

MALMESBURY MATTERS

JULY 2025



From the Headteacher's Desk

As the end of term draws near, this busy year, full of learning and enjoyment also comes to a close. It is a pleasure to watch students grow and mature throughout their time at Malmesbury. It is also exciting to see them progress academically and socially and become leaders in and around the school. Be that taking part in the house council events, helping PE run sports events for young students or DJing on a Friday lunchtime on Radio Malmesbury.

The leavers events and proms are the pinnacle of life at Malmesbury for students, the chance to say thank you and goodbye (for now) is a rite of passage that means a great deal to the whole school community. The students who have completed their exams have been a true credit to the school and they have earned their long, relaxing summer! Next stop, results days!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support, without you and your work, our job would be much harder. And also to the staff, the experts in what they do preparing students so brilliantly well for their next steps.

Through our relentless mantra of ensuring all we do is Happy, Caring and this inevitably leads to excellence, our school has gone from strength to strength.

Have a brilliant break and we are looking forward to seeing you all again in September, recharged, refreshed and ready to go!

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Dates for your diary

14th August

A Level Results

21st August

GCSE Results

1st September

INSET Day

2nd September

Y7 & Y12 only in school

3rd September

All year groups return to school

8th September

Year 12 Information Evening

11th September

Year 7 Information Evening

16th-18th September

Open Days

18th September

School finishes at 12:35pm

Open Evening

2nd October

6th Form Open Evening

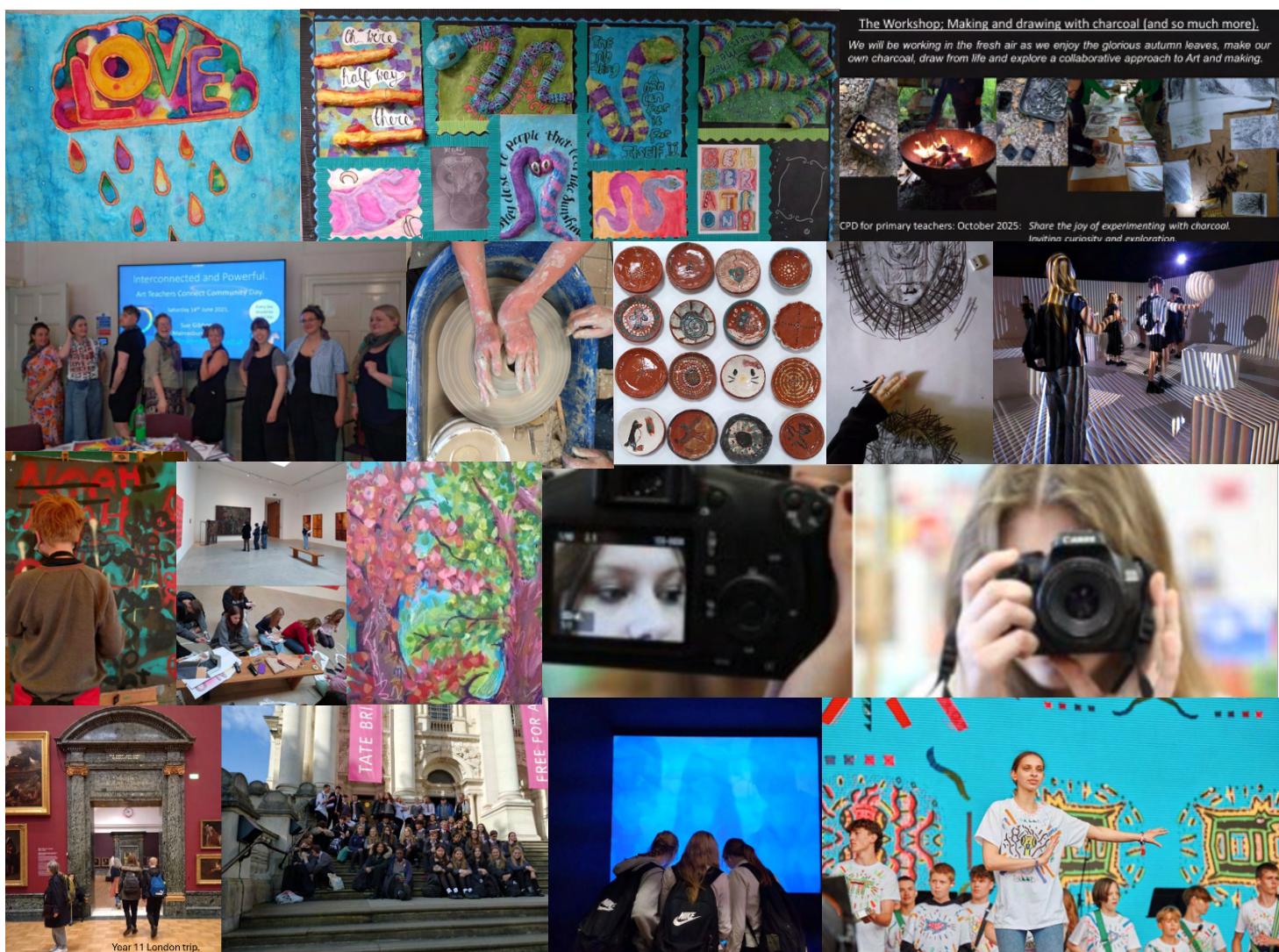
22nd October

End of Term

THE ARTSMARK JOURNEY

2024 marked the start of our Artsmark adventure at Malmesbury School. Artsmark recognises schools' exceptional commitment to creativity and cultural provision, it empowers teachers to embed arts, culture and creativity across the whole curriculum. Our school values of Happy, Caring and Excellent are at the heart of our Artsmark journey. The Arts are working together to develop an array of rich Creative Arts experiences for our students. We have had a very busy year working with our many community partners, organisations and education establishments to develop exciting opportunities and share our good practice.

We must take time to thank the many local organisations and members of our community that have helped us. The **PTA** helped to fund our graffiti workshops, the **Art Society Malmesbury** has funded our film previews and the Turner project, **Caerbladen** has supported us bringing artists in to school and helping set up exhibitions, the **Abbey** generously supports us in displaying our 6th form work, many artists and organisations have offered their time to us for free and the funds for or donations of art materials allow us to explore new techniques. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community and a wealth of local organisations who generously offer transformational opportunities to our students. We have plenty more planned for 2025-26.



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THE TURNER PROJECT 2025

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of artist JMW Turner Year 8 artists from Malmesbury School have been taking part in specialist art workshops. We visited the Turner painting in the Athelstan Museum and took inspiration from Turner's approach of being in the moment and painting from life. The experience of painting in the sunshine directly from the Abbey was wonderfully relaxing and the beautiful paintings reflect all the different styles of our talented students. The work was all exhibited at the Rausing Building alongside work from Year 8 lessons in school. A special guest, and one of our Art teachers, **Mr Topsom** also exhibited work he has made through his career that has been inspired by Turner.

