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to all who
took part!

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the Executive Principal



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Collaboration - Maltby Learning Community Continues To Lead The Way...

A number of years ago, schools in the Maltby Learning Community recognised the opportunities resulting from working together and sharing expertise and resources. All schools committed to working in partnership to support both student transition and transfer and further develop 'Teaching and Learning' across the Maltby Learning Community.

The success of this early collaboration convinced Governors at Maltby Academy and Redwood that a more formal partnership agreement would help further raise standards of achievement for all children and young people, and support the individual school's drive to secure 'outstanding' judgements at their next inspections. The Multi-Academy Trust, namely 'Maltby Learning Trust' was established.

What is a Multi - Academy Trust?

This arrangement is more about the Leadership and Governance of a school rather than anything else. It involves a number of Academies working together within an overarching Trust Board comprising members from each Governing Body. Each school continues to have its own Head Teacher and Governing Body within the framework of the Trust. In the Maltby Learning Trust there is a firm commitment for schools to keep their distinctive nature and individual identity whilst benefiting from a collective approach on certain aspects of the school work and organisation.

The full benefits are certainly too many to list, but the most obvious include the sharing of outstanding leadership whilst shaping good teaching and learning in partnership, opportunities to access specialist training across the schools and potential economies of scale when purchasing resources or appointing specialist staff.

We appreciate that this new arrangement may present some early difficulties but from my experience any sort of change often does. Having said that, this cannot be a reason for not trying to work more creatively albeit differently. I have been reassured by the way staff in the Trust have readily embraced the changes and opportunities presented. They have been keen to take on new ideas and initiatives for the benefit of the children and young people in their classrooms.

Julie Kenny

Chair of the Maltby Learning Trust Board



Moving into the Next Stage of Development...

Following the early success of the Maltby Learning Trust in MA and Redwood Academy, other primary schools in Maltby are considering working more formally with the group next academic year. Obviously, all schools in Maltby are at different points in their journey to achieving 'excellence' and will have determined their priorities accordingly. However, it is clear that all schools can benefit from a collaborative approach regardless of whether they are currently in an OFSTED category or striving to secure an 'outstanding' judgement at their next inspection. We look forward to shaping and sharing the broader vision for Maltby schools working within and beyond the 'Learning Trust' family.

Mr Sutton **Executive Principal**



MESSAGE FROM THE

Associate Principal

The drawing to a close of another successful year at Maltby Academy provides a great opportunity to reflect on the achievements of students and staff, welcome those who join us and wish everyone who is moving on, all the very best for the future.

In June, we welcomed our new Year 7 students who enjoyed an action packed extended transition programme. Much fun and learning took place at Roche Abbey followed by a full day of lessons at the Academy as a 'practice day' for September.

Y5 and Y6 met new friends and were ably supported by many Y8 and House Captain Ambassadors who conducted themselves as outstanding role models for younger students. As news of the Academy's success spreads beyond the locality we look forward to September when we receive our new students in Y7 and Sixth Form from Rotherham, Doncaster and further afield!

Earlier this month saw the annual 6.5 mile walk to raise money for various charities. Bathed in sunshine, every student and staff member walked together in house teams and pulled together despite the pain from blisters and 'steep' hills to raise a lot of money for local charities. Seeing the students dressed up in various fancy dress costumes, walking together and having fun was motivating and inspiring. Please take a moment to look at the photographs in this issue and see for yourself what all the buzz was about.

In July we said goodbye to the Year 11 and 13 class of 2014. After a gruelling period of revision and examinations, students and staff celebrated in style, the end of five or seven years at Maltby Academy. From laser quest to the Prom at Doncaster Racecourse and the Breakfast and Ballgowns, precious memories were captured and created by everyone. From pinstriped suits, to sophisticated 'up do's' to bowler hats and glitz and sparkle, the students looked truly sensational.

