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Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



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## From our

## Headteacher

As the school year draws to a close, we want to extend our thanks for your continued support. Your partnership has been invaluable in making this year a success. As always, I just wanted to drop you a few paragraphs as we go into the summer break. It's been a positive academic year at Malet Lambert as staff and pupils go into a well deserved break. There have been many highlights, none less than reaffirming our 'Good' status following our Ofsted inspection in October.



Peviously, I let you know that Mr Logan had been successful in achieving a Headship at Healing School in North East Lincolnshire. Mr Logan's commitment to Malet Lambert had been superb for 18 years and once again, I'd like to thank him for his service. We were lucky to have around twenty strong applicants to fill Mr Logan's position for September and I am subsequently pleased tell you, that following a rigorous process, Mr Fortune was successful in gaining the position as Deputy Headteacher for Quality of Education. Mr Fortune was previously an Assistant Principal at our trust, The Education Alliance. Before that, he was Trust Director for Geography. Mr Fortune was able to join us on 1st July and is settling in really well. He looks forward to meeting you all in due course.

Part way through the year, a growing number of pupils began to tell us that they felt that the 55-minute lunch break was too long. Therefore, we consulted with parents, pupils, unions and staff to reduce the lunch time by 5 minutes to 50 minutes, from September 2024. The overwhelming majority were in favour of this change which was approved by Governors earlier this month. Therefore, from September 2024 the school day will remain as it is but the lunch will be 50 minutes long and the school day will end at 3:10pm. As requested by some parents, we will clarify details in due course about after school homework clubs.

Malet Lambert is delighted to launch our new school website. The website includes an updated look and feel. We hope that you find that our new website has a fresh new look, with improved navigation, allowing you to find the information you need more quickly and easily. Developing our website is quite a lengthy process, so please bear with us over the coming months as more information will be added. We appreciate your patience. In the meantime, please enjoy our new site.

Thank you once again for your support.



**Patrick Sprakes** 

## **Term** Dates...

**Staff Training Day** Monday 2nd September 2024

**Year 7 & 11 Return Date** 

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

**Rest of School Return Date** 

Wednesday 4th September 2024

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Another group of Malet Lambert pupils have now become published writers.

This year, Malet Lambert pupils were invited to enter into the Young Writer's Society's 'Glitch' short story competition. Pupils were asked to write their own 100 word story inspired by the sci-fi and speculative fiction.

16 of our pupils' short stories were selected to be included in the recently released 'The Glitch' anthology book. We are incredibly proud of their achievement.

#### Our New Head Pupils

We are pleased to announce that our Head Pupils for 2024/25 have been appointed. Head Pupils work to bring the voice of the pupils to the table in discussions on school improvement and planning.

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 brilliantly, and we are happy to announce that our new Head Pupils are Lucy M and Lucie R and our new Deputy Head Pupils are Yasmin D and Dillon R.

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



#### More Published Writers From Malet



## Lord Mayor Visits Malet

We welcomed The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor of Kingston Upon Hull and Admiral of the Humber, Councillor Kalvin Neal to Malet Lambert to meet and speak to our sports teams during their recent successful runs in their respective sports and leagues.

The Lord Mayor visted the school this May and spent time in the morning with our sports teams to offer words of congratulations and encouragement for upcoming fixtures.

During the visit, pupils were given the chance to put questions to the Lord Mayor about his role, his likes and interests, and even more probing questions such as where the Lord Mayor does his weekly shop and how much his Mayoral gold chain is worth.



The Lord Mayor visited Malet earlier this term to speak with our Sports teams.

## Rugby Champions

In recent months, Malet teams have made excellent progress in national leagues, including a number of semi-final victories for our rugby teams.

Earlier this May, our Year 9 Girls rugby team secured their place in the national finals after beating Castleford 34-0 in their semi-final game. The Year 8 Boys rugby team had similar success in their semi-final, beating Cowley 42-14.

In the same week, both the Year 8 and Year 10 Girls rugby teams overcame their own semi-final games, winning 26-0 and 24-0, respectively.

The amazing winning streak continued for our Year 9 Girls team who, in July, travelled down to Wakefield to compete in the national finals. The team faced off against St Peter's High School, beating them with a 36-14 victory and securing their place as national champions.

On the same day in Wakefield, our Year 8 and Year 10 Girls rugby teams played their final matches. While neither team

took the final win, the display of play and rugby ability was certainly commendable, and the fact that three of our teams made it to their respective finals was already an amazing feat.

There was also good news for our Year 8 Boys rugby team this summer as they took the win for the championship with a final score of 16-8 against the opposing team from Archbishop Sentamu.



## Refereeing Award For Malet Pupil

One of our Year 10 pupils has been recognised and awarded for their football refereeing ability.

