

Principal's Update

18 February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

To allow us to share all the great things that are happening in the academy, we will now be sending out this regular newsletter with updates and information that I hope will be of interest.

It has been great to see the academy returning to almost full normality as we move out of COVID restrictions. I'd like to thank all parents and carers for their support throughout the pandemic and hopefully this is something that we won't have to contend with again in the future. It has been another busy half term at the academy, particularly for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are now moving towards final preparations for their summer exams. So that we can support the Year 11s as much as possible we are putting on a week of intervention sessions, with a particular focus on BTECs and coursework, during the February half term. The timetable for the week is below:

We were delighted to host our first Parent and Community Advisory Board meeting this half term. It was great to share with, and discuss, the Maltby Academy Lesson Cycle and our Whole School Reading and Oracy Strategies, as the first meeting focused on Teaching and Learning.

The PCAB has a dual purpose:

- It allows parents/carers and members of the community to provide feedback to leaders on current systems, successes and areas for development.
- It is an opportunity for us to provide updates on our progress and share early thinking about upcoming developments.

We will meet again on two more occasions this academic year and we are keen to welcome more parents / carers.

If you would like to know more, or join this group, then please contact info@maltbyacademy.com

Mr Wood
Principal

	Monday 21st February	Tuesday 22nd February	Wednesday 23rd February	Thursday 24th February	Friday 25th February
9:00 - 11:30am	Engineering - Unit 2 Practical work and Coursework	GCSE Art Coursework.	BTEC Business Coursework	GCSE Drama Coursework	GCSE Media Studies C1 & C2 Revision
12:30 - 3:00pm	Engineering - Unit 2 Practical work and Coursework	GCSE Art Coursework.	Sport Science Coursework.		

Meet our new staff members

We are delighted to announce two of our new members of staff who started with us on week commencing Monday 14 February.

Dr Stokes – Mathematics Teacher
Mr Oxborough – Site Manager

Parents' Evenings

Year 11 – 10th March 2022
Sixth Form – 28th April 2022
Year 10 – 9th June 2022
Year 8 – 16th June 2022
Year 9 – 7th July 2022

Department Information

Geography

Geography club started in January 2022 and in order to take part students submitted letters of request to state why they care about the environment, why they like geography and how they think they can make a difference to the school as an 'eco-warrior.'

Each week on a Friday lunchtime students go around rooms in block 2 (trial basis before rolling out around school) to collect wastepaper from separate recycling bins. To do this they are rewarded with a lunch pass que jump which they use and return, to then spend the rest of their lunchtime recycling.

In the future we also hope to start to tackle problems with plastic on site, lights and projectors being left on in classrooms when not needed and hopefully a reward in the summer term for the best eco warriors of the year.

The picture below shows the first session of eco warrior club, word spread quickly among students, and we now have around a dozen students in y7/8 who take part weekly.



Science

Some of our Year 11 students had chance to have a taste of A Level Chemistry today by making ice-cream and discussing hydrogen bonding.



Reading

Alpha Reading - Football Edition: This reading initiative is well underway now, with some of the previous Y9 players having now graduated into coaches, working closely with Y8 players. They are led by varying managers each week through 'I Am The Secret Footballer'. They've formed a brilliant and supportive team together. We've also placed an order for the next book, 'The Guide to the Modern Game', so that the whole team can continue their reading and sporting investigation!

English

Mike Garry, renowned Manchester poet, led workshops with 3 groups of students throughout the day. The focus was around the importance, and fun that can be found, in reading. Students were encouraged to laugh and share their own experiences, whilst being passionately led through texts that are relevant to their own lives.



Club Spotlight: Fun and Games

Fun and Games Club was set up by a Y7 student, for Y7 students and takes place every Friday week B. It is a time for students to relax at the end of the week and play some fun board games, socialise with different people, listen to music and have fun. After half term, we are hoping to invite Y8 and Y9 students to attend and add some new games to the collection.

Step up

This week, we have had our 'History Focus Week' in Step Up Integrated. The focus for this HT was 'Castles'.

During the first session, students worked in pairs to research everything they need to know about castles, including Motte and Bailey castles and the Siege of Rochester 886. Students produced a PPT presentation with all of their findings and engaged so well in this task.

In the next session, students learned about the most effective castle defences and discussed how effective the Motte and Bailey castle was. Students then teamed up and created their own castles.

Finally, students will be creating some newspaper articles all about the Siege of Rochester during the next session. We will also be announcing winners for the best castles! Students have loved this week!



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