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From our Headteacher

I hope this copy of 'The Voice' finds our readers well. This academic year seems to be flying away at a rate of knots and I can't quite believe I am writing to you as we go into the Easter break.

I have spent a lot of time speaking to our Year 11 pupils of late; they are feeling prepared and well supported ahead of the examination period, but like me, feel that the year is going very quickly.

Each week I receive updates from various areas of the school. There have been some real positives recently. Our pupil attendance to school is better than this time last year and currently above the national picture too.

Please do keep supporting us to ensure that, where at all possible, your child is not missing learning. There have been many success stories on the sports fields and courts as there always is and I love reading about local, regional and in some cases national victories. We continue to have just over 70 school clubs on during the week, so many varied opportunities for the pupils to enjoy!

I am really grateful to the staff for putting these sessions on. If your child isn't attending any of these extra-curricular opportunities, please encourage them, they are missing out! Our Year 7 residential to Wales was a huge success with some amazing feedback from pupils and parents. I could go on, but will allow you to explore 'The Voice' which clearly outlines many of the wonderful achievements and events.

It's going to be a busy summer term looking at the calendar, but full of terrific opportunities both inside and outside of the classrooms. As I write, we've just changed the clocks and the weather seems to be improving so Malet Lambert is looking forward to a positive summer term ahead. I know you'll join me in wishing our Year 11 luck as it won't be long at all after the break until their exams start.

Wishing you all a pleasant Easter break.

Best Wishes



Patrick Sprakes



Term Dates...

Bank Holiday

Monday 21st April 2025

Pupil Return Date

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half Term

Monday 26th May 2025

Friday 30th May 2025



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Maths Feast Success

In March, a group of our Year 10 pupils took part in the annual Maths Feast event at Winifred Holtby School.

Pupils completed four rounds, each of which challenged their spatial awareness, algebraic knowledge, number skills as well as problem solving skills. After two and a half hours of non-stop complex mathematical questions, the pupils achieved not only 1st place in round one but also 2nd place over all out of 19 teams.

And in other news from our Maths department, pupils from across all year groups have worked hard in the run to win the department's Mathematician of the Month award, with this month's winners now selected. These pupils are selected based on their hard work and effort in class and with homework.

Recipients also receive an Amazon Voucher as a reward for their achievement. Along side the Mathematician of the Month, teachers have been looking at the work pupils have



put into their SPARX maths homework as well as looking for the pupil with the most XP points in each year group. As a result of this, one person from each year group has been chosen to receive a SPARX maths certificate alongside an amazon voucher.

Well done to all pupils who have won both the Mathematician of the Month and the SPARX homework award.

Red Nose Day

On the 21st March, Malet Lambert pupils, once again, pulled together to raise money for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.

During lunchtime on the Friday, pupils were able to take part in a number of games and activities in the forum for just a small amount of change to be donated to the charity.

During each of the breaktimes, a bake sale was held where cakes and buns donated by pupils were sold with all proceeds raised going to Comic Relief.

Alongside the bake sale itself, an in school competition, headed by our Food Technology department, was held to select the best entry from the pupil donations. The winning entry was from Year 7 pupil, Harry C. Harry alongside the

runners up were all invited to receive their prizes from the Food Department. Thank you to all of the staff and pupils who contribute to a fantastic Red Nose Day.



Pupil-baked cakes were sold to raise money for Comic Relief.

Pupil Leadership Team

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

PLT Assemblies

Two weeks ago, we did an assembly focused on Toxic Masculinity and Feminism to all pupils in Year 7,8,9 and 10 (year 11 will be getting theirs at some point on the first week back after the holidays).

Our aim of this assembly was to raise awareness of these issues and briefly explain to other pupils what they are and how damaging they can be. We used real life examples including quotes from famous people and news stories to put this onto a more global scale.

We also touched on what it means to be a bystander and stressed the importance of speaking out when

you hear or see something that isn't right. We reintroduced the idea of Challenge it Change it; a programme set up by a previous pupil leadership team which aims to challenge all forms of discrimination at Malet Lambert.

We want all pupils to feel safe at school and want to come in. We encouraged pupils to come and speak to us about anything that came up in our assembly or that they wanted to share about improving their school life.

Yasmin (Deputy Head Pupil)

YES To Quit Campaign

For the past year, we have worked with a local campaign encouraging people of our area to stop smoking. Last year, our senior Pupil Leaders went to London for a meeting about this in the Houses of Parliament.

