



MALMESBURY

# MATTERS



## From the Headteacher's desk...



**T**his term saw incredibly pivotal moments for both Year 11 and 13. Our leavers days were full of fun, excitement but tinged with sadness as we say farewell to our students before their GCSE and A-level exams start. I was pleased to sign so many shirts and address both year groups, thanking them for their amazing efforts and contributions to our school over the years. I wish them the very best of luck with the forthcoming exams.

It has once again been a term full of opportunities and success for our students, seeing us crowned winners of the regional Lego robotics competition qualifying the team for the national championships. We welcomed Alex Hawkins, an up-and-coming recording artist into school to perform some of his latest songs and also talk about mental health and wellbeing. The clothes swap and much anticipated Malmesbury Fashion Show were our brilliant House events, it was a joy to see so many students taking part. The staff ultimate frisbee team took their loss to Year 11 in good spirits and vowed for revenge next year.

The term has seen two bank holidays and a number of days affected by industrial action and I thank all parents and students for their support and understanding with the impacts caused. With the summer term and warmer weather upon us, we are delighted to see more students outside at lunch and break time and have made footballs and basketballs available for all students to borrow.

I wish you all the very best for half term and look forward to more Excellent opportunities in our Happy and Caring school.

## Dates for your diary



**German Exchange-** 5th -12th June

**French Exchange** -13th May to 18th June

**Year 12 Mock Exams** - 26th to 29th June

**Year 10 Mock Exams** - 3rd to 7th July

**iLead Days** - 17th and 18th July

**Summer holiday begins** - 25th July at 12.35

## What is my child learning this term?

Year 7 - <https://malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Year-7-curriculum-booklet-Final-June.pdf>

Year 8 - <https://malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Year-8-curriculum-booklet-Final-June.pdf>

Year 9- <https://malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Year-9-curriculum-booklet-final-June.pdf>

Year 10 & 11 - <https://malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/KS4-curriculum-booklet.pdf>

# Coming soon..!



## M-Fest

We are so excited about this first of its kind evening event here at Malmesbury School; MFest! Wednesday 19th July 5pm. Art, music, dance and carnival vibes! There will be magic, ice cream, food and drink - this is an event not to be missed! See you there!



## PTA Event: Family bike ride at Castle Coombe race track

Malmesbury PTA take over the race track on Monday 19th June 17.00-19.30. All family members welcome. See the website for more information.



## WOMAD

WOMAD is on from the 27<sup>th</sup> July. As ever we will be opening the festival in Charlton Park! Students who have been selected for their commitment to Music and Dance over the school year to take part, will be receiving their invites in the next few days.

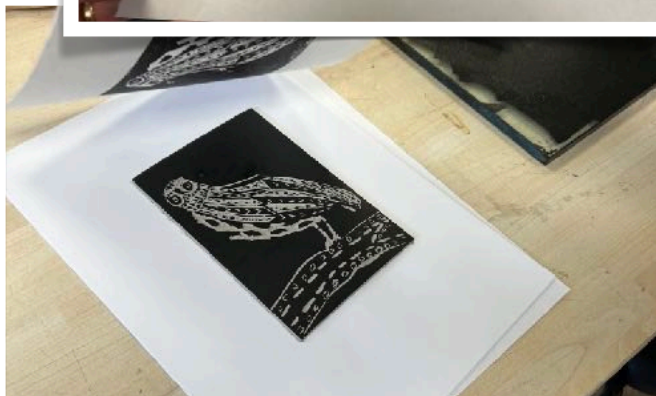
Anybody interested in the raffle to win a pair of weekend WOMAD tickets (worth over £400!) must go to the school website to download raffle tickets and follow the instructions for payment. Good luck!

# News and Events

## Year 7 Art Workshop



Ten students from Year 7 who had been selected for their contribution to extra-curricular art activities at school, took part in an exciting Lino Print Workshop with visiting artist Philip Kingsbury. The group worked with the theme of Owls, and learnt how to design, cut and print their own lino blocks. Each print was unique in style and the results were fantastic. The students loved the creative afternoon and enjoyed developing new skills.



