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Malbank School and Sixth Form College

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Happy Easter!

All the very best to the Malbank family for the Easter break - a well-deserved holiday after another term of fantastic effort from everyone at the school. Easter is a time of growth and rebirth and is a perfect opportunity to take stock and reflect on where we are and how far we have come both personally and as a team. I saw a quote the other day which struck a chord both in response to the pandemic and for those facing the horrors of war in Ukraine - "You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming." At a school level, I remain incredibly proud of what our students have achieved this year - we know that Covid isn't gone, despite what the media narrative may suggest, but despite the challenges it has thrown up, our young people have shown resilience and a determination to learn and develop themselves as people which is all I can ask of them. I feel really lucky to have the chance to see them grow and develop throughout their time with us and never is that more evident than with our year 11 and 13 students each year. For them, Easter brings an opportunity to refresh after a tough term, but also to revise and prepare themselves for the most important two months in their school life to date. We shouldn't see such moments as difficulties - but challenges that we rise to meet, allowing us an unparalleled sense of pride and achievement when we know we did all we could to get the grades we deserve. My message to all year 11 and 13 students is simple: whatever has gone before is in the past, but for the next two months you have the power to work hard, give everything you have and change your future. Look back on this period in the future with no regrets - just a memory of how you did all you could to be the very best you could be.

As a final note - I came across a lovely quote when looking for inspiration for this piece that I am sure will resonate with all parents (it definitely does for me with my 9 year old son)

"Easter egg hunts are proof that children can find things when they really want."

Have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday April 19th.

Mr Harrison

HOUSE CUP CHALLENGE

Every week the house points are awarded and added to the total scores for the year.

Keep up to date with regular updates and follow us on twitter @malbank_houses



1st place

254



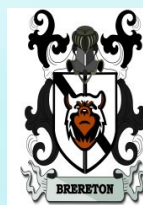
2nd place

232



3rd place

210



4th place

172

An EGGSHELLent effort from our house teams donating an eggxtremely impressive 70 eggs for The Wishing Well charity.



Success & Achievement

RENAISSANCE
Awards 2021

Highly Commended



**Malbank High School and
Sixth Form College**
Reading Team and House Team

#RenAwards21

**Accelerated
Reader**

We ended 2021 with some excellent news, Malbank was Highly Commended by Renaissance for our work on creating Success and Achievement with reading. Unfortunately the Award Ceremony this year was held virtually due to Covid Restrictions but it was still fun to watch the awards and see our success being recognised on a National Level. Over 6000 schools use Accelerated Reader so to receive this accolade is a fantastic achievement.

Reading Challenge Cup

You have to read to take the lead

As a school we are so proud of the team who have worked tirelessly to ensure that Accelerated Reader has become an integral part of our House Cup and Rewards system. Students use it to motivate each other and the friendly competition it has created between the different groups has been lovely to see. At a time when students were isolated from each other, it allowed them an outlet to share a bit of competitive House spirit and encouraged them to pick up a book rather than reaching for the nearest screen. Even now that we are back in school, this competition is able to continue every week, come rain or shine and every student is able to take part – whether they are physically in school or isolating at home. Using Accelerated Reader has helped our school to develop a culture where being a reader is something to be proud of and our number of millionaires is growing year on year.

This year we are on target to have more words read than ever before and the race for the Reading House Cup is a tight one with the lead frequently changing hands. It could come down to one book that decides the winning house – will it be you who logs the read that leads your house to victory?

- 1. DORFOLD DOLPHINS 96 POINTS**
- 2. BRERETON BEARS 93 POINTS**
- 3. WILBRAHAM WOLVES 88 POINTS**
- 4. KENT KESTRELS 60 POINTS**

**Year 7 have read 47,688,437 and
year 8 28,731,681 words so far this
year – an amazing achievement.**

Culture corner

This term has seen students participate in weekly quizzes and form time activities.

Ranging from quizzes on La fête des Rois- A french Christmas tradition; to sessions on the value of time and punctuality in different cultures through to exploring words borrowed from other languages in English- did you know 80% of the words we use in English have been borrowed from other languages? There has also been activities on Swedish, Japanese and German business values; The culture and traditions of Ukraine and a celebration of inspirational women, past and present, from around the world who have achieved wonderful things, shown bravery and conviction and are examples of brilliant role models through to Fingerhakeln- a traditional sport in Austria and Bavaria. The best way to describe this is a 'finger tug-o-war'.