The project brought together the Malmesbury community and we must thank all those who contributed and supported us. **The Abbey** welcomed students to paint in their grounds. **The Art Society Malmesbury** paid for specialist watercolour paints for our students to use in the workshops and then to keep. Their volunteers also provided refreshments at the preview evening and looked after the exhibition to welcome visitors over the weekend. **The Athelstan Museum** welcomed us and gave a short talk on the Turner painting as well as providing the exhibition space at the **Rausing Building**. **Caerbladon** loaned the exhibition boards and helped us set up the exhibition. Together we have provided an amazing opportunity for our students and inspired many future artists.



MFEST 2025

M-Fest was an absolute triumph at Malmesbury school this year! We were blessed to be visited by Mestre Nilo, the director from the most famous Samba school in Rio alongside his team Nilo, Gino, and Terry and Jon from Bloco B Samba School in Bristol. Our students attended samba workshops through the day preparing to headline the festival in the evening. While this was going on, our student technical team worked tirelessly setting up the two stages across the front of the school. Behind the scenes our art department created the most fantastic decoration in the form of giant M's and bunting.

As the bands and acts sound-checked on the acoustic and electric stages, our BBQ, ice cream van, PTA bar, student face-painting artists, student led juggling and circus skills workshop and Jack Ranger-Walsh our resident Magic Circle magician set up ready for the crowds!

The festival itself was (as the kids say) cooking! Both in atmosphere, talent, and warmth! We were entertained by singers, musicians, bands, the soul band, ukulele club, the cast of Me and My Girl and the culmination of the efforts of the day's Samba workshop!

Bigger and better every year, M-Fest has become one of the major highlights of the school calendar. Thanks to Mr Topsom for the photos!



MFEST ART PROJECT

The MFest art looked stunning and made the school into a bright, beautiful colour explosion. At least 120 students had a hand in making it. This included years 7, 8 and 9 as well as a class of year 6 children. The original design came from Molly Gardner, it was a GCSE coursework design that inspired the shapes and colours. Molly was happy for her ideas to be used.

This was a collaborative event and several departments worked together to create a fab identity for the festival, as well as making a vibrant creative presence. The Music Department kindly donated paint funds and also thanks to DT, who were instrumental in helping cut and fix boards. Brilliant work Tilly, Edie, Mia, Evie, Freya, Macie, Emily, Rose, Amelie, Ada and Rosa - as well as 8JC, 7IH, 7MMB, 7RG, 9LH, 9UJ and 9RM. Thank you all!



CHALLENGE CUP 2025

On 2nd-3rd of July this year, all students from Years 7 to 10 participated in two House Challenge Days. Students worked in mixed age groups, competing in a wide variety of team challenges all based around the theme of Carnivals in a bid to help their house win the House Challenge Cup.

During the two days, students were involved in a whole house Zumba dance session with Verity, created a carnival float and outfit for their Head of House as well as lots of other activities. The two days were an opportunity for students to develop a whole host of skills.

