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The VOICE

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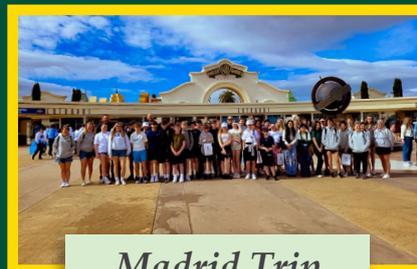


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Welcome from our Headteacher

I hope all 'The Voice' readers are well and are enjoying the change in the weather of late. Hopefully it is not just teasing us and it is the start of the summer. Fingers crossed.

As I write, Year 11 has nearly completed their first full week of examinations. It has the potential to be a very stressful time for them, but I am very proud of how well they seem to have taken things in their stride and how hard they are working. They are very grateful to their teachers for the extra sessions after school, early morning and during weekends and breaks, as am I.

I wish them all the very best as they reconvene the exam period after the half term break.

In the last half of the summer term, we understandably have September in a corner of our minds. There are various elements of school that we will be conducting pupil and parent voice exercises on in the next few weeks, so please look out for them and let us know your thoughts if you can.

Thanks to all the contributors to 'The Voice'. I have not seen the draft yet, but I know it has a wide variety of celebrations and updates as always. I do hope you enjoy reading this edition and wish you all a pleasant half term.

Best wishes,



Patrick Sprakes



Term Dates...

Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Summer Half Term Break

Monday 29th May 2023

Friday 2nd June 2023

Sports Day

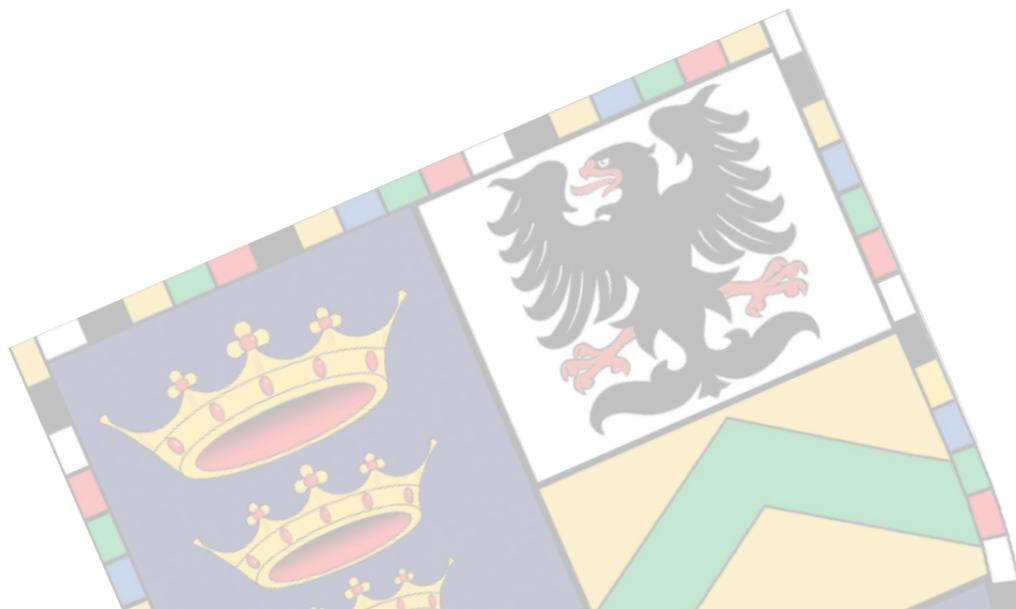
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Duke of Edinburgh Award

"A Massive well done to all pupils who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition this term.

The pupils planned and prepared themselves for the expedition and successfully navigated a total of 35km over the two days.

Once at the campsite, all teams cooked a nutritious meal for tea, and all pitched in with setting up camp. Throughout the weekend, the pupils were very respectful and made it an enjoyable weekend for all.

Looking forward to the next adventure."

