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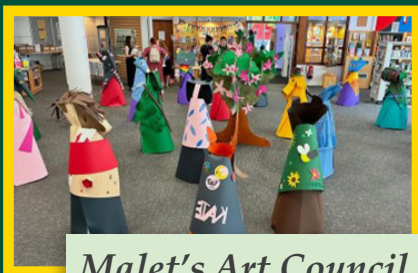
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Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



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From our Headteacher

As we approach the end of another academic year, I would like to begin by thanking all of our parents and carers for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is one of the greatest strengths of Malet Lambert. I hope you have all managed to enjoy some of the recent sunshine and for many households, the excitement of another summer of football and the World Cup, (although I know the East of the city tend to prefer their Rugby). As I write this, I have just got home from watching our production of The Addams Family. It was nothing short of outstanding. The confidence, talent, humour and professionalism shown by our cast, backstage crew and staff was remarkable. Every single person involved should be incredibly proud.



The past few weeks have perfectly captured what makes Malet Lambert such a special place. Last week, our Year 9 boys were crowned National Rugby League Champions, an incredible achievement. We could not be prouder of what they have accomplished. In fact, sport has continued to thrive across the school. Sports Day was once again a fantastic occasion, with brilliant participation, superb organisation and a wonderful atmosphere from start to finish, not to mention hilarious expert commentary from the comedic Mr Beadle!

One particularly special moment this term was welcoming former pupil Robert Aramayo back to Malet Lambert. Seeing Robert return with his two BAFTA awards was an inspiration for both pupils and staff alike. Some of our staff have also continued to demonstrate the incredible sense of community that exists within our school. A team of colleagues successfully completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge in support of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund, raising significant funds for an outstanding cause.

We also had the privilege of celebrating with our wonderful Year 11 cohort. Their Prom was a truly memorable evening, and a fitting celebration of five years filled with friendships, achievements and personal growth. We wish them the very best as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives. Whilst we prepared to say goodbye to one year group, we were equally excited to welcome another. Our Transition Week is happening as I write and, so far, has been tremendous. This week was only made possible through the dedication of staff across every department, all working together to ensure our new pupils feel welcomed, supported and ready for a successful start in September. Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme continues to go from strength to strength, with increasing numbers of pupils embracing the opportunity to take part and challenge themselves.

As we prepare for the new academic year, there will be a number of refinements to some of our daily routines and a small number of updates to school policies. Many of you will already have received separate communications, so I will not duplicate that information here. As always, these developments have been carefully considered and are intended to further enhance the experience of all pupils. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year and I wish all our pupils, parents, carers and staff a safe, relaxing and well deserved summer break.

Best Wishes,

Patrick Sprakes

Term Dates...

Pupil Return Dates

Year 7 & 11
Tuesday 8th September 2026

All Year Groups
Wednesday 9th September 2026



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IQM Schools Cluster Day

This term, Malet Lambert played host to the IQM Secondary Schools Cluster Away Day for the North East. The day long event invited school leaders from a number of site across our region to Malet Lambert to discuss applicable and successful approaches to promote and maintain inclusivity in schools.

Beginning with a welcome from both Mr Sprakes and Head Pupil, Daria, the group were also delivered talks on specific areas of interest by Malet staff including our Deputy Headteacher Miss Pearson and our EAL Coordinator, Mr Henwood.

Also speaking at the event was IQM Ambassador, Sylvia Cramp, who spoke on the purpose IQM Cluster Away days. Thank you to all the schools represented at the event for attending.

"As a flagship IQM school, it was a privilege to welcome colleagues from across the region to Malet Lambert to share ideas, celebrate inclusive practice and learn from one another. We were incredibly proud to showcase the work taking place across our school, while also recognising that the very best schools never stop learning."

Mr Sprakes



Pupils Host Afternoon Tea



Pupils and staff from our SEND department hosted visiting parents and carers for afternoon tea during this term.

On 19th June, Mrs Jordan and our wonderful SEND team supported pupils as they hosted their guests during the afternoon tea event, held in our SEND department.

Over this term, pupils have been completing their AQA Unit in Life Skills and Independent Living. The unit aims to develop the useful skills and knowledge that will prove invaluable to pupils in their independent lives.

