



# GAUDEAMUS



Malbank School and Sixth Form College

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Welcome to our Summer edition of Gaudeamus, the perfect way to conclude another very special year at school.

This episode perfectly showcases the range of experiences our students have been lucky enough to enjoy whether that be sporting achievements, musical performances, trips, special assemblies, or new learning opportunities involving outside agencies and speakers.

A massive thank you to Mrs Mason-Bernardi for putting Gaudeamus together and to the students of Malbank for your contributions this year. Without you, your desire to be here, your effort to make the 60 matter and your enthusiasm, all of our jobs here at school wouldn't be half as great as they are.

Thank you for the role you have played in writing the Malbank story of 2021/22 and I look forward to seeing you back in September as we start a brand-new blank page ready to be filled with new learning and exciting experiences once again.

*Mr Harrison*

## HOUSE CUP CHAMPIONSHIP 2021-22

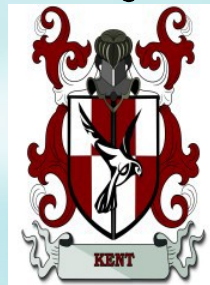
Congratulations to Dorfold House for winning this years House Cup Championship.



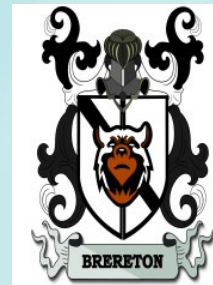
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### Attendance Cup

The 2021-22 winners are Dorfold House.  
Well done!

### Reading Champions Cup

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### House Star Cup

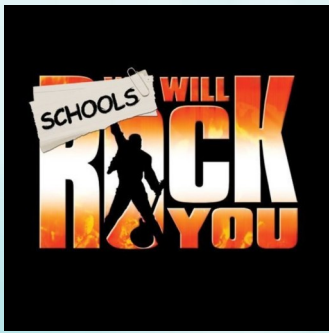
It's a tie!



### Making the 60 Matter: a time for celebrations - End of year awards.

Every year we hold a Celebration event to mark the achievements of all our students and this year has been no different. On the back of a week's events that included the school show, Year 11 Prom and a super-sunny Sports day, it was great to get our year groups together in the main hall for an extended year assembly.

Awards included: Form Tutor Merit Awards, Subject Merit Awards, 100% Attendance Awards and parental nominations for Citizenship Awards. Most impressive of all were the Diamond Lesson Monitor Awards given out across years 7-10 to those students who have received over 250 grade 1s - what an amazing achievement. *Mrs Machin*



# It's official... Malbank Rocks!



In July, students from all year groups took part in our production of the hit musical *We Will Rock You*, based on the music of the rock band Queen. The show had been a long time in the making; originally scheduled for March 2020, it was delayed by Covid for 2 years, and rehearsal started this year with an all-new cast. Massive congratulations to all students (and staff!) involved– the time and commitment over the past few months paid off with 3 out standing performances.

“On Planet Mall, rock is dead, crushed under the tyrannical flashing wheels of the Killer Queen herself, brilliant Beth Copeland, and her henchman Levi. Who can save rock? The Bohemians – that’s who – led by the great Galileo (James Webster) and the equally splendid Scaramouche – Olivia Swindells. From the opening strains of Radio Ga Ga, through the tear inducing duet of Under Pressure, to the sensational sonorous finale of Bo-Ho, Malbank School’s production of ‘We Will Rock You’ does exactly that!

I loved every toe tapping, finger clicking, hand clapping, fist pumping second. I will forever associate the lyrics of Bohemian Rhapsody with Mrs Miller – hilarious, Levi!

Who want to live forever? I do, on Planet Mall!!!

Well done to everyone involved – so many star performances they’d fill a nigh sky!” *Mr Shepherd*



# YEAR 11 PROM



We invited our eligible students (95% 1's and 2's) to this years prom at Wychwood Golf Club. From super-cars, limousine's, tractors, Bentley's and even a motor bike, there was no end to the variety of transport chosen by the students to make their grand entrance. They all dressed to impress and had an amazing night. Well done year 11 and we wish you all the best for your futures.

