



MALMESBURY

MATTERS



From the Headteacher's desk...

As we reflect on the year that has been, we acknowledge the extraordinary efforts and hard work of all the staff and students at Malmesbury School. We also highlight the varied successes of all those in our Happy, Caring and Excellent school community.

After the significant disruption of the pandemic, this year has certainly felt much more "normal". I am delighted that students have had so many culturally rich experiences and opportunities, with our foreign exchanges back up and running, Geography field trips, theatre and gallery visits, history trips abroad to name but a few. This is and will always be a huge part of our curriculum and we will continue to ensure our students get these opportunities and can thrive in a world outside of our beautiful corner of Wiltshire.

The year hasn't been without its challenges, extraordinary extremes in weather, stretched staffing at times and obviously industrial action on a scale not seen before. The latter has seen an impact on every year group in the school and I thank all parents for their understanding and support. I am now hopeful that these union disputes may be coming to a close, as we start our next year.

Dates for your diaries



Year 7 and 12 return to school-
Monday 4th
September

All years return to school - Tuesday
5th September

Year 12 Parents Information Evening - Tuesday
12th September

Year 7 Parents Information Evening - Thursday
14th September

Year 6 Open Evening -
Wednesday 20th
September

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday
5th October

Year 11 mocks
Monday 30th
October - Friday
10th November

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Featuring: *enrichment, achievements, invaluable out of classroom experiences and much more!*

From the Headteacher's desk continued...

At this time of the year we always say some fond farewells to colleagues who are moving on, this is year is no exception.

- **Mr Lay** leaves Malmesbury to take up a new role in Thailand and we wish him the very best of luck and safe travels.
- **Mrs Zioupos** is moving "up north" and leaves us after three years as a language teacher, we will be really sad to see her leave.
- **Mrs Gilbert** has also been with us for three years and leaves the Malmesbury School maths faculty to take up a teaching role nearer her home in Gloucestershire.
- **Mrs Crago** has also been an important part of the maths faculty for five years and wish her all the very best as she leaves us.
- We say a very fond farewell to **Mrs Bradley**, who has worked in the IBL faculty for nine years, forging amazing relationships with our exchange partners, colleagues and students.
- **Mrs Tall** is moving to another school in our Trust for a very well-deserved promotion to Head of Science, we wish her the best of luck, but we know we will still see lots of her!
- **Mr Rees** has been with the school for twelve years and as well as being a very talented physics teacher, he is also our in-house social media, photo and video expert, whose YouTube science practical videos have gained Malmesbury School global recognition, we will be so sad to see him leave.



- After **twenty-six** years of dedication to the school, **Mrs Dolton** is retiring from teaching. She has worked in the computing department of the school since the subject became an integral part of every school's curriculum and has driven forward the teaching of Creative iMedia and computer science at Malmesbury School, we thank her for her commitment to the school and will miss her terribly.

• **Miss Janes** retires after **forty-four** years at Malmesbury School, simply put Miss Janes has dedicated her life to working at the school and supporting our students throughout. She has been the senior curriculum leader for Design Technology and Vocational for much of the last four decades, and will probably be most fondly remembered for her amazing work in the food technology subject of the faculty. Many generations of students, parents and perhaps now even grandparents would have had "cooking lessons" with Miss Janes, and we are in no doubt that the culinary fair at dinner time across the town, has surely had some influence from Miss Janes' lessons. She goes onto a very well-earned retirement and we wish her all the very best for the future.



I wish you all a joyful few weeks. The summer holiday is a time for our school community to rest and recharge for September and I look forward to welcoming you back at the start of the next academic year.

Mr Jouny

News and Events

WOMAD - Music Workshops



This year we have been exceptionally lucky to work with Jamo Jamo Arts headed up by Landing Mane.