The two days ended with a whole school assembly on the courtyard where The Entitled Sons played a gig to the pupils before the cup presentation. The winners of the two days was William who collected over 2,300 house points, with the other three houses following closely behind.



VISITORS FROM CHINA

Throughout June, Malmesbury School had the pleasure of hosting 7 students from Suzhou, China - a city with a population of over 12 million, compared to Malmesbury's few thousand. These students fully embraced school life, taking part in lessons, joining in with sports and science experiments, and attending a range of after-school clubs. They quickly became well known on the playground, where their football skills at break and lunch made a strong impression and helped forge some long-lasting friendships.

During their stay, they visited some of the UK's most iconic locations, including Stonehenge, Bath, Oxford, London and Bournemouth, and enjoyed fun-filled weekends with their host families. A highlight for many was meeting Daisy the dog, who proved to be a firm favourite. It was a truly enriching experience for everyone involved, and a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange, learning and friendship.

The students were very sad to leave at the end of their stay and have already said they hope to return to Malmesbury again soon. We are incredibly proud of the hosting families and our school community (especially their Year 7 buddies) who made this exchange such a memorable and successful experience. This is our third such trip and we are already looking forward to hosting another group of Chinese students in the Summer of 2026.

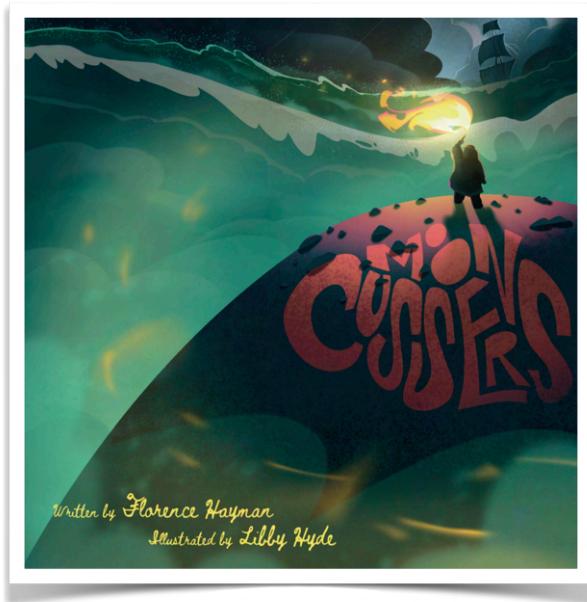


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YEAR 9 WRITER FLORENCE H IS PUBLISHED!



Earlier this year, Florence in Year 9 won first prize in the international writing competition Time to Write. Time to Write was open to all schools everywhere and asked young writers to submit short stories written in response to the theme "Light".

Florence's story *Mooncussers* is a timeless tale, about a young saboteur. Her prize was to see her book illustrated and we are very excited to be able to share the link to see it [here](#). Sit, back, have a read and enjoy. It is beautifully written.

Well done Florence!

BLETCHLEY PARK VISIT

By Christopher H, Year 8

On the 4th and the 5th of June 2025, a Year 8 group went to Bletchley Park. This was great fun because we saw old vintage cars, and the first ever electronic programmable computer which was called "Colossus". This was used for helping to break German codes that encrypted their communications during the Second World War.

We were tasked with breaking our own codes and learnt about all the important work of Alan Turing and how it helped the Allies win the war. We also got to see the huts (offices) the staff worked in and how basic they were. We all had a fantastic time!



WELCOME TO YEAR 7 2025-2026

What a wonderful two days we had with the Year 6s as they prepare to start here in September. They got to experience a range of activities from poetry to Minecraft, bunsen burners to painting, marble run building to problem solving! Plus so much more. Although many of their highlights included chicken wraps and cookies as they experienced Malmesbury School lunches for the first time!

The two days ended on a high with a live performance from our Samba Band. There were so many smiley and happy faces as they left!

A big thank you to all staff and students who helped make these two days so enjoyable with a special mention to the Year 9 buddies who really looked after the younger students and guided them around the school.

We look forward to welcoming them back as Year 7s in September to start their Malmesbury journey.



ECONOMICS STUDENT OF THE YEAR

This July, the economics teachers in the International Business and Languages Faculty are delighted to present Emily Donnelly with the Malmesbury School Year 12 Economics Student of the Year Award 2024-25. This is in recognition of Emily's outstanding effort, work ethic, initiative and performance throughout her first year studying economics in our Sixth Form. Local business philanthropist Stuart Bernau has generously donated a £150 cash prize to accompany her Certificate of Achievement. There were many worthy winners amongst the thirty-one keen Year 12 economics students competing for the Award, but Emily deservedly won due to excelling across all of the judged criteria and already running her own candle-making business too. Congratulations Emily, well done!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD: MORE THAN JUST A WALK IN THE HILLS

The Vale of Pewsey came alive this summer with the sound of boots crunching gravel, laughter echoing through fields, and the quiet determination of 180 Yr 9 and 10 Malmesbury School students taking on the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions. For many, it was their first taste of independence. For others, it was a chance to push further, dig deeper, and grow stronger.