Tom has been interested in refereeing in football since the age of 9, having previously been involved with Leeds academy. He started the programme offered by East Riding FA at 14 and has recently received two accolades in recognition of his hard work.

In May, Tom received the award for junior referee of the year from the Hull District Youth Football League. The award is given in respect to points accumulated over the season from teams that he has refereed, with Tom having achieved these points over the course of 75+ games including several cup finals.

Not long after receiving this award, Tom was also the recipient of the same accolade for his refereeing in the Girls league.

Tom is keen to carry on with his refereeing. While currently a level 7, there is room for advancing up the levels. Tom has also expressed an interest in keeping in the realm of sports education by continuing to study the subject once they have left Malet Lambert.



## Boxing Win At National Competition



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 12th May in Newcastle, and she manage to take the win after a 4-1 decision. This is yet another victory for Laylah after securing victory at last year's national finals in Guildford.

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

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#### National Holocaust Centre

On 5th July, a group of 25 Year 8 pupils, accompanied by Miss Norman, visited the National Holocaust Centre near Luton.

The centre, also know as Beth Shalom, is England's only dedicated Holocaust museum that doubles as a learning centre for school aged children to learn about the history, impact and story off the Holocaust.

Our pupils were shown around the centre and were also shown the "Journey" exhibition, which followed the life of a fictional young boy as they grew up during Nazi Germany.



## Malet Lambert pupils at the National Holocaust Centre.

#### **School Production**



This year's whole school production has been a roaring success. Pupils from across Years 7,8, 9 and 10 have pulled together to put on a fantastic rendition of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The Sound of Music."

After weeks of preparation and rehearsal, the production ran across two nights in July. A special performance was also put on for our visiting Year 6 pupils, who were with us for our Transition Week.

Congratulations to all pupils involved both onstage and behind the scenes who helped make this show happen, with thanks also to Miss Snowball of our Drama department.

## Geography Fieldwork Trip

Approximately 100 GCSE Geography pupils embarked on their fieldwork trip to Hornsea this term. Mr Taylor, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Thompson left school with pupils early on 3rd July, and then again on 5th July, to the coastal town and completed a variety of different activities.

The pupils were tasked with using surveying equipment to measure beach morphology and sediment characteristics at different points along Hornsea seafront.

Following a brief lunch stop, they then travelled north along the coastline to Ulrome, to witness first-hand the severe coastal erosion and it's direct impact on the people who live there.

Both trips were a resounding success with the pupils being able to not only use their geographical skills but also their knowledge of coastal processes, to complete this section of their GCSE course.





## Year 6 Transition Week

Between the 8th and 12th of July, we welcomed around 350 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.

While the transition from Primary to Secondary school can be daunting, it's is 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.





## Big Malarkey and Visiting Authors

Over the course of this year, there has been a literacy buzz in the in air at Malet Lambert as pupils have partaken in a number of talks with visiting authors in the run up to the Big Malarkey Festival.

The Big Malarkey Festival, is an annual event taking place in East Park. It is organised by Hull Libraries and is held to celebrate children's literature. During the event, a number of workshops and activities for young people run to help nurture their appreciation for literature and creativity.

Malet Lambert pupils also took part in the citywide vote to select a winning author of children's literature, of whose work they enjoyed reading the most. The James Reckitt Hull Book Awards brought five authors to Malet Lambert over the course of the year to speak to our pupils about their

writing and on the importance of writing and reading as a skillset.

The authors who have been into Malet Lambert this year include Lis Jardine, Emma Read, Jenni Spangler, Phil Earle and Kimberley Whittam.



## STEM and WiME Workshops

There has been a fantastic push in encouraging our female pupils to consider careers and pathways in STEM related roles and sectors.

STEM (Science, Technology. Engineering and Mathematics) roles are often seen as being mainly male-dominated fields. In school this year, we have held workshops and welcomed visiting speakers to work with our pupils and as part of the WiME Raising Aspirations programme.

This all culminated with a trip to the Centrica Terminal for a group of our Year 9 girls, which included a tour of the expansive site and more information on the range and scope of opportunities in STEM for women.

We would like to thank all of the external visitors who have come into Malet Lambert this year as part of this programme and to thank our Careers Lead, Miss Powell, for arranging these talks and trips.





Pupils visited the Centrica Terminal

## Ravenser odd Project

Over the course of the year, a joint project has taken place between our Art and Geography departments. Our pupils in the Sketchbook club and our Geography Champions group have come together in pursuit of a project of historical significance as they look into the long lost settlement of Rayenser Odd.

Ravenser Odd was a town located near Spurn Point on the Humber Estuary, which was a thriving port during the medieval period that has since disappeared from flooding and the shifting sandbanks in the 14th century.