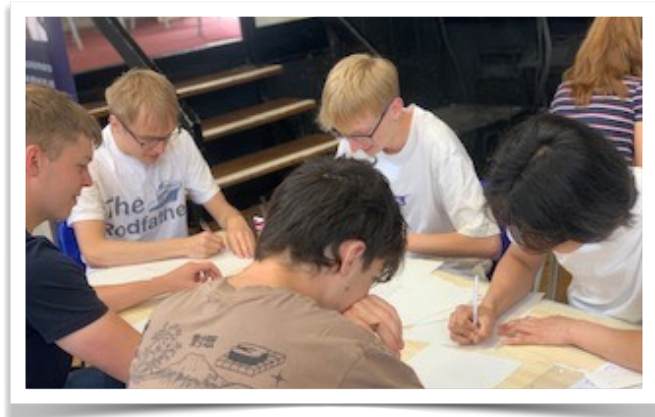
Students from Malmesbury school, Minety, Crudwell and Malmesbury primaries spent each afternoon from 17th July to 21st working on an 8 track set list in order to open Womad 2023 at Charlton Park on 27th July. The set comprises a range of traditional West African music, songs, drumming and dance with our students fully involved throughout.



Maths Success

Ibrahim in Year 8 deserves a huge congratulations for achieving the highest honour in the Junior Kangaroo- a MERIT!!! Well done Ibrahim; some fantastic Mathematical problem-solving!!!

Plus our Year 12s won the day at the latest MAT Maths Challenge, this time held at Chipping Sodbury School. Well done to Egan, Ujjal, Olly, Will and Robin!



A Level Geography Fieldtrip

Year 12 Geographers explored Bristol's urban environment last week - to examine how places change over time. The young Geographers will compare Bristol's St Paul's to Malmesbury in their exams next year.



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Music at Malmesbury School

In the music department this term, a soul band has been formed, ukulele club and choir have strengthened their ranks and prepared an arrangement of songs, in preparation for the new school event M-Fest!

Comprising of two stages, acoustic and electric, students worked hard to prepare their sets for the event which ran very smoothly. Parents, staff, and students alike were able to enjoy music, dancing, magic and juggling in the glorious sunshine, whilst tucking into delicious pizza from Poppy and Boo, ice creams from Chez' Ices and the excellent PTA bar. A big thank you to Mr Brunsdon for the set up and sound engineering throughout the evening. The performers were each given an M-Fest wristband created in the DT department, thank you Mrs Murrant and Mr Wiles.

Also, there was abstract art dotted around to give it the perfect festival vibe, thank you Ms Doney.

We are looking forward to this new annual event in the school calendar and are already thinking of ideas to make it bigger and better next year. Thank you to all students, parents, and staff for supporting the event, have a lovely summer, we look forward to seeing you next year.



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WOMAD - Art Workshops

Students of Malmesbury School art department got involved in the WOMAD preparation by screen and block printing bandanas, wraps and banners.

WOMAD treated students to a pre-show interactive performance with some of the West African artists, which inspired the artwork. Yinka Ilori, the British/Nigerian designer was also an inspiration point.

Sue Gibbons and Mazy Bartlett of the art department spent three days working with children, learning exciting new skills, and channelling excitement about the forthcoming event into the vibrant and lively pieces that will grace the main stage. 'We are all thrilled to have had this opportunity for involvement in such a wonderfully diverse and uplifting event, plus the crossover of school and community which is so important.'



The event was funded by The Arts Society of Malmesbury which kindly paid for equipment and artist's time to complete the project.



Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award students completed both their Practice and Assessment Walking Expeditions in July with BXM Expeditions.

The Practice Expeditions took place in the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside where we were blessed with beautiful blue skies and warm weather.

On the Assessment Expeditions in Oxfordshire however, we experienced torrential rain and high winds and had some seriously soggy sleeping bags to contend with! A few friendly calls and a sack of black bin bags later, the world was put to rights.

We stayed at a range of campsites including a commercial one where we were treated to live music in the evening, and another that was a small, off grid, eco-friendly type, bringing us closer to nature. One of the great things about the latter was how easy and enjoyable it was talking to our students about the environment and recognising the power we all have to make a difference in the world.

Well done to the 115 students who pushed themselves and passed their Assessment. It was a proud day for our school. And a big shout out to Mrs Gilbert, Mr Loveday, Mr Corless, Miss Haywood and Mr Wagner for giving up your precious time and literally, some of the clothes off your backs!

Massive thank you to you, Mrs Daniels for organising it all!!



