

# MALONE MONTHLY

January 2026



## MESSAGE FROM MRS LESLIE

It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term in school, with so much to celebrate. We were delighted with the excellent GCSE and BTEC module results achieved by our pupils, a real testament to their hard work and the dedication of our staff. A particular highlight was hosting the Integrated Education Fund Political Hustings Event, which gave our young people a valuable opportunity to engage with important civic discussions. Excitement built around our "50 Days for £50" attendance initiative and the announcement of our lucky winner. Yet again we have received further awards recognising staff and students. Our Opening Evening was extremely well attended and created a fantastic buzz about the future of our school. We are also delighted to see P7 applications coming in fast as families look ahead to joining our vibrant and welcoming community.

Enjoy this edition, remember this is just a snapshot of a half term filled with achievement, energy and community spirit!

(Let's not mention the weather...in Malone we make our own weather with our positivity 😊)



*Enjoy  
Half Term!*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term Holidays

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Year 12 Choices Event and Parent Teacher Meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February - All pupils return to school

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New Year - Appreciation Station begins & Canteen Chinese Special

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Tuesday - Canteen Special

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Physics Practical

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## CHRISTMAS/DECEMBER RECAP

During the last week of term the canteen held a Christmas Tombola during breakfast club. Well done to all our winners!



## SECRET SANTA WITH MISS MCBRIDE

Before the Christmas break, Miss McBride brought a touch of festive magic to her form class by organising a cheerful Secret Santa gift exchange. The classroom was filled with excitement as students secretly selected names, planned thoughtful surprises, and wrapped small presents to share with their classmates.

On the day of the exchange, the atmosphere was warm and lively. Laughter filled the room as each student unwrapped their mystery gift, trying to guess which classmate had chosen them, every present added to the fun and festive spirit.



## 80 GIFT FOODSTOCK



80 showed wonderful generosity this Christmas by putting their money together to support the Foodstock Tree initiative. As a group, they selected two tags—one for a girl and one for a boy, and carefully chose gifts to brighten the children's Christmas. Their kindness and teamwork captured the true spirit of giving, making a meaningful difference to two families this Christmas.

## BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

This month, our senior students had fantastic opportunities to learn from Business in the Community, who visited our school to lead engaging sessions on money management. The visits were a chance for students to develop real-world financial skills that will help them as they move into adulthood.

- During the sessions, topics explored were;
- Overdrafts and how they work
- Credit Cards and responsible borrowing
- Credit scores and why they matter
- Pay slips and understanding earnings
- Budgets and tracking spending
- The difference between credit and debit



A big thank you to Business in the Community for visiting us and helping our students build financial confidence. We look forward to more opportunities like this in the future!

## BAKER MAKENZIE SOCIAL MOBILITY AWARD

Huge congratulations to Bob for being selected for the prestigious Baker McKenzie Social Mobility Award!

As part of this fantastic achievement, Bob has been awarded a brand-new laptop and a place on a high-level mentorship programme. Baker McKenzie is a powerhouse in the legal world, boasting an impressive global presence with offices in 75 locations. Since establishing their Belfast hub over 11 years ago, they have become a cornerstone of the local community, providing employment for more than 500 people.

This is a life-changing opportunity for Bob to gain invaluable insights from industry experts at a world-class firm. We are incredibly proud of his hard work and cannot wait to see where this mentorship leads him. Well done, Bob.



## DIGITAL FABRICATION AT BSCR



Just before Christmas some Year 10 students had a fantastic day out to BSCR for some hands-on digital fabrication activities!

Students designed and customised their own hoodies using vinyl, created personalised keyrings on the laser cutter, and even had a go with the 3D pens. It was brilliant to see their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills in action — lots of proud faces (and some very cool hoodies!) by the end of the session.

Huge thanks to the BSCR team for supporting such an inspiring and practical learning experience.

## YEAR 10 OPTIONS EVENT

In January, our school held its Year 10 Options Event to help pupils and families learn about the GCSE choices available. Staff shared guidance on core and optional subjects, and teachers were on hand to answer questions about course content and future pathways. This aimed to give pupils confidence as they begin selecting subjects that match their interests, strengths, and long-term goals.



