



The VOICE

Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



*Malet meet
the band!*

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Skiing



Careers Week



Face of Malet

Many volunteers have stepped up to audition to be the new 'face' of Malet Lambert in our latest promotional film.

Over 30 pupils from Years 7, 8, and 9 have auditioned in front of the Head of Drama, the Head of School and film director, Simon Baxter.

They had to read a short excerpt from Rudyard Kipling poem 'If', while being filmed.

The pupils were assessed on their energy, delivery and expression, and will soon be told if they have been successful.

The promotional video will be used on our website and social media platforms, and also to introduce potential pupils to our school and its ethos.



Welcome from our Head of School

It seems that I usually start my section of 'The Voice' telling you how busy things are at the school.

This term is no different, but that is what you would expect from the school - a busy, bustling environment with lots of opportunities. An atmosphere enjoyed by staff and pupils alike.

February half term was once again a privileged one for me personally, as I accompanied the pupils and other colleagues on the ski trip to Italy.

A great time was had by all and, as always, I came home feeling proud of our pupils. Their resilience, behaviour and all round attitude was amazing. Please see the featured article in this edition.

Year 11 continues to work extremely hard at this crunch time of year. Controlled assessments and coursework are due.

Their commitment both in class and to extra sessions has been great. Parents are encouraged to contact the house teams should you feel your son or daughter need further support at this time.

There is so much going on over the coming weeks; far too much to mention everything, so I won't try. Please do keep up-to-date with our school website and social media.

Wishing all Malet families a very pleasant Easter.

Patrick Sprakes

Coming up...

Events at Malet Lambert

Start of Summer Term
Monday 9th April 2018

Year 8 Progress Evening
Wednesday 11th April 2018 &
Thursday 19th April 2018

Year 7 Progress Evening
Wednesday 2nd May 2018 &
Thursday 10th May 2018

May Bank Holiday
Monday 7th May 2018

Main Exam Season Starts
Monday 14th May 2018

Half Term
Monday 28th May 2018 to
Friday 1st June 2018

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On the slopes in Italy

During February half term, over 70 staff and pupils headed to Italy on our annual skiing trip.

The group left by coach in the early hours of Friday morning, just before half term, travelling the 970 miles to their destination by coach and ferry.

Over the course of the week, pupils had the opportunity to learn to ski with lessons from qualified instructors, or brush up on their skills for those with previous experience.

As they gained confidence they could explore the wider mountain area and take in the spectacular views from the ski lift.

Pupils had a wonderful time on their trip and our Head of School, Mr Sprakes, thoroughly enjoyed taking them.

He said, "It has been our pleasure to take pupils on our annual school skiing trip.

"They have been brilliant all week, and we are very proud of them."

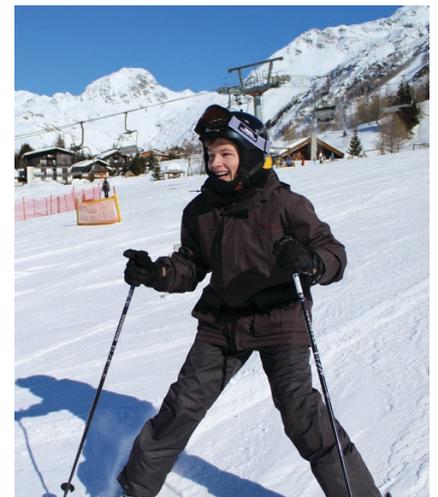
Year 11 pupil Abigail was attending for the first time, and vowed it would not be her last time on the slopes.

She said, "It was absolutely exhilarating. We had to get stuck in straight away and be really hands on.

"At first it was really difficult to get the right direction and figure out how to stop, but as you progress it gets easier to learn new tricks.

"I'd really want to go again in the future and would definitely recommend the trip to other pupils.

"This is my final year, so I won't be able to go again with school but me and my friends are hoping to go all together."





A trip they'll 'Never Forget'

A trip to the theatre transformed into a celebrity meet-and-greet in March, as pupils and staff from Malet Lambert were surprised with a visit from Take That at Hull New Theatre.

Twenty pupils and staff had been invited to attend a performance of *The Band*, a musical featuring songs by Take That, as a gesture to commemorate 26 years since the band performed at Malet Lambert when they were just starting out in 1992.

As the pupils were sitting quietly as part of a live broadcast on ITV Calendar News, Mark, Gary and Howard of Take That walked into the theatre, to a chorus of gasps and excited whispers.

Thrilled pupils had the chance to chat to the band members and take photos, before heading off to wait for the musical to start.

To be a part of the trip, pupils had to write a letter outlining why they should be chosen.

One Year 9 pupil, Heather, decided to apply in a creative way, by re-writing the lyrics to one of their best-loved hits, 'Back For Good'.

When Gary Barlow was handed her entry letter, he started singing it out loud to the room, much to Heather's delight.

She said, "I love musical theatre, which is why I applied to go. I didn't expect to meet the band there at all and it was just incredible when he started singing the words I had written.