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Science department out and about- Cheltenham Festival

A few weeks ago, me and several other students went on a trip to the Cheltenham Science Festival. Upon arriving there were several exciting activities to enjoy. The GE Aerospace Pavilion allowed us to dive deeper into the intricate designs of planes and rockets. We spent some time in the Arcade, testing our thinking skills and trying all sorts of challenges. The most fascinating experience was the multi-sensory maze; from optical illusions to sounds that changed when you looked at a different image! The maze was filled with interesting questions and even more interesting answers. Near the end of our day, we went on a hunt for posters filled with intriguing facts about space, before exploring the bookshop until it was time to leave. Overall, the trip was an absolute pleasure to be on and taught us things that we wish we'd known sooner.

Phoebe, Year 8

I really enjoyed going to the fair. It was a blast. We got onto the bus, and I was sitting next to my friends. The hour ride passed quickly as I was listening to music. When we arrived, everyone was excited. Firstly, we were given a cool

magazine. We could fill in lots of stuff about space. Second thing we did was enter the sensory maze.

The first room we entered was a smelling room. There were lots of sweet smells but there was also some pepper. We were told that if we put the pepper on the top of our lip, our lip would start to tingle. The next room was an illusion experience. There were 3 bowls, one big, one medium and one small. We were told to hold each one, the big one was light, the medium was heavier and the small one was the heaviest. When they were all put on the scale, they were the same weight! This is because if we see a bigger object, we will put more force into it than a smaller box.

After that, we went to an arcade and played lots of games, then we went to a flight tent and learnt about the structures of the plane and materials. Then we got to do a real-life flight simulator! I really enjoyed my time at the science festival.

Finlay, Year 8

The science fair was an amazing experience going there. There was a sensory maze and even more fun things like an arcade, glitter make-up and computer coding. It took one hour to get there and one hour to get back.

Lily

I love science and this was a really nice trip to do, the experience was fascinating. The aerospace was intriguing (and I found that I can't fly a plane), the arcade was fun, also beating my friends was really funny and the sensory maze was very interesting and questioned your sense of reality.

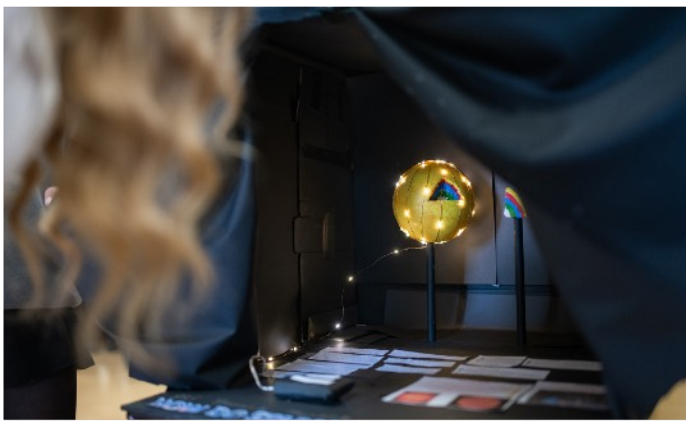
Noah, Year 8



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Science department out and about - Year 8 Science Fair

The Year 8 Science Fair is a highlight of the science calendar where we showcase the incredible talent, creativity, and scientific skills of our students. Our young scientists wowed us, the hall was buzzing with excitement and the quality and quantity of projects were outstanding. We are proud of the whole year group for their effort and would like to extend our congratulations to all the



competitors, finalists and winners.

Students choose to work independently or in a group of two or three to either create a scientific model or carry out a scientific investigation exploring a concept that interests them. Topics chosen were as diverse as the science of sleep,



favourite. Then our special guest judges arrived for the final; the Mayor of Mayors of Malmesbury, representatives from our sponsors, Dyson, Hoare Lea, Renishaw and REME, Deputy Head Teacher Clark Harrell, Chair of Governors and School Improvement Lead at the Athelstan Trust. The finalists eloquently presented and discussed their work with the judges.

The winners:

Top Scientific Investigation: Recall by Jessica

Top Scientific Model: Neurones by Rubie, Maddie, Ollie and Jaq.

Primary School Choice Award: Nuclear Bombs by Sophia and Izzy



Kaya, Year 5 judge, Malmesbury Primary School

My time at the secondary school was absolutely amazing. I could see how much effort some students put into their work. Personally, my three favourite projects were the nuclear bombs project, the ant project and the electric vehicles project. I could see how much effort some students made by seeing the ant project, I was amazed how big the queen ant was. It really made me think, where did you find the queen ant? The teachers were super kind and that also made it even better!

