

# MALONE MONTHLY

February 2026



## MESSAGE FROM MRS LESLIE

It has been another vibrant number of months at Malone. February saw a very successful Year 12 Options Event, supporting pupils as they consider their options for A Levels, BTECs and OCRs in Post 16. We are also delighted to celebrate the excellent GCSE module results in Maths, English and Science. Our Valentine's Day hot chocolate was a welcome sweet treat. The cafeteria also trialled a new Spice Box, it was a roaring success with high demand and queues to match!

True to our integrated ethos, we were delighted to celebrate Chinese New Year within our school community. We were also privileged to break the fast with our Muslim families at Iftaar, and we continue to support our Christian pupils and families during the season of Lent. These moments of shared celebration and reflection show the respect, inclusion and togetherness that define Malone.

As we move through March, we look forward to Integration Ambassador-led assemblies and preparations for Integration Month will continue to highlight the inclusive spirit of our school.

Thank you to our staff, pupils and families for making all of this possible.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - BTEC GCSE IT Exam 9am

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Staff Development Days - No pupils to attend

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - All pupils return to school

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - BTEC January Results

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - GCSE Art Exam

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Culture Week

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - All pupils finish for Easter holidays

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 Parent Teacher Meetings, 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm ONLINE

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Year 9 Parent Teacher Meetings 12.00 - 3.00 pm ONLINE

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## YEAR 12 OPTIONS EVENT

Following the half-term break, we were delighted to host our Year 12 Options Event to support students in making informed decisions about their A-level pathways.

The event provided students with detailed information about the wide range of subjects available for A-level, including guidance on course content, assessment structures, and potential university and career routes. Subject teachers were on hand to answer questions and offer personalised advice, helping students reflect carefully on their interests, strengths, and future aspirations.

We are proud of the thoughtful and mature approach our Year 12 students are taking as they begin to shape the next stage of their academic journey.



## PEACE PLUS PROJECT

Over the past few weeks, our Year 8 pupils have had the pleasure of welcoming several special visitors to the school as part of the PeacePlus programme. Among them were Rachel, a Humanist celebrant who conducts non-religious funerals, Michael representing the Jewish community, and a representative from the Buddhist community.

Each visitor shared valuable insights into their beliefs, traditions, and the roles they play within their communities. Pupils were highly engaged throughout the sessions and appreciated the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions, gaining a deeper understanding of different faiths and worldviews.

These visits provided a meaningful opportunity to promote respect, curiosity, and dialogue, reflecting the inclusive spirit of the PeacePlus initiative and Malone Integrated College.



## EXPLORING THE WORLD OF CODING THROUGH RETRO GAME CREATION!

Our after-school Coding Club blasted into action as students began learning the basics of programming through creating a 2D retro space-shooter game.

For many, writing code to make their spaceship move was their first ever line of code—and the excitement was huge as their ships zipped across the screen!

This project introduces coding in a fun, hands-on way, helping students learn problem-solving, creativity, and logical thinking. Over the next few weeks, they'll continue adding new features to bring their game worlds to life.

More adventures to come—watch this space!



## CREATIVE SCHOOLS - UPDATE

Our Creative Schools students have made an excellent start in this term's programme, showing great enthusiasm and creativity throughout their sessions.

They have now taken part in several workshops with two visiting artists:

- Jakki Trainor, a ceramicist
- Marie Louise Gormley, a feltmaker

During their ceramics workshops, students designed and created personalised clay tiles inspired by their pets. They explored illustration, pattern, and texture before glazing their finished pieces. The results are fantastic—each tile is full of character and beautifully crafted. The students should be very proud of the high-quality work they have produced.

With Marie Louise, the groups have been learning about feltmaking and the theme of integration.

This has led to Ukrainian Pysanky egg designs, which traditionally use pattern and symbolism to tell a story. The students decided to create an Easter-themed egg design exploring the idea of integration. They have also produced a felt piece to help them experiment with colour, pattern, and texture.

The group are engaging brilliantly with the programme and developing their artistic confidence with each session. Their creativity, focus, and willingness to try new techniques have been wonderful to see.

