



Traditional **Values**

Contemporary **Aspirations**

Creative **Curiosity**

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Dear Parent/Carer

As a busy first week back at school draws to a close, I wanted to write to parents with an update on various matters, as well as reminding you of some of the key events in our school calendar this half term. Firstly I'd like to thank the vast majority of parents and carers. Seeing how smart and ready for work our pupils were walking into school on Tuesday was an absolute pleasure. I was even contacted by a member of the local community, who commented on how smart they all looked. This is nice to hear. Clearly communicated and fair systems have been put in place to assist the small number of pupils who need to address any specific uniform issues.

Year 11 Results

As I stated in the local press, it is very pleasing to see, that after a challenging year at Malet Lambert, the resilience and hard work from our Year 11 pupils and staff has paid off. We were most of all pleased that our projected Progress 8 score of +0.38 means that on average our pupils achieved a third of a grade higher than those with the same starting points nationally.

The Education Alliance

We have now been a member of the Multi-academy Trust for some months and I am pleased to report that the amount we are gaining from our membership has been invaluable. Many of our departments are working in partnership with colleagues at South Hunsley School, sharing ideas and strategies for continuous improvement.

Sport and PE – Extra Curricular Clubs

Mr Ripley (*Head of PE*) informs me that the organisation of extra-curricular clubs and sports teams is in place and pupils are currently being informed about training sessions and potential matches. Watch this space.

Open Evening 2016

We extend a warm invitation to parents and pupils for our Year 6 Open Evenings on Thursday, 29 September, and Tuesday, 4 October 5:00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. This will be an exciting opportunity to see our excellent facilities, find out more about the subjects on offer and meet school staff.

Curriculum Update

This year we have made some changes to how we group pupils for some lessons. We have done this to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to make the best possible progress.

Evidence from the highly respected Education Endowment Foundation shows that setting by ability across all subjects has no positive impact on pupils' progress. While setting in some subjects may be effective, by far the biggest influence on pupils' progress is high quality teaching and particularly regular feedback from teachers that is specific to individual pupils.

Both Year 7 and Year 8 are divided into four pathways made up of pupils with a range of abilities. Within each pathway English and Mathematics will be ability set. In Year 9, all of the Ebacc subjects, English, Mathematics, Sciences, Languages and Humanities will be ability set. We will be fine tuning the final setting over the coming days.

In the new Year 10, pupils are placed in two mixed ability pathways and are set by ability for all of their core GCSE subjects. Options subjects remain mixed ability, owing to the number of pupils opting to take a particular course. Throughout their school careers, pupils will be in teaching groups with many different pupils. At the times when pupils are taught in mixed ability groups, as well as making good progress academically, they develop a stronger sense of community within the school and pupils' self-esteem and motivation can increase.

Careers Education

Responding to the DfE's desire to improve the quality of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) within schools, the Humber LEP has created a CEIAG quality Gold Standard to assess the provision offered by education establishments within the Humber area. In March 2016, after submitting substantial documentation outlining the provision offered to pupils within Malet Lambert, we are delighted to announce that we became the first secondary school in Hull to achieve this prestigious award. During the process, our assessor visited the school to evaluate the evidence and included meeting with pupils, staff and parents.

Summer School 2016

During the summer break, 40 of our new Year 7 pupils attended a week of summer school, designed to help them settle and plant their roots at Malet Lambert. Pupils took part in a range of enterprise themed activities detailed below. Feedback was excellent.

- Planning a concept 'Smoothie' business and creating their business's first smoothie
- Designing cars for the future and designing a marketing campaign to complement the launch of the car
- Visiting Welton Waters Adventure Centre where pupils went sailing, canoeing, rafting and other outdoor activities
- Designing, making and marketing a new range of soaps

STEM (Science, Technology, English & Maths)

On 11 October, 50 of our Year 11 pupils will have the chance to visit a Pupil Market held at KCOM stadium organised by The Careers and Enterprise Company, to learn about real career opportunities available to them in Health, Digital Media, Manufacturing, Ports and Logistics in our area. Pupils will take part in a variety of STEM activities and will meet a range of employers and providers to help them make the right choices for their future.

Mobile Phones

The new approach to mobile phones that we introduced in the final half term of last year was extremely successful. It was very pleasing that over 90% of pupils remembered the correct times for using their mobile phones and thus avoided any need for confiscation. We were very proud of how well our pupils responded to the change.

School Photographs

School photographers (Tempest) will be visiting us, on Thursday, 15 September, 2016, to take individual pupil photographs for those pupils in Years 7, 9 and 11. Parents will receive order packs towards the end of September.

Lunch Cards

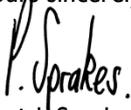
Only year 9, 10 and 11 are now allowed to leave the site at lunch time but they must have their official lunch card with them in order to do this. We introduced this system in the summer. As part of our safeguarding procedures, it is essential that we know that pupils are off-site with the permission of their parents or carers. Notes from parents or carers or phone calls will not replace the need for the card. We are pleased to report that so far this term, the pupils have responded extremely well to this change.

Events for the diary this half term

15 September	School Photographs (7, 9 & 11)	
29 September and 4 October	Year 6 Open Evenings	5pm – 8pm
5 October	Madrid Trip Parents' Evening	5.30pm – 7.30pm
13 October	Year 7 Settling In Evening	6pm – 8pm
18 October	Enrichment Day	
20 October	Year 11 Parents' Evening	4pm – 7.30pm
21 – 25 October	Madrid Trip	
21 October	HALF TERM	

I look forward to seeing you at some of the events this half term.

Yours sincerely


 Patrick Sprakes
 Head of School