Form group	Overall standings for the year:	Number of wins
1 st	9LAB	4
2 nd	9HFS & 10AXO	3
3 rd	10XG	2
4 th	7ECG, 8VCN, 8LTB, 9APK, 11SBC, 6MMI	1



**Culture
corner**

MALBANRMFL

LAUNCH



This term has seen the successful launch of **Malbank Green Team** with over **35 Green ambassadors** and **15 green keepers** volunteering to drive our green ambitions forward. We have been working hard to put together a green team, including students and staff from all four houses, to ensure that Malbank school is a more eco friendly and sustainable environment. We would like all students to have a real voice in shaping the focus, activities and priorities of the Green team and we aim to raise awareness, run eco-friendly campaigns, and make positive changes to the broader school community's approach to green thinking. Our primary focus areas include combating plastic pollution with litter picking at lunchtimes and working collaboratively with the school canteen to reduce plastic and food waste. *If you would like to get involved, please contact Mr Oliver in T23.*

The Wishing Well Foundation

Every year, we decide upon one or more local or National charities to support through our Malbank Houses. This year we have decided to support a collective charity 'The Wishing

Well Foundation' based in Crewe but

supporting residents across Nantwich, Crewe and the local villages. The charity's mission statement is to 'improve health and wellbeing of our community' and seek to do that in a number of ways including their Family Hubs and community centres in Crewe and Nantwich. During lockdown, the charity supported many families and local people and continue to focus their efforts on providing support for local people with health, well-being, family support, activities and volunteering opportunities. We have just begun our partnership with the charity and we look to continue our support for years to come but we wanted to support their Easter Egg drive and have asked staff and students to donate an egg to be given to local children and families through the charity's Easter activities and through their Hubs. A massive thank you to our staff and student community for bringing in your donations and helping us to support our local charities who do such an important job. *Mrs Machin*



In conjunction with BP, we are

launching a **Net Zero**

House Competition,

challenging students to research their homes and communities to identify where greenhouse gases are being emitted. Then, they will get creative to plan a strategy to reduce their carbon footprint. We want all students, parents/carers to have a real voice in shaping the focus, activities and priorities of the Green Team.

Please participate in our quiz and survey.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Year 7 "beyond the classroom" initiative has seen a group of science students taking part in weekly experiments including making holograms, flame tests and marshmallow catapults! The sessions have been great fun and the group have shown excellent knowledge of a range of areas of science and worked well in teams to complete their investigations. *Mr Snape*

Celebrating Reading Success

Every month, 20 postcards are sent out to Year7 and Year8 students who have impressed us with their dedication to reading. This could be by reading an incredible number of words, by reading a high number of shorter books or by showing excellent engagement with the myON software. We hope that they are causing excitement when they land on your doorstep!

The Year7 forms have also been competing this year for an early lunch pass. In February, 7REW were able to go for lunch early as a reward for reading the most and in March 7CYR took the prize.

Remember Accelerated Reader is available for students in Year7 and Year8 and myON is available for all students in the school. Make sure you ask your English Teacher/Miss Nadin if you are struggling to access it.



Restaurant reads

In January we launched Restaurant Reads in the Main School Boulevard swiftly followed by a March launch in the Sixth Form Block. This has been really well received with all members of the school community eager to see what topics are being explored that week. Every week there are 4 or 5 texts on the tables in the canteen for students to read whilst eating – the topics covered vary and cover aspects such as Global Warming, Psychological studies, origins of common phrases and even a story about the World's Biggest Potato! We have now started to build our own group of student reporters with C Marsh in Year8 publishing his first article reviewing the F1 race. If you are interested in becoming a student reporter, please contact Miss V Nadin.

Weekend in Sport

Latest Formula 1 News from Jeddah!

It was Verstappen who won a blockbuster of a race in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), with Leclerc securing an epic 2nd place for Ferrari.

The action all started on Friday and Saturday when a Missile hit an Oil plant just a mere 10km away from the Corniche Circuit. In Q1, the 7-time champion, Sir Lewis Hamilton, got knocked out by Lance Stroll, the 1st time for the Brit in 13 years on raw pace. However, all eyes loomed on Mick Schumacher's monstrous crash exiting Turn 12 at approximately 165MPH into a concrete barrier leaving him unable to attend the race.