This was to support the Tobacco and Vapes bill which is in the process of being passed. This year, four Year 7 classes helped the campaign put together a promotional video.

The pupils were filmed via a drone and formed the shape of important statistics: 2 in 3 smokers will die of a smoking-related disease.

This film was part of the launch which also took place at Malet Lambert, including interviews on the BBC and ITV. It was done the day of the 3rd reading of the Tobacco and Vapes bill in Parliament.

The Wider Pupil Leadership Team

The Young Enterprise Competition

Since early October, me and another one of my friends have been taking part in the Young Enterprise Competition. This is where pupils come together and create a business idea, then fund it themselves and sell their products.

Our business idea we settled on is smart study bundles. In this competition, I have developed so many important skills, including teamwork, resilience as well as my confidence from speaking with customers.

I am also taking business 9-1 for my GCSEs, and information that I've learnt from the competition I can apply to my business exams, as one of the papers is on running a small business.

So not only is it helping me develop new skills, but also learning first-hand the answers to questions that will be on my exams.

I've loved every moment of this competition so far and I can't wait to see how far we get!

Emily (House Captain for Rose)

Ings Primary School Pupils Visit

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

The visiting pupils were investigating pulleys and levers, forces and the stretching of a spring. To do this, the pupils worked in teams to carry out practical experiments before recording their findings on their worksheets.

Pupils were able to work within one of our science labs and were supported by some of our Year 7 pupils to help complete their investigations. The pupils were a credit to their school 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.

Holocaust Education

This January, as part of Malet Lambert's wider observance of Holocaust Memorial Day, pupils in Years 7 and 8 have been exploring the history of the Holocaust.

Year 7 focused on the role of the Kindertransport in helping children to flee persecution in Germany and other countries. In Year 8, pupils have followed Steven Frank and his granddaughter's journey back to Amsterdam where he grew up as a child before the family were transported to Terezin in Czechoslovakia.

All pupils in these year groups have completed a stone to remember the Holocaust and consider this year's theme, "for a better future."

The maturity and sensitivity required to engage in such an important subject is immense, and all our pupils across Year 7 and 8 have shown a great attitude in the approach to learning about this incredibly poignant event.



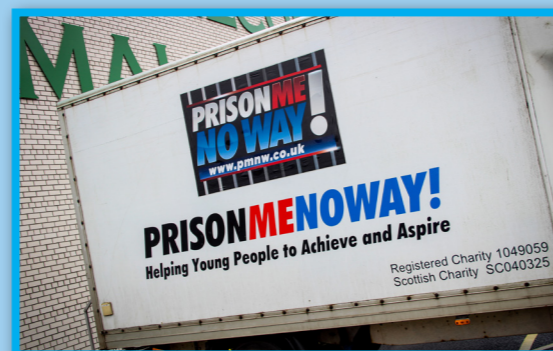
Stone designs by Malet Lambert Pupils.

Prison Me No Way

This term, the team from the charity group Prison Me No Way delivered an informative and important workshop to Year 9 pupils.

The group aims to raise awareness amongst young people, about the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime. Other talks that took place during the day covered important topics such as railway safety, knife crime and the ability to make the best decisions and choices in pressured scenarios.

Pupils were also invited to look around a recreation of a prison cell, to gain an understanding on what day to day life inside of prison is like. Workshops and visiting groups such as these help our pupils with their personal development, an area of their education that is also addressed and built upon in their regular Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PSHE) lessons.



Steps to Success Evening

Another event which we held for our soon to be leavers was our "Steps to Success" Year 11 Evening. Held on the 10th February, the evening gave our Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers a chance to hear from subject leaders and speak to further education providers.

The event is organised with the aim in mind of providing help, direction and information that will assist our Year 11 pupils in the run up to their end-of-year exams.

Following on from the talks and presentations, our Year 11 pupils were invited to speak to visiting representatives from local colleges, employers and training providers.

This allowed them the opportunity to understand the criteria that they would need to meet to get in to the courses and fields of work they wish to pursue.

College Interviews

With their time at Malet Lambert drawing to a close, our Year 11 pupils have spent time this term looking into their post-Malet options and pathways.

As part of their preparation for their next steps, our Year 11s have had time over the last term to speak to and hear from visitors from local further education providers and employers. Towards the end of this term, in-school interviews have also taken place between pupils and local colleges.



Leavers Achievement Evening

In January, we welcomed class of 2024 back to Malet Lambert to celebrate, with staff and parents/carers, our annual achievement evening.