Mr Lowthorpe



Malet receives Silver Artsmark Award

Pupils and staff at Malet Lambert are celebrating after receiving the prestigious Silver Artsmark Award in a momentous year for the programme as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum.

Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

In order to achieve our Artsmark Award, Malet Lambert had to develop an arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum.

This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

"Malet Lambert have used this Artsmark journey to focus on closing the gap in participation in the Arts between pupils experiencing disadvantage and their peers with the aim of increasing the cultural capital of all pupils."

Artsmark assessor.

We would like to extend to all of the staff, visitors and pupils involved in our various activities and workshops our thanks for all their hard work and dedication.



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Pupil Leadership Team

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



Head Pupils Ashby C, Sadie M, Rosie-Lee J and Sam M

Term Summary

As usual, Malet Lambert has had another eventful term. It has included great sporting achievement, celebrating the new King's regal coronation and the beginning of the exam period for year 11s. For many, this term may have seemed quite ordinary but for Year 11, the timetable has altered greatly. The first language exam took place in late April, which was certainly a challenging two weeks for both the pupils and staff involved; I think we can collectively admit we are proud of ourselves. However, the exam period truly commenced on the 16th May.

There is no doubt that Year 11 have been working very hard as we try to manage a hefty workload and shoulder pre-exam stress. In the past two weeks, we have powered through many of the core subject exams. An essential part of this has included being as prepared as we can, but also taking the exams as they come and then moving onto the next.

From a pupil's perspective, some exams have been harder than others, but I know that my peers and I have worked incredibly hard so far, and I believe it is that hard work that will pay off on results day. I would like to include a thank you to all the staff that have also been working hard and putting in extra time to ensure all Year 11s get the support they need. I personally wish everyone in Year 11 good luck in the final weeks of exams.

I would like to announce that this will sadly be the last time I lead the pupil section of this newsletter before I hand it to the next Head and Deputy Head Pupils. It has been a privilege to have been given this opportunity to act as a voice for the pupil body, it is a privilege I will truly miss when I have left. However, I have been reassured that this will be wholeheartedly continued by the next Pupil Leadership

Team. This also means that it is mine, Sam's, Sadie's and Ashby's last full term as Head Pupils. We have taken this time to reflect on our successes, failures and highlights of being the Head Pupils. Personally, I have greatly enjoyed taking the leadership role on the 'Challenge It' project. I have also loved creating and developing this new pupil section for 'The Voice'.

"Being a Head Pupil at Malet Lambert has provided me with timeless skills; teamwork, effective communication & good leadership among other. It's been a challenging yet fun experience that I would recommend to anyone who aims high."

- Sam M

"For me, being a Head Pupil has brought me many opportunities that I will forever be grateful for, that have helped me to develop a range of skills that will be useful in my future. My favourite part of this year has been welcoming in the new Year 7s and doing the speeches for the parents on open evenings as I love being up in front of everyone talking about my school that I am extremely proud of."

- Sadie M

"Being a Head Pupil here at Malet Lambert has been a great honour and has helped me develop countless skills. It has also allowed me to interact more with the pupils of the school, making sure they've been heard and listening to them as a pupil too. As Head Pupils, we've been able to make a difference and encourage a better school culture and that is something I am very proud of."

- Ashby C

Finally, on behalf of the four of us, I would like to thank Mr Sprakes for giving us this opportunity and Miss Ridley for being so instrumental in our success as Head Pupils whilst constantly giving us the support and guidance we have needed to take on the responsibilities and roles of being effective leaders.

Madrid Trip

It is fair to say that this year's Madrid trip had a rocky start... flights got cancelled, teachers ran around airports at ungodly hours of the morning, and our landing at Madrid Barajas airport resembled a rollercoaster ride. Our arrival was memorable to say the least! When we finally arrived we rushed to the hotel, beds calling to us, to shower and freshen up, ready for our evening meal.

The real fun began the next day when we visited the Real Madrid Bernabeu football stadium. Here we wasted no time and absorbed the triumphant team's history and spared no expense in the souvenir shop - I can say on everyone's behalf that an atrocious amount of euros were spent here! From here, we travelled to El Parque Warner, more famously known in England as the Warner Bros theme park.