## SAFETY BUS VISIT



We were delighted to welcome the Safety Bus to our school. Year 8 pupils learned important lessons about staying safe on and off the bus, including boarding safely, behaviour while travelling, and road awareness when getting on and off. A valuable and engaging experience for all!

## NI CHILDRENS HOSPICE DONATION



We were delighted to welcome Suzanne from the NI Hospice to receive the cheque from the amazing funds raised on World Kindness Day.

Thanks to everyone's kindness and support, we raised over £1,785 — an incredible achievement that will help make a real difference. Thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and made the day so special!

## CREATIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

We are absolutely delighted to share that our Art Department has been accepted onto the Creative Schools Programme for the next two years! Thanks to The National Lottery fund through the Arts Council.

They kicked things off with a fantastic workshop led by Marie Louise Gormley, a felt-making artist. Our new cohort of Year 8 and 9 pupils engaged brilliantly, learning new techniques in wet and needle felting, and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience. Their second workshop was with ceramicist Jakki Trainor, pupils got hands-on designing clay tiles inspired by pets, mixing illustration and pattern to create playful, personal designs



## ED SHEERAN FOUNDATION

We are delighted to share that our music department has received generous support from the Ed Sheeran Foundation, helping us expand opportunities for young musicians in our school community. Thanks to this partnership, we have received five brand-new guitars, giving more students the chance to learn, practise, and develop their skills using high-quality instruments.

In addition, Oh Yeah Music Centre has begun delivering a series of engaging music workshops, giving pupils hands-on experiences with professional musicians. These sessions are designed to inspire, build performance skills, and encourage students to explore their musical interests in new and exciting ways.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support from the Ed Sheeran Foundation and Oh Yeah Music Centre.



## SHARED EDUCATION : COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Our Shared Education programme has had an exciting start this year, bringing pupils from partnering schools together for hands-on learning, teamwork, and new friendships.

Over the past few weeks, pupils have taken part in LEGO and robotics workshops, where they explored problem-solving, coding basics, and creative design.

And this is only the beginning!

We have a range of upcoming workshops and activities planned, designed to build confidence, support social connections, and give pupils memorable learning experiences. In the weeks ahead, children will be heading outdoors for adventure-based learning.

Shared Education continues to provide fantastic opportunities for pupils to learn with and from one another across school communities. We look forward to many more engaging experiences as the programme continues.



## HUSTINGS EVENT

We were delighted to host a hustings event in partnership with the IEF. We welcomed representatives from across the political spectrum. Our Post 16 students along with students from Hunterhouse College and St Marys attended the event and took part in the discussion.

They had the opportunity to question politicians on a wide range of important issues.

During the event, attendees were asked to vote on the issues of greatest concern, with the top four identified as:

**Cost of Living, Education, Health, Equality and Human Rights**

It was a highly worthwhile event, and we were pleased to see the pupils actively engaging in meaningful political discussion and learning first-hand about the importance of participation in democracy.



## OPEN EVENING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

We were delighted to welcome a fantastic number of families to our recent Open Evening, making the event one of our most successful yet. The school was buzzing with energy as prospective pupils and their families explored our facilities, met staff, and experienced the warm, inclusive atmosphere that defines our community.

Our pupils were the true stars of the evening. Acting as guides, ambassadors, and classroom helpers, they showcased the very best of Malone. Their enthusiasm, confidence, and pride in their school shone through, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to every family who joined us and to our incredible pupils and staff who made the evening so memorable. We look forward to welcoming many of our visitors back as part of our school community in the future.



## CARSON BURSARY FUNDING

We are delighted to share that our Art Department has received a Carson Bursary from the IEF for Ryley and his Year 11 Art & Design classmates. This fantastic opportunity will support students as they work towards Part B of their GCSE Art & Design course.

The group is working with ceramicist Jakki Trainor and their first workshop was a great success. Students experimented with clay producing textured samples and background ideas. They also began researching animals that will represent different communities and cultures in Malone and around the world. We look forward to seeing how their creativity grows over the coming workshops.



## ECO ACTION IN MALONE

Eco work continues with the construction of a bug hotel along our hedgerow and further planting of native species to create a safe wildlife corridor. Pupils designed bird feeders using plastic bottles to support the biodiversity around our school. We recently achieved the Climate Ready Classroom Award in recognition of our eco actions, environmental studies and learning linked to climate change.