For the Bronze Award participants, the expedition marked a bold step into the unknown. Over two days and one night, teams navigated trails, learned to pitch tents, cook their own meals, and—perhaps most importantly—work together. From misreading maps to mastering the art of boiling pasta on a Trangia stove, the Bronze expedition was a crash course in resilience and resourcefulness. Despite constant rain showers, and a few sore feet, spirits remained high. The sense of achievement at the finish line was unmistakable—smiles, high-fives, and a well-earned rest.



The Silver Award expedition raised the bar. With three days and two nights of hiking, heavier packs, and more remote routes, participants had to rely on their training and each other. Silver teams tackled longer distances and more complex navigation through hilly terrain.

Evenings at camp were a mix of tiredness and camaraderie. Teams cooked meals, played games, shared stories, and reflected on the day's highs and lows.

AN INVITATION TO THE PALACE



Our DofE Lead, Mrs Daniels, who has supported hundreds of young people through their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards over the past five years was among the special guests invited to Buckingham Palace as part of the 2025 Gold Award celebrations hosted by Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Guests gathered in front of the West Terrace Steps, where the Duke not only praised the awardees for their commitment, but highlighted how their DofE journey is made possible by the dedication of teachers, youth workers, and volunteers who give their time, energy, and encouragement to help young people succeed.

We are excited for our current Gold Award participants who have this special day to come.

YEAR 8 SCIENCE FAIR 2025

July saw an incredible show of Scientific investigations and wonderful Science models, as Year 8 took part in the annual Science Fair. The psychology of gambling, metamorphosis of butterflies, the impact of free-kick angle on distance of flight, the range of projects was phenomenal!

A huge congratulations to Oscar, Leo, Leon and Matthew for their winning investigation into modelling mountain bike ramps. And a big well done to Ava, Grace and Eleanor for a winning best model with their very impressive human ear.



YEAR 12 HISTORIANS IN BERLIN

Year 12 Historians recently spent a long weekend in Berlin. They visited the Reichstag Building, the DDR Museum, the Stasi Prison and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to immerse themselves in the history of a fascinating city. Huge thanks to Miss Creaton, Mr Squires and Mrs Blackburn for organising and taking care of this brilliant bunch of students.

A VISIT TO BRINKWORTH DAIRY

By Matilda H and Emily A-J, Year 12

We were given the amazing opportunity to visit Brinkworth Dairy, which was very insightful and will be beneficial in our upcoming examinations and project work where we must investigate an issue within the food industry.

Brinkworth Dairy has farmed at Hill End Farm since 1910. We met Ceri who is the fifth generation of the family to have made cheese on the farm and she gave us a tour. While at the Dairy Farm we discussed lots of relevant factors that impact the dairy industry such as the current rise in popularity of dairy alternatives and sustainability and the implications of these on the business. The farm tries to be as sustainable as possible and has very high animal welfare standards and uses sustainable agriculture techniques. They also use recyclable materials and are aiming to be waste free.

Ceri very kindly talked in depth about food safety measures such as HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) and food safety and hygiene. We had a tour around the production site and saw all the amazing technology and machinery, as well as the large storage areas for all the cheeses and many other products such as ice-cream and yoghurt. We also learnt a lot about the trading and food development side of the products.

Finally, we got a peek at the cows and their calves and even got to try lots of the delicious cheeses, yoghurt and milk whilst being taught how to taste and judge them correctly. We also learnt about some of the science behind each product. Overall, it was an incredible insight into the world of dairy production and will be useful to refer to in future projects.

Special thanks to Ceri Cryer at Brinkworth dairy for giving up her time.



ATHELSTAN FESTIVAL OF SPEECH AND DEBATE

On Thursday 19th June, a very hot day, fifteen students from KS3 travelled to Bradon Forest School to compete in the Athelstan Festival of Speech and Debate.

The students had worked hard to practice poetry recitals, dramatic readings, speeches and debates. They were extremely enthusiastic and well prepared. All students participated in the rounds, and some got through to the semi-finals and the finals.

They were a wonderful example of Malmesbury students, very well behaved and courteous to the students from the other trust schools. There was a very friendly, but competitive atmosphere.

Josie R received gold and Esmee S received silver in the dramatic readings. Excellent effort from both of them! Poppy L received silver and Sam T received bronze in the poetry recital. Finally, Noah C and Eva E received joint silver for their speeches.

It was a wonderful day and was excellently organised by Mrs Kilburn Bond, Ms Radcliffe and Ms Pincock.



AXIOM MATHS RISING MATHEMATICIANS FESTIVAL

Our Year 7 students (who attend axiom maths club) recently attended the Rising Mathematicians Festival hosted by Axiom Maths in partnership with Exeter University. Held at the University's Peter Chalk Centre, the event brought together young mathematicians from across the Southwest region for an immersive mathematical experience.

During the day, students discovered exciting pathways that mathematics can lead to, connected with like-minded mathematicians from schools across the region and took part in exciting problem-solving challenges.