On Sunday, it was a rivalry re-ignited, with Leclerc and Verstappen battling all race. Perez pitted on Lap 17 just before the Safety Car came out for Latifi who crashed on the exit of turn 27. The battle for the lead raged on all the way up to the chequered flag which was seen first by the almighty Dutchman Max Verstappen.

The week's review is brought to you by C Marsh (Y8). If you are interesting in becoming a reporter for Restaurant Reads, please contact Miss V Nadin either on Teams or in Bx

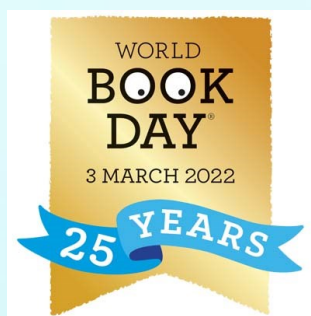
Restaurant Reads



Drop everything and read



WORLD BOOK DAY



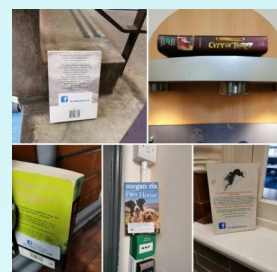
On Friday 4th March the school celebrated 25 years of World Book Day. We had a non-uniform day with the money raised being used to buy new books for the library. This raised almost **£500**. Students have been submitting their requests for what books they would like and Miss Nadin is currently compiling the list. We will be paying a visit to Nantwich Bookshop in the coming weeks and we are looking forward to updating the book selection.

All students received a voucher that can be used for one of ten new World Book Days or £1 off any other book. We have also purchased some of these and they will be appearing in classroom libraries over the next few weeks.

At 10:30, everyone on site was encouraged to **Drop Everything And Read**. It was fantastic to walk around site and see so many staff (and students) absorbed in their books!

We also had a large number of books donated by members of the school community to start our own Hidden Book Club. These books are hidden around site for students to read before rehidng for other members of the school to find.

Hidden book club



DRAGONS' DEN

In Opening minds lessons this term, year 7 students have become entrepreneurs and entered the den!

Year 7 students were tasked with pitching an idea, product or service to our dragons. Our Dragons are successful, experienced and respected business people from the local community who, as a panel, judged the quality of the pitch our Opening Minds champions made about an Eco-friendly product or service they had worked on in previous weeks. The idea, the quality of any prototype or design, the financial considerations, and marketing decisions were scored as well as the quality of the pitch itself.

All groups representing their forms were brilliant! We are very proud of their efforts and the bravery they showed, to stand in front of a panel of strangers to present and to answer searching questions posed by the Dragons.

The eventual winners presented their 'solar-blinds' pitch, with a fabulous prototype. They had considered how to market their product, who would want to buy them, how they would make a profit and the benefit to the environment (a key feature of the project). According to the Dragons, they were confident, each one knew their role in the business and they were able to be spontaneous in response to questions. Their pitch was very well prepared and the Dragons were in agreement that they were deserved winners. *Well done to the winning group from 7REW.*



Our **Y12 Mental Health First Aiders** went into Y7 & Y8 assemblies to launch the support they will be offering students throughout school. They did a fantastic job and spoke with such confidence. If you feel you need to talk to anyone they can also be here to offer a non-judgmental listening ear. *Miss Scott*

TRIPS

After the wave 2 mock exams we took year 11 on a cinema trip to watch the new Uncharted film for all their hard work over the 2 weeks and in the lead up to the trip. The criteria for the trip was 95% 1's and 2's. Keep up the good work Year 11.



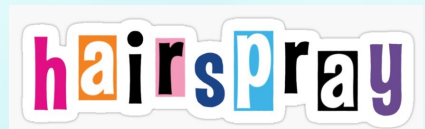
ARE YOU COMPETITIVE & LIKE QUIZZES, JOIN MR OLIVER FOR THE BIG MALBANK QUIZ

Y7 EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME IN T23 WEEK 1
Y8&9 EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME IN T23 WEEK 2



Nicest kids in town

Year 10 celebrated their final performance of Nicest Kids in Town from Hairspray this term. They were studying the piece as part of their Component 1 studies for their BTEC L2 in Performing Arts: Dance and did an amazing job of bringing this high energy piece to the Malbank stage. *Well done!*



The English department took year 10 & year 11 literature students who are studying the play to watch a brilliant performance of Blood Brothers at Manchester Palace Theatre.