At this special time, Year 11 students and staff remember Georgia Finlayson and Abigail Fleming, two young ladies who are sadly no longer with us but in our thoughts. I know I speak for the wider community when I wish our students the very best personal success in their future career path and we hope to see as many Y11 continuing their learning back in the Sixth Form in September.

The month of July is also the time to say goodbye and good luck to a number of staff who are moving on to pastures new in September. Mr. Vaughan, Vice Principal at MA for nine years retires at the end of term. Mr. Vaughan has been instrumental in bringing about rising standards in the Academy which has enabled the improvements in teaching and learning and examination results. He has been a key player as part of the leadership team and will be greatly missed by governors, staff, students and parents alike. I wish him a long and happy retirement. Mr. Boucher will join us in September to pick up the mantle and continue to raise standards and take MA to the next level. He joins MA with a great deal of experience of working in schools in different contexts and facing a range of challenges. He has worked alongside outstanding schools whilst supporting schools in OFSTED categories or in challenging circumstances.

After many years as a skilled teaching assistant working with students in the support centre, Mrs Morris will also retire this summer. Mrs Morris has been central to the successful examination programme ensuring the most appropriate support is in place to enable students with special requirements to access the examinations. We wish her well for the future.

Other colleagues leaving us for either promotion or career change are Ms Towne, Mrs Siddle, Miss Gardner, Miss Ness, Mr Birch, Mr Ibbotson, Mr Mason, Mr Cawthorn, Mr Horsfield, Mr Avelino, Mr Hicks, Mr Bailey, Mr Kay, Mr Oakley, Miss James, Mrs Jokonya and Miss Clayton.

I'd like to thank them all for their support of Maltby's students and their contribution to the Academy's continuing success and wish them the best for their future endeavours.

I continue to be staggered by the quality of our young leaders at Maltby Academy. This term, I've had the pleasure of hosting Breakfast with the Principal, the awarding of the House Captain badges, meets with the Head Boy and Girl and Deputies and many reward events. These outstanding students have a thirst for knowledge, demonstrate full engagement in learning and set continually high standards in all they do. Their articulacy, commitment, confidence and good manners are a credit to themselves and I look forward to working with them next year to continue to improve all aspects of our Academy.

Key Dates

Maltby Academy Key Dates

Monday 21st July 2014
INSET Day
MA closes for summer holidays

Thursday 14th August 2014
A Level Results Day

Thursday 21st August 2014
GCSE Results Day

Monday 1st September 2014
INSET Day
MA opens for staff

Tuesday 2nd September 2014
MA opens for students

Thursday 23rd October 2014
Sports Presentation Evening

Friday 24th October 2014
INSET Day
MA closes for half term holiday

Monday 3rd November 2014
MA opens for staff and students

Friday 19th December 2014
MA closes for Christmas holidays

Last but not least, I must congratulate the individual and team success of our sporting heroes, particularly in netball and football, the students triumphant in the UK Maths Challenge and all our subject champions. An action packed season of enrichment events such as European visits to Austria and Spain and visiting scholars and subject specialists demonstrate the broader skills and opportunities that staff provided for our young people this term.

Finally may I wish all families and friends of Maltby Academy a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to coming back in September refreshed and ready to go!

Mrs Nash Associate Principal

TALL SHIPS, SPAIN, *and Skiing Trip*

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Tall Ships

After 9 months of fundraising and sponsorship from local company Pyronix, the target was achieved for ten students to travel to Portsmouth for five days' sailing with the Tall Ships Youth Trust.

After a safety briefing, they immediately set sail for West Cowes on the Isle of Wight. Over the 5 days the crew learned how to prep and pack away the boat, hoist a variety of sails and all students experienced helping to crew a 72ft round-the-world racing yacht.



Students get happy in Spain!



During the Easter holiday, 41 KS4 students went to Andalucia in the South of Spain to learn more about Spanish culture and to put their language skills into practice. From their hotel base in Benalmadena, they visited the sights of Malaga and Seville to see the Easter processions and see the sights. Students also filmed a memorable video which has had over 2,000 views on You Tube. Check out their 'happy' video. Search for 'Happy - Maltby Academy' in You Tube.