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In the footsteps of JMW Turner

Year 8 Malmesbury students held a stunning exhibition of their watercolour paintings at the Rausing building as part of our Turner project. This was a wonderful project where we have taken inspiration from the painting by J.M.W. Turner of Malmesbury Abbey that is in the Athelstan Museum collection. We were delighted that the Athelstan Museum provided our students with quality watercolour paints and access to the



artist Oksana Petrova, who has supported us through the workshops. The focus has been on working from life and spending time to produce our own impressions of the Abbey. We spent a wonderful afternoon sitting together in the sunshine painting from life, the students loved it and wanted to stay all day.



Athletics Season 2023

This has been a busy summer of athletics at Malmesbury School this summer. It started with the Area Trials at Bath University in May when 15 of our students were selected to represent the North Wiltshire Area Team at the Wiltshire County Championships in Swindon in June.

At the Championships Harry SC Year 7 (70m hurdles), Charlie B Year 7 (High Jump and 800m), Charlotte B Year 9 (Junior 300m), Sam D in Year 10 (Intermediate 1500m) and Jess H also in Year 10 (Intermediate pole vault) all became County Champions.

In June we took almost 100 athletes and twelve Year 9 leaders to the Area Athletics Championships which was also held at Bath University. Eight local schools took part at the event and Malmesbury finished 4th overall. There were 15 individual champions and the Year 7 boys, and Year 9 girls won their relay events.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 interform events have all been fantastic allowing all students in those year groups the opportunity to represent their tutor groups and take part in athletics.

Special mention this year must go to two athletes who have broken school records. Charlotte Bell, in Year 9, now holds the Year 9 300m record at 41.37 seconds. In Year 7 Charlie B has broken two school records. He has jumped 1.53m in the high jump and run 2.14 minutes in the 800m. The latter of these two records has been held since 1987!

As usual we are extremely grateful to all the Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders who have helped us with school and Area Athletics events throughout the summer. Without their support it would not be possible to run any of these events and competitions.

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Pride Month

June is Pride Month – a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities around the world. At Malmesbury School we recognise and celebrate all of our students and strive to nurture a sense of belonging for all within our walls. To mark Pride Month, Ms Deans and her team created a calendar of events and activities for every school day in June. These activities ranged from bracelet making to T-Shirt design, storytelling and film club, speakers and celebration – and even a special visit from the Athelstan knight. The grand finale culminated in a lunchtime party with lots of lovely activities in the Upper Street – so many students joined in! Thank you to everyone that took part and all those that supported the event.

We used the theme of #Belonging and here are some student comments:

- Every time I see someone wearing one of the LGBT ribbons or bracelets it make me feel like I belong
- I loved the atmosphere on the last day – especially with all the activities in the Street.
- Why can't it be Pride Month every month?! I really like all the things going on.
- It's been good to show the awareness of LGBT so everyone understand
- I don't agree with LGBT Month – like Black History Month it should be all through the year.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

An update from Ms Deans - Juneteenth

In June I was invited to the US Embassy to celebrate Juneteenth – this commemorates the ending of slavery in America. While Britain abolished slavery through it's Empire in 1833 – it would not be until 1865 that this was to happen in the USA. This is a great link with the USA and teachers from both the USA and the UK will be taking part in writing new resources for lessons on transatlantic slavery – so I will let you know how I get on as part of that team, and we can try them out together.



Diversity Champions

As we continue our clubs and activities in the new year, there will be a new opportunity to become a diversity champion. Creating a team of students to support others and specialising in different areas of diversity. A great opportunity to help all feel welcome at Malmesbury school and enhance our sense of belonging. Apply in the new term – all applications welcome.

Japanese students attend Sixth Form

During the spring term, Malmesbury was host to some students from Japan. We shared experiences, language and traditions over the time and really enjoyed getting to know each other!

This lovely group of students experienced UK school life fully, were part of a form group, took part in A Level lessons and enjoyed all Malmesbury and the surrounding area has to offer!