The afternoon tea session gave pupils a chance to speak about their hard work and demonstrate some of their developed skills and knowledge. Thank you to everyone who attended.

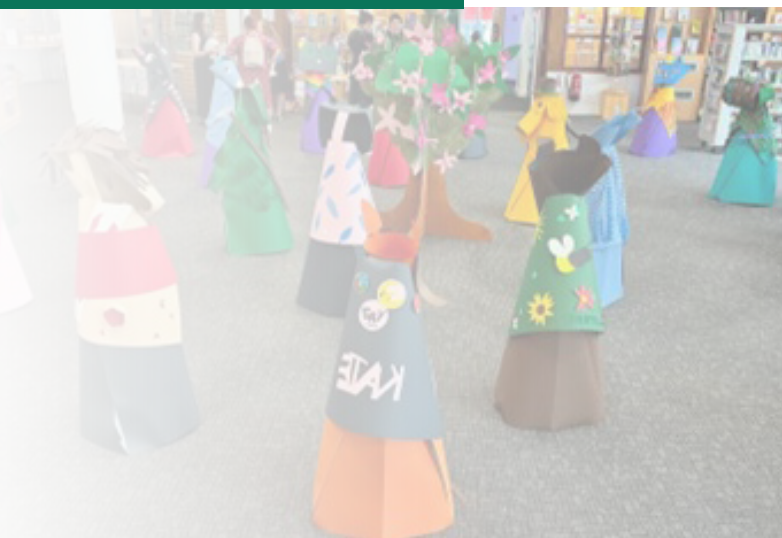
Malet Lambert's Art Council

The Malet Lambert Arts Council has been working all year with Generation Hull and artist Lauren Suanders on an exciting project. For two years the art team have been collaborating with Generation Hull over the joint need to raise the awareness of careers in the creative industries.

The Malet Arts Council group has spent time with local artists, learning a wide range of skills and learning about the arts world as whole. Including the presence of art skill base in different sectors.

Lauren Suanders became the school's artist in residence this year and worked alongside the arts council over the course of the year.

The pupils and Lauren worked collaboratively on the creation of a project called "The Shape of Acceptance." The project being described as, "Through sculpture, storytelling and world-building, the group has created a mythology of their own making. It is shaped by their ideas and hopes around acceptance, identity and connection.



Each Being holds traces of its maker - fragments of identity, emotion, resilience and hope - forming a shared narrative and mythology built entirely from their voices." The result of the Arts Council work was an exhibition piece which has gone on display at Hull Central Library.

The exhibition will run from Thursday 18 June to Thursday 30 July. A celebration event also took place on Wednesday 24 June 2026 at the library.

Cranswick Escape Room

A team from Cranswick visited Malet Lambert this term to speak to a group of our Year 7s about the career opportunities and pathways available to them in the food industry. The visit took an interesting and unique turn as our pupils were invited to complete an escape room. Once divided into teams, pupils had to solve a series of puzzles to unlock boxes containing information about job roles at Cranswick.

The groups were very engaged with the task and loved competing to see who would win within the time. The session concluded with a video about working at Cranswick and a discussion about apprenticeships.

Huge thanks to the team for attending and running the session.