## The Malmesbury Fashion Show

On Friday the 12th May it was time for the Malmesbury Fashion Show. The designers had carefully crafted their outfits (some had even made the garments themselves) and the models had practiced their catwalk struts. The crowds gathered eagerly in the hall whilst Marcus and the band warmed them up in their usual unique style.



After a tense 15 minutes of frantic preparation in the glamour of the changing rooms and toilets, the models were ready. We had been discussing the issues with fast fashion in the preceding weeks and even held a very successful clothes swap (thank you Miss Alner) so students could source some of their outfits and extend the life of some preloved garments. All of the students fully embraced the opportunity to own the catwalk and the crowds were a great support.

Our celebrity judges Ms Burrows, Miss Dove, Mr Lambert and the unforgettable Mr Pressman (in his fashion forward pink suit) spent some time deliberating due to the very tough competition. Our winners were Imana (Model), Kitty-Belle (both 7RY) and Florence (7IS), but it is fair to say that everyone involved finished as winners as far as fashion and glamour were concerned!

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## Work Experience

We were exceptionally proud with our Year 10s last term, as they embarked on their first Work Experience through Malmesbury School. Thank you to Mrs Needham and Mrs Twose-Jones for organising - and thank you to the wonderful employers who give our students this priceless opportunity!

Here's what some Year 10s said about the week:

*"I loved my week at the primary school, everyone was so nice and I might be a teacher"*

*"It was so interesting to see how people work, I really enjoyed being on the tills and serving customers!"*

*"I was so tired by the end of the week, the school day is really short in comparison!"*

Below are just a snippet of some of the placements that supported us to offer this invaluable experience- many help every year and we are so grateful for this!

### Malmesbury:

Abacus Plumbing  
Co-op  
Wentworth Puzzles  
Starke Creative  
Unique Media  
Summer Café  
Old Bell  
Persephone Violet  
Malmesbury Garden Centre  
The Old Bell  
The Cake Tin  
Many primary schools!

### Surrounding Areas:

Hortico Plant Centre  
South Cerney Outdoors  
Cotswold Archaeology  
PaddleUP -Luxury Cars  
Black Nova Designs

### Further afield:

Dick Lovett  
Slimbridge Wild Fowl Trust  
Bird Land  
FC Nord Sjaelland - DK  
Weston Supermare AFC  
Swindon Town Football Club.

## Science Club

Science Club are excited to see that their experiment has been loaded on to the Mars Balloon! We look forward to telling everyone all about the experiment we are planning once our materials (bicarbonate of soda and strawberry laces!) have been up to an altitude of 30km! The balloon is due to be launched in early June so watch this space!



## Big Sudoku Challenge



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## Year 10 Art Trips to London

The Year 10 art trip to London Tate Galleries was so good this year we did it twice! On Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, three members of staff took forty plus students each time to both Tate Britain and Tate Modern. We walked in the sunshine between the galleries, following the Thames along the Embankment, passing the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye, getting half of our 10,000 steps in for the day and the rest going around the galleries.

All the students found examples of artwork to help them develop their 'Identity' project, looking for Surreal and Expressionist work, as well as images Vanitas. Students made sketches and took photographs, of the work that grabbed their attention. The art also inspired them not simply for their work this term and hopefully will feed them with ideas for their art in Year 11 and beyond. Many said that now they had seen the galleries, they would love to return on future visits to London.

### Mrs Allaway, the Senior Curriculum Leader for Year 10 also attended the trip:

It was a real privilege to accompany some of the Art department and 40+ year 10 students to the Tate Modern and Tate Britain yesterday. For the students to be able to absorb so much history and culture both inside and outside of the galleries was fantastic.