## MAGILLIGAN TRIP

AS Geography students were lucky to get a break in the weather as they carried out fieldwork at the Curly Burn River in Magilligan. They quickly mastered key data-collection techniques, working together to gather accurate measurements for their studies.

Despite the cold water and uneven ground, students showed great focus and teamwork—along with plenty of enthusiasm and fun throughout the day. Their excellent attitude made the trip both productive and memorable.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR "50 DAYS ATTENDANCE" WINNER!

We are delighted to celebrate Neveah in Year 10, who has won £50 in our recent "50 Days Attendance" challenge!

Over 50 days, pupils across the school have shown fantastic dedication by maintaining strong attendance and demonstrating a real commitment to their learning. Everyone who achieved 50 days of excellent attendance earned a well-deserved place in our Spin the Wheel prize draw — and Neveah's name was the one that landed on the winning spot!

This challenge highlights just how important consistent attendance is to success, and we're incredibly proud of all the students who took part.

Well done, Neveah — and a big congratulations to every pupil who qualified for the draw. Keep up the brilliant effort, everyone!



## MC CHEERLEADING CLUB

The Cheer Sport Club is proud to announce that twelve of our dedicated members have achieved their Level One Proficiency Award. Their hard work, growing skills, and positive team spirit have truly shone through.

Coaches praised the group for their commitment and steady progress as they mastered key foundation skills in stunting, tumbling, and performance. This achievement marks an exciting step forward in their cheerleading journey.

Well done to all twelve award recipients!

New members are always welcome, whether you're completely new to cheer or looking to build on existing skills. Come join the fun, fitness, and team spirit at Cheer Sport Club, every Tuesday afterschool!



## CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING STUDENT SUCCESS IN ENGLISH, MATHS, AND SCIENCE

We're thrilled to celebrate our students' outstanding module results. Across English, Maths, and Science, students have shown remarkable progress, determination, and enthusiasm for learning. Many have exceeded their targets, and teachers are incredibly proud of the effort and commitment shown in every lesson.

A huge well done to all our students, your hard work is truly paying off. We can't wait to see what you achieve next!



*Well done!*

## YEAR 8 STUDENTS EXPLORE BELIEF AND CULTURE THROUGH PEACE PLUS PROJECT

Our Year 8 pupils have been taking part in the Peace Plus project, designed to help students understand different worldviews and build positive relationships within our diverse community.

So far, students have visited a local mosque, where they learned about Islamic faith and daily practices, and a Hindu temple, where they explored symbolism, traditions, and the importance of worship in Hindu life. Both visits sparked thoughtful questions and great discussion back in school.

After half term, the project continues with meetings with a Humanist representative, offering a non-religious perspective on values, and a Jewish representative, who will introduce students to key beliefs and traditions in Judaism.

We are very proud of how engaged and respectful our Year 8 pupils have been, and we look forward to seeing their understanding grow as the project continues.



## MAC THEATRE VISIT



Our GCSE and A-Level Drama pupils had a great day out at Bruiser Theatre company at the MAC Theatre, Belfast. Pupils took part in workshops in devising, Bruiser technique and physical theatre. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved, building confidence and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. A really inspiring experience for us all!

## CULTURE ART CLUB

This month, the Junior Art Club opened their doors to all pupils for special cultural crafts – and the theme was the upcoming celebration of Chinese New Year. Pupils were invited to explore the traditions, colours, and symbols of the festival, taking part in a hands-on creative afternoons filled with imagination, teamwork, and plenty of red and gold!

But here's the big question...  
Can you guess what they made?



## WHY RIOT? PROGRAMME

Our pupils recently took part in their first session of the Why Riot? programme, delivered by Brian from South Belfast Alternatives. The workshop provided an energetic, engaging, and thought-provoking start to the programme, encouraging students to think deeply about the complex issues surrounding community conflict. Throughout the session, pupils explored the central question: "Why do people riot?" The workshop not only challenged pupils to think critically, but also supported important learning around citizenship, empathy, and positive decision-making. We look forward to the upcoming sessions and to seeing how our pupils continue to grow in understanding and confidence as the programme progresses.



## YEAR 10 FOOTBALL MATCH

The Year 10 team delivered a strong, energetic performance in their recent match against All Saints. From start to finish, the boys played with determination, sharp teamwork, and great attitude. There were some brilliant defensive blocks, confident passing spells, and exciting attacking moments that kept supporters cheering.

