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Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



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Welcome from our Head of School

Well, losing that hour in bed on Sunday morning was a bit of a shock to the system I have to say, although it's great to see the lighter evenings once again.

You read from me in every edition of 'The Voice' that it is a busy time at Malet Lambert and the current state of play is no exception. There is an awful lot going on.

Working as part of The Education Alliance trust is going from strength to strength.

We will be welcoming to Malet Lambert 500+ colleagues from all of our trust schools this week as we come together to collaborate and share our vision and ideas for the future.

Supporting each other moving forward will be hugely beneficial for your son or daughter.

I am meeting the Malet Lambert community group this week, a meeting that I look forward to.

We have members of the local community, parents, shop managers, emergency services, councillors and other friends of the school too, all coming together to discuss how Malet Lambert can work most effectively with its community.

If any readers would like to get involved with this group, then do give us a call.

It's been great to see and speak to so many of you at recent parents' evenings, but please remember you don't have to wait for a parents' evening. Give us a call if you have any concerns and you will be directed to the most appropriate member of staff.

I hope everybody has a great Easter break. There are lots of Year 11 revision sessions going on over Easter as we move into the exam period. Year 11 pupils are working really hard as are the staff.



It remains an honour to lead this wonderful school.

Best wishes,

Patrick Sprakes

Coming up...

Events at Malet Lambert

Easter Holiday
Friday 5th - Monday 22nd April

May Day Holiday
Monday 6th May

'Voices of the Future' Concert
Wednesday 24th April

May Half Term
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Year 7 Progress Evening
Weds 1st & Thurs 9th May

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Art attack

Pupils from Year 7, 8 and 9 were treated to an arts workshop at Ferens Art Gallery with sculptor, Saffron Waghorn.

Saffron led a session on clay sculpting and casting with plaster, plus experimenting with light and shade when drawing.

To finish the day, pupils were given a tour of the Ferens Art Gallery.



Skiing in Le Sestriere

For over 60 pupils and staff members at Malet Lambert, February half term was spent learning winter sports in Europe on our annual school ski trip.

The destination was Le Sestriere in Italy, and after 24 hours in a coach and on a ferry, the group arrived at the resort ready to test their skills on the slopes.

With 24 hours worth of skiing tuition during the week - plus lots of time to practise on the slopes - even pupils at beginner level were able to develop and improve their skiing abilities significantly during their stay.

In the evenings, staff arranged a variety of activities to keep the team occupied, including quizzes, bingo, a disco, bum boarding and pizza night.

Ski Person of the Week was awarded to Year 11 pupil Charlie, with awards also being given out to Most Improved Skier, Fastest Skier and Most Entertaining Pupil.

The return journey went without a hitch, and the designated coach driver commented on the 'excellent' behaviour of all pupils, saying, "One of the best group of pupils we have taken in a very long time."





Exploring future careers

Pupils across all year groups took part in National Careers Week during the first week of March, exploring potential future career paths.

Local colleges, training providers and businesses visited school to deliver a range of workshops and talks that help to educate young people on the options available to them after Year 11.

National Careers Week is celebrated across the UK, and is an event that Malet Lambert takes part in annually.

Every day held a new activity, focusing on a variety of careers areas, from robotics and engineering, to medicine and business.

Year 7 pupils had the chance to experience working with investments on the stock market with Innovative Education.

The main hall was turned into the floor of a stock exchange and pupils had a set amount of money as a group to invest in businesses.

The market value of each business was shown on a screen at the front of the hall and teams had to decide when to buy shares and when to sell. The group with the most money at the end was the winner.



Careers Co-ordinator, Mr Millar, saw lots of key skills being used by pupils participating in this task.

He said, "This session helps pupils really build those skills which are essential in any job – decision making, critical thinking, managing workloads, and working in high-pressure environments, amongst others.

"Throughout National Careers Week, we've tried to give pupils workshops that help build those vital skills, and plenty of information relating to careers that they can enter in the future.

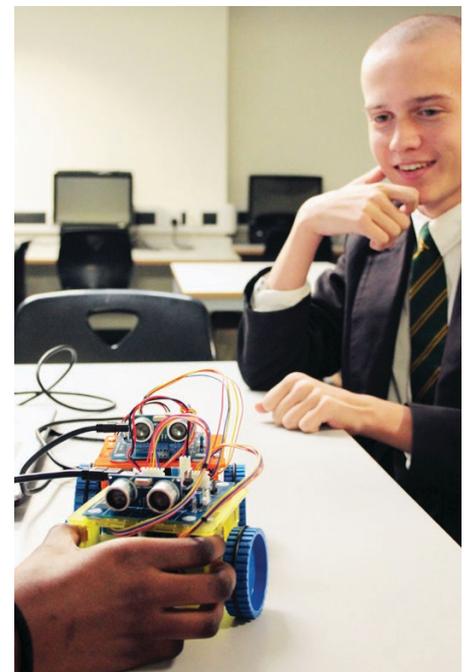
"We aim to deliver a strong careers programme

that allows us meet the eight Gatsby Benchmarks which make up a solid CEIAG curriculum."

Alongside our annual careers fair, which allows pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 to meet with colleges, training providers and businesses, pupils were also involved in:

- Self-esteem building with The Fix Up Team.
- Building and programming mini robots.
- Exploring crime investigation techniques.
- Discovering how to start your own business.
- Designing an app for Careers Week.
- Exploring medical science.
- Bridge building and engineering.