I would like to give credit to the students whose behaviour was outstanding from minute one and to the Art department who spent time arranging this opportunity for the students.



# Sports News

## Area Athletics Trials Bath University

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May Malmesbury School took 52 athletes from Years 7 to 10 to the Area Athletics Trials to Bath University for the North Wiltshire Area Athletics Trials. It was a great day of athletics and our ten Year 9 Young Leaders were a tremendous credit here too. 15 of our athletes have been selected to represent the North Wiltshire Area Team at the Wiltshire County Championships. They are Jasmine J, Esmail Z, Lucy S, Harry C and Charlie B all from Year 7, Finn M and Arabella H from Year 8, Max C, Je B, Charlotte B and Carys S from Year 9 and Sam D, Georgia G, Jess H and Izzy C from Year 10. We wish them every success for after half – term.

## Touch rugby tournament

Year 9 boys and girls have participated in the "Touch 2 Twickenham" tournament. Malmesbury School took 7 boys and 7 girls to the tournament in May on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to St Bede's Catholic College in Bristol. Malmesbury School played a total of 4 games across the afternoon, winning 2 and losing 2.

All the students involved were absolutely fantastic, scoring a total combination of 18 tries, with some brilliant team and individual performances. Mr Farmer and Mr Marsh-Ballard awarded the Sportswomen of the day award to Freya King, for her outstanding positive attitude and brilliant play throughout the day. They also awarded Digby Rose man of the tournament for his fantastic passing and footwork against the other teams. Henry Panting was awarded try of the day for his exceptional pace and footwork to beat 5 defenders to score. The top try scorer award was a joint award between James Ashley and Amelia Dow, who both scored 4 tries each. Malmesbury have now qualified for the final's day at Worcester Warriors stadium on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023, this will see the top 2 schools from each competition participate for a place to play at Twickenham in February 2024. Well done to all!

## Young Leaders

A group of year 9 and 10 girls have started a Young Leaders course in cricket. As a result of this, our wonderful Young Leaders now help to run the girls cricket extra-curricular club on a Monday after school. These students also helped Wiltshire cricket deliver sessions to every girl in year 7, 8 and 9. We are delighted with the interest in girls cricket and thanks to our Young Leaders for raising the profile of the sport!



## Girls Rugby

Well done also to our girls rugby team who came in second at the Bath Rugby Foundation tournament recently!

# The View from Year 7

## Fast Fashion

Earlier this term we held a Clothes Swap event which was a big hit with the students who descended on the event clearing out the swap tables in record time! It inspired Mimi in 7TL to write this brilliant piece about Fast Fashion:

Fast Fashion has become incredibly popular with consumers in the past few years mostly because it is cheap, trendy and disposable. The Cambridge definition of Fast Fashion is “clothes that are made and sold cheaply so that people can buy new clothes often.”

The majority of the world’s clothes are made in low income or middle income countries where worker rights are minimal or non-existent. A large amount of fast fashion either uses child labour, forced labour, offers poor working conditions or long working hours. Sweatshop conditions are not just bad for the humans involved; the environmental impacts are staggering. According to One Green Planet, fashion is the second most polluting industry behind oil.

Is it time to say goodbye to Fast Fashion?

## Inkdeath by Cornelia Funke Reviewed by Seren Hall 7LH

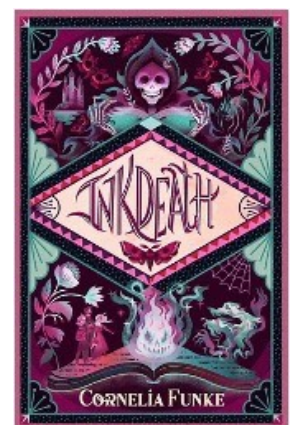
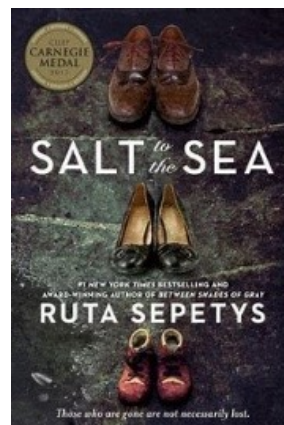
This book is the grand finale to a series I have been really enjoying (The Inkheart Trilogy), but it can be quite dark in places, so I would recommend for ages 12 and up. This book is all about characters Meggie and Mo being transported back into the book that drew them back into its pages (Inkspell, book 2), when Meggie, Mo, and many others must fight for freedom against the evil rule of the murderous Adderhead. Mo must make a dangerous deal with Death herself to bring a friend back from the dead...