This one was certainly for the thrill seekers and adrenaline junkies. My personal favourite was when Señor Thompson got absolutely drenched on not one but two water rapid rides. We also enjoyed leisurely strolls around the vibrant park, stuffed ourselves with theme park food and sweets, as well as gathering in souvenir shops searching for our favourite Warner Bros movie merch. F.R.I.E.N.D.S is without a doubt the best, for those asking. Yet again we made our way back to the hotel for showers in preparation for a night of tapas, bright lights and culture.

The food was literally to die for; upon our arrival, we were met with ham, chorizo, cheese and warm bread. We also shared Spanish omelettes, tuna salads and something Mr Robinson could not stop talking about: special Spanish ham croquettes. However, it is only fair that we give Señor Thompson the praise he deserves as he was spontaneously hired as a waiter for the evening by the restaurant. Certainly five stars from me!

After filling our bellies, we ventured into the famous Plaza de Mayor. For sure, this was one of my favourite parts of the trip. The grand, Roman buildings were lit up with a thousand shining lights, quaint shops and buzzing restaurants encased the square and we were greeted with the most random silent disco in the history of silent discos; simply a handful of Spaniards joyously dancing together. Again, we retired to our rooms for some well deserved rest.

On the third day, we ventured into the streets of the Madrid and into one of the many Spanish markets and the home of THE BEST Taylor Swift tote bags. We admired homemade jewellery, crocheted jumpers and the variety of traditional flamenco fans. After an hour, we took to the streets again where we gawked at the Royal Palace of Madrid. We took this time to compete against each other to see who could take the best selfie, and I don't mean pull a smile and say 'cheese', I mean state-of-the-art, cheerleading pyramid level selfie.

It was then time for even more food at the famous Mercado de San Miguel. I personally chose vegetable paella, which blew my mind with how delicious it was, with its mouth watering balance of spicy, sweet and savoury flavours. It was after that we finally indulged in some retail therapy near the Puerta del Sol in the endless number of shops.

Finally, after a long day in the sun we walked back to the hotel to shower and dress in our finest ready for the exciting night of Flamenco ahead. Under the comforting aromas of flowers and incense we were collectively mesmerized by the three flamenco dances swirling around the stage in a dramatic chorus of tasteful dancing. It was after that we said our final goodbyes to Madrid's nightlife and returned to the hotel to pack our bags in preparation of our 2pm departure the next day.

However, that is not where the trip ended as we still had a few hours of blissful shopping time in the Puerta del Sol, time where my friends and I dined in a bohemian restaurant and tried some more local cuisine. Unfortunately, our trip did truly end here and we returned home in good spirits and in good time (thanks to no more flights being cancelled).

Again, I would like to thank Mr Thompson, Mrs Harrison, Miss Dalby, Miss Drew and Mr Robinson for arranging this once in a lifetime trip to Madrid.

Rosie-Lee J



Hull History Nerd

This term, history pupils at Malet Lambert received a visit from local historian and Youtuber, Hull History Nerd.

Jamie Topliss-Yates, who creates content and videos online about the history of Hull and the surrounding area, came into Malet to deliver an engaging talk to the pupils who make up our "History Champions" group on the history of the Garden Village area of the city and of Hull during World War Two.



Photography With Chris Smith

Malet Lambert pupils get stuck in to photography as they take part in the Enthusing Young Minds project. The project allowed pupils to learn the technique of, and experiment with the styles of, classic photography.

Lead by photographer Chris Smith, pupils were given the chance to take out classic film cameras and even learn the ins and outs of film developing, giving them an all-round experience with the practices of photography.

Chris Smith started the Enthusing Young Minds project in an effort to pass on a love and passion for the older style of photography to the wider public and younger photography enthusiasts, such as our pupils who have chosen Photography as part of their GCSEs.