Students also went on a guided campus tour of Exeter University and listened to exciting lectures on Cryptography & the work of GCHQ, and the Maths of Mazes !

The festival was a celebration of the commitment and dedication our students have shown during maths circles. Congratulations to all the young mathematicians who attended.



NAME

By Febe T, Year 7

Everybody

Has a name
Some are different
Some are the same

Some are short
Some are long

All are right
None are wrong

I like my name
It's special to me.

Febe wrote this poem in her own time, having thought about the work she had done in her English lessons about identity and the importance of our names.

Do you have a poem you would like to share? We would love to publish it.

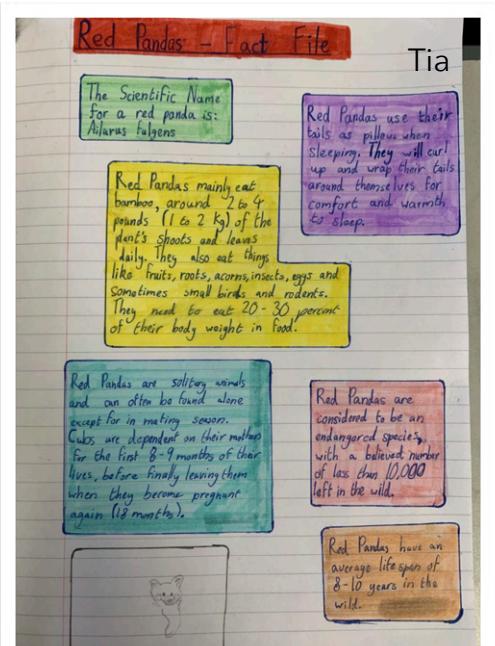
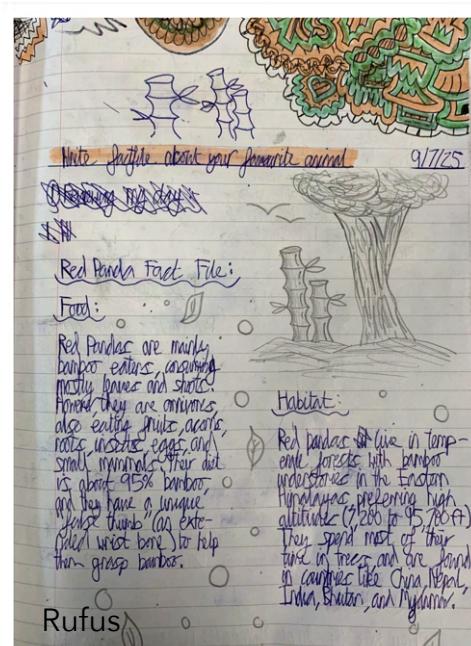
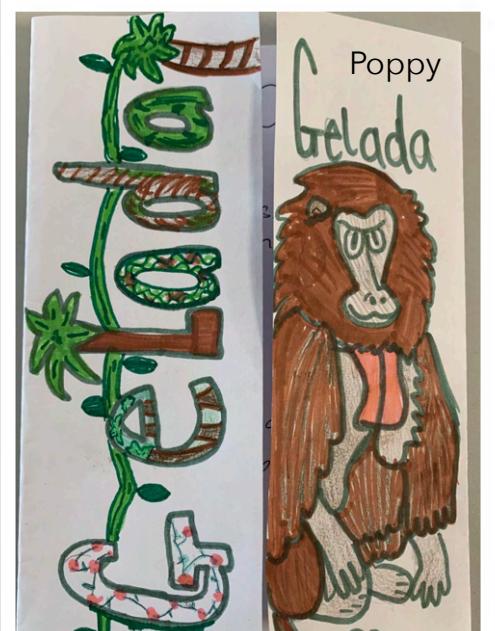
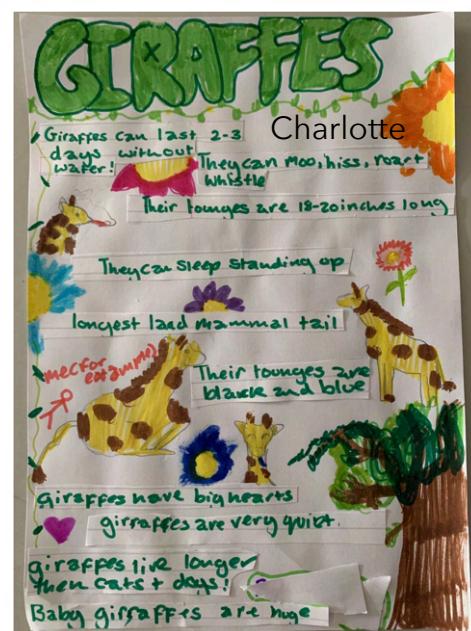
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A WILD AND WONDERFUL DAY AT THE ZOO

The science department absolutely loved taking year 7 to visit the Bristol Zoo Project. We learnt about the animals' behaviour, natural habitats, diet, physiology and of course conservation. The students were a credit to Malmesbury School and as excellent scientists were curious to ask lots of interesting questions.

