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Like us all, I am hoping that there is light at the end of the tunnel now, as the government rolls out the vaccination programme and national rates of COVID-19 infection continue to reduce. The rates in Hull have been described as 'stubborn' and we are all playing our part to assist. No more so, than our amazing pupils, who once again have returned to school with energy, adaptability and resilience.



We are trying our best to make school as 'normal' as possible, but undoubtedly some of the changes make this task difficult. I, once again, applaud our staff and pupils on how well they are managing the changes and are working hard to keep each other safe. I would also like to thank parents and carers who have been superb in supporting the school; particularly over the last year.

We were pleased with how our online learning developed over time, but it is great to see pupils back in classrooms enjoying the interaction that comes with face to face learning. In my privileged position of being able to walk around school it has been great to see 'business as usual' in this regard.

Year 7 and Year 8 have had a strange start to secondary school in many ways, but speaking to many of them this week, I am reassured that they feel as settled as they would do ordinarily. Year 9 have been making their guided options choices recently ready for next year. That process is nearly complete and we will be confirming details in the coming weeks. Year 10 pupils are working well. Only yesterday, I was shown some excellent examples of some written work by a number of pupils, which was pleasing to see. Year 11 have had lots of information to take in recently and we are working with them every day to ensure they understand the next steps in their courses and that they are not disadvantaged in any way by the pandemic.

All in all, I am very proud of all concerned and very grateful for the support given. Wishing you all a pleasant Easter break.

Best wishes,

Patrick Sprakes

Term Dates...

Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Summer Half-Term

Monday 31st May 2021

Friday 4th June 2021

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A message from our Head Pupils

As Head Pupils, we understand the physical and mental hardships you may have experienced in the past months.

We just wanted to congratulate you on all your hard work during the past lockdowns. A few days ago, we reflected upon a year of our first ever national lockdown. So we just wanted to show our appreciation to everything you as pupils do.

First of all, we wanted to say a huge thank you to all year 7s, as we know from the start it has been a very different year. You have all coped immensely well under the circumstances, from being incredibly responsive during virtual transition week, to producing fantastic work during online learning, there are so many things we as your pupil leadership team could say about you. Thank you for being such a spectacular year group and we are truly sorry we have not been able to interact with your year group in the way we would normally. We hope you will be able to voice your opinions in person to the up and coming pupil leadership team next September, but if you need us, please feel free to contact us via our emails addresses.

Year 8, thank you for settling into your second year and once again producing some marvellous work within the lockdown period. We hope you have enjoyed your year so far and we look forward to seeing more impressive achievements from you. Year 9, we understand this has been a difficult year for you, especially with picking your options. We wish you the best of luck for starting your journey into year 10. As for year 10, you have amazed your teachers with your effort and enthusiasm, we wish you all the best for year 11 and continuing your GCSE and BTEC courses.

Year 11: we want to just congratulate you on all your hard work in the past months. During this unprecedented time, your commitment to learning, in the most part, has been impeccable. The more effort you put in now, the better the result. Take this holiday as a time to relax yet also concentrate on areas of weakness within your subjects. Some good news to get into your calendar is the date, Thursday 12th August. This has been confirmed as your results day (as seen on the latest newsletter).

And of course, a huge thank you to all staff and teachers tirelessly working towards helping us achieve the best outcomes. We truly appreciate your commitment to our learning and development.

To summarise, thank you to all the pupils, staff members and teachers who have fulfilled our education even in the most difficult of times. We hope you all have a relaxing break and Happy Easter!

Your Head Pupils and the PLT



Head Pupils
Elise M and Stanley B



Deputy Head Pupils
Aeenpreet K and Angel D

Headteacher Portraits out on Display

Past headteachers of Malet Lambert are honoured with a new display in the school.

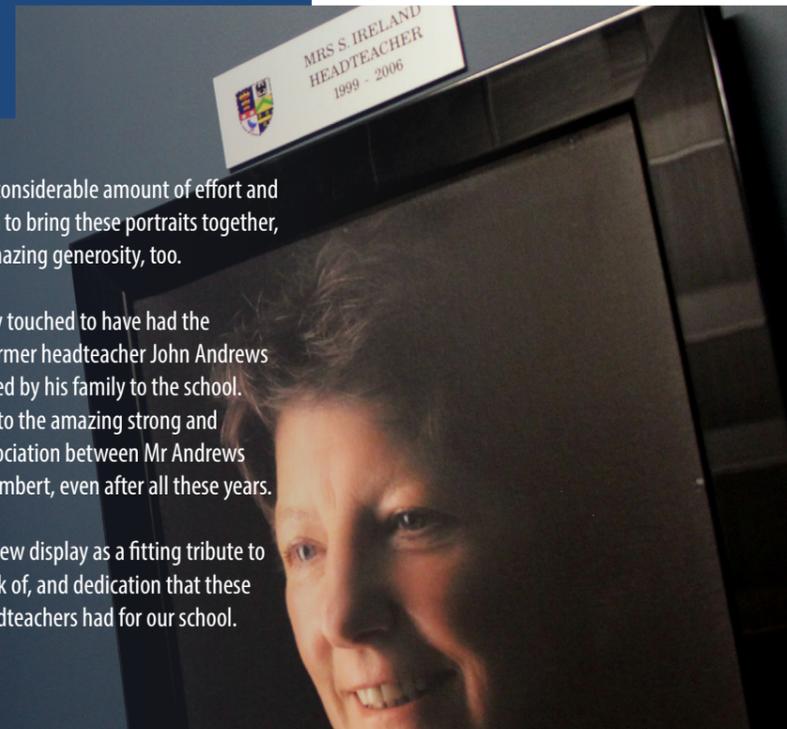
Portraits of previous Malet Lambert headteachers are now proudly on show as part of a new display at Malet Lambert.