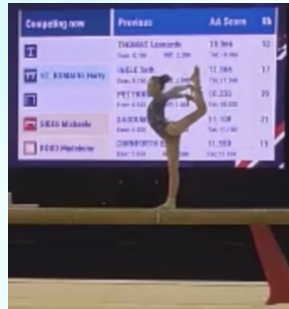
GCSE Drama and A-Level Theatre Studies students went to see The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at the Manchester Opera House. This trip was part of the preparation for the GCSE and A-Level written exams. It was an epic performance that really got students thinking about the ways to explore technical possibilities in performance.

MALBANKSPORTS



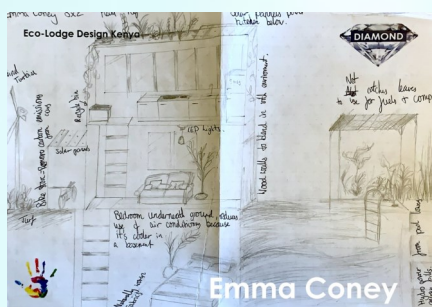
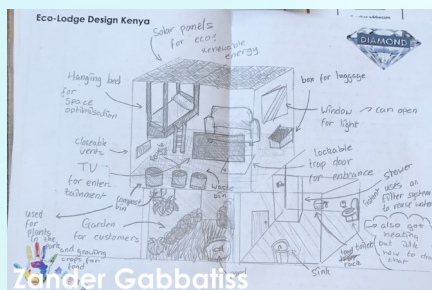
Congratulations to sixth form students Olly Joyce, Will Lacey and Toby Evans on their successful Rugby tour to Venice with Crewe & Nantwich RUFC.

Well done to **Michaela Sides** who has recently competed at the British Gymnastics Championships at the Liverpool M&S Arena in the Junior category. Michaela came 29th overall and the highlight was coming 16th overall on the beam.



Hope Smith represented Malbank at the **Country Cross Country Championships** at Knights Grange, Winsford. 30 other athletes took part in the Inter Girls event. Hope put an amazing performance on the day and came through in **first place**.

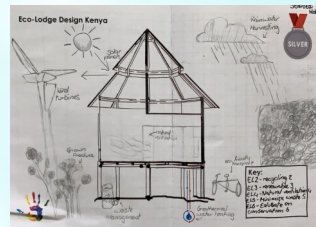
As a result of this fantastic performance at the County event, Hope was selected to represent Cheshire at the **English Schools Cross Country Championships** in Kent on the 19th March. On that day Hope came 55th out of 300 runners with a time of 15:04 for 3.875km and was the **first Cheshire athlete to come through the finish**. This was a fantastic performance from Hope and we are very proud of her achievements and look forward to the Athletics' season.



Year 8 geography

students have recently been tasked to design an ecolodge. Their design had to be considerate of a number of features including minimal waste produced; using renewable energy; natural ventilation & heating. The attention to detail and the quality of the eco design features is really impressive in both their design sketches and prototypes.

Mr Oliver



A product development chef from Chartwells worked with year 11 students and demonstrated how to portion a chicken and fillet fish to help the students achieve higher level skills in their NEA 2 for Food P & N.



Year 12 students attended food nutrition workshops hosted by Chartwell's. These sessions proved to be highly informative and useful.



University & apprenticeship fair

Year 12 students attended the UK university & apprenticeship fair in Manchester in March. Students had the opportunity to meet a host of universities, HE institutions and apprenticeship providers from all over the UK.

The day proved to be highly informative and helped provide some guidance and clarity for year 12 students and their next steps.





CONNECT NEWS



A special mention to Aimee Fisher who once again has brightened up Connect with her lovely artwork. *But her creative talents don't stop there, as Aimee is also a keen dancer.*



★ Superstars of the Term ★

Aimee Fisher, Ellie Broster, Liam Jones, Brandon Harding, James Fairbairn, Eben King, Lillian Allen, Max Taylor, Lucas Tams, Sam Tonge, Logan Woodrow, Matthew Beardsall, Thomas Williamson, Sophie Guilfoyle, Leo White, Andrei Iancu, Faryl White, Sophie Stockton, Ronnie Krawczyk, Lola Billington, Brooklyn Chesters, Kay Oakley

It was lovely to chat to the year 9 students about their GCSE/BTEC options for next year. Here's what they chose and what they want to be in the future.

