

MALONE MONTHLY

January/
February 2025



We are delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of our school newsletter. This publication is designed to keep you informed, engaged, and connected with everything happening in Malone.

In this edition, we are bringing you exciting updates on recent school events. This term, we are offering a special opportunity for parents to step into the classroom and experience maths lessons alongside their children. This initiative is designed to help parents better understand modern teaching methods, see how students engage in maths, and pick up some useful strategies to learn at home. Thank you to Mrs. Jackson for organising this fantastic opportunity. Enjoy this edition, and let's make this another fantastic term!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 17th February - All pupils return to school
- Wednesday 19th February - Bring your grown-up maths sessions begin
- Thursday 20th February - Year 14 Parent/Teacher meeting (ONLINE)
- Sunday 2nd March - Sunday 9th March - Ski Trip
- March - Integration Month
- Friday 14th March - Year 11 Parent/Teacher meeting (ONLINE)
- Monday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day - No pupils to attend
- Tuesday 18th March - Staff Development Day - No pupils to attend
- Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April - Culture Week
- Monday 14th April - Year 8 Parent/Teacher Meeting (ONLINE)
- Thursday 17th April - Friday 25th April - Easter Holidays

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DECEMBER EVENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

The school was buzzing with excitement before the Christmas holidays, and while we couldn't fit everything into our last newsletter, we wanted to shine a spotlight on a few amazing December events that deserve a special mention!

HOW MALONE CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

On Tuesday, 17th December we hosted a heartwarming Year 8 Christmas event that brought together students, parents, and staff to celebrate the rich diversity of traditions and cultures in Malone. The festivities kicked off with a fabulous performance by our school choir. Some of our Year 8 pupils told the traditional story of Christmas and Christingle. Pupils then shared their own stories and memories of their Christmas experiences, followed by some Christmas jokes! Prizes were then awarded for Half-Term Heroes, Class of the Term, 100% Attendance Achievers and Art Competition Winners. It was a fantastic event, and was wonderful to see so many of our parents and guardians join us.



CANTEEN CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

During Breakfast Club our canteen held a tombola every morning, allowing all our pupils a chance to win a chocolate treat! It was a great way to start the mornings! Well done to all our winners!



SANTA VISITS MALONE

Before Christmas, Mr. Fulton grabbed his Santa suit and spread some Christmas cheer during break and lunch, handing out sweet treats to all our students.



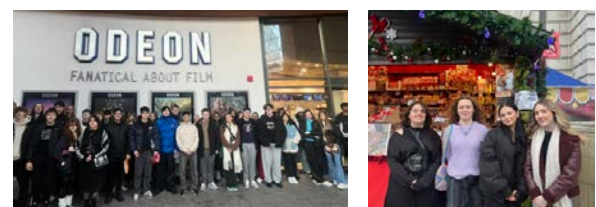
YEAR 8 FUN DAY

On Friday, 20th December our Year 8's were treated to a fun day filled with movie and treats. To finish the day, a raffle was held with lots of prizes to be won! This day was not just also about having fun but bringing the year group together to celebrate.



SENIOR STUDENTS REWARD TRIP

On Thursday, 19th December, senior students were treated to a well deserved reward trip to the Christmas market and cinema. This was a celebration of the students' hard work and dedication throughout the term.



READING REWARD

Some of our Year 9 pupils were rewarded with a movie and treat for being top readers and building their literacy skills.



SAFETY BUS VISIT

We welcomed the Translink Safety Bus to give a presentation to our Year 8 pupils. They learnt a lot about travelling safely and respecting other passengers.



HEDGROW HEROES PROGRAMME

Emily from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful visited us to kick-start our Hedgrow Heroes Programme. Students learnt the importance of wildlife corridors, how to identify native tree species, and located the ideal site to plant our new hedgrow.