The students reflected on their learning and have produced interesting fact files:





ME & MY GIRL

After postponement to accommodate Mr Bradshaw's glissé in October, Me and My Girl finally landed in our school hall last week. Heralded "the happiest show in town", our production had the audience toe tapping, clapping and laughing out loud at the slapstick humour and corny gags which never grow old, expertly executed by Rudie Ashley playing Bill Snibson, the heir apparent to the Hareford estate. Clever wordsmithship

from Stephen Fry was dryly delivered by Nicholas Jones who, despite his youth, epitomised the long-suffering Sir John whose relationship with the matriarch, Maria, Duchess of Hareford, carefully crafted by Romey Smogur, had the audience rooting for them. Sofia Baig's heart-warming, cheeky interpretation of Sally Smith stole the show and reminded us that love can conquer many obstacles. A rip-roaring night out. Well done the cast, musicians and crew of Me and My Girl. We look forward to a full show report in the next edition of Malmesbury Matters.

BRILLIANT EXCHANGES TO FRANCE AND GERMANY



The French Exchange in June 2025 was a highly successful and enriching experience for 23 students from years 8, 9 and 10. Students travelled via overnight ferry to Roscoff, diving straight into French life with a breakfast at the College St Augustine, before lessons, ensuring an immediate full immersion in the language and culture. Highlights included a trip to Brest with a stunning cable car ride over the docks, shopping adventures, and a fun scavenger hunt

through the historic streets of Morlaix. With host families, students also enjoyed a wide range of activities; sailing, swimming, a high ropes course, visits to islands, meals out in restaurants, theme parks and even a visit to Paris for some. Building strong relationships and being stretched and challenged in their French made the whole event a memorable journey of growth, connection, and cultural discovery.

The German Exchange July 2025 to Niebüll was an unforgettable adventure filled with great friendships and amazing experiences. Students immersed themselves in German language and culture, both in the Friedrich Paulsen Gymnasium - our partner school - speaking German daily and forming strong bonds with their host families. Highlights included Sophie Lowe securing 8th place in a local horse riding competition, trips to Hamburg, Husum on the North Sea and Flensburg on the Baltic Sea. The group also explored the wild, windswept beaches of Denmark and visited several unique islands, each offering its own charm. From stretching their German language skills to outdoor adventures, the exchange was a perfect blend of learning and fun, leaving everyone with lasting memories and a deeper connection to Germany.



WHAT A SUMMER FOR MALMESBURY ATHLETICS!

This has been a successful summer for athletics at Malmesbury School. We have been running an athletics club, after school on Wednesday, for much of the Summer term. There were times when between 170 to 180 students attended, which is by far the most we have ever had.

The first major event of the summer was the **Area Trials at Bath University** on Thursday 15th of May. This event is intended to select athletes to represent North Wiltshire at the County Championships in June. 26 athletes from Malmesbury qualified, which is again the most ever. From those who went to the County Championships on the 14th of June at Swindon, Charlie Billington (Junior Boys' 800m) and Alfie Pugh (Junior Boys' 100m) qualified for the South-West Championships held the following weekend.

The next major event was the **Area Championships at Bath University** on Wednesday 18th of June. We took nearly 90 athletes and 12 sports leaders to the event. This is when Malmesbury competes with 8 other schools in the area. Overall, we came fourth with the Year 9 team finishing first. Again, there were some outstanding individual performances and we had 22 Area Champions. In Year 8 Alfie (200m), Lara (hurdles), Sam and Isla (800m), Rafe (1500m), Harry and Alice (High Jump) and Ode (Long Jump). In Year 9 Nashe (100m), Harry (200m), Charlie (800m), Freya and Oscar (Discus), Harry and Esmai (High Jump), Felicity (Shot Putt) and both the boys and girls 4 x 100m relay teams. In Year 10 Max and Nico (200m), Finn (High Jump) and Luis (Javelin).

We have had 3 school records broken this year, some of which have stood for many years. Alfie P broke the record for the Year Eight boys' 100m run in 11.72 seconds, Charlie B broke the Year Nine boys' high jump jumping 1.67 metres and the Year Nine boys' relay team broke the 4 x 100m record running it in 48.51 seconds.

In addition to these events we have run separate Year group inter-house athletics events for Years 7-9 where the emphasis is on taking part in a range of athletics events and representing house and tutor group. On the 25th of June we also held the Year Six induction athletics event which involved athletes from many of our feeder Primary Schools. As always, we are very grateful to all athletes and sports leaders for their important contributions this summer.

On Thursday 10th of July Mr Lambert and Mrs Barber took 10 students to a SEND athletics event at Marlborough College run



by YuGo Wiltshire. It was a great day, and all students got the chance to take part in at least one athletics event and a relay. They were Frankie, Gracie and Rowan from Year 7, Chris, Sam, Riley, Lily and Digby from Year 8 and Morgan and Eloise from Year Nine. All students had a great time, did their absolute best and supported each other brilliantly. Lily Mc was the winner of the standing long jump competition and Morgan W won an award for the most sporting and supportive student of the day.