The View from Year 7

As the school year comes to an end and we all look forward to a restful break, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the last academic year with the wonderful Year 7. At the start of the year, I challenged the year group to throw themselves into school life and they have not disappointed. I also talked to them about how they are in charge of what words are used to describe them as a cohort and I am so proud that teachers describe them as being determined, resilient, hard-working and great fun. There have been so many triumphs this year, new friendships have been formed, new talents discovered, and Year 7 are absolutely ready for the next stage in their journey. I have loved getting to know them and look forward to seeing them continue to grow under the care of Mr Humphreys as Head of Year 8 from September. This term, Year 7 have continued to get involved in school life and our dream team of reporters, who have shown an excellent commitment to the newsletter throughout the year, have the following news to share:

Wild Place Trip by Annabelle 7AH

A few weeks ago, the Science Department took all of Year 7 to the Wild Place Project in Bristol. A great day was had by all. Here is what Annabelle has to say:

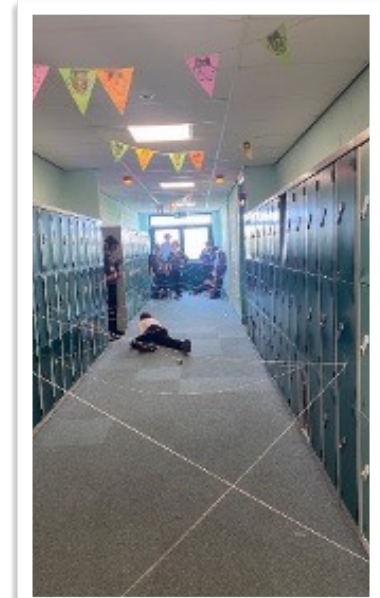
The Wild Place trip was a spectacular day out. Although the weather was quite hot we managed to have a lovely day. Many Year 7s said that the bears climbing trees and taking baths was their favourite part while others said that "Racing in teams to complete the butterfly maze" was best. The lemurs seemed to be one of highlights of the day as well. Personally my favourite part of the day was the giraffes because when we saw them it looked like they were having a staring contest! All of year 7 would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tall and the Science faculty for organising such a brilliant day out.

Year 7 String Challenge Archie 7RY

In June the iLearn faculty gave each year 7 tutor group some string and challenged them to use it in

any way they liked to raise money for charity. There were lots of creative ideas but here is Archie's account of 7RY's impressive efforts:

On Friday the 9th of June 7RY held a charity event which involved dodging string lasers and winning prizes. It was an incredible event with lots of people signing up and even staying to watch their friends finish. We had an amazing time organising and clearing it up, although the string was quite tangled afterwards! Other than the laser room we also sold string octopuses outside our Tutor room for a pound each which was also very successful. We were the first to use our string in the competition and currently have made £60 in total!



Pride Month by Seren 7LH

During Pride month, Malmesbury School has been hosting events all over the school, such as a Pride disco, bracelet making and a scavenger hunt with chocolate prizes! There were other events too, like a Pride non-uniform day, a history of Pride talk with Mr Pressman in the library, and Pride storytelling with juice and homemade scones! Miss Deans (history teacher at Malmesbury, and organiser of these events) answered a few of my questions about the activities that have happened around the school.

What has inspired you to organise all these events?

'I feel like everyone should be equal, and that being at Malmesbury school should be a safe space for everyone. I also think that activities like these help break down stereotypical barriers and encourage everyone to be themselves.'

Beyond Malmesbury School

Science Club - Year 5



Over five weeks students from local primary schools visited the science department to take part in a science club and mini science fair.

"I had so much fun going up to big school to try out some science. I got to work in a lab and use equipment I had never seen before. The Science teachers I worked with were super kind and friendly. I'm really excited to go into year 7 to do more science." Evelyn



Musical Achievements

Our wonderful peripatetic music teachers have been working with our young musicians over the course of the year. The following students have been awarded: -

Elizabeth D - grade 5 (Year 11)

Arabella H - grade 3 (Year 8)

Each have been awarded a Merit in their recent ABRSM singing exams.

Three entrants for LCM Music Theatre exams at grade 4.