"I asked him to sign it for me, so now I'll probably frame it and hang it on my wall.

"I was so shocked to see them there. There were rumours we would be meeting one of the cast members, which would have been great, but this was even better!

"The musical was fantastic, I really loved it. It was a great experience."

Year 11 pupil Yasmin took the opportunity to pass Gary some of her own music while she was there.

Yasmin writes her own music and plays at a variety of venues and events around Hull, plus has been featured on BBC *Introducing* on BBC Radio Humberside.

She said, "My dad mentioned that it was rumoured they would be at the performance so I had a CD in my bag just in case.

"I didn't know we were actually going to meet them. I was so shocked!

"I seized the opportunity and went up to Gary and gave him my CD, saying it was a thank you gift for inviting us here. Hopefully, he will listen to it."

Pupils then settled down to watch *The Band*, a new musical about a group of young girls and their love for a boy band in the 90s.

The characters meet as adults 25 years later, and the story follows their individual journeys through life, interspersed with Take That hits throughout.

Everyone raved about the show, particularly the impressive set, great script and excellent soundtrack, with one pupil even giving it '1000 out of 10!'

At the end of the night, Take That appeared on stage with the cast to sing a medley of their hits, to the delight of the audience.

Mud is no match for Malet



Year 11 boys rugby team battled against adverse conditions in their first National Cup quarter final.

The team fought through a water-logged and muddy pitch against Warrington-based school, Bridgewater.

But they didn't let it put them off and put their all into the match - the first time their have reached the National Cup during the last five years.

Malet took the lead in the first half putting the team 6-0 ahead, but Bridgewater quickly came back to make it 6-4 to Malet.

With just minutes to spare before half time, Malet scored again bringing the score to 10-4.

Bridgewater came out strong in the second half with good territory and possession.

After injuries to several Malet players, the Bridgewater team proved too strong and managed to break the Malet line, scoring three times in the second half. This left the final score at 22-10 to Bridgewater.

Team coach, Mr Beadle, encouraged staff and pupils to congratulate the team on their achievements and said, "I couldn't be prouder of the lads and how they have conducted themselves all season.

"They have reached both the Yorkshire Cup semi-final and now the National Cup quarter-final, which is a huge achievement for any team, let alone a team who had never previously made it past the first round of these competitions.

"We'll be coming back stronger after Easter, hopefully winning the Hull Cup."

Sports Round-up

There are lots of matches being played, both home and away in a variety of sports. Here are just some of the excellent results we have seen from our talented pupils:

Girls Dodgeball

Second place in Humber Games.

Year 9 boys rugby

Heading into the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Plate.

Year 7 boys rugby

Beat St Marys 14-0 in Yorkshire Plate quarter-final.

Year 8 girls rugby

WINNERS of SkyTry Hull Rugby League nines.

Year 8 boys football

Beat Winifred Holtby 5-2 in Hull Cup quarter final.

Year 7 boys football

Beat Healing School 2-0 in Humberside Cup semi-final.



Singing Sensation

Talented Year 10 pupil Rio is currently appearing on a national TV singing competition after being headhunted by CBBC.

She was spotted by CBBC talent scouts from some of her singing videos, published on YouTube.

They got in touch to ask her to audition for the new series of talent show 'Got What It Takes', which pits ambitious teenagers against each other while showcasing their singing talents.

Rio was delighted to be offered such an exciting opportunity, but had to negotiate an audition process before being shortlisted for the show.

She said, "CBBC contacted me after seeing some of my YouTube videos. I was asked to send in some audition videos and there were over 800 kids at the start of the process.

"Eventually it went down from 800 to 30 to 20, then to the final eight and I was on the show.

"The filming was done over the summer holiday last year. I stayed in London for three weeks in a girls' school and filmed everyday, from singing to family challenges.

"It was great fun - I enjoyed it so much. I'd love to go back and do it again."

Each week the contestants have to compete with each other to win a place in the sing-off by completing a variety of challenges.

There are only three places in the sing-off, and the accompanying parents of the contestants choose the winner.

So far, Rio has been in every sing-off and won one of them. The final decision will be down to a public vote.

Rio is obviously hoping to win, but is also grateful to be part of the experience.

She said, "If you win, you get to perform at the BBC Biggest Weekend festival later this year with a celebrity, which is a fantastic prize.

"Even if I don't get to that part, the experience has been the best bit for me.

"Getting to meet and speak to people who are in the industry and who can give me advice to help me pursue my dream and make a career out of performing is just amazing."

Despite her experience on the show and in school productions – she was Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray: The Musical* last year - Rio still feels nervous about singing in front of people at times.

She said, "Give me a big crowd of people to sing in front of and that's easy. But ask me to sing in front of you now, and I'd struggle.

"It was hard to sing in front of the other contestants. In fact, I never used to sing in front of people at all unless I was asked to. It made me too nervous and anxious that they were judging me."

Alongside her studies, she performs at The Ship Inn every Sunday, which gives her invaluable performance experience.

She commented, "Singing is definitely what I want to do in the future, whether that is performing on stage or teaching music in a school. As long as I'm involved in singing or music, I'll be happy."