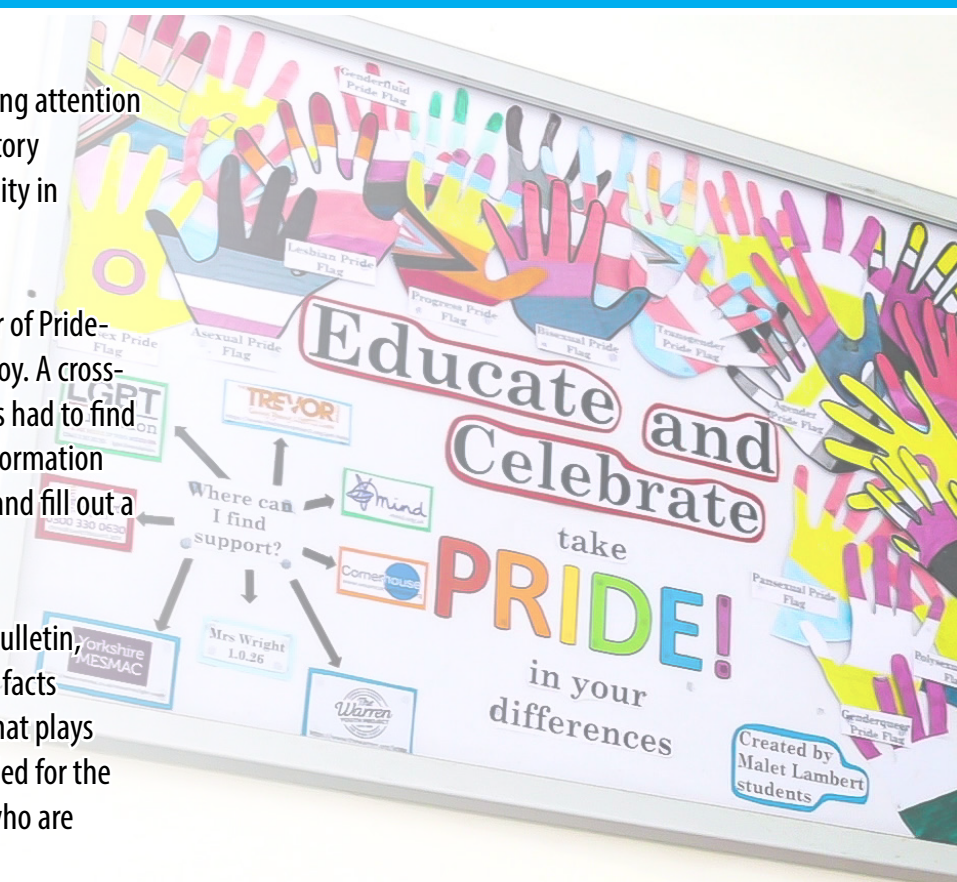
Malet Lambert's Pride Celebration

June marked Pride month at Malet Lambert!

The annual month-long observance aims to bring attention to celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and history surrounding the push for acceptance and equality in society.

Across the month of June, there were a number of Pride-related events for pupils to take part in and enjoy. A cross-school Icon hunt was held. This was where pupils had to find posters up around the school that displayed information about important people from LGBTQ+ history and fill out a questionnaire for prizes.

A daily Pride fact was also shared in the pupil bulletin, covering wider Pride facts and even some local facts relating to the month. The changeover music that plays to signify the change in period was also amended for the last week of Pride month, using music artists who are prominent in the LGBTQ+ community.



Malet Lambert's Summer Fayre

Malet Lambert's inaugural Summer Fayre was held in June of this year. After the wonderful reception to our Christmas Fayre earlier in the year, a similar event was planned for the summer months.

On Saturday 6th June, local sellers packed out our school forum as we welcomed the local community to come and browse the stalls and tables, with a complimentary drink on entry, too. The day was well received, and visitors have expressed a support for more events going forward.

Keep an eye out on our school communications and social media for announcements of upcoming fayres and events for the next year.



Year 10 Work Experience

In May, our Year 10 pupils completed their week of work experience. The week ran from 11th to 15th May, and forms a crucial part of the Year 10 curriculum.

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. We are extremely proud of feedback we have received from employers about our pupils' work ethic and conduct.

"They were fantastic and were really engaging and if he wanted to get some hours in when he's at college he is more than welcome too."

"She was on a work experience placement in my year 1/2 class last week and did an absolutely amazing job! She was so polite, helpful and came ready to get stuck into every part of school life."

"The children loved having her within our class, as did I. An absolute pleasure to spend the week with and definitely a credit to your school."

Feedback from employers about our Year 10s.

Shakespeare Ambassadors

This term, our Shakespeare Ambassadors Club once again put on an amazing performance at St Mary's College as part of the annual Shakespeare Festival. This year's performance was a rendition of Romeo and Juliet, with the team of pupils from Malet performing the first half of the play in front of an audience of over 120 parents, carers, teachers and friends.

Miss Clarkson sang the praises of the pupils involved.

"The dedication of the pupils with learning lines, experimenting with characterisation and fostering a love of Shakespeare was evident in the stellar feedback from the various members of staff from Malet who were in the crowd."