ATTENDANCE WINNER

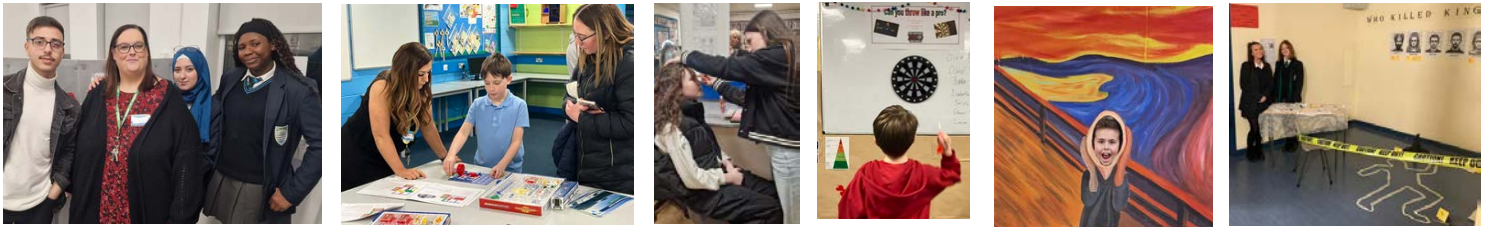
Well done to Year 12 pupil Carter who was the first pupil to receive £50 for 50 days full attendance.

There will be an opportunity for a senior and Junior pupil to win before Easter.



OPEN NIGHT 2025

Our recent open night was a great success. There was an impressive turnout from parents and students. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy as families explored vibrant displays and engaged with staff, gaining valuable insights into our school's offerings. The range of activities showcased the breadth of educational opportunities available at Malone. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the school open night a memorable and successful event. Well done to all our pupils who helped out; we are so proud of you!



ED SHEERAN CHARITY SUPPORT



Our head of music, Mrs. Mitchell, was invited to Matchett's Music. Here, she met Ed Sheeran to discuss his inspiring new charity initiative, 'The Ed Sheeran Foundation' to support music in schools! They discussed the inequalities and lack of funding in music education and how the support of the Ed Sheeran foundation could help our school. This was a fantastic opportunity for Mrs. Mitchell, and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

Thanks to Gary from Snowpatrol, Matchett's Music and the Oh Yeah Music Centre for making this event happen.

CAREERS DAY - OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

At the beginning of December, we welcomed many organisations to interview our senior students as part of their career course. It was a great experience for them and helped provide insight into the world of work and further study. Some of our pupils were outstanding and received fantastic feedback.

They were rewarded with selection boxes for their great preparation and delivery.



YEAR 10 OPTIONS EVENT

Our recent Year 10 Options event proved to be an overwhelming success, with students and parents attending in large numbers to explore the wide range of subjects available for Key Stage 4. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for students to gather information, ask questions, and make informed decisions about their future studies. Teachers from all departments were on hand to offer guidance and discuss the content, expectations, and career pathways linked to each subject.



WORK+ APPRENTICESHIP VISIT

Lucy from Work+ presented to our Year 14 students about the opportunities, and benefits of apprenticeships. The talk was very informative and our students left feeling happy knowing there are many opportunities after Malone.



NI WATER VISIT

We welcomed Anna from NI Water to present to our Year 8 pupils and Eco-Club. She discussed the importance of reducing the use of single-use plastics and the emphasised the significance of reusable water bottles. She explained how water is cleaned and the processes it undergoes to make it safe for use. It was a very thought-provoking presentation, and we are hopeful that our students will make small changes to help slow down climate change.



HEDGEGROW HEROES

Hedgerow Heroes planting has started along our boundary to improve biodiversity and create a wildlife corridor in our urban setting. Thank you to Emily, Anna, and Richard from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for showing us how to plant shrubs and trees and teaching us the importance of hedgerows.



CREATIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Our Creative Schools Programme continues to be a resounding success. Our pupils are enjoying learning new skills and working with professional artists. Not only are our students learning new artistic skills, but they are also developing personal skills such as confidence, independence, and teamwork.



