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From our Headteacher

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your ongoing support and partnership.

The strength of our school community lies in the positive relationships we share with our families, and your encouragement, involvement, and trust have played a vital role in helping us provide the best possible education for our pupils this academic year.

This has been a year of continued progress, achievement, and resilience. Whether through academic successes, creative endeavours, sporting achievements or community involvement, our pupils have once again shown determination, adaptability, and kindness; qualities we are incredibly proud of.

Thank you once again for the part you play in making our school such a special place. It has been a privilege to work alongside such committed and supportive families, and I know that our shared efforts will continue to benefit our pupils.

I wish you and your family a restful, enjoyable summer break.

Best Wishes



Patrick Sprakes



Term Dates...

Staff Training Day

Monday 1st September 2025

Years 7 & 11 Pupil Return Date

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Rest of School Return Date

Wednesday 3rd September 2025



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Our New Head Pupils

We are pleased to announce that our Head Pupils for 2025/26 have been appointed. Head Pupils and Deputy Head Pupils work to bring the voice of the pupils to the table in discussions on school improvement and planning. They act as the intermediate between the pupil body and the school leadership.

The process of choosing a Head Pupil team is not easy, and those who undertake the challenge are expected to meet a good standard as they progress through the stages. We had a number of candidates who took part in various tasks, including formal interviews with the Headteacher, Governors and pupil panels.

All candidates performed excellently, and we are happy to announce that our new Head Pupils are Susanna, Emily and Daria, and our Deputies Isabelle, Mckauley and James.

We are immensely proud of all our candidates and look forward to working with our new PLT next year.



Head Pupils Susanna, Emily and Daria.



Deputy Head Pupils Isabelle, Mckauley and James.

Year 5 Science Workshop

This term, we welcomed Year 5 pupils from nearby primary schools to participate in a science workshop with our staff and pupil volunteers.

The visiting pupils worked within one of our science labs and were introduced to scientific equipment and investigative techniques.

Our guests were also supported by some of our Year 7 pupils to help complete their investigations. The pupils were a credit to their schools and we hope that they enjoyed their experience of science at Malet Lambert.



Year 5 pupils from Ings Primary School took part in a science workshop at Malet Lambert.

Year 6 Transition Week

Between the 7th and 11th of July, we welcomed around 357 Year 6 pupils to Malet as part of our annual Transition Week. Transition Week is held every year towards the end of the summer term, as a welcoming period for incoming Year 7 pupils.

The soon-to-be Year 7s then have the chance to experience life as a Malet Lambert pupil, partaking in all of the subject lessons that they will be taking in September, and seeing all the facilities available at the school and a glimpse at possible extra-curricular activities and groups that may be of interest to them. As an additional treat for our Year 6 guests, they were given a glimpse of this year's whole school production, 'Oliver!'

While the transition from Primary to Secondary school can be daunting, it's our hope that our Transition Week can alleviate some of the worries that Year 6 pupils may have. We would like to extend our thanks to all of the staff and pupil helpers who helped make our Transition Week run as smoothly and seamlessly as it did.



Year 6s started the week by meeting their soon-to-be form tutor.



Year 6 visitors watched a performance of the whole school production, Oliver!

Pride Bake Sale

This year's Pride Month was marked at MAlet Lambert with a fantastic level of participation from our school community. Pride Month is an annual celebration and observation of the LGBTQ+ community, focusing on history, inclusion and more. This year, a particular focussed was paid to the trans community.

One of the activities organised by our Pride club was a weekly workshop on bracelet making on a lunchtime. At the end of the month, a bake sale was also organised.

The cakes and buns that were kindly baked by pupils were sold during breaktime, with all the money made being donated to the charity, 'Mermaids'. The bake sale managed to raise over £70 in total.



Malet Lambert pupils donated their home-baked goods to sell at the Pride Month Bake Sale.

Into University Workshops

We would like to thank Into University, for coming into Malet Lambert this half term. Into University aims to help pupils aspire to what they are capable of achieving, and help them understand the pathways available to them in higher education for when they leave school.

Along side the workshops that have ran in school this half term, pupils who participated were also taken across to the University of Hull to see the campus and get a feel to what life and work as a university student is like.