We look forward to sharing more of their work as the project continues.

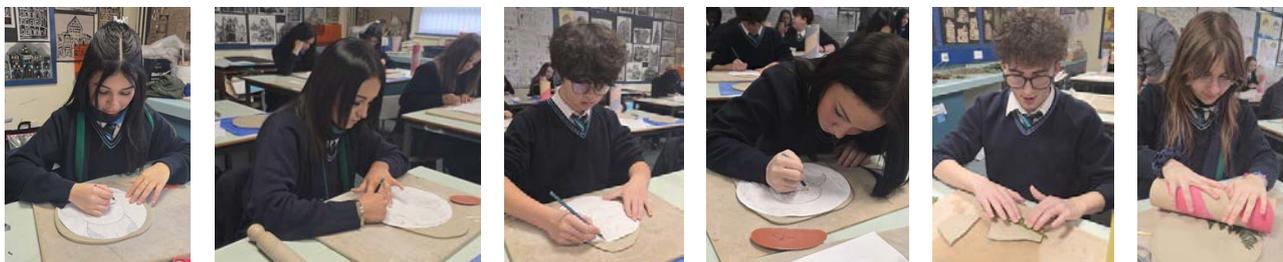


## PART B WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

In our last newsletter, we shared that the Art Department had received a Carson Bursary to support Ryley and the Year 11 Art & Design students as they complete Part B of their Art & Design GCSE course. Since then, the students have not only continued developing their experimentation work but have also begun their final pieces.

For their final outcome, each student designed a tile featuring a bird or animal inspired by their own country or culture. They experimented with different background techniques before creating an animal relief as the main focus of the tile. The group worked exceptionally well and, impressively, managed to complete the entire making process within a single workshop.

The next workshop will focus on glazing, where students will add colour and finish their tile.



## INTERNET SAFETY WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

As part of this year's Internet Safety Week, pupils across the Junior School were challenged to design a poster promoting safe, responsible and positive online behaviour. The enthusiasm from our pupils was outstanding, and the standard of entries was exceptionally high.

To recognise this effort, one pupil from each form class was selected as a winner. Their posters stood out for creativity, clarity of message and thoughtful understanding of online safety.

We are delighted to share that each winning pupil received a £20 reward, a generous contribution made possible through the support of Kibo and Hawenzi, who kindly sponsored the event. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their continued commitment to encourage digital awareness among our young learners.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and well done to every pupil who took part.



## SMASHED PROJECT

Our Year 8 students watched a live theatre performance aiming to break the culture of underage drinking and reduce alcohol-related harm among young people around the world. It was designed to engage with pupils in a different way to typical school lessons to help them understand the facts, causes, and consequences of alcohol misuse and the risks of underage drinking. The hope is that pupils would be equipped to deal with peer pressure and to make informed choices.

The programme was comprised of:

- A hard-hitting live theatre performance: A team of actors deliver the hour-long performance which follows a group of friends who get in trouble after misusing alcohol.
- An interactive workshop: The performance is followed by a 40-minute-long interactive workshop which includes activities and exercises. A question-and-answer session looks at making the right choices and the consequences of not. Pupils are invited to probe the cast on any of the issues brought up during the play and explore the consequences portrayed by the actors.



## EXAM TIMETABLES NOW ISSUED TO STUDENTS

We would like to inform parents and guardians that all GCSE and GCE examination timetables have now been distributed to students. Please check with your child to ensure they have received their copy and are aware of their upcoming examination dates.

We are currently in the process of renaming and organising the timetable files so they can be added to the Parent App. These will be available to view within the next few days. Once uploaded, they will be accessible at any time should you need to refer back to them.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for the busy exam season ahead.

## SHARED EDUCATION : GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



This month, our students took part in a shared education trip with Methodist College, immersing themselves in practical learning within the natural environment. Through orienteering activities, they developed key navigation skills while strengthening teamwork, resilience, and confidence. Experiences like these showcase the value of collaboration, outdoor learning, and opportunities that extend education beyond the classroom.



## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE SUCCESS AT W5

We are incredibly proud of our pupils who recently took part in the First Lego League competition at W5 as part of our Shared Education programme. This fantastic event brought us together with students from Methodist College Belfast, St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School and Coláiste Feirste.

Although we didn't come home with an award this time, our pupils truly outdid themselves and made us so proud! Their teamwork, determination and enthusiasm shone through in both their presentations and the LEGO challenges.

An incredible highlight was achieving 240 extra points compared to last year's score, a testament to their hard work, resilience and growth.

Well done to every pupil involved you represented our school brilliantly and should be extremely proud of your achievements. The future is bright!



## YEAR 13 VOLUNTEERING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This month our Year 13 students volunteered with Habitat for Humanity as part of the Youthlink Project. They worked hard on a range of practical tasks and showed fantastic teamwork and commitment throughout the day. We're very proud of the positive impact they made.

Over half term, the group also took part in an activity residential, where they built confidence, developed leadership skills, and enjoyed a series of outdoor challenges.

Both activities were great opportunities for our students to grow, support their community, and strengthen their skills for life beyond school.



## SPRINGBOARD SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT – SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT!

Our Year 13 pupils have been working closely with Springboard on an inspiring social action project focused on saving the environment and educating young people on the small steps we can all take to make a big difference.

On Wednesday, the group showcased their hard work, passion, and teamwork during the Springboard event. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and the positive message they are spreading across our school community.

A huge thankyou to Springboard for their continued support and guidance throughout this project.



## MALONE HOSTS ITS FIRST COMMUNITY IFTAR

Malone celebrated a special milestone this month as pupils, parents, guardians, and staff came together for the school's first-ever community Iftar—the meal that marks the breaking the fast during Ramadan.

The event created a warm and welcoming atmosphere where families and staff shared food, conversation, and reflections on the significance of Ramadan. It was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to deepen understanding, celebrate diversity, and strengthen the spirit of inclusion that lies at the heart of Malone Integrated College.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all parents and guardians who contributed food, and supported the event. Your kindness and generosity made the evening truly memorable.

We would also like to give a special thank you to Nora's Palace, who generously provided a selection of delicious dishes enjoyed by everyone present. Their support added something extra special to our first Iftar gathering.

The school looks forward to building on this success and creating many more shared moments that bring our community together.



## CULTURE WEEK ASSEMBLIES

Miss Walsh, our Integration Ambassador, delivered a series of inspiring assemblies highlighting the cultural events taking place this month as we begin Integration Month. Students from our Chinese and Islamic communities shared thoughtful insights into their traditions, including Chinese New Year and Ramadan. We also acknowledged other significant celebrations such as Lent and Easter, reflecting the rich diversity. Pupils were reminded that Culture week takes place at the end of March and they need to sign up via the QR codes.



## A TASTE OF TWO TRADITIONS: CHINESE NEW YEAR & PANCAKE TUESDAY CELEBRATION

We celebrated the best of both worlds with Chinese New Year and Pancake Tuesday!

Our pancake special was a big hit at break time, followed by a delicious Chinese-themed lunch featuring chicken with black bean sauce, salt & chilli chicken, and crispy spring rolls – the perfect festive feast!

A huge thank you to the canteen team for making the day such an enjoyable celebration.



## CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH KINDNESS & APPRECIATION!

This month, our school community embraced the spirit of Chinese New Year by spreading kindness and gratitude throughout our halls.

Our Appreciation Station was a wonderful success, delivering thoughtful surprises to 100 lucky recipients and filling our school with joy.

Each traditional red envelope held a heartfelt message of appreciation and kindness along with chocolate coins to bring a touch of sweetness and a wish for prosperity in the year ahead.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION LIGHTS UP ASSEMBLY

Our Art Club wowed the school this month with a life-size dancing dragon created to celebrate Chinese New Year. A team of talented Year 8 students brought the dragon to life, weaving through the assembly with an energetic traditional dance.

The colourful creation and lively performance were a fantastic showcase of teamwork, creativity, and cultural celebration. Well done to everyone involved!