*Mrs Ratcliffe and the KS4 team.*



This year we celebrated 8 Word Millionaires in Year8 and 12 in Year7. These are students who have read over **1 million words** since September and logged them on Accelerated Reader. A million words is an outstanding achievement and we are really proud of the students who achieved this. As a school we have managed to log over 100 million words this academic year, significantly beating the total read last year. Can we read even more next year?



## Year 7 reward Breakfast

On the last Friday of term, we celebrated the top Year7 Readers with a luxury breakfast in the Sixth Form Canteen. The 20 students have managed to read an impressive 27.8 million words since September! They enjoyed croissants, fresh fruit and discussed their favourite books with members of the Senior Leadership Team. A lovely way to celebrate some fantastic reading this year, well done!



## Year 8 Bookshop Trip

On the final Friday of the school year, 32 Year 8 students walked into town to visit Nantwich Bookshop. They spent a while deliberating over which books to choose but all left happy with their choices. There was a huge range of books chosen including one lucky student who managed to find a signed edition of the book they were looking for! We hope the students enjoy reading their books over the Summer Holidays!

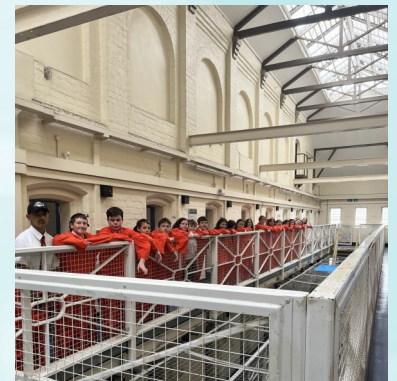


# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



At the start of June year 7 “Beyond the Classroom Scientists” attended a trip to The Catalyst Science Centre in Widnes. During the day they took part in a show about the new James Webb space telescope, looked around the museum and worked in teams to solve a forensics challenge! The students were brilliant throughout the day and really showed their scientific skills by asking some excellent questions and contributing ideas. Well done! *Mr Snape, Mrs Green, Miss Farmer and Mr Stubbs*

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July a group of Year 8 students attended Shrewsbury Prison as part of their crime and justice ‘Beyond the Classroom’ experience. The day started with being booked in as a prisoner, wearing the very lovely orange jumpsuits, followed by a tour of the facilities and a cell escape activity. The students were incredible and really enjoyed the experience – thank you to all those students who attended the lunch club each week – you have a very promising detective career ahead of you! *Miss Scott and Mr Robinson.*



Congratulations to Isabelle Maumy Yr7, Daniel Ncube Yr8 and Rayner Woodward Yr9, who received commendations for their entries into the national competition Poetry By Heart. They demonstrated excellent expression and accurate recall in their recitations. *Mrs Coney.*

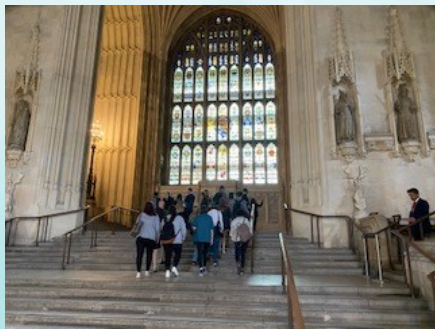


## GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

5 GCSE groups set off for Rhyl to investigate the impact of regeneration on the town and to evaluate how successful the sea defences are. The year 10 pupils were fantastic, showing enthusiasm for the work and a great appetite for MacDonalds and KFC in their lunch break.

Pupils were confident to ask local people and visitors to complete a survey and worked in groups to evaluate the quality of the environment in a variety of locations. Rhyl provides an excellent opportunity to study a range of sea defences, so the young people could apply their classroom theory knowledge to a real life location. A very successful final field trip for Mrs Walton after 40 years of teaching at Malbank- wishing you a very happy retirement Mrs Walton!