Along with awards in specific subject areas, special awards were also handed out for achievements in certain fields and distinctions. This included awards in sports, services to the school and the Headteacher's Awards.

For the evening, we welcomed special guest, Stevie Ward. Stevie Ward, a former Rugby player for Leeds Rhinos, presented awards to our recipients and also spoke to our former pupils on resilience and determination and their importance in whatever they pursue.



Pupils and Parents/Carers attended our Leavers Achievement Evening.

National Careers Week

Malet Lambert has once again marked National Careers Week this year with a series of workshops and activities across all year groups.

National Careers Week, this year held between 3rd and 7th March, is an annual celebration of careers guidance and employability skills.

At the start of the week, a group of our Year 7 pupils took part in a higher education and employability workshop delivered by 'Into University.' The workshop covered a range of key skills that our could go on to utilise in the working world.

Later in the week, Malet Lambert's Young Enterprise Team held a bake sale during break time to help raise capital for their business venture, Smart Study Bundle.

The Smart Study Bundle is the product put together by our Young Enterprise Team, which is a kit filled with useful items to assist with revision and study.

Rounding off National Careers Week was our careers fair. The school invited a number of businesses, colleges and training providers to come and speak to our pupils about their post-GCSE options and pathways.

Thank you to all of the staff, volunteers and visitors who helped make this year's National Careers Week at Malet Lambert a success.



Malet marked National Careers Week with a variety of events.

Drax and Centrica Trip

A group of our Year 9 pupils visited the Centrica site at Easington (a gas terminal for national grid energy storage) to take part in the final session of the Raising Aspirations programme.

Pupils took a site tour after donning full PPE and safety equipment and also discussed various job roles and apprenticeship options available at Centrica and Wood Plc.

In the afternoon, pupils worked in small groups with site staff and took part in practice interviews on their experience.

Also this term, our Year 9 Geography Pupils were taken to Drax Power Station and shown all around the turbines, generators and control room.



Malet Lambert pupils visited Centrica Gas Terminal this term.

'Yes to Quit' Campaign Launch

This term, Malet Lambert was proud to be part of the launch of the 'Yes to Quit' campaign in Hull.

The campaign, coordinated by Smokefree Hull, aims to promote help and guidance to those looking to stop smoking, a particularly harmful addiction as statistics suggest that two out of three smokers will succumb to an early death.

As part of the launch, Year 7 pupils from Malet Lambert participated in a launch video where they were asked to spell out key statistics that are pivotal to the campaign on our playing field. They were then recorded by drone, with the footage going off to create the informative graphics used in the campaign video.

As part of the project, campaigners and advocates were also invited into the school to give interviews and speak on behalf of the campaign.

Alongside the other interviewees, Malet Lambert Headteacher, Mr Sprakes, was also asked on the importance of communicating the health risks of smoking to school-aged pupils.

"This has been a brilliant project to get involved in, and one we are passionate about, as we want our pupils to live long, healthy lives."

"Unfortunately, many of our pupils know someone, often a family member, who has been harmed by tobacco; and it has been really useful to discuss with them the impact smoking can have."

Mr Sprakes

The campaign video is available to view on Smokefree Hull's social media outlets and on their Youtube page.

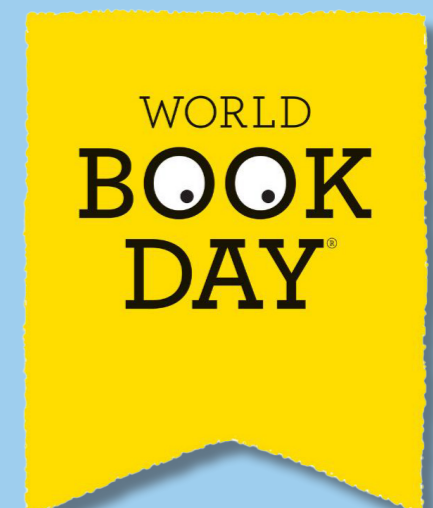


World Book Day

Malet Lambert staff and pupils marked this year's World book Day with a week long celebration.

Throughout the week, there were a number of literature related activities for pupils to take part in. During each morning registration, a challenge was held for pupils to guess which staff member was reading a passage of their chosen book behind a mask in Malet's rendition of "The Mask Reader".

Thank you to all of the staff who participated in helping make the week an enjoyable experience for our pupils.



Malet Annual Ski Trip

This year's Year 8- 11 ski trip to Austria was nothing short of spectacular, with every moment filled with excitement, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

From the breathtaking slopes to the vibrant après-ski activities, every detail of the trip contributed to an experience that will be talked about for years to come.