The Brilliant club

Members of our Brilliant Club visited the University of Leeds and took part in a number of higher education activities.

Their day included a Q&A with current students of the university and a campus tour in the sunshine. The pupils, as part of their engagement with the club, had taken part in the Scholars Programme. For which, at the end of the day they were presented with graduation certificates.

Their participation in the programme included writing a 1500 word dissertation on the subject of the Windrush Generation, with the help of a PHD tutor from the University of York.



Above and Beyond Awards

This term, we have celebrated the achievement of our pupils as part of our 'Above and Beyond' presentation.

Three separate categories were awarded to pupils during the assembly; The Year 7 Residential Award, given to pupils who conducted themselves exceedingly well and did stride to achieve to during this year's residential trip to Wales.

The Malet Citizen Award, given to pupils who had completed the work that contributed to the Malet Citizen project that pupils participated in.

The Subject Competition Award, for pupils who had taken part in some of the subject competitions and challenges that have been held across this year. Congratulations to all of the recipients.



Recipients of the Malet Citizen Award.

A Mischief of Rats

Malet Lambert was invited to be part of the project, called 'A Mischief of Rats', which has seen a number of decorated rat statues erected across Hull.

The designs of each rat will have individual meaning and connection to Hull, with pupils from Malet decorating one of the statues with a collage of symbols and motifs which signified freedom.

Pupils were guided on this project by Head of Art, Miss Ruffy and artist Charlie Eden.

The whole project itself has been done in conjunction with The Daisy Appeal. Based locally, the Daisy Appeal is run by the Hull and East Yorkshire Medical Research Centre and was established in 2000 to combine research and help develop treatment and provide support for those with dementia, cancer and heart disease.

The Malet Lambert Rat can be visited on Liberty Green, just off of Chamberlain Road. A full map of all of the rats on display can be found on the projects website or by scanning the QR code on the plinth of any of the statues.



Malet Lambert pupils get to work designing the rat.

Pupil Parliament



The Pupil Parliament saw the return of former pupils to contribute to the discussions.

This term, we welcomed back former pupil leaders to take part in our Pupil Parliament, alongside our current PLT and pupils from across the year groups.

Pupil Parliament aims to gather and express the voices from pupils from across the school and to table important topics regarding things such as extra-curricular activities, in school support and the curriculum.

The event took place over most of the day, covering a range of discussion points such as school initiatives and building/maintaining the Malet Lambert community.

Thank you to all the former pupils who took part.

Work Experience

Our Year 10 pupils completed their week of work experience this May. From 12th to 16th May, our Year 10 pupils were out of their timetabled lessons and experiencing real working environments.

Work experience is a period when our pupils undertake a working placement in order to give them a taste of the working world, providing key experiences in developing workplace skills, managing workloads, and giving a frame of reference for when they come to consider their own career ambitions.

Our pupils found placements at a wide variety of employers and across a number of sectors. Ranging from manufacturing, education, hospitality and healthcare. Some of our pupils also found placement in processing plants, mechanics and retail.

In total, over 150 of pupils found placements across Hull and the local area. Our pupils were dedicated and worked hard at their respective placements, even going on to garner positive feedback from the employers who took them on.

Well done to all our Year 10 pupils who completed their work experience.

"Owen is a confident helpful and likeable young man. He got on well with the other members of staff. Owen helped in the manufacture of Double Glazed Units. He helped keep marking off and storage of unit records up to date. He was also involved in the final inspection records"

"It was a pleasure having George with us last week. He was consistently polite, professional, and engaged throughout his time here. He showed genuine interest in learning about the various roles within our team and how we work together as a company."

"Aimee was a pleasure to have in store. Very confident with the group and keen to get involved and find things to be doing. She did multiple tasks would happily pull up a chair whenever a colleague was with a customer."

"It was a true pleasure to host Arthur for a week. He is a smart lad with a bright future ahead of him. He has good business understanding and solid foundations to build on if he decides to pursue a career in business management."

Some of the feedback that we received from employers.

Boxing Champion

We were pleased to hear that Year 8 pupil Laylah has held on to her title of England Schools National Boxing Champion.