For readers who like a thrilling adventure to keep them going for quite a while, as the 1<sup>st</sup> book has 400 pages, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 600, and the grand finale over 700!

## Salt To The Sea by Ruta Sepetys Reviewed by Seth Kilburn-Bond 7TL

Salt to the Sea is an incredible historical fiction novel based on a little known yet terrible tragedy of the Second World War - the Wilhelm Gustloff disaster. In a country overturned by war, four young people set out to a shining beacon of hope -a ship, destined to safer land. However, with four people come four dark secrets which threaten their chances of finding freedom.

I really enjoyed this book. It was devastating and beautifully written, with brilliant, diverse characters. Particularly interesting was the ‘shoe poet’, Heinz, a skilled cobbler fleeing the war, who spoke lovingly of shoes and how they can always tell a story. This book would be great for those interested in history, especially the war, but also lovers of a hard hitting story entwining tragedy with love and adventure.



# News and Events



## Award winners attend Malmesbury School

Rhoslyn in 10KM has won the Julie Exton Cup at the Malmesbury Civic Awards Ceremony. We are so proud of her contributions to the community but also to our school. Congratulations Rhoslyn!

Ellie in 12ZD picked up the Young Citizen of the Year Trophy for her volunteering services. Congratulations to them both!



## Junior Maths Challenge success



Students from Years 7 & 7 participated in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge recently.

The RESULTS are in...

Some fantastic work from you all on an extremely challenging paper  
**Amazing work from Ibrahim A and Evangeline S who both achieved GOLD awards!!!**

A huge congratulations to Lucy S, Noah D, Sebastian G, Alexander L and Phoebe M for getting SILVER awards!!

Also Etienne B, Megan R-S, Tilly S, Sophie S, Sebastian B, Lucy H and Robert P-S for their BRONZE awards!

Well done to everyone who participated  
 Certificates will be coming your way





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## English Department Update

### Year 11 English Language Masterclasses:

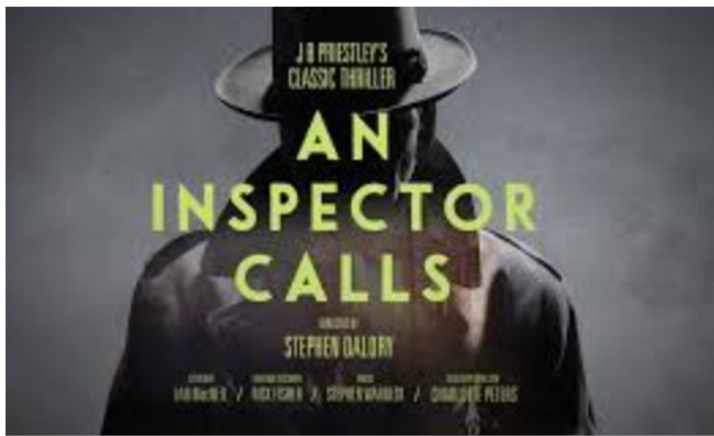
On two of their last Friday morning lessons, year 11 were given the opportunity to attend a walking-talking mock in the form of a master class. The same strategy was implemented last year, which was instrumental in securing the English department just under 90% Grade 4+ pass rate (making us in the top 20% of the country!).