Ski Trip to Hochfugen, Austria



A mixture of beginners and experienced skiers took to the mountains of Hochfugen for a week of skiing. After a day on the slopes, students and staff spent the evenings swimming, bowling and enjoyed the tasty delights of a pizza evening.



SIXTH FORM

and Awards Evening 2014

The annual Maltby Academy Sixth Form Awards Evening held at Hellaby Hall Hotel was a fantastic evening where students, parents, carers and dignitaries came together for a night of celebration.

There were many students who were recognised for their achievements in Sixth Form and various organisations sponsored some of the awards including Maltby Schools Land Foundation, Rother Valley Lions, Sheffield Hallam University, Dr P Sanford and BDO.

As well as the awards ceremony, the evening included an entertaining and motivational after dinner speech from Mr Gervase Phinn an author, educator and Ofsted schools inspector.





Academy Sixth Form- Another year over

We are once again saying farewell to another successful group of students from Year 13. The majority of students will be progressing to university to start degree courses but due to our IAG programme, students also explore lots of work related opportunities. This year, a number of students started work immediately after their exams finished and are already earning a healthy wage as they move in to the world of work. Our leavers celebration started with the Charity Walk, followed by a hot meal and formal goodbyes to their teachers before a trip to the Bawtry Paintball Fields to play laser quest games. We wish them well in their future lives.

Focus- Victoria Brocklesby

Victoria is a Year 13 student. She applied to university and was offered an unconditional place. However, keen to keep her options open she also started to look for employment opportunities. We were alerted to positions vacant at Pyronix, Hellaby, led by the Chair of Governors Julie Kenny. Enthused by the opportunity on offer Victoria applied, was interviewed and offered the job.



Onwards and upwards! Kyle Tubbs

Not many schools can claim this but Kyle is our very own qualified pilot! Many students in sixth form learn to drive at 17, but Kyle decided to get his wings first. Keen on making this a career he has worked hard on his courses in Drama, Sport and ICT and has now secured a progression route as a trainee Commercial Airline pilot at Stapleford Flight Centre in Essex. At the end of the course Kyle will be a fully qualified commercial airline pilot, so in a few years' time, when you are on your way to your summer holidays listen to the announcements from the captain- it could well be one of our ex- students! Good luck in everything you do Kyle!



Sports Camps @ Maltby Academy

Sixth Form students gave up their time during the Easter and Spring Half Term volunteering at the Sports Camp organised by the Maltby Academy Sports Partnership. Volunteer experience means that students stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs and university courses. Well done to Cory Eagle, Liam Garner, Molly Jo Rider, Nikita Lakin, Sophie Cross, Amy Louise Walker and Cassidi White!



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BREAKFAST

with the Principal

Students enjoyed Breakfast with the Principal to celebrate their success and achievement at getting 4's in all subjects for Engagement in Learning.



Students achieve '4' in Engagement in Learning across all subjects.



Maths Junior Challenge



7A and 8A maths' students took part in a National Maths Challenge which involved some of the best mathematicians competing nationally. The results are the "best on record". There have been a few students who have performed highly and have fallen within the top 40% nationally. A special well done to Christopher Needham for achieving the highest total in both classes, achieving a Gold Award and Best in Year Award.

NEWS IN

Brief

Book club visit Maltby Library

Maltby Academy's Book Club enjoyed a trip to our local Maltby Library. The students, ranging from Year 7 to Year 10, were excited to embark upon a treasure hunt around the library to explore its resources as well as take part in a quiz on literature from some of their favourite genres!



Y11 Leavers' t-shirts

Y11 students received their leavers' t-shirts on their final day before the Summer Programme commences.



Montserrat Speaker

Former Montserrat resident, Tricia Campbell, visited MA to talk to year 8 geography students about her experience of living through the Montserrat volcano eruption and the devastating aftermath on the community. Students found it very informative and interesting to hear her first-hand account.