Laylah's final bout took place on 10th May in Newcastle, and she managed to take the win after a 4-1 decision. This is yet another victory for Laylah after securing victory at the national finals for the previous two years.

And with her victory and title also came another pair winner's golden gloves and medal, which serve as proof of Laylah's amazing achievement. Congratulations, Laylah. We hope that this success continues.



Laylah with her Champion gloves and medal.

Translatathon

On Monday 2nd June, five of our fantastic Key Stage 3 linguists travelled to Beverley Grammar School to take part in a Translatathon. The Translatathon is a competition, in which schools go head to head in a number of modern foreign language related challenges.

Spanish, French and German teams competed against each other by translating numerous past, present and future sentences. Each competitor had just over 50 seconds to complete the challenges in their chosen language.

As well as Malet Lambert, the secondary schools included Beverley Grammar School, Beverley Girls' High, Newland School for Girls and South Hunsley.

We were immensely proud of all of our pupils, not just for the amazing efforts and how well they represented the school on the day but also for their consistent attendance and efforts preparing for the Translatathon beforehand on Monday lunchtimes and at home.



Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to our own Mr Beadle, who has won Teacher of the Year at the Hudgell Solicitors Rugby League Community Awards.

The Hudgell Solicitors Rugby League Community Awards, in partnership with Hull KR, are an annual event that recognizes outstanding individuals and clubs in the local Rugby League community. The awards celebrate those who demonstrate exceptional service, dedication, and contribution to the sport and their communities.

Teacher of the Year is, according to the awarding body, given to "A dedicated educator who has made a significant impact on Rugby League within their school and community. This individual consistently goes above and beyond to promote the participation of Rugby League and inspire students through the sport, championing values of teamwork, respect, and inclusion."

Mr Beadle received his award alongside the other winners at halftime during Hull KR's match against Catalan Dragons on 13th June.



Mr Beadle, winner of the Teacher of the Year Award.

College Trips for our Year 10s

In June, as our Year 11 pupils completed the last of their exams, our Year 10s embarked on a number of trips to local colleges and sixth forms, to get a better grasp of the options available to them once they have left Malet Lambert.

The entire Year 10 cohort were invited to visit nearby Wilberforce Sixth Form College and take part in a taster programme of subjects.

Ranging from sports to science, maths to media, and more, the sessions gave our pupils a chance to experience college life and get an understanding of the courses available to study at further education level.

Following on from the trip to Wilberforce, a small group of our Year 10s were also invited to see Wyke Sixth Form College, over in West Hull.

Again, our pupils were shown around the campus and given a taste of college life through sessions in specific subject choices.

Rounding off the college visits was a trip to East Riding College in Beverley, which again gave our pupils a chance to see what was on offer to them once they had completed their time at Malet Lambert.

Oliver!

This year, the traditional, whole school production returned with a three-night run of the classic musical, Oliver!

Pupils from across all year groups were invited to contribute to the production, either through auditioning for roles or by assisting behind the scenes with elements such as production design, technical support or even music accompaniment.

Our performing pupils, alongside our orchestral and technical teams, managed to pull off a splendid rendition of the popular stage show across the three night run in July.

There was even an additional show performed during our Year 6 transition week, to give our incoming Year 7s a chance to see the kind of extra-curricular activity that they can get involved in during their time at Malet Lambert.



A Royal Invitation

On 14th May 2025 Malet Lambert's very own Mrs Ellerington was invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate and recognise those working in the field of education and skills.

For over 20 years Mrs Ellerington has worked at Malet Lambert helping keep its children safe in her role as a safeguarding lead and multi-agency liaison officer. The children at Malet are at the heart of everything she does. As a result, Mrs Ellerington is hugely respected by pupils, staff and local families, due to her unwavering commitment to such important work.

Getting an invite to the Royal Garden Party was no easy task. Unbeknownst to Mrs Ellerington, she had initially been nominated by Headteacher Mr Sprakes, who wrote a lengthy letter detailing her achievements over the years. She was then further nominated and formally invited by HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire, Miss Patricia Dalby, JP, DL. Receiving the invite was a huge but pleasant surprise.