This year we repeated the same purposeful but supportive exercise. Overall, it must be said that B side's Mexican wave with their exam papers was stronger than that of A side...



### Year 9 Old Bell Trip

Two English classes visited the Old Bell Hotel just before Easter to explore this famously haunted local landmark and hear ghost stories told by local historian Campbell Ritchie. The trip is enrichment for our Y9 unit on Good and Evil. Students were treated to a "witch's brew" mocktail which turns purple when you combine ingredients. We also briefly visited the grave of Hannah Twynnoy in the grounds of Malmesbury Abbey- the first person in Britain to be killed by a tiger!



### Y10 An Inspector Calls Trip:

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May, Ms Foale led a theatre trip to Bath Theatre Royal to see the famous National Theatre production of An Inspector Calls. The behaviour of students was exemplary, and a good time was had by all. The play is an exploration of how the selfish Birling family (who represent the exploitative middle class of 1912) are each in turn interrogated by a mysterious Inspector. Each of them had a part to play in the suicide of a young working class girl- Eva Smith.

We look forward to welcoming Y10 students to a production of Macbeth, next academic year.



# News and Events

## Turner Summer Painting Project in partnership with the Athelstan Museum.

The Art department has been working with the Athelstan Museum to organise and provide a series of specialist watercolour workshops for our year 8 students as well as some primary school children and their teachers. Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Art Fund, the museum has been able to purchase a watercolour of Malmesbury Abbey by J M W Turner and fund a series of community workshops.

Mrs Gibbons is running the watercolour workshops which will teach our students specialist watercolour painting skills where we work directly from life to paint Malmesbury Abbey using watercolour paints. We will take inspiration from the working methods of the artist Turner to paint from life, creating work that is expressive and celebratory creative rather than aiming for any photographic representation. These final paintings will be professionally exhibited at the Rausing Building in Malmesbury.



We are really excited that the Athelstan Museum has provided high quality specialist watercolour paints for the project and these will be given to all the students who are taking part.



J M W Turner, Malmesbury Abbey, Wiltshire, 1827

Some year 8 students will also be able to pass their skills on through a workshop with local primary schools and Mrs Gibbons is running a CPD workshop for primary school teachers. There will be a private view for our exhibition of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 4.30 to 5.30 pm, all friends and family of the students taking part are welcome to attend. The exhibition will also be open to the public over the following weekend on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 11 to 3pm. Look out for some fabulous painting over the next term!

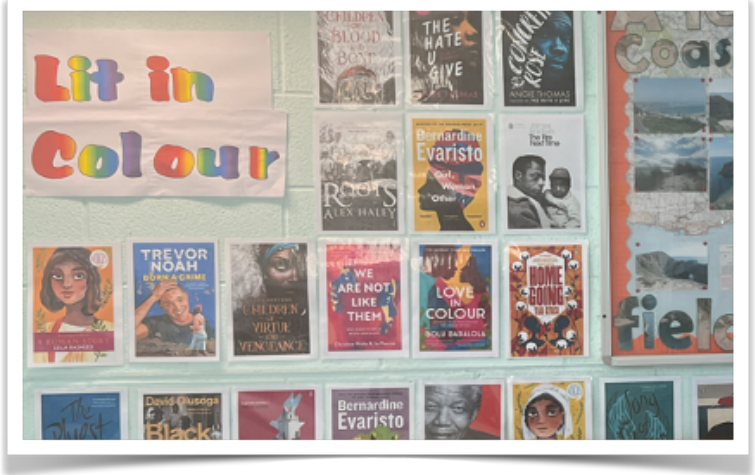


# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion #Belonging – everyone is included here

This term we have put up new photos of lots of our wonderful students. These have been joined by flags of different nations as well as Pride, Progress and Gender flags.

New displays celebrate International Women’s Day, Diversity, British Black History, and the Year 9 art day show a variety of faces that are our heroes. Under the stairs there is a book corner with 100 books chosen by students that reflect Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic stories, as well as books for empowering girls and those for navigating being part of the LGBT community.