More photos from National Careers Week:





An incredible run for Year 11 rugby team

Our Year 11 rugby team are celebrating five unbeaten years as champions, after winning every local title since Year 7.

Each year, the dream team have won the Hull Cup, the Hull League and the Hull 9-a-Side competitions, beating all other school teams in the area.

Alongside this amazing achievement, they have reached numerous Yorkshire Cup semi finals, and played in the National Cup semi-final three times.

Coach, and PE teacher, Mr Robinson has trained them since they first became a team in Year 7 and is incredibly proud of their many victories.

He said, "They are a lovely group of pupils and get on brilliantly, not just as teammates but as friends.

"In Year 7 they won the Yorkshire Cup, which was amazing in their first year.

"Their toughest loss came shortly after their greatest win, just a few short weeks ago.

"They won a match against Glantaf School – who are two-time national champions and have only

conceded three matches during their whole school career.

"That was an unbelievable win, and we were all delighted.

"However, they then played their National Cup semi-final just two days later and lost, which I think was in part due to the amount of players injured from the match against Glantaf.

"If there had been a bigger gap, who knows what could have happened.

"I'm very lucky to have been able to train such a talented team and I'll miss them greatly when they leave in July."

The team were nominated for Team of the Year at the Hull Daily Mail Sporting Champions Awards for their achievements over the past five years.



The winning team, back in Year 7



Enterprising pupils make regional final

Eight Year 10 pupils have been named runners-up in the Hull leg of the Young Enterprise Company of the Year competition.

Beating teams from Hymers College, Wilberforce College and Kelvin Hall School, they secured second place for their educational book for Key Stage 1 pupils.

They now head into the regional finals in May, competing against a second Hymers College team, and two further teams from the East Riding of Yorkshire. The winning team will represent the region in the Yorkshire finals.

The team has written and illustrated their own book, which aims to help children deal with the emotions of parental separation.

It follows the story of Panda and Mouse, and how Panda helps his friend overcome the initial upset of parents who no longer live together.

Along their journey, the enterprising team have had to research all elements of their book, edit it and learn to use programs that were previously unfamiliar to them.

Each team must also allocate roles to each member including financial director, HR manager, marketing manager and sales director.

The competition part is marked not only on innovation, but on sales, accounts, marketing and digital presence.

The team received excellent feedback on their original idea, and the execution of it. Judges were also very impressed with their product presentation.

Team Rise are now in the process of printing their book and hope to distribute it to local primary schools and libraries, before setting their sights on national sales.

Young Enterprise encourages school children to create their own business from scratch and make money from a product that they source or invent, before competing against other schools for Company of the Year.

Any money made from their project will be split between team members when the company wraps up at the end of July.



Sport success

So far this year, sports teams at Malet Lambert have been performing brilliantly.

This term, Year 7 boys rugby won the Hull Cup final against St Marys College, after having also won the Hull League, and reaching the Yorkshire Plate semi-final.

Year 8 boys rugby have followed suit and also won the Hull Cup and reached the Yorkshire Plate semi-final.

Year 9 girls rugby finished second in the Hull Championships but lost a close game in the Yorkshire Cup semi-final.

Year 7 boys football have also had a brilliant season so far, winning the Hull Cup and Hull League and reaching the semi-final of the National Cup.

At national level, four Year 11 boys have been selected for the England Rugby Performance Squad.

Archie, Adam, Bailey and Jacob are already part of the school's championship rugby team (see opposite page), and play for scholarship teams in Hull and Castleford.

They were chosen as some of the best young players nationally, and will play extra training sessions with England coaches, before potentially playing in international tests.

Malet legal team win big!



A group of Year 8 & 9 pupils were crowned the winners of a mock trial at Lincoln Magistrates' Court, sending them straight to the regional finals in Mansfield.

Assisted by English teachers Miss Fletcher and Mr Latham, the group created a full case to be presented in court in front of a panel of solicitors and magistrates, who judged the competition.

The mock trial focused on a fictional crime – the theft of an iPhone in the street. The pupils had to represent the witnesses, solicitors, legal advisors and usher who would be present in court.

They competed against another school, presenting their case in under four minutes to prove who had committed the crime.

Miss Fletcher, who led the project, was very pleased with their performance.

She said, "This is the first time we have entered the Young Citizens Smart Law Mock Trials, and our team were very impressive in court.

"They had to create their opening and closing speeches, arguments for prosecution and represent the witnesses from the witness statements we had been given.

"After we had created our case, Mr Latham – who previously worked in the legal system - was able to help us go over it and ensure we were using legal terminology correctly.

"This really gave us the edge, along with the amount of time pupils gave to perfecting their speeches.

"They were incredibly proud to come home with their engraved trophy and certificates."

This kind of opportunity helps pupils develop skills in public speaking, persuasive language and critical thinking.

The team will now move on to their next case ready for the regional finals in Mansfield later in the year.



Word Power

Creative pupils are developing their use of language with the First Story project, which helps them publish their own compositions.

Poet Joe Hakim is working with English teacher Mr Little and a selection of pupils, and helping them express their thoughts through written word.

Last year, they published their first book, Bright Ideas, which contained poems and prose written by our very own pupils.

This year, they have asked to focus on creative non-fiction and writing as a career, so have been learning how to write reviews and news stories.

Local news outlet, Hull Is This, has published some of their first pieces on their website, and will be working with other schools in the area to do the same.

Their mentor, Joe, said, "I have a strong, unwavering belief that opportunities in the creative industries should be open and accessible to all, so it's heartening to see them display such an interest."

To see their published articles online, visit hullisthis.news/