Special thanks was also given to Miss Dalby, who has helped run the club since its introduction in January 2025. Miss Dalby is leaving Malet Lambert to study drama at University and will be missed.



Three Peaks Fundraising

Staff from Malet Lambert successfully completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge over a weekend in June of this term.

The team set out on the sponsored challenge to raise money for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Spearheaded by Mrs Race-Wordsworth, the team have so far managed to raise over six times their original target!

CHSF supports Leeds Congenital Heart Unit, its patients and their families. They fund lifesaving equipment, parent accommodation, staff training, and a family support service.



Battlefields History Trip

In July of this year, a group of our Year 10 history pupils took part in a multi-country trip through Europe to visit several historical sites and battlefields.

The group visited various sites across France and Belgium and laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the memorial to the Hull Pals at Oppy Wood.



Duke of Edinburgh Training

Pupils have been getting ready for their upcoming expeditions as part of their progress in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. As part of their award, they are required to complete a long-distance expedition, including the carrying of all their equipment, tents, food, and more.

To better prepare our pupils, this term, Mr Smith and Mrs Baker held a number of training sessions for pupils to get to grips with their camping gear. Including a session on putting up tents and use of camping stove, which took place on the school field.



Big Malarkey Festival

In line with the National Year of Reading, pupils from Malet Lambert have partaken in a number of talks and activities in the run up to the Big Malarkey Festival, which was held in June of this year.

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 are held to help nurture their appreciation for literature and creativity.

In June, a group of Malet pupils journeyed across to East Park to get involved with the Festival. Our pupils spent their time taking part in activities and speaking with the visiting authors, who spoke about their work in writing.



Trip to Shibden Hall

In June of this year, 23 pupils from Years 7 to 10 journeyed out to Halifax to visit Shibden Hall.

Home of historical figure, Anne Lister, the pupils were taken on a tour of the listed site and were also given a talk from the museum curator on Anne's famous, encrypted diaries. Pupils also enjoyed learning about pre-industrial stone cutting, barrel making, medicine and brewing technologies before taking a scenic walk through the hall's woodlands and lakeside park.



The Brilliant club

A group of pupils from Year 7 & 8 have been working wonderfully as part of their Brilliant Club tutorials. The pupils have been completing their programme under the guidance of their tutor Joshua, a doctoral researcher in Biblical Studies from the University of Manchester.

Over the rest of this term, the group were studying the topic 'Why are we here? Answers from Faith and Physics' and have worked towards writing a dissertation-style essay on the subject for their final assessment. This is a supra-curricular programme, and as such, pupils are developing some excellent independent study and research skills.



Community Defibrillator

Malet Lambert is proud to announce the recent installation of a communal defibrillator on the school fence. After a number of fundraising efforts throughout this year, we are happy to finally see the defibrillator in place and ready to use.

The deliberate placement of the lifesaving device means that it is available for use to any member of the public in case of an emergency. Olivia from our Pupil Leadership team, who have helped spearhead some of the school's fundraising efforts over this year, was one of the first to see the new lifesaving equipment.

The defibrillator was kindly supplied by Hands Partnership, in collaboration with Hull City Council. Thank you to Matthew and his team at MBI Electrical Services for generously helping us with the installation free of charge! Thank you to all who contributed to our fundraising efforts.



