone who attends the sessions will be taught core skills and fitness techniques. Training is currently every Tuesday but the team hope to increase that to include Thursday nights and some class workshops.



# Netting some goals



**Year 7 Netball team have got off to a flying start this school year by winning the Year 7 Netball League for Hull Schools.**

After playing games against Winifred Holtby, Thomas Ferens Academy and Andrew Marvell, amongst others, the girls have been crowned champions of their year group across Hull and proudly received their medals last week.

Abigail plays for Wilberforce Netball Club alongside her team at Malet, and is keen to say how great her teammates are.

She said, "We all work so well as a team because we know what we're doing in each of our positions and we listen to each other."

"Miss Atkin and Miss Pearson are really good coaches and have taught us lots of skills to play the game well. "I want to carry on playing all the way through school because I think we're good as a team and we try our hardest in matches – that leads to us winning."

Miss Atkin, teacher of PE and netball coach, commented that their win is "a fantastic achievement and I'm very proud of the hard work the girls have put in. Hopefully we can continue this winning streak over the next five years of school."



## Sock it to 'em!

**Year 7 Textiles students were given an extra special extended homework – to design and make their own sock people.**

Students were inspired by the school's Community Governor Julian Shann, who has recently taken up the hobby of making stuffed toys out of socks, and brought some of them in to show the class.

Their brief was to make a creature out of socks, stuff it, decorate it and bring it in for a class competition to be judged by Mr Shann.

All of the students took great pride in their creations, ranging from snails to cats, and rabbits to the unique "slender man".

Ryan Nandra was awarded 1st place with his blue and pink sock monkey, and Reece Spamer and Ashlee Tether tied for 2nd place with a dog and a rabbit respectively.

Aleisha Evans won third place for her pom pom decorated creature and Cameron Donnelly was given a special Family Contribution award for working on his project with his family.



## Bethany goes Above and Beyond

Congratulations to Year 8 student Bethany Griffiths, who was nominated for an Above and Beyond award by her tutor Miss Atkin due to her fantastic attitude, eagerness to be involved in school life and willingness to go the extra mile.

Bethany was awarded with a certificate, and chose a pamper pack of hair and beauty products for her prize.

*Well done Bethany!*

# Global Entrepreneurship Week in Hull

Students here are actively encouraged to be creative and enthusiastic about business and entrepreneurial ideas. We are very supportive of Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership and take part in a variety of enterprise activities throughout the year.

Every November, we support Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW), and 2013 was no exception. The highlights of the event included hosting our own Enterprise Challenge day for Year 8 students, Harry Hopkin becoming the Badger's Sett Enterprise Challenge champion - making us the winners for the third year in a row, and winning Most Enterprising Secondary School at the GEW Awards Dinner on the final night of the event.

Here are some photos from across the week. To read more about Malet Lambert's involvement in GEW 2013, please visit the news section of our website.



Year 8 student Harry Hopkin, winner of this year's Badger's Sett Enterprise Challenge



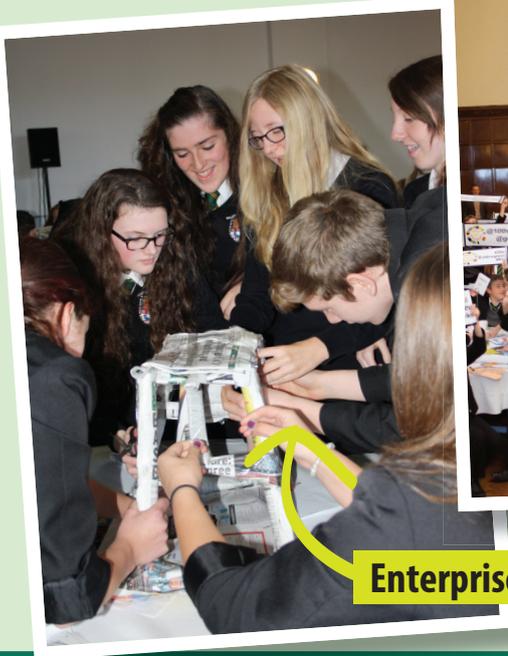
Head boy Loui Fowler collecting Malet Lambert's award for Hull's Most Enterprising School



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