CRICKET: A SEASON WRAP UP

It was a fantastic year for cricket at Malmesbury school with our indoor girls team making the regional finals and our outdoor u15 boys team making the county finals. We played a total of 10 games of cricket this season and came out victorious in 7 of the 10 which was a fantastic achievement with some students playing their first ever games of cricket. The u13 team had a mixture of both boys and girls represent and did really well with debuts for 6 players who have never played a game of cricket before. This was due to fantastic attendance at cricket club every week of over 40 students across all year groups.

Our u15 team (pictured) had a fantastic run in the cup beating both Corsham School and Royal Wootton Bassett to make the final of the County Cup. This was a fantastic achievement and led brilliantly by Zac and Alfie in Year 10. The quarter final was a close affair against Corsham which required Alfie, Harry and Fred to bowl 10 overs for a combined 35 runs for 7 wickets and helped us defend a low total of 110. In the semi-finals a great batting performance by Finn allowed us to post a competitive total of 140 which was well defended and again Alfie taking multiple wickets for not many runs. This meant we made the final and were up against Bishop Wordsworth School in Salisbury. This was a step up in opponent and a team that had much more experience. We unfortunately fell short in the final by 150 runs but the boys stuck at it and played a great game. A massive shout out to Ollie in year 7 who stepped up and took the gloves for the final and was a superb keeper and batter for the team.



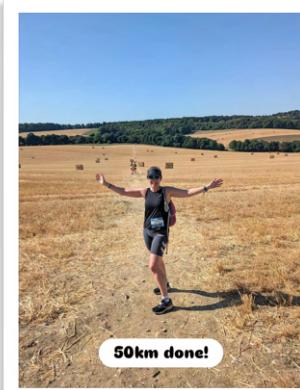
JASPER K SAILING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jasper K in Year 10 who recently took part in a National Sailing Championship, finishing in the top third. In the regional competition, Jasper's team finished as 1st boys' team in the South West and 4th in the overall competition.

A really impressive achievement Jasper! Well done!



MRS KIRKBY'S 100KM RACE TO THE STONES



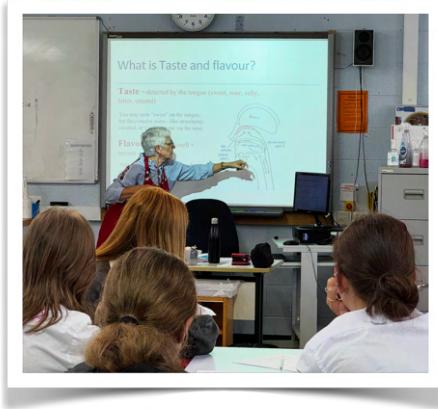
On the hottest weekend of the year Mrs Kirkby participated in the UK's biggest ultramarathon along the ancient Ridgeway. Mrs Kirkby ran 100km over 2 days, starting on day 1 with the 50km from Lewknor to Wantage and then on day 2, another 50km from Wantage to Avebury. We already knew that she was amazing, but it turns out she's super human as well!

MALMESBURY SCHOOL PTA: A BIG THANK YOU TO JULIE BROWN & ANDREA PORTER

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Julie Brown and Andrea Porter for their outstanding dedication and many years of service on the school PTA. Julie has been on the Malmesbury PTA in the role of treasurer and secretary for 11 years. Andrea has been in the role of Chair person for 5 years. Their unwavering commitment, tireless efforts, and generous contributions of time and energy have made a lasting impact on our school community. From organising countless events to supporting staff and championing student initiatives through the PTA funds raised, Julie and Andrea have been pillars of support and inspiration. Their legacy of service will be felt for years to come, and we are deeply grateful for everything they have done. Thank you both for your remarkable dedication and care.

We have now had a changing of the guard and have a new Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer in post. We still have the post of secretary to fill. If anyone would like to join our PTA as a helper please do come to the PTA AGM on Tuesday 7th October at 5.30pm in the Library.

HOW TO TASTE FOOD WORKSHOP



On Tuesday 15th July the Year 10 Food and Nutrition classes were very lucky to have a lesson on how to taste food by guest speaker and Governor, Deborah Gray. Deborah is also a travel and food writer; she has judged at the 2023 World Cheese Awards and 2024 Great Taste Awards. The lesson was based on the students learning how to identify the five basic tastes and how to use sensory vocabulary to describe food. Waitrose kindly donated the Food samples which included crisps, cheese, lemon, spinach, marshmallows and different chocolates. They learnt about taste and flavour and how the olfactory system works. A wonderful lesson and a huge thanks to Deborah for her organisation, time and expertise.