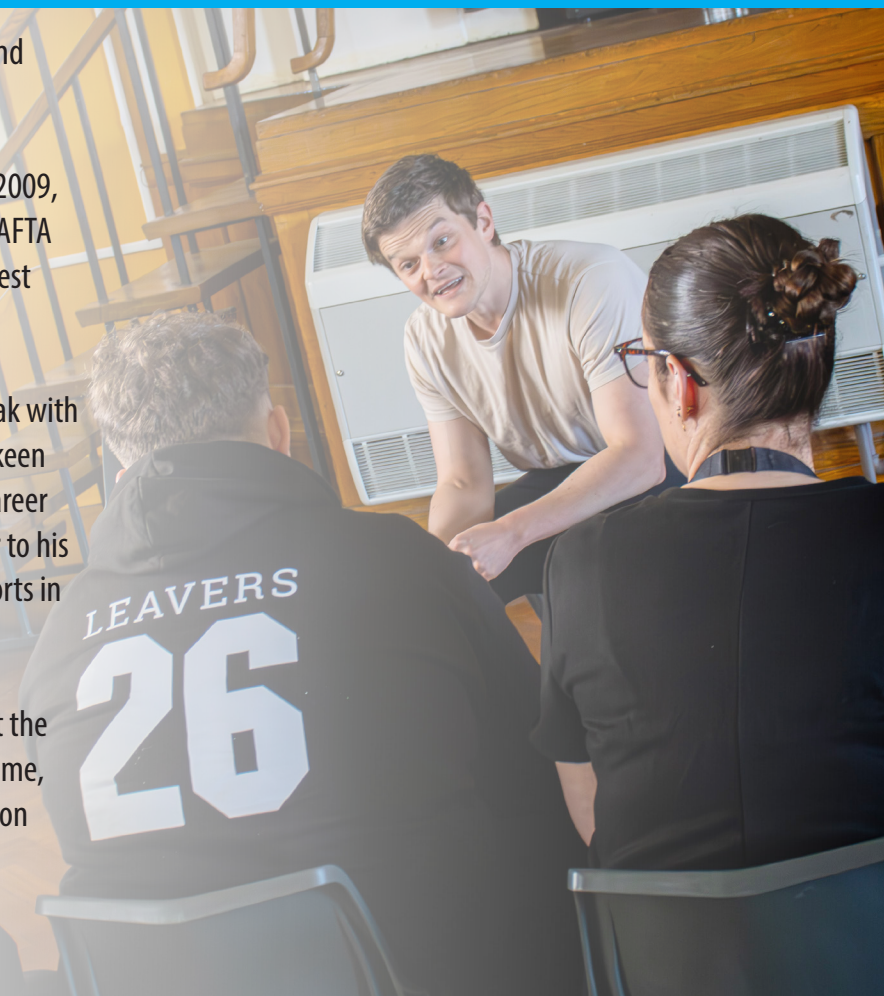
Robert Aramayo Visits Malet

Malet Lambert Alumni, Robert Aramayo paid staff and pupils a visit earlier this term.

Robert attended Malet Lambert between 2004 and 2009, and has recently hit the headlines by winning two BAFTA awards, both the BAFTA Rising Star Award and the Best Actor Award.

In May, Robert kindly came to Malet Lambert to speak with a select group of our Drama pupils. Our Pupils were keen to put some questions to Robert, ranging from his career path and education on his way to becoming an actor to his methods in perfecting his accents and who he supports in football.

Robert, who recently starred in 'I Swear', a film about the life of John Davidson, who lives with Tourette syndrome, also spoke to pupils about the portrayal of Tourettes on film. Thank you very much to Robert for coming and speaking with our current pupils.



Malet's Got Talent

In April, our pupils showed off their amazing tricks and talents as part of Malet Lambert's first 'Malet's Got Talent'. Auditions were held in the weeks prior to the 28th April show, attracting pupils from all year groups, with a variety of acts and talents on show.

The finalists from the audition stage were then set to perform in front an audience of pupils and family, also in attendance were our three judges, Headteacher Mr Sprakes, Mrs Nickolay-Walker and guest judge and former Malet Lambert pupil and local singing sensation, Emily Drewry. Well done to our runners-up, Alfie with his jazz piano piece and Betty for her tap dance routine, and huge congratulations to Darcey for her piece from the musical 'Miss Saigon'.



Malet Presents The Addams Family

This year the traditional, whole school production returned with a two-night run of the popular musical hit, The Addams Family!

Over many weeks, pupils have dedicated their time after school to rehearsals and practice in order to bring about the very performance that they can deliver.

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 technical teams, managed to pull off an amazing rendition of the popular Broadway stage show across the two-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.



Year 6 Transition Week

Between the 6th and 10th of July, we welcomed over 300 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, in order for them to experience a little time as secondary school pupils before joining us in September.

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 our hope that our Transition Week can alleviate some of the worries that Year 6 pupils may have.

With that in mind, parents and carers or the Year 6 pupils were invited to attend our informative Transition Evening on 9th July, to help answer any remaining questions or concerns they may have regarding the move from primary to secondary education.

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.

Goodbye, Year 11!