The weather was perfect on the day of the Royal Garden Party and events ran very smoothly. Guests entered

through the main gates of Buckingham Palace before being taken to the gardens, where they were treated to refreshments and could wander and mingle with other guests and VIPs.

Mrs Ellerington was also lucky enough to have a brief conversation with the King. His Majesty enquired how pupils were getting on with their GCSE exams before sending all the pupils at Malet "my best wishes".

Congratulations to Mrs Ellerington on this fantastic achievement and thank you for your continued hard work.



Mrs Ellerington at Buckingham Palace.

Year 11 Leavers Prom

Our Year 11 leavers attended in their donned their suits and gowns to celebrate the end of their secondary education. The prom was held at the Mercure Hotel in Willerby, and pupils and staff enjoyed a buffet, dancing and complimentary beverage for the evening.

As has become tradition, Mr Sprakes marked his goodbye to the Year 11s with his customary poem, alongside our departing Head and Deputy Head Pupils, who each shared a few words with their fellow leavers.

Farewell to all our Year 11 pupils and best of luck with all that you pursue.



Our Year 11 pupils gathered for their Leavers Prom.

Teaching Assistant of the Year

Malet's own Mrs Burr has been awarded the Bronze award in the Pearson National Teaching Award's Teaching Assistant of the Year category.

The award is given in recognition of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by teaching assistants in schools and acknowledges their contribution in and beyond the classroom.

Mrs Burr, who has been a part of the Malet Lambert community for over a decade, has built a reputation amongst both staff and pupils for help and wealth of knowledge and personable nature. In the run up to the announcement, staff and pupils were quick to voice their support for Mrs Burr and highlight the ways that she has

positively influenced pupil learning and experience. With these testimonials then being sent to the awarding body. Congratulations, Mrs Burr.



Mrs Burr with members of our science department.

Farewell, Year 11

We bid farewell to the class of 2025. On 12th June, our Year 11 cohort had their last day at Malet Lambert, while there were still some exams to complete, this day marked the last "school day" for the Year 11s.

After an assembly where staff shared their fond memories of the cohort and offered their best wishes to the departing pupils, the year group were invited on to the field to mingle, sign shirts and leavers books, and have an ice cream before leaving Malet as pupils for the last time.

While we will see many of the pupils would still go on to attend the Prom in July, it was still an emotional day for pupils and staff alike.

The Year 11 cohort was also the first year group to have to deal with Covid-related restrictions and obstacles to their education. In the time that has passed, they have overcome these hardships with great determination that we hope they continue to use as they move on into the next stage of their lives.



Sports Day 2025

Malet Lambert's annual Sports Day returned this summer for a day of friendly competition, record breaking, and point scoring between our school houses.

Sports Day offers all pupils a chance to take part and score points for their house in a variety of track and field events, with the house with the most points at the end of the day going on to claim the house cup.

With competitors chosen from the Pre-Sports Day events that took place prior, the day itself featured the final races and events for those successful enough to qualify.

Out on the field for the morning were all the field events including shotput, discus, javelin, long jump, triple jump and some early track events. The weather could not have been better. And thankfully stayed sunny and warm for the entire day.

After lunch, it was time for the rest of the track races. For the afternoon, the entire school came out onto the field to watch and cheer on their houses as the races took place. Along with all of the events, pupils also had the chance to buy ice cream and sweets from stalls set up on the field. Staff also did not shy away from the spirit of the day with the traditional staff relay race also taking place.

Throughout the day, the points from each event from across the year groups were tallied and at the end of the day the final scores were announced, with this year's winners being Chevron House with a grand total of 734 points.

Besides the house competition it was also a day of record breaking with many long standing Malet Lambert sports records being beaten.

Year 9 Laylah smashed the Girls 400m race with a new record time of 1.09.49. Year 8 Kai beat the Y8 Shot Put record with a distance of 10.67m, and Year 8 Finnley broke two records during the day, beating the 100m record with a time of 12.29 and beating the 200m record, which had previously stood since 1989, with a time of 24.77.

Thank you to all staff and pupils who helped make this year's Sports Day a success.

The final results for sports day were as follows:

Chevron - 734 points

Bluejay - 589 points

Crown - 469 points

Rose - 462 points

Lion - 446 points

Eagle - 436 points