The students had the following to say about the session:

'Try new things so you don't miss out'

'Always taste the food when you cook to improve it'

'I loved it!' We got to taste chocolate'

'I loved the cheese'

'I loved hearing about her work and really enjoyed the Food'

SUMMER FRUIT DRIZZLE CAKE



Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 2tsp vanilla extract
- 175g fruit (can be fresh or frozen)
- 140g granulated sugar
- 175g very soft butter
- 175g golden caster sugar
- 250g self-raising flour

Method

1. Pre-heat your oven to 180C or gas mark 4.
2. Line a loaf tin (if you don't have one of these then a round sandwich tin is fine) with baking paper.
3. Beat your butter, caster sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl until it is pale and creamy.
4. Spread one-third of the cake mixture into your tin and then scatter about 50g of the fruit on top. Then spread another third and scatter another 50g of fruit on top. Then put the rest of the cake mixture on top of this.
5. Bake in the oven for about an hour until an inserted skewer comes out clean.
6. Mix together the remaining 75g of fruit and the granulated sugar. Mash this a little with a fork. If it's a bit dry then add a splash of water.
7. When the cake is out of the oven poke it all over with a skewer. Then pour your sugar and fruit mixture over the cake and leave it to cool.

We would love to see pictures of your bakes

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My Spanish skills also support a deeper cultural and contextual understanding, which is essential in my work. I studied Spanish and Linguistics at the University of Southampton, which included a year abroad at the University of Málaga in Spain. That experience gave me first hand insight into student life in Spain and now helps me relate more easily to the challenges professors and students face in higher education. I also find I create more meaningful connections when I speak in a professor's first language. It's incredibly rewarding to be using both my Spanish and my university degree so directly in my career and helping improve the Higher Education landscape.

At school, I didn't know this job existed, but especially nowadays, language skills are essential to connecting in a global world. There are so many ways to apply your language skills, you don't have to be limited to traditional language-based roles or careers. Start by finding an industry that interests you, in my case, this was publishing and explore how your skills can add value there.



SYD BARBER



After completing my A-Levels in Spanish, French and Art last year, I embarked on a three-month inter-railing journey across Europe. This adventure allowed me to experience new and diverse cultures and cuisines, as well as meeting lots of people along the way. During this time, I managed to utilise my language skills in French and Spanish, as well as picking up phrases from each country to better communicate with others.

The experience widened my sense of independence and boosted my confidence far beyond what I had anticipated. Upon returning to Malmesbury, I initially felt uncertain about what my next venture out would be. However, I soon discovered an internship agency that helped me secure a position in a company to gain valuable experience in Fashion Marketing.

Next month, I will be moving to Barcelona for a three-month internship. This opportunity will not only allow me to further enhance my Spanish but also enable me to acquire new skills and insights in the fashion industry.

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STAYING SAFE IN WATER

Daisy loves to swim, but it is important to know how to do it safely. As the summer holidays approach and the weather warms up, we know many children and young people will be spending more time outdoors. While rivers, lakes, and other open water areas can seem like fun places to cool off, they can also be extremely dangerous.

The Royal Life Saving Society has some important information around staying safe and below is some key things to be aware of and how to stay safe.

Key dangers of swimming in a river:

- Cold Water Shock: Even on hot days, river water can be extremely cold. Sudden immersion can cause panic, gasping, and even heart failure.
- Strong Currents: Rivers often have hidden currents that can quickly sweep even strong swimmers away.

Hidden Hazards: Rocks, rubbish, and underwater plants can trap or injure swimmers:

- No Lifeguards: Unlike swimming pools, rivers and lakes are not supervised. Help may not be available in an emergency.
- Water Quality: Open water can contain harmful bacteria or pollutants that can cause illness.

How to stay safe:

- Never swim alone and always let someone know where you are.
- Stick to supervised areas like swimming pools or lifeguarded beaches.
- Avoid jumping into water from bridges or rocks - you don't know what's underneath.
- Wear a life jacket if you're near or on the water, especially when boating or paddle-boarding.
- Call 999 immediately if you see someone in trouble - do not enter the water yourself.



The Athelstan 1100 Pilgrim Way

Walk from Malmesbury to Kingston 2025



DAY ONE: Malmesbury to Cricklade

Monday 18th August 2025

Join the Mayor of Malmesbury on the Athelstan 1100 Pilgrim Way Walk from Malmesbury to Kingston upon Thames 2025.

Meet At	Cloister Gardens, Malmesbury Abbey
Registration, Briefing and Walk Opening Ceremony	9:30am
Set Off	10:00am
Arrival at St Sampson's Church Cricklade. SN6 6AT	@ 17:30pm. Minibus option back to Malmesbury
Distance	15 miles
Luggage	Luggage transport option from Malmesbury to Cricklade available
Short Walk Options	
Malmesbury to Garsdon 3 Miles. Expected walk arrival 11:15am	Minibus option back to Malmesbury
Malmesbury to Ravenswood: 7 Miles Expected walk arrival 13:15pm	Minibus option back to Malmesbury

To register your interest and to book a Minibus option (spaces limited, donation requested) and/or the luggage option, please email hello@athelstan1100.co.uk. Minibus operated with the support of Malmesbury's Cartmel Community Minibus

Register at hello@athelstan1100.co.uk

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