Spice Tasting Experience

The Y10 and Y11 Business Studies students have been preparing for their exams by enjoying a "Spice Tasting Experience" and a trip to Steenberg's spice factory in North Yorkshire. All of this will help them apply their business knowledge and understanding to their case study.



Easter Egg Competition

Last term, Year 7 students were invited to design an Easter Egg that best represented their House personality, with the winning entry from each House earning the chance to bring their design to life in a series of after school workshops led by Chef Hardman. Well done to all involved.



CHARITY

Walk

Students dressed up in various fancy dress costumes to take part in our annual Charity Walk raising money for Teenage Cancer Trust, Make A Wish Foundation, Radio Hallam's Cash For Kids, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and Rotherham Hospice. The day was a great occasion where the whole school came together to walk the six miles around Maltby taking in landmarks such as Roche Abbey. It was a fantastic day.



"A proud day for all concerned"

Mrs Nash

PROM NIGHT

and Breakfast & Ballgowns

What a fantastic 24 hours for year 11 as they have had two celebration events. Starting with the Prom at Doncaster Racecourse, followed by Breakfast and Ballgowns the next day and ending with a balloon release to mark the end of five years at Maltby Academy. The Prom was a night for students to remember as they were entertained by staff band – Prom Direction, who not only sung but also hosted Prom Direction's Thursday Night Takeaway which included games and win the ads, featuring well known faces from around school. A great night was had by all.



SPORTS NEWS

2nd XI Team Qualify for Final

Congratulations to the Academy's 2nd XI football team (pictured below) who successfully went through to the Rotherham Schools' Football finals day.



Futsal Finals - How did they get on?

Maltby Academy's Y8/9 Futsal team (pictured below) were crowned champions of Rotherham following their success in the District Competition held at Winterhill. Maltby went on to represent Rotherham in the South Yorkshire finals against the winner of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield competitions at Goodwin Sports Centre at the University of Sheffield.



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Year 7 Football Success

Congratulations to the year 7 boys' football team (pictured below) who were victorious in their game against Aston Academy at the Rotherham Schools' Football Association Plate Finals. The final score was 6 - 2.



"Us Girls Rocks" Festival

A group of year 10 girls were invited to take part in the "Us Girls Rocks" Festival at Maltby Sports Centre. The festival was an opportunity for young women to try traditional and non-traditional sport & fitness activities, along with a combination of other activities such as lifestyle advice and beauty treatments.



Visit to Netball Super League

A group of netballers went to watch a Super League Netball match between Manchester Thunders and Leeds Metropolitan University team, Yorkshire Jets. The game was held at Leeds Metropolitan University. It was a fantastic match and atmosphere and all enjoyed it!



It should be noted that the information in this magazine is correct at the time of publication. We are very proud of the young people of this school and aim to share the achievements of students through a range of publications. However, we are also mindful of the present climate of concern about using photographs of children in publications accessible to the public. If you have any concerns about images of your child appearing in any school brochures please contact us - we will observe your right to request us not to use such images.



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Every child
an achiever



EXCLUSIVE TO REDWOOD

RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO CROWDEN!



Everyone
had a
great time!



**GREEK
MASKS!**

Copper Beech
have been making
Greek Masks!



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MESSAGE FROM The Principal



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It's been a term of change and growth at Redwood Academy. When we entered the Maltby Learning Trust with Maltby Academy last February, we knew that there was a possibility that we would be asked to work with another school. As it has transpired, that possibility became a reality sooner than we expected and I am now working across both Redwood Academy and Maltby Manor Primary School as Primary Executive Principal. Whilst at the moment I am spending quite a lot of time at Manor in order to support staff, students and parents, I can reassure you that I will remain in contact with Redwood Academy over the coming weeks and months and, of course, continue to be immensely proud of the young people and their achievements.

Next year Mr Pease will continue to take on the day to day running of the school but I will be working closely with him to make sure we keep pushing for the best possible education for our students.