Annabel Eagles (yr 9) - Merit

Nathan Selwood (yr8) - Distinction

William Allen (Yr 10) - Distinction

Tilly S Grade 1 Clarinet, Merit

Kyla B Grade 2 Clarinet, Pass

Katherine R Grade 3 Flute, Pass

Alexander L Grade 3 Flute, Pass

Benedict G Grade 5 Clarinet, Merit

Anna W Grade 8 Alto Sax, Merit

Charlie B Grade 8 Alto Sax, Merit

Amelie M Grade 5 Theory, distinction

Alvin F Grade 3 Clarinet, Pass

Niah R Grade 4 Flute, Merit

Jess H Grade 5 Clarinet, Pass

Harry S Grade 5 Sax, Merit

French Exchange

23 of our Year 8 and 9 students had a fantastic week on the French exchange in the beautiful town of Morlaix where they practised their language skills, experienced French culture, and made new international friends. As usual our students were brilliant ambassadors for our school – watch out for more exchanges and trips next year!



September 2023- Pastoral Overview

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Year 13	
HOY – S McCombe T Griffin (Academic Leader)		HOY – H Humphries B Wakeford (Academic Leader)		HOY – J Byrne S Wilkins (Academic Leader)		HOY – E Kirkby R Yeates (Academic Leader)		HOY – R Alloway T Summerbee (Academic Leader)		HOY – E Hall Z Dodd (Progress Coordinator)		HOY – J Brown	
7SG S Gibbons M Shadrack (F) CA1	8HD H Doney (MTWTh) E Williams (F) CA6	9RU (TR) R Jones M Hernandez (Tu) MC7	10CF C Fodor IBL3	11NM (KT) N MacDonald (MTu) L Hood (WThF) IBL7	12TS e T Saunderson (2Mon EH/LSS) S13	13ED b E Deans H4	7JC J Cox EM4	8AH A Hunt MC8	9JK (BS) J Kiddie T7	10SS S Samuels M Shadrack (Th) IBL2	11KA K Alner N Youell (T) MC2	12RBR d R Brownlie H2	13MW (SG) e M Wagner T8
7RD R Davis S1	8RY R Yeates V Atkinson (W) MC1	9RS R Scott EM5	10DMT D Topsom G Heffernan (MW) CA5	11TS T Summerbee N Youell (W) IBL4	12RB e R Bird SF1a	13EM (EB) a C Donovan (MTu) E Minkov (WThF) EM1	7LA L Avlen EM3	8IS I Squires H11	9TG T Griffin (MT) H McCoy (WThF) S4	10TF T Farmer L Hood -M S11	11MMB (SP) M Marsch-Ballard MC10	12HF b H Freer H3	13EH (JB) e E Hendra IBL8
7LW L Welch EM8	8LH L Hayward EM9	9LM L Mackenzie C Clawson (W) S2	10LM L Mackenzie C Clawson (W) S2	11KM K Murrant M Hernandez (F) T5	12CN c C Nield De Crespo (TTF) K Carter (MW) IBL5	13WB a W Burrows (MWThF) L Stafford (T) MC6	7SB S Blackburn H1	8AM A Moorehead H6	9CS C Bradshaw M Shadrack (W) CA2	10CIP (LW) C Pressman EM2	11JV (SMC) J Vincent MC4	12BW d B Wakeford (TWf) C Clawson M Th S5	13ZD e Z Dodd (TWf) B Edwards (MTh) CA7
7CT C Tooley IBL1	8RM (TL) R Mason MC5	9TC T Chipperfield S10	10MD M Dove L Heasman (T Th) H9	11AF (KJF) A Foale V Atkinson (T) EM6	12AP b A Pointer Sarah Bonduel (F) EM7	13BC b B Cailland (MTWT) B Edwards (F) CA8	7HF H Flynn (T, W, Fri) M Hernandez (M, Th) EM10	8UJ U Jilani S9	9SA S Acton S3	10ML (BG) M Loveday S7	11SC S Crowley H10	12CM a C Morris E Williams (W) MC11	13WM d W McSherry H12
7CPA C Parsons T3	8JL J Lally S8	9TH T Heasman T1	10ARC A Creation (MThF) H Price (TW) H5	11NC N Corless IBL6	12MB c M Bartlett (MTWf) E Williams (Th) CA3	13TES c T Shaw MC9							

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

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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 with pictures and a summary of the activity!

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>