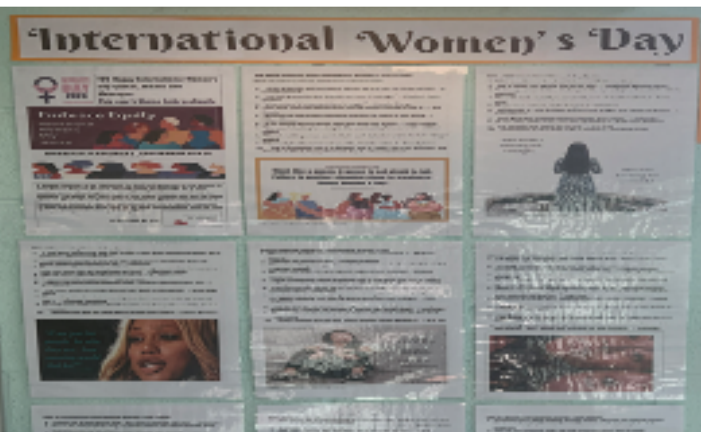


We are continually reviewing our curriculum within each subject to bring in missing voices that were often not seen in the curriculum, stories from women or communities that were often not well represented, but who also played a part in contributing to who we are today.

This has produced a fresh approach, some great debates and interesting ideas that challenge our students to think further and wider and establish themselves as global citizens. We are even making our own videos and materials. Our students are wonderful and are producing great work.

Next month we will celebrate pride month – with an activity for every day. All students are invited to join in as much or as little as they wish. All we ask is that everyone is respectful to each other. As has been famously said “In a world where you could be anything, be kind”.

Happy students learn better, and we want to create a happy atmosphere in our school where everyone feels that they belong – isn’t that what we all want? We may not always agree with everything another person does or believes or understand fully each other’s cultures – but we can show willing to learn, to care, to show respect and tolerance.



# News and Events

## Malmesbury goes to the Palace!

Mrs Deans gets an invitation to the King's Coronation Garden Party and tells us all about it!

Well, Buckingham Palace is pretty amazing, and you are made to feel special from the moment you get there. Despite all the police around, once you have your invite you are treated...well, like royalty. Sweeping through the open gates of the Palace there are just so many things to see that you can now see close up. You follow the crowd round the side of Buckingham Palace to reveal the most beautiful garden. The King and Queen will emerge from the Palace and make their way down through the crowds to the Royal Tent. Those with new awards will be 'introduced' and there is a real buzz as everyone tries to get a glimpse and a photo.

All around are a number of tents. Bands play at either end of the garden. For the guests there is an amazing tent set up with all sorts of finger sandwiches and cakes and things you are not quite sure of – and of course a very British cup of tea. Palace staff also roam the grounds with delicious ice-cream and you can sit in the garden to enjoy the surroundings or go down by the lake and the Royal Tent where you can see the Royal Family sit



and eat their tea. Everyone talks to everyone else to find out who they are and what they have done – there are so many incredible people there and we all want to take pictures together.



All too soon it is over and we head to the Palace gates once more. We wait outside for the Royal Car to leave and wave the King off on his journey as we head to our car and home – and to take my shoes off and look at my photos.

# Community Pages



## Malmesbury School



Would you like to work for Malmesbury School?

We are currently looking to recruit Exam Invigilators on a casual basis.

We are also looking for Teaching Assistants and Cover Supervisors.

All positions are term time only, part-time, full-time, and flexible hours.

If you are interested, please go onto our school website/About Us/Vacancies and complete an application form for Support Staff, and return it to: |

Maisie Holden- Administration & HR Manager

[mholden@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mholden@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

## Should your child feature in Malmesbury Matters?

We always want to hear about the wonderful accomplishments your child achieves - so tell us about them! Please email: [mailin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mailin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) with pictures and a summary of the activity!

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