The team represented the school proudly and showed real promise for the rest of the season. Well done, Year 10!





## Hall Of Fame



### GRACE - YEAR 10



Congratulations to Grace on being selected for the U14 Gaelic football team! What an amazing achievement, and to already be out on the pitch scoring two points in her first match is incredible. Even better that the team brought home the win!

So proud of her hard work, talent, and dedication. Here's to many more great games ahead!



### JESSICA- YEAR 10



Well done, Jessica!

Huge congratulations on being selected for the U15 Camogie team — a fantastic achievement and so well deserved. Training begins in March, and we're all so proud of you. Keep up the great work! Good Luck!

**We love hearing all about our pupils' achievements outside of school. Please keep us updated by messaging the FB page, Instagram, ringing the school at 02890381988 or emailing [info@malonecollege.org.uk](mailto:info@malonecollege.org.uk) for the attention of the PR team**

### CRANMORE PUPILS SHINE IN ICT SCAVENGER HUNT



A huge well done to Edison and Libby, who triumphed in the ICT Scavenger Hunt during our recent Open Night. The pair were proudly presented with their award by our Digital Leaders, Katie, Leo and Jack who congratulated them for their impressive achievement and positive attitude throughout the event. Well done, Edison and Libby, a fantastic accomplishment and a great example of Cranmore pupils leading the way in ICT!

### BLACKBOARD AWARD CROSS-COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR



We are pleased to share that Mrs. D. Swift has recently received a Blackboard Award for Cross-Community Ambassador, recognising her ongoing efforts to help build collaboration, understanding, and unity across the school community. In accepting the award, she dedicated it to the pupils, past and present, and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful staff of Malone, highlighting their support and teamwork as central to everything achieved together.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Bring Your Grown-Up Maths

### PARENT/GUARDIAN SESSIONS

4 Fun filled sessions for parents/ Guardians and students. This will equip parents/guardians with skills to support their child. Held on Wednesday 18th Feb/25th Feb/4th March/11th March

1.45pm-3.15pm  
In Malone Integrated College  
Please respond by Monday 16th February

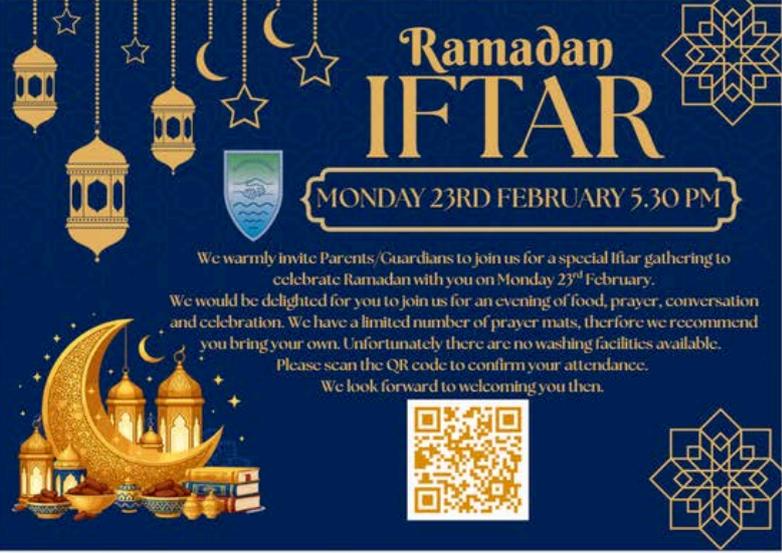




# Ramadan IFTAR

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 5.30 PM

We warmly invite Parents/Guardians to join us for a special Iftar gathering to celebrate Ramadan with you on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We would be delighted for you to join us for an evening of food, prayer, conversation and celebration. We have a limited number of prayer mats, therefore we recommend you bring your own. Unfortunately there are no washing facilities available. Please scan the QR code to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you then.


# CHINESE NEW YEAR

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

To Celebrate Chinese New Year we will be holding an appreciation station from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February Deliveries will be made Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Pay £1  
Red Envelopes filled with chocolate coins



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# Culture Week

Scan the QR Code to express your interest in participating!