## Parliament and the Old Bailey visit

The Year 12 Law students went on a Law trip to London on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and visited Parliament, the Criminal Court (The Old Bailey) and the High Court. Students were greeted by a tour guide in Parliament where a guided tour of the house of commons and the House of Lords. **Thanks to Poole Alcock Solicitors who sponsored some of the finance for this trip.** Mrs A Tyrer

"A lovely trip, the tour guides were very welcoming to our group and I appreciated the information they provided. The best of all is the meeting with the local MP Mr. Keiran Mullan in the house of parliament where he shared his experience of meeting people and how he became an MP."



"It was really fun and enjoyable to learn about the make-up of the English legal system where lots of it takes place. If I were to go again (which I would like to do) I would try to watch parliamentary discussions from the public galleries in real time. Thank you to the tour guides at Parliament and the Royal Courts of Justice, they were both very informative"

## New Books for the Library

Following on from an impressive World Book Day, we have been working hard talking to staff and students about what books they would like to see added to our school library. This term we have been able to purchase several books off the students' wishlist – some of which are photographed below. The students have loved having new books in the library and they have been flying off the shelves - the Heartstopper series was on the shelf for less than 2 hours before all 4 books were checked out!

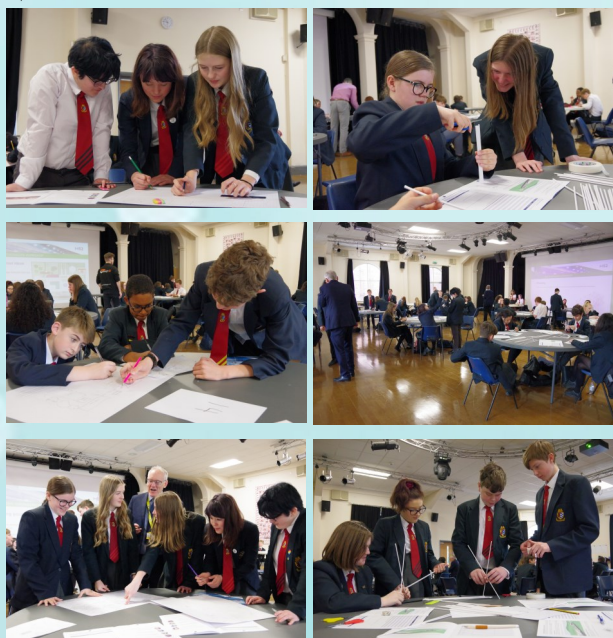
If you have any suggestions for books that you would like to see in the library, please pass them to Miss Nadin or Mr Shaw in the library.



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### Year 8 & 9 Careers activities

Year 8 and 9's have made an active start in thinking about their future careers this term. Year 8 have participated in an enterprise and engineering workshop linked to HS2. A selection of Year 9 students attended a Medical Mavericks day, where they were introduced to a number of medical based career choices.



# ENRICHMENT DAY

Our Year 9 Health Workshops this year involved a range of expert providers delivering sessions relating to mental and physical health. Our main aim of the day was to enhance the skills that they have developed in PDL further, to ensure students know how to keep themselves safe.

The workshops this year included, rugby/circuits, sexual health, mental wellbeing, anti-social Behaviour, substance misuse, tablet academy, resilience and Thai boxing. A huge thank you to year 9 who made the day a fun and productive experience for all. *Mr Reed.*



## Year 7



Due to the hot weather, the Year 7 Alton Towers trip was postponed until the new academic year but Year 7 came in and absolutely smashed their In-School Enrichment Day. Students were asked to work in groups to design their own theme park; inclusive of merchandise, costings and TV adverts; Mr Scarratt's form even built rollercoasters from paper straws and tape! Despite many students being disappointed the trip has been postponed, they did not let us down and were incredible all day! *Well done to the winning team Spectacular Universe Theme Park, designed by Ronnie, Sophie and Zuzanna in 7JYC. Mrs Morley*

In order to protect the animals and staff from the heat, Chester Zoo made the decision to close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, however, Year 8 students really upped their game and took part in an on-site enrichment project which had them

designing their own zoo. Along their journey they debated the ethics of zoo's and looked at how to create a marketing campaign. The day ended with some fierce pitches as to why investors should fund their project. Well done for everyone for working so hard! Well done year 8! *Miss Scott*