The new display, situated just beyond the reception area, features past headteachers, going all the way back to Mr H Shoosmith, who served as Malet Lambert's headteacher from 1932 until 1951.

There was a considerable amount of effort and collaboration to bring these portraits together, and some amazing generosity, too.

We were very touched to have had the portrait of former headteacher John Andrews kindly donated by his family to the school. A testament to the amazing strong and heartfelt association between Mr Andrews and Malet Lambert, even after all these years.

We see this new display as a fitting tribute to the hard work of, and dedication that these previous headteachers had for our school.



Malet Bakes for Comic Relief

Malet Lambert pupils have shown off their baking skills for this year's Red Nose Day for Comic Relief.

Malet Lambert has always enjoyed taking part in Red Nose Day activities, and this year we wanted it to be no different. This year, pupils from across all year groups were challenged to a baking contest. The rules were simple, the finished cake or buns had to be Red Nose Day themed.

Pupils were then asked to send in photos of their baking efforts, with all entries being in with a chance to win a prize of a £10 TK Maxx gift card.

After looking through so many fantastic entries, a winner was chosen by Mrs Sibary. Year 7 pupil, Emily H, took home the grand prize for her entry of not just a brilliant multi-coloured cake but

also the amazing Red Nose Day themed jammy dodger biscuits that she also baked.

Each of the other entries from pupils earned them a postcard and chocolate bunny for their amazing efforts.

But that wasn't the only good news from this year's Red Nose Day at Malet Lambert. On Friday 19th March, pupils were invited to attend school in non-uniform, as long as it had a splash of red.

Where possible, pupils were asked to donate a small amount towards Comic Relief for this, and we are very pleased to announce that in total that we have raised this year is £1349.50!

Thank you to all the pupils and staff who contributed to this amazing achievement and, one again, a tremendous well done to all of the pupils who entered our Red Nose Day baking competition.



Left: Winning Year 7 pupil, Emily, receiving her prize.

Right: Emily's winning entry.



Malet Lambert's Careers Programme Makes The Grade

There was good news for our careers programme as our annual review for the Quality in Careers Standard, as conducted by The Humber LEP, returns a great responses into our careers and guidance facilities and provisions.

At Malet Lambert, we are extremely proud of the work that we have put into our CEIAG that allows our pupils to have the guidance and information needed to make the right choices for their post-GCSE future.

Our standards and efforts are periodically reviewed by to ensure that we continue to provide the very best career guidance and information we can.

Our careers programme is reviewed against the eight Gatsby Benchmarks, that outline specific goals and targets for a school to meet in their careers education provisions.

Our Careers Leader, Ms Powell, was extremely pleased over the recognition the careers programme at Malet Lambert had received.

"We are delighted that our assessor from Quality in Careers Standard organisation recognises the effort we have put in to maintain the excellent standard of CEIAG we offer, and to continue to improve."

While this year has provided the school with a number of challenges, due mostly in part to the covid-19 pandemic, our careers programme has had to adapt to the restrictions in place, which has affected the offers and resources that would have been available ordinarily.

"Restrictions during the pandemic have meant we have had to adapt our provision to be available remotely, and as a result, we haven't been able to offer the same number of trips and face-to-face interactions we usually would. However, we have made sure that all pupils have been able to access CEIAG through lessons, National Careers Week remote learning, and through one-to-one guidance and support for our Year 11 pupils."

We would like to offer a huge congratulations to Ms Powell and everyone who has been involved and help make the Malet Lambert's career programme the success that it is.



Malet Lambert's Careers Leader, Ms Powell

Below is a brief summary on how well Malet Lambert matched up to the Gatsby benchmarks:

Benchmark One: A stable programme

In response to the recent national lockdowns and the pandemic, the school has made considerable efforts to prioritise elements of the the careers programme that can be adapted to pupils working in their bubbles/from home.

Benchmark Two: Learning from career and labour market information

Our subject departments are continuing to support our CEIAG procedures. Staff have also been recruited as "careers champions" for their departments to help integrate more career focus into their subject areas.