This new partnership has brought its challenges, but it has also brought huge opportunities. As time moves on we will be sharing resources which we could never have accessed as an individual school and also looking at bringing in additional specialist staff – something Redwood, as a small family school, could never have done. However, the biggest benefit is in enabling us to make an impact for a wider group of students.

We are now securing good outcomes for Redwood's youngsters because of the hard work our staff, students and parents have put in over the last few years. We can now share that expertise more widely and share the best practice with another school. That should give us huge confidence in the work we are still doing at Redwood and make us proud of everything we have achieved – however it must also make us think about how we can and must keep on pushing onward to 'Outstanding'.

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Mr Horrigan

Primary Executive
Principal



Most people connected with Redwood Academy will know that Mr Horrigan, our Principal is currently providing senior leadership cover at Maltby Manor Junior and Infants School. I want to take this opportunity to explain to everyone why this is taking place.

Back in 2010, when Redwood was placed in 'special measures' following an inspection, the school received fantastic support from the Local Authority (LA). This involved help in forming a recovery plan and help with resources – some was financial to help with the buildings but there was also help in the form of LA staff who supported our teachers and teaching assistants to drive up the standards within school. This was maintained for the whole period that the school remained in special measures.

Since 2010, the country has faced cuts to funding in all areas of public services and this includes the LA. Whilst support to schools is still available, it is very different. The people who provided the practical support that our staff received are no longer employed, which has created a gap in the services provided.

Schools in Maltby have recognised that this 'gap' was being created and over a number of years have started to work together to ensure that, if a Maltby School ever required the support that Redwood benefitted from in 2010, we would be able to come together as a learning community and provide it. Maltby Manor School is currently in that position, following a recent inspection and their Head Teacher is not presently at work. Therefore, on a temporary basis, Mr Horrigan is operating as the Head at Maltby Manor.

Mr Pease is currently leading Redwood as the Acting Principal. He is receiving support from the senior leaders of the school and Mr Horrigan is in daily contact at Redwood. The governing body has considered the whole issue and has given support for this process. This isn't on the basis of believing that our staff can maintain standards, it is on the basis that we know that they can continue to develop the school and raise standards.

I hope that this explanation of current events goes some way to reassuring everyone that we are taking a planned and considered approach to everything that we do, which has the safety and progress of the children as our main focus.

Paul Martin

Chair of Governors
Maltby Redwood Academy



- Monday 1st & 2nd September 2014
INSET Days
- Wednesday 3rd September 2014
School opens for students
- Friday 24th October 2014
INSET Day
- 27th October to 31st October 2014
Half Term
- Friday 19th December 2014
School closes for Christmas

Crowden Residential

Year 6 students have been on their residential trip to Crowden. All the children had a great time full of fantastic experiences. Some of the activities included rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking and making their beds!



Learning about Islam

Cherry class have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and the effect it has on the lives of Muslim children.



Pond Dipping

Mr Pease's year 6 class have been pond dipping in the wildlife pond to celebrate the end of SATS! Everyone had a fun time!



Princes, Peasants and Pestilence

Cherry class met the character of pestilence to learn more about the gruesome facts of the Black Death.



NEWS FROM Maltby Redwood

Copper Beech makes a puppet theatre

Copper Beech wrote their own play script based on a traditional tale. The students worked together to build the theatre and puppets and performed the play to Cherry Class.



Copper Beech visit Tesco

Students visited Tesco supermarket and took part in lots of activities including:

- Decorating a chef's hat
- Going in store to complete a fruit and veg survey
- Visiting the bakery to watch bread being sliced
- Going into the fridge freezer



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Circuit training

Students in Copper Beech have been very busy using circuits and switches to put lights into their puppet theatres. They have learnt the journey on an electric circuit and how they were initially used to light up theatres.



Copper Beech Goes Greek!

Mrs Harley and Copper Beech class have been making some Greek theatre masks. Students have learnt about the origins and history of the theatre, linking in to the work they have done on electric circuits and making their own puppet theatre.



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