



# *The* VOICE

*Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents*



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## From our Headteacher

Wow! That half term went very quickly, with lots packed into it, that's for sure.

Year 11 are working very hard currently and are focussed, as we enter the last few weeks before their exam period starts. They have recently received their mock outcomes, which has enabled them to focus closely on certain areas.



As you will read in this copy of 'The Voice' the pupils are achieving extraordinary things both inside and outside of the classroom and we remain very proud of them.

Although 'The Voice' is great for rounding up a half term, please do keep an eye on our weekly newsletter for more generalised parental messages and calendared events.

Wishing all of our pupils, staff and community a pleasant February half term.

Best Wishes,

Patrick Sprakes

## Term Dates...

### Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 8th January 2024

Thursday 21st March 2024

### Spring Half Term

Monday 12th February 2024

Friday 16th February 2024

### School closed to pupils

Friday 22nd March 2024

### Easter Break

Monday 25th March 2024

Friday 5th April 2024

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One of our talented Year 10 pupils has penned a wonderful poem on school life.

*In halls of learning, echoes chatter,  
Books and notebooks, a constant matter.  
Morning bells ring, a daily song,  
In the dance of knowledge, we all belong.*

*Classrooms filled with whispers of pens,  
Teachers guide, enlightening them.  
From math equations to history's tale,  
In the journey of learning, we set sail.*

*Friends like stars, bright in the sky,  
Laughter and lessons, time passes by.  
Tests and trials, a challenging climb,  
Yet, in each hurdle, growth does chime.*

*Lunchtime tales and recess cheers,  
Playground echoes with hopes and fears.  
Lessons not only from books confined,  
But in the friendships, forever entwined.*

*As the bell tolls, signalling the end,  
Another day's chapter, a message to send.  
School life's tapestry, woven so fine,  
In the corridors of wisdom, we intertwine.*

## Wilberforce Interviews

This term, we welcomed a number of staff from Wilberforce Sixth Form College, who conducted student interviews with our Year 11 pupils.

Year 11 pupils are encouraged to consider all of their post-GCSE options for when they leave Malet Lambert. During the first half of the year, pupils would have taken part in their mock examinations and received their results back, which will be a beneficial benchmark for them as they progress towards their summer exams.



# Pupil Leadership Team

## Updates and messages from Malet Lambert's PLT and Head Pupils

This academic term marks the new year of 2024, and our pupils start the year with new resolutions and aspirations. Pupils have already begun to adapt to a routine and develop positive habits. The time has already flown by, especially since this half-term has only been 5 weeks!

For the lovely Year 11's in particular, the pressure is certainly amping up (myself included), as we get closer and closer to exams. Period 6 has officially been added to the timetable, with our year group finally receiving our mock results.

These practise exams are a beneficial way to experience being in an exam situation, and will give both teachers and pupils a strong indication of our progress and targets. If pupils are not satisfied with their grades, there is still time to put in the work and effort in order to improve them.

On the other hand, you may be pleased with your results, which is great! However, it is important to not get too comfortable or complacent, as we still need to work hard to ensure that we receive the best results that we are capable of.

We cannot stress how important it is that you are regularly attending Period 6 as well as revising at home. This is a friendly reminder that exams start in 3 months, which may feel like plenty of time, but will fly by so it's essential that we ensure that we are consolidating our knowledge.

As for the rest of the pupil body, it has been a great pleasure to see so many pupils actively taking part in the "Extra Malet" clubs at lunchtime and after school. Pupils have been earning many House points in the various House competitions, including a Maths challenge and creative Drama script writing. Pupils of the Journalism Club have also been getting involved in creative writing for the pupil newsletter- how fantastic to have so many inspiring writers at our school.

Following the success of the Santa Run from last term, the PLT have been working hard on arranging an Easter egg hunt as a fundraising event for this term. We await for their plans in the next issue!

## House Charities

Thank you to all the pupils that participated in, and donated to, the Santa Run before Christmas- we managed to raise £70 for the House Charities and we received donations for the food banks in Hull.

Big thanks to Mrs Harrison, science Mr Smith for helping, and Head Pupils Freya and Riley for planning and participating in the event!

We're supporting:  
 Bluejay - Fabulous Fletcher Fund  
 Chevron - MNDA (Rob Burrow)  
 Crown - Eckersley House, a house for sick children at Leeds Hospital that helps individuals close to Crown House  
 Eagle - British Heart Foundation  
 Lion - Cancer Research  
 Rose - Leeds Cancer Centre

## Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival, is the most significant Chinese festival, celebrating the start of new life and corresponding with the appearance of the new moon on the Lunar calendar. This year is the Year of the Dragon (龙 - lóng), and falls on Saturday the 10th of February.