Benchmark Three: Addressing the needs of each pupil

Malet Lambert has made it so that pupils in Year 11 can now all have a Uxplore account and a LogOnMoveOn account to help them explore their post-16 options. Pupils also have dedicated time for PSHE sessions on a two-week rotation basis.

Benchmark four: Linking curriculum learning to career

Malet Lambert pupils are able to benefit from a growing network of alumni. Through the service of Future First, the school has made links with former pupils and a wealth of knowledge of experience that can be shared to the benefit of current pupils.

Benchmark Five: Encounters with employers and employees

Malet Lambert continues to provide its pupils with the opportunity to explore and learn about different career paths through links with external agencies and organisations.

Benchmark Six: Experiences of workplaces

During this time of nation restrictions, considerable effort was made to ensure that a variety of online and virtual resources and experiences were made available to our pupils, including external virtual job and careers fairs.

Benchmark Seven: Encounters with further and higher education

The school has also been able to partake in a collaborative programme with the University of Hull called The Brilliant Club, whose aim is to promote social mobility and aspiration for our Key Stage 3 pupils through mentorship from university students.

Benchmark Eight: Personal Guidance

We have a firm commitment to ensure that all our Year 11 pupils have the opportunity to have an interview with a dedicated careers advisor before they leave secondary education. While the current restrictions made face-to-face interviews impossible, interviews were still being conducted online or over the phone to ensure pupils are still able to benefit from these interviews.

Pupils Return to the Classroom

Malet Lambert is thrilled to have pupils back in the classroom.

Though this year has been less than ordinary, we are incredibly pleased with the attitude and work ethic demonstrated by our returning pupils this term.

We have previously commended our pupils for their quick adaptation to online learning whilst the national lockdown was in place, and now we find ourselves impressed by the levels of enthusiasm show as pupils return to the classroom.

A return to school has meant that the rules and guidance that pupils and staff adhered to before the last lockdown will remain in place for now.

This includes using the one way system around the school buildings, the wearing of face coverings while in

school (which has been expanded to include classrooms), and the rules in place to maintain a safe distance between each other.

Because our pupils are spending more time outside during their breaks the school is happy to announce the recent installation of two new large shelters outside.

Malet Lambert has also successfully carried out a series of lateral flow tests with pupils to try to detect any new cases of infection and minimise the disruption to school life.



New outdoor shelters for pupil to use during their breaks.

Rules on face coverings and social distancing will remain in place for the time being.



Thanks to the help and cooperation of pupils, the school has been able to plan ahead to minimise disruption to learning should action be needed to be taken in the case of a positive result.

Mr Dick, who coordinated the school's testing efforts, has praised the work of all those involved in the planning and execution of the on-site Covid 19 testing.

"We are extremely proud of how well the testing went in school with our pupils and staff. All the staff that volunteered to assist with this process, have worked exceptionally hard to minimise the disruption to lessons and ensuring pupils can continue with their learning."

The pupils who had consented were invited to be tested three times on separate occasions while at school and then were encouraged to carry on regular testing at home thereafter.

Staff at Malet Lambert have also been encouraged to take part in home testing. All the results gathered from these tests help paint a more accurate picture of the spread on Covid-19 in our local area.

For this reason, we extend our deepest thanks to all the pupils and staff who have taken part in the testing.



Staff could not wait for pupils to return and to resume classroom teaching.

Pupils' Social Action Project

There was reason to celebrate this term as a group of our Year 10 pupils received recognition for their project as part of the Premier League Inspires Challenge.

The Inspires Challenge aims to promote good mental health and wellbeing through the organisation and completion of social action.

The challenge is being delivered to the Year 10 pupils by the Tigers Trust, a local organisation that aims to engage with the community on issues of wellbeing and health through active participation and education.

Teams are asked to consider how they would enact social action for their young people, their peers or even their local area as a whole.

The group of pupils were tasked with completing a brief based upon the idea of creating a social action project, designed to promote positive mental health.

Our team of pupils decided to focus on helping young people with the often worrying transition from primary school to

secondary school. To that end, the team set to work creating a resource to help leaving Year 6 pupils prepare for starting in Year 7.

Presenting their project as a booklet, the team hope that their work can go on to be of great benefit for school children in the local area.

For the work that they have done so far, the team received an award for their effort as part of their recognition by the local organisers of the Inspires Challenge.

Mr Clackstone, a secondary school officer for the Tigers Trust, who have delivered this challenge to Malet Lambert, has been with the group since the start of the project. Mr Clackstone was impressed immensely by the work of the pupils.

"Since meeting the group they have been a pleasure to teach and work with. Their ideas for the social action project have been extremely inventive and they have adapted to the changing circumstances with great success."

This already amazing achievement has already paved the way for more potential success, as the team will now be invited to present their project at the wider, national level of the challenge in the summer.

We congratulate our pupils on their amazing achievement so far. We will be sure to follow them as they proceed with their project and we wish them every success for the next stage of the challenge.



The Year 10 Inspires Challenge group with Malet Lambert Headteacher, Mr Sprakes, and Tigers Trust's secondary school officer, Mr Clackstone.