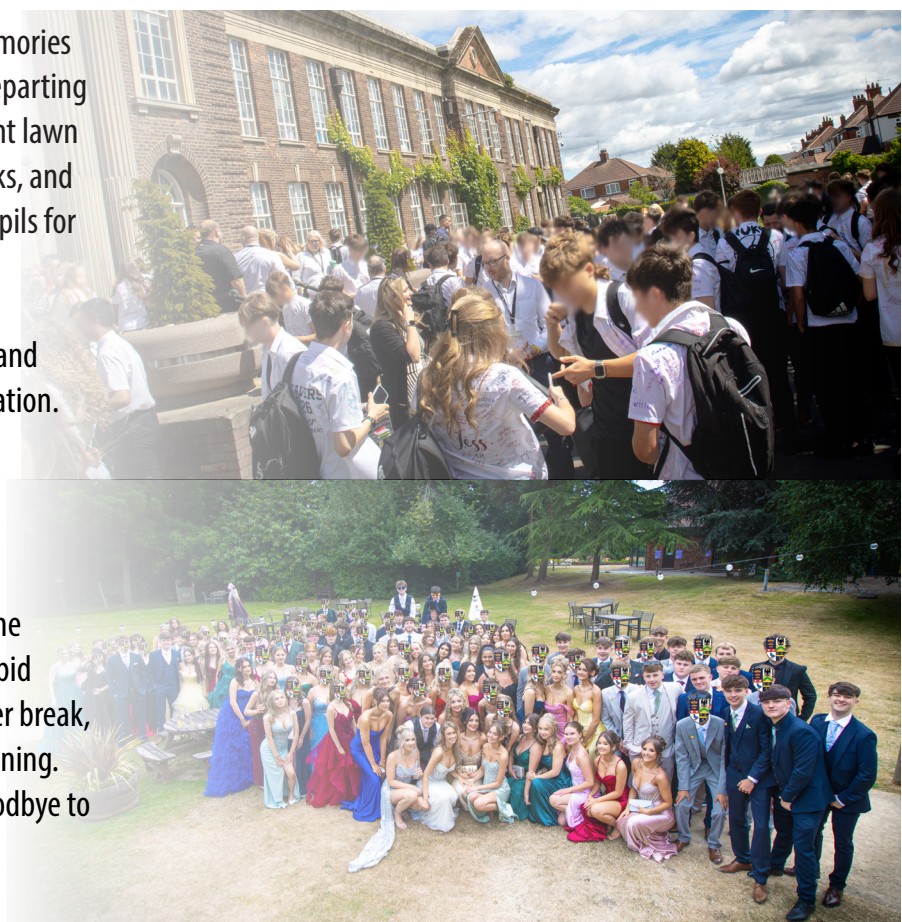
We bid farewell to the class of 2026. On 12th June, our Year 11 cohort had their last day at Malet Lambert, while there were still some exams to complete, this day marked the last real "school day" for the Year 11s.

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 out onto the front lawn of the school to mingle, sign shirts and leavers books, and exchange gifts and cards before leaving Malet as pupils for the last time.

Then in July, our Year 11 leavers 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.

A fun yet emotional evening, while the night was one of celebration, it also served as chance for pupils to bid goodbye to staff and peers alike before their summer break, leading into the next stage of their education or training. As has become tradition, Mr Sprakes marked his goodbye to

the Year 11s with a few words before awards were handed out from pupil nominations on some fun categories such as "Most likely to become a millionaire". Farewell to all our Year 11 pupils and best of luck with all that you pursue.



Rugby Champions!

It has been a double cause for celebration this term, as two of sports teams brought home the win from their respective finals.

On Friday 3rd July, our Year 9 boys rugby team travelled to Victoria Pleasure Grounds and faced off against two time returning champions, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf. A hotly contested game, with the first half breaking on a 12-0 lead for Malet. The second half saw their opponents get on to the board, but ultimately, Malet came away victorious with a final score of 22-12.

There was also cause for celebration for our Year 7 boys rugby team who played in the Hull Cup final against Liberty.

Despite the heat, Malet managed to secure a lead by half time of 12-6, before finalising the match, and securing the final, on a winning score of 16-12.



Sports Day 2026

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