"I thought it might be nice to offer this out as an experience for people to try photography using vintage cameras (box brownies, folding cameras, SLRs, TLRs, rangefinders) and learn to develop their own pictures."

Pupils got the chance to work with classic film cameras and learn about old photography processes.



"During my first module on the MA, I had to look at interdisciplinary practices and this was where the Enthusing Young Minds project was born."

Chris Smith

As we end this half term, pupils taking part in the project have already been given instruction in using these older model camera, taken the cameras out into wild to take their photos, learnt about the different components, materials and chemicals involved in the development step and will also soon be able to see their finished work for the first time.



Phoebe's 11 Marathons

Malet cheered on former pupil Phoebe Gawthorpe as she started Day 9 of her "11 Marathons. 11 Days" challenge. Both staff and pupils joined together at the front of the school to cheer on and encourage Phoebe as she began her 9th marathon from the school gates. Phoebe began her 11-day challenge in an effort to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Dove House Hospice.

Phoebe's family has been heavily affected by cancer in recent years, with her grandfather sadly passing away from the disease and her father's own diagnosis last year.

Phoebe's inspirational efforts were widely reported in the media, and her original goal to raise £700 being greatly surpassed to over £10,000.



The Malet Lambert Climate Changemakers group were invited to an event at Hull Truck Theatre as part of the "Oh Yes! Net Zero" campaign.

The event was organised by Hull-based company Reckitt and was hosted by the former BBC science editor, David Shukman. Over 50 business leaders from Hull and the surrounding area were also in attendance. The invitation was extended to the group in recognition of the work they did for the Protect Our Future project, which involved making a video about recycling and making the school free of single use plastic.

After arriving in the morning, pupils were shown around the venue and visited five myth-busting sessions where

"I initially gave myself a donation aim of £700 but I have absolutely killed that now. I have picked special people to run with me each day to challenge them and get people running who wouldn't usually."

The school is immensely proud of Phoebe and all of her efforts in fundraising for these wonderful causes.



Oh Yes! Net Zero

the misconceptions around the concept of net zero were addressed.

They then attended a breakout session about funding opportunities for businesses starting their journey to Net-Zero before the closing session, where highlights of the Protect Our Future Programme, including extracts of the video they had made were shown. Our pupils were also invited on stage to discuss their work with Mr Shukman. Emily and Annabel attended as part of Malet Climate Changemakers and were part of the group that spoke on stage.

"We were nervous before speaking because we were the only kids in the room, the rest were adults and important business people. After we had finished, everyone was coming up to congratulate us. We felt we had a big impact on the people there."

Malet Lambert is incredibly proud of the pupil team for being wonderful ambassadors for the school at this important event.

The Malet Sports Round-up

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

May 04 The Year 7 Girls Rugby team are through to the National Semi Final!

May 04 As a result of today's games, the Year 9 Girls have automatically qualified for the NATIONAL FINAL!

May 15 The girls U13 football team came runners up in the Humberside cup, the girls battled hard but unfortunately lost against a strong South Hunsley team. Well played ladies.

May 17 The year 7 girls rugby team had a great evening playing against a strong Sirius team. We played 3 games of 10 minutes each which could only be decided with a period of golden point extra time. Malet scored the all important try and came away winners!

May 17 Massive congratulations to the girls U14 football team who beat Andrew Marvell in the semi final of the Hull Cup tonight, lots of fab goals meant the match ended up 6-6 with Malet winning on penalties.

May 22 A very good performance from the Year 10 boys A team saw them beat Sirius West 4-2 to reach the final of the Hull Active School Cup.

May 23 What a night for the boys Year 8 A football team. They played Howden in the Humberside Plate Final and the match finished 1-1 AET. Malet won 11-10 on penalties. Well done, boys.

May 24 A huge well done to the u14 girls football team who won their league and got to the semi final in the Tigers Trust 6 aside tournament today. Great performances all round. Well done girls.

May 25 Well done to Year 9 pupil Thomas T who was one of the officials at the weekend for the U12's Queens Cup Football Final. Keep progressing and hopefully we see you in the Premiership one day.