Rio appears in 'Got What It Takes' on CBBC every Wednesday at 5.30pm

Pupils unveil Hull 'Women's Week' plaque

To celebrate the achievements of notable Hull women as part of the International Women's Day celebrations, Miss Cutts (Director of Humanities) and Y10 pupils Lucy and Yasmin, were invited to the launch event of Hull City Council's 'Women's Week' at the Guildhall.

Five plaques were to be unveiled as part of the Lord Mayor's 100 Centenary Plaque trail, which is led by Cllr Mary Glew and continues the theme of 'Made in Hull' from the Hull City of Culture 2017 celebrations.

Miss Cutts said "We were incredibly honoured to be invited to this event to speak about Dr. Crackles, and I was extremely proud of both Lucy and Yasmin who spoke with such confidence in

front of an audience, which included journalists from Radio Humberside and BBC Look North.

"We have all been very inspired by the commitment of Dr. Crackles to the field of natural sciences, a woman who saw no boundaries in what had been very much a man's world."

Dr. Eva Crackles was a British botanist and Malet Lambert teacher notable for her major contributions to the Atlas of the British Flora, published in 1962.

She received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Hull in 1991.

The following year, she was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth II for her work in plant conservation.



Crackles was elected Honorary Life member of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland in 2000.

Cllr Glew was very impressed with Lucy and Yasmin, and has invited Miss Cutts and pupils from Malet Lambert to unveil another plaque to former Malet Lambert pupil Jean Rook, the First Lady of Fleet Street, later in the month.

Gymnast Katie heads to Florida

Year 8 pupil Katie will be flying out to Florida in June to compete in the IAIGC World Gymnastics Championships, alongside 12 of her fellow gymnasts.

The 13 girls from Sutton Village Gymnastics (SVG) qualified for the championships after competing in a variety of competitions locally and nationally and will now travel to the US to represent UK gymnastics.

They will compete at differing levels on four pieces: bars, beam, floor and vault.

Katie has increased her practice sessions recently ready for this prestigious competition.

She said, "I've been doing gymnastics since I was nine years old.

"I love doing it because there are so many different disciplines that you don't get bored.

"The vault is definitely my best piece but I'll have to do all of them.

"I already do three sessions a week at least, so I'll be upping my training to five sessions.

"We've been to America for this competition before, we qualified a couple of years ago. That's my biggest achievement to date, so to do it for a second time is amazing, especially when competing against people from across the world."

Katie and her teammates at SVG are currently fundraising. They need to raise £2000 to help pay for gym attire, travel and accommodation for their trip.

If you would like to donate any prizes for their raffle or tombola, there is collection box in Reception at school.

You can also donate money to their fund at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/4su7i5c>



Exploring Employment

National Careers Week 2018 was as busy as ever, with almost 1500 pupils getting involved in some way across the week.

Over 50 employers, colleges, universities and training providers worked with Malet Lambert to provide activities and educational workshops that would offer valuable careers and enterprise education.

MONDAY

Four year groups were invited into the hall to hear from ambassadors from PUSH, who deliver motivational talks about employability and the workforce.

Meanwhile, 56 aspiring engineers from Year 9 headed to Wilberforce College to explore their engineering workshops, and gain some hands-on experience from the tutors.

TUESDAY

Year 7 were excited to try their hand at working the stock market with Bernie from Innovative Enterprise.

In groups, they were given a starting amount of £1500. They had to watch the stock market on the screen and use their judgement to know when to buy and sell shares at the front desk.

The winning teams both finished with over £90,000, which was an incredible feat in just over an hour!



WEDNESDAY

Engaging Education set to work with Year 8 pupils on a design project.



They had to repurpose shipping containers to enable them to be used for something else within the community, submitting a design of their idea.

Pupils came up with some interesting concepts, including homeless shelters, pharmacies, animal rescue centres and soft play rooms.

THURSDAY

Year 10 business studies pupils discussed the future of employment in the Humber region with visitors from The History Troupe.

It was an important insight into the changes to business and logistics in the area by 2050.

Year 9 settled down in the main hall for an activity with Young Enterprise, where they were exploring their enterprise skills by coming up with a new business idea.

FRIDAY

Outside of school, 28 girls headed to the Guildhall in Hull to celebrate Women in Manufacturing and Engineering, an event designed to encourage young women to aspire for jobs in this career area.

In school, Years 9, 10, and 11 were exploring the Career's Fair in the sports hall, talking to employers, training providers and colleges, discussing their potential future careers.

Year 9 discussed their futures in more detail with the University of Hull and Performance in Education (PIE) as part of a project called Steps to Success.

PIE performed a short piece of comedy drama to start with, looking at routes in education after Year 11. Afterwards, pupils discussed what they had seen in more depth with the presenters and each other.

The aim of the project is to widen participation in higher education.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who has taken part in National Careers Week provision at Malet Lambert, and assisted us in creating a timetable of engaging activities with a huge amount of variety.

www.nationalcareersweek.com