Lillian Allen — Lilly is thinking of becoming a Midwife. No doubt with her calm manner this career would suit her perfectly. Her chosen options of Health & Social Care and Psychology will be invaluable in helping her achieve this goal.



Jonty Evans & Stan Williams - Boxing is a popular sport in year 9 with both Jonty and Stan attending lessons outside of school. PE was the perfect fit for them when picking their options for next year.

Harvey Moran - Harvey is a budding entrepreneur in the making having chosen Business as one of his options next year. A business in the car industry is on the cards for Harvey's future.

CAREERS@MALBANK

MAKE THE SIXTY MATTER TO HELP YOU CHOOSE A CAREER THAT MATTERS

The Spotlights on Alex Triggles Y11

Alex is one of many students in year 11 who chose to take a BTEC in Health and Social Care back in year 9. I spoke with Alex to find out more about the course and what it's meant to him.

Alex has always enjoyed looking after others, including helping fellow pupils in need at primary school. This led him to take an interest in the course. It has been a perfect choice for him, confirmed by the fact that he gained top marks in Health and Social Care in year 11 earlier this year. He feels that it matched several of his interests. Firstly, Alex was keen to find out more about the care needs of a range of people. Secondly, he's always wanted to find out more about a range of disabilities which the course allowed him to do, including anxiety and autism.

The two parts of the course he especially enjoyed are firstly the overview in year 10 of how humans develop from childhood through to adults. Secondly, case studies of real-life individuals with health concerns were fascinating.

Alex is going to study Human Anatomy at South Cheshire College this September as he's always been fascinated by the human immune system and would like to study it in more depth.



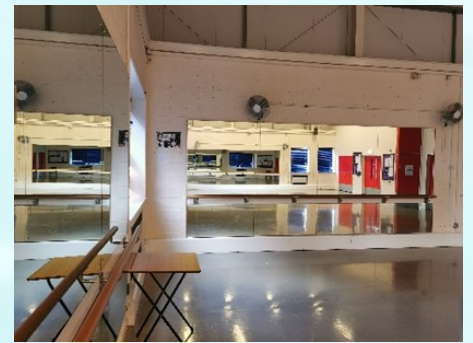


MALBANK COMMUNITY

Here at Malbank School and Sixth Form College we offer our facilities for hire to all members/groups in our local community. The Sports Hall is used for football, korfbal, cricket, badminton, circuit training and the outdoor Astro Pitch can be used for football or hockey. Our dance and drama studios are excellent spaces for rehearsals or performances along with the Main Hall which has in the past been used for sequence dancing and choir concerts. Our Family Learning Suite can be set up for business/public meetings and our Boulevard area has in the past been hired for large group rehearsals/meetings and public exhibitions.



If you would like more information about hiring facilities at Malbank then please get in touch with Community Manager Mark Brisbourne on 01270 611 009 community@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk



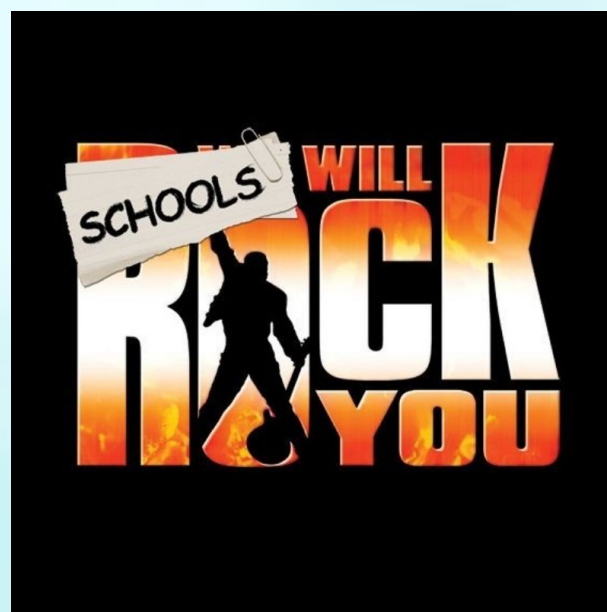
New Dates

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Tickets available soon



Rehearsals are well underway for the much anticipated performance of We Will Rock you. The cast are working hard and its looking **amazing!**

There is still time if anyone wants to sign up. Please speak to Miss Gabbatiss, Mr Cope, Mr Brisbourne or Mrs Morley.