Our stay in Austria began with the arrival at the hotel, which was everything we could have hoped for and more. Nestled in a picturesque mountain village, it was a warm and welcoming environment that allowed everyone to feel at home, making the trip even more special.

Of course, the skiing was the heart of the trip, and Austria's world-class ski resorts did not disappoint. With access to a variety of slopes suitable for all skill levels, everyone, from beginners to seasoned skiers, had the opportunity to challenge themselves and enjoy the thrill of the mountain. The snow conditions were perfect, with fresh powder and crisp blue skies every day.

Our ski instructors were top-notch, providing expert guidance and ensuring that each pupil felt confident on the slopes. For some, it was their first time skiing on such vast and varied terrain, and they quickly developed a love for the sport. The advanced skiers explored more challenging runs, while the beginners celebrated mastering their first turns and lifts.



While the skiing was amazing, the après-ski activities were just as unforgettable. After an action-packed day on the slopes, there was plenty of fun to be had off the mountain. The trip offered a variety of activities, from the pizza night in Innsbruck, the disco, quiz and games nights to the fantastic Light Night Show, and everyone was eager to get involved.

The trip not only allowed us to experience the best of Austria's mountains but also gave us the chance to bond as a group and enjoy each other's company in a way that simply wouldn't have been possible in the classroom. It was a perfect blend of adventure, relaxation, and fun, making it a year we will all remember fondly for years to come (staff included).



Year 7 Residential Trip



This term saw the inaugural Year 7 House Residential to Wales. The residential was open to all Year 7 pupils. The venue was in the beautiful Eryri National Park (Snowdonia), at the outdoor centre 'The Towers'.

The purpose of the trip was to support pupils character development by challenging them to work on their resilience, empathy and independence.

Once at the venue, pupils participated in a range of exciting activities such as gorge walking, abseiling, weaselling, walking, low ropes and indoor climbing. When they were not participating in activities, pupils learnt how to make their own beds, serve up food for each other, and tidy away after meal times.



Some of the staff even challenged themselves with the activities. The pupils were fortunate enough to experience clear, blue skies for eight days and got to appreciate the stunning scenery they were surrounded by.

The pupils had a brilliant time and we cannot praise them enough for their effort and enthusiasm. It was a real privilege for our staff to see our pupils thrive in an environment that took them out of their comfort zone. The instructors at the venue thought the pupils were amazing and are very much looking forward to working with us again.

STEM Trip to Wilberforce

This term, a group of our Year 10 pupils visited to Wilberforce Sixth Form College to complete workshops and events for British Science Week.

British Science Week is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that took place between 7-16 March this year.

Visits such as these are ideal for pupils considering a future in science or medical fields. The pupils made bath bombs, spoke to a guest speaker from the University of Hull about

engineering, had a tour of the facilities that Wilberforce has to offer and spoke to doctors of science, in collaboration with the British Science Association.

The pupils engaged well and had a very enjoyable time learning about potential careers in STEM. For their efforts during the workshops, pupils Brooke W and Elivia H won 'best bath bomb' while Joe G was named 'Scientist of the Day'.

The Malet Sports Round-up

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

Mar 11 Congratulations to the Under 13 girls team who qualified for the Humberside cup final this evening with a 2-0 win over a strong Archie side.

Mar 13 Congratulations to the Under 14 girls who beat Archie tonight in the semi final of the Hull cup.

Mar 20 Malet year 9 girls rugby team win their first match 18-14 against Farnley.

Mar 24 Congratulations to Year 11 Pupil Ruby L for placing 3rd in the recent Hull Active Schools Trampolining competition!

Mar 25 Congratulations to the under 16 girls who beat Holderness Academy this evening in the semi final of the Humberside Cup.

Mar 27 A fantastic afternoon for the year 9 boys rugby team who won the Hull KR 7's tournament.

Mar 28 Good luck to our golf team today who are taking part in the East Riding Schools Golf Championship.

Mar 28 Congratulations to the Year 8 boys Futsal team who won the Humberside Futsal Championships today.

Mar 28 Congratulations to the Under 13 Girls who finished 3rd in today's Humberside Futsal Finals.

Mar 28 The year 8 boys and girls represented Malet excellently at today's Humberside Futsal finals! Well done to all involved.

April 1 Congratulations to the Year 8 boys who beat Mirfield 28-8 in today's Yorkshire Cup Final, retaining the trophy for the second year in a row!