## Year 8



## Year 10

Enrichment Day for year 10 was about exploring different careers. The day started with a presentation from the army. During the rest of the day there was various work related workshops. Students learnt about the manufacturing industry with a workshop run by the producers of Muller Yoghurt. With the added bonus a free sample of Muller Yoghurt. The NHS introduced students to the employment opportunities working for the biggest employer in Britain. Kathleen Alder who has set up her own business spoke from Switzerland to give students insight in to how to become a successful entrepreneur. Other workshop covered essential skills for applying for a job, events management, plus careers in finance and IT. Well do to all involved! *Mr Wilson*



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# CONNECT NEWS



## Welcome to New Students

Connect has welcomed some new students this term from the **Ukraine**. Their ability to slot right into school life has been nothing short of amazing and we are all very proud at how well they are doing. Welcome to Malbank:- **Yaroslav, Mariia, Ivaana, Margo, Anna** and a special welcome to **Oleksandra** our year 6 student.

And that's not all, we have also welcomed **Lacey Jones, Paige Thomas** and **Zoe Brown** this term.

**A big welcome to you all.....**

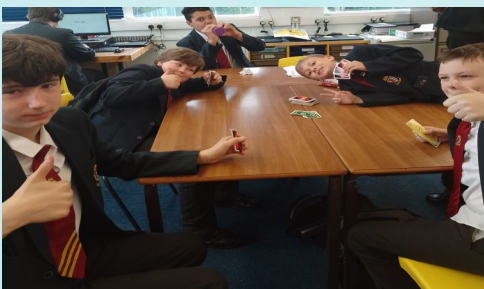


Our 'Artist in Residence' has been at it again, trying out Connect's new oil pastels. I think we can all agree Aimee Fisher is incredibly talented. We love seeing your creations Aimee.



Amy Ellis has been making good use of our kitchen facilities by baking a Chocolate Orange and Oreo Cake which she designed herself. Well done Amy, a well deserved treat!

If you fancy a game of **Uno** at breaktimes or lunch why not pop down to Connect....but be warned.....the year 7 boys take the game very seriously !!



## Good Luck

We would like to wish **Louie Espley-Shone** good luck and all the best as he is joining the UTC from September. Keep being fabulous Louie.

## Did you know we are moving?

Yes Connect is on the move. From September we will be based in **C2 & C3** at the bottom of the Sixth Form block, overlooking the garden. This is an exciting move for us and we look forward to welcoming everyone into our new look Connect in September.

## The Spotlights On.....Carly Birchall (Year 10)

Carly has really enjoyed Year 10 at Malbank. She particularly likes Geography, which is her favourite subject. This is because she finds the content of GCSE Geography so interesting. The topic she considers the most fascinating is about the living world, which covers deserts and tropical rainforests. She loves learning about other parts of the world and really enjoyed the field trip to Rhyl.

One of her options is Food Tech which has involved some relaxing practical lessons where pupils have baked and cooked a variety of different dishes from quiches and bread to desserts. Her best creation so far was a Swiss Roll which was a big success. Initially it took some effort to remember to bring all the necessary ingredients to class, but once you get into the swing of it, it's easy. She prefers the cookery practicals to the more scientific nutrition theory lessons.

In terms of future plans, Carly hopes to continue Geography to A level. She will possibly study it at university and aims to become either a Geography teacher or a Learning Support Assistant. We think she'd be fab at both!!

# Malbank Sports day



1st  
place—  
607 points



2nd  
place—  
521 points



3rd  
place—  
503 points



4th  
place—  
389 points

OH WHAT A DAY!!! Sun, costumes, house flags, tuck shop, bbq, ice cream van, teamwork, leadership, cheering, music, photo finishes, fun and amazing sporting achievements. It was great to see everyone in house colours and competing so well for their houses throughout the day. Our sports day grows every year and keeps getting bigger and better, looking forward to 2023 already!!!



## YEAR 11 & 13 LEAVERS

*We wish you all the very best for your futures.*