Over a number of lunchtimes, the pupils came together and took part in a series of workshops organised and delivered by Square Peg, a local arts organisation.

These workshops were also completed in collaboration with Hull History Centre. Some of the workshop also included visiting guest and speaker, one of which was Pete of the Sea, who offered pupils a detailed insight into what life would have been like in the settlement.



Visitors came to speak to pupils about life in Ravenser Odd.



## Malet's Climate Changemakers

It has been a big year for our Climate Changemakers, here at Malet Lambert.

The Malet Lambert Climate Changemakers are a group of pupils who actively campaign and present on the behalf of environmental issues and partake in out-of-school events on the issue.

They also look for ways for the school as a whole to reduce our own carbon footprint and environmental impact.

As part of this, throughout the year, the group have been completing sustainable actions including walking to school, using reusable water bottles, creating posters, creating a

house competition to raise awareness of carbon footprint and hosting assemblies such as for Earth Day.

This year the Climate Changemakers have been on two trips to the University of Hull, where they have met with members of Reckitt Benckiser and the Oh Yes! Net Zero team.

These trips have consisted of learning more about sustainability and ways they can make the school more sustainable. In their most recent trip, the group have been awarded a financial grant to create a sustainable project of their choice for the school.

## Sports Day 2024

Malet Lambert's annual Sports Day returned this summer for a day of friendly competition between our school houses.

The day offers all pupils a chance to take part and score points for their house, 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 two weeks prior, it was now time the main events and races to take place.

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. Luckily, the weather remained fair for the entire duration of the 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. After a long, tough but fun day of competition, it was Bluejay House were named the winners, having gained 631 points.

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: **Bluejay - 631 points** 

Chevron- 552 points Lion - 540 points

Eagle - 524 points

Crown - 469 points

Rose - 459 points

## End of Year Rewards



We were glad to see our pupils enjoying their end of year rewards. As we come to the end of the year, trips and activities were organised for pupils to chose from as way of marking the end of the term and to celebrate all of their hard work and achievement over the last school year.

Requirements to qualify for these trips were based on behaviour and attendance, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils who had qualified, in itself a testament to our pupils determination and strong work ethic. This year's choices included trips out to Flamingo Land or Xscape to ski, a trip to cinema with games of bowling, or partaking in rewards and activities in school if preferred.

All of our pupils out on these trips behaved excellently and proved to be a credit to the school.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

It has been a wonderful year for our pupils who have been completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is a national programme that aims to encourage personal discovery, self-reliance and responsibility in young people.

Over the last year, our pupils have completed a number of challenges towards their goal of attaining the DofE. After a practice run in Melton earlier this year, our pupils completed their required expedition near Pocklington, demonstrating skills in route planning, navigation, teamwork and campcraft.

While not a required element of the Award, all of our pupils who are partaking obtained their first aid certificate as part of their training. The school was proud to be able to offer this as an additional award for pupils.

The DofE also requires set time from participants to volunteer and learn new skills. We estimate that by the

end of their time completing the Award, our pupils would have obtained somewhere in the region of 286 hours of volunteering in the local area, 286 hours learning a new skill and 286 hours practicing a sport.

Completing the DofE Award demonstrates a great level of commitment and we are incredibly proud of all of our participating pupils. We would also like to thank Mr Smith and Mr Lowthorpe for all of their hard work in organising and running the DofE programme at Malet Lambert.



## The Malet Sports Round-up

A selection of sporting news and achievements so far this academic year...

**May 23** Well done to the Y10 B Team Footballers who finished runner up in the Hull Trophy.

**Jun 18** Congratulations to the Year 9 Rounders team who won all 3 games tonight, coming first place in their league.

**Jun 20** Well done to the Year 10 Rounders team who came second in their league last night!

**Jun 24** Loads of effort and enthusiasm from the Year 7 Softball team tonight. The lads finished joint 3rd.

**Jun 25** Well done to the Girls U13 football team who came runners up in the Hull School Cup, narrowly missing out to St Marys in the final!

**Jun 25** A good result for the Year 7 A team beating Kingswood 2-0 in the Humberside Cup last night.

**Jun 25** Congratulations to the Under 15 girls on winning the Hull Cup this evening.

**Jun 27** Congratulations to the U14 girls who were crowned Hull Schools Champions tonight with a win over ASA.

**Jul 03** Good luck to all our pupils who are taking part in the Hull Active School athletics championships today.

**Jul 09** Well done to the Year 7 girls who came runners up in the Hull Schools Cup Final.

**Jul 11** Congratulations to all pupils involved in tonight's HAS awards. Team Award winners for: KS3 Male team of the year -Y8 Boys Rugby, KS4 Female team of the year - Y9&10 Girls, School Sports Club of the Year - Y7 Rugby