This term, they have learnt how to sew and lino print with Ruth Osborne, and they have been continuing to perfect their felt-making skills with Marie Louise Gormley as they prepare to begin working on final pieces. This project would not have been possible without the funding from the National Lottery through the Arts Council.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The school canteen was filled with festive cheer as we celebrated Chinese New Year with a lovely lunch! Students and staff enjoyed a Chinese-themed menu. The canteen was decorated with colourful lanterns and cherry blossom trees made by the junior art club. A big thank you to the canteen team for preparing such a lovely meal.



Our HE department also embraced the Chinese New Year! Year 9 students had the chance to learn how to make a stir fry. Great job everyone, it looks lovely! To finish our celebrations, some of our students made a video in their home language. Here's to a prosperous and joyful Year of the Snake!



SAG CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION WINNERS

We are delighted to have three winners in the SAG credit union art competition, 'The Joys of Life'. Well done to Year 9 winners Sophia and Zac and Year 8 winner Hannah! Not only did they receive cash prizes for themselves, but the art department also received £400 to spend on materials for entering the competition. Thanks again to SAG Credit Union for their continued support.



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Year 9 took part in an interactive workshop learning about healthy relationships with EWTS (Emotional Well being teams in schools). They learnt about the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and also respect and boundaries.



Hall Of Fame



Four pupils in 8L, Katie, Harlow, Olivia and Lacey are taking part in a cheerleading competition for Sandy Row Falcons on the 15th February. Good Luck everyone! We are cheering you on!



Well done to Maisie from 8O, who competed at the Irish Dancing Ulster Championships in Letterkenny.

She won 27th place overall in a massive U11 championship, and along with her team danced and won 2nd place taking home 2 Ulster medals .



AMAZING

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 for the attention of the PR team

OPEN NIGHT WINNER

During our Open Night, some of our departments held competitions for Primary School pupils to win prizes. One of the lucky winners was Mia Wilson from St Aloysius who won the 'Guess the brand' Business Studies competition. Well done, Mia! We hope you enjoyed visiting us!



TIK TOK

Malone has officially entered the world of TikTok! Our students have been asking the PR team for a while if we could create an official account and with permission from Mrs Moore we did it! We have crowned four senior students, Nathan, Sarah, Kaci and Keely as members of our PR team. Their first post, introducing some of our staff and school, was a hit with 117.2k views and over 1,000 followers. We are looking forward to seeing more of their fun and creative ways to showcase our fantastic school. Why not check out **@malonecollege** on TikTok and see what they have done so far!



QUEENS PATHWAY PROGRAMME

Well done to Keely and Tony, who graduated from the QUB Pathway Programme. Keely completed Computer Science and Tony completed Maths and Physical Science. Well done! we are so proud of you both!



LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

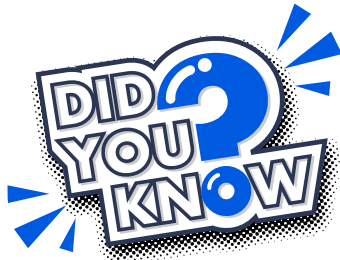
This month we are speaking



Romanian



English	Romanian
Hello	Buna
Please	Va rog
Thank you	Multumesc
Goodbye	La revedere



Language: **Romanian**

Number of Native Speakers: **28 million**

Countries spoken: **Official language of Romania and Moldova (also spoken in Serbia, Hungary & Ukraine)**

Type of Language: **Romance, derived from Latin**

World Ranking: **36th**

English words derived from Arabic: **nu-no, toaleta-toilet, sacuza ma- excuse me, ambulanta - ambulance, spital-Hospital, politia-police**

Number of speakers in Malone: **Approx 30**

Romanian Ambassador

Meet Rares our Romanian ambassador. Rares made a great video clip with different Romanian words and facts which was shared to pupils and staff . Well done!





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

19th Feb/26th Feb/5th March/12th March



3.30pm-5pm

In Malone Integrated College

Please respond by

Monday 17th February



MALONE COLLEGE PRESENTS

£50 for Fifty Days Attendance Drive!

16th January - 3rd April

One Junior and One Senior winner

Grand Draw 5th April

CONDITIONS

50 days

FULL ATTENDANCE

No more than 5 lates!



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Moments Matter



Attendance Counts



You Matter



You Count



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