Before the start of the festivities, Chinese people spring clean their houses to sweep away any bad luck. Houses are decorated with paper scrolls with good luck phrases such as "Happiness" (幸福 - xìngfú) and "Wealth" (富 - fù). On New Year's Eve, people dress up in

red clothing and set off fireworks to frighten away evil spirits. Many families prepare feasts of traditional Chinese food, and children receive red envelopes (红包 - hóngbāo) full of money by their parents and relatives. Lion and dragon dances are common during the Chinese New Year and it is believed that the loud drumming and clashing of cymbals will chase away bad luck.

At Malet, we believe that being inclusive of people's culture and celebrating festivals is extremely important; we have offered a Chinese inspired menu for pupils to have a taste of Chinese cuisine. As a Chinese person, this festival holds a special place in my heart and I hope you enjoy the celebrations!



Head Pupils Selina H and Freya R



Deputy Head Pupils Riley W and Harry L

## Chinese New Year

Chinese New falls on 10th February, and marks the beginning of the Year of the Dragon.

For the last week of the half term, and to celebrate Chinese New Year, our catering team offered a special dish each day from Monday 5th February to 9th February.

Alongside our regular catering facilities, our main canteen had put together a week long special menu, were an exciting option was available to celebrate the new Year of the Dragon.

A selection of the meals on offer at Malet Lambert during our Chinese New Year celebrations.



Dishes including sweet and sour chicken and stir fry noodles were available to pupils along side our usual selection of food. Also in celebration of Chinese New Year, our RS department held a competition between tutor groups to create their own, unique dragon lanterns and partake in the dragon quest quiz during the last week of term.



## P.A.U.L for Brain Recovery

We were pleased to welcome Paul from P.A.U.L for Brain Recovery to Malet Lambert this half term. Paul came into school and delivered an assembly to our Year 7 pupils on the dangers and consequences of throwing just one punch.

Paul's own story of his recovery and rehabilitation, after a brain injury he received after an assault in 2012, formed the basis of the hard-hitting and important presentation.

Pupils were invited to consider what the potential consequences of mindless acts could have, not only on themselves, but on others and those close to them. Thank you to Paul and his team for their engaging assembly.



## The Secret Garden

Thanks to MandM Theatre Productions, who came into Malet and performed their own rendition of 'The Secret Garden' for our Year 7 pupils.

Following on from previous years' productions including 'Oliver Twist' and 'Alice in Wonderland', these performances offer a unique opportunity to our Year 7 pupils to experience different art forms and explore ideas of creativity that they may not necessarily have had access to, or considered, before.



Ellie Nethaway, from King's College, Cambridge University, came into Malet Lambert to speak to Year 10 pupils about their post-16 options. She spoke to them about some of the benefits of studying at university in general and the different kinds of degrees on offer.

Pupils took part in some activities where they matched up A levels with different degrees, to see what kinds of skills they can develop from each subject and how they would apply them to further study.

## Post-16 Options

Ellie also gave pupils more in-depth knowledge on King's College, the facilities and halls of residence, and the finance options available.

This outreach programme is designed to encourage pupils to consider higher education and raise awareness of how they can access a top university, like Cambridge.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day fell on 27th January, and to mark this solemn day pupils across all year groups participated in assemblies and history lessons to further develop their understanding of the incredibly important historic event.

In particular, our Year 8 pupils explored the life of Steven Frank, whose childhood in the Netherlands under Nazi occupation is a focal point in learning about the oppression of Jewish communities during the war.

Our Year 7 pupils also took a look at the Kindertransport and work carried out to save the lives of countless children during the Nazi's campaign. To the right is some of the artwork produced by our pupils during the week.



# The Malet Sports Round-up

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

**Jan 22** The year 8 boys rugby team today booked their place in the Yorkshire cup semifinals & National cup by beating Outwood Grange. Malet took a while to settle but manage to score 42 points to win 42-12

**Jan 24** Yr 8 girls rugby: Tonight the girls kicked off the start of their season with a fantastic Hull Schools tournament win.

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

**Jan 25** Strong performance by the U12 girls football team beating Toll Bar Academy 4-1.

**Jan 26** Congratulations to girls U15 football team who won the Hull futsal competition winning all 6 games. The girls played outstanding football and move on to the next round.

**Jan 31** Congratulations to the U13 boys futsal team who won the Hull Active Schools championships today.

**Feb 01** Congratulations to the boys Year 7 rugby team who beat Minsthorpe school 44-4 today in the Yorkshire Cup 1/4 Final.

**Feb 02** A great week for the Year 7's in a variety of sports. Topped off by a 3-2 win in the English Schools Football Elite National Cup. Securing a place in the semi finals.

**Feb 07** Congratulations to the year 8 boys rugby team who have booked their place into the Yorkshire final beating South Holderness 26-18 in a thrilling match.