## OUR PARENTAL MATHS SESSIONS ARE IN FULL SWING!

Our recent parental maths workshops have been a great success, with families enjoying hands-on learning using Izak9. So far, parents have explored fractions and percentages through a series of fun, interactive challenges. They finished off by working together to build the Great Wall—a brilliant team effort!

A big thank you to all the parents who have taken part so far.



## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 12 AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY DEBATE



Congratulations to our exceptional Year 12 pupils who represented the school brilliantly at the Literific Debating Competition at Queen's University.

They delivered their arguments with confidence, engaged thoughtfully with opposing viewpoints, and demonstrated impressive composure as they debated alongside teams from other schools. We are incredibly proud of their achievement!

## PARENTS VOICE- HAVE YOUR SAY!

As part of our application for the Excellence in Integrated Education Award (EIEA), we are celebrating Integration Month by reflecting on how inclusion and diversity are supported within our school community.

Parental voice is a vital part of this process. We value your insights, experiences, and suggestions, as they help us strengthen our integration practices and ensure our school is welcoming, inclusive, and respectful of all cultures, backgrounds, and identities.

Please scan the QR code or follow the link sent through SIMS APP to share your thoughts and support us on this important journey.



*Use  
your  
Voice*

# Hall Of Fame

**DANIELLE (YR13), ETHAN (YR11), AMY (YR11), MAYSIE (YR 8)**



Our talented pupils delivered an outstanding performance with their crew at the UDO World Qualifiers on Sunday 8th February. Representing Years 13 to 8, the members secured an impressive 2nd place, earning their place at the UDO World Championships 2026. A huge achievement for this dedicated young team! A special congratulations also goes to Danielle, who competed in the U18 Solo category and placed 4th, successfully qualifying for Worlds 2026. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, talent, and commitment. Well done to all involved!



**CAOLAN- YEAR 11**



Congratulations to our Year 11 pupil Caolan, who achieved an incredible three gold medals in the Boy 4 boxing category. He recently boxed in County Antrim All-Ireland Championships. His hard work, determination, and skill shone through in every bout. We are extremely proud of his outstanding success — well done, Caolan!

**COLE- YEAR 10**



Congratulations to Cole, who won a Bronze Medal at the All-Ireland Karate Competition. This shows his hard work, skill, and determination. Well done, Cole!

**MAISIE- YEAR 9**



Maisie has been nominated for an Uberheroes Award for her kindness and the support she gives at home. Her thoughtful and caring nature has truly been recognised. The awards ceremony will take place on 21 March 2026 at the La Mon Hotel. Well done, Maisie!

**LEIGHA- YEAR 10**



Congratulations to Leigha, who achieved 1st place in her recent Lyrical Dance competition. Leigh's talent and dedication have also earned her a move up to Level 2. Well done, Leigh!



**LARA- YEAR 9**



A huge congratulations to Lara, who has earned her Red Belt in karate. This achievement reflects her hard work, focus, and commitment to her training. Moving up through the karate grades takes determination and discipline, and Lara has shown both in abundance. Well done, Lara—an impressive milestone and something to be very proud of!

# Hall Of Fame

## JOSEPH - YEAR 9



Congratulations to Joseph, who achieved 4th place in the Traditional Cup and finished in the Top 5 in his solo dances at the Balbriggan Feis. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects his hard work, rhythm, and dedication to Irish dancing.

Well done, Joseph—brilliant results!

**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**

## SOPHIE - YEAR 12



A huge well done to Sophie, who achieved a clean sweep at the Six Mile Water Feis. We have been proudly following her journey since Year 8, and it has been wonderful to see her talent and dedication continue to grow. Her hard work truly shone throughout the competition, earning outstanding results across all her dances.

Fantastic achievement, Sophie—congratulations!



# Well Done

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the canteen

20 TO FIND!

20 sneaky book worms have wandered out of the library and into the canteen...  
If you can find one, return it to Miss Ward in room 43 for a reward!

Limit one per student!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Malone Integrated College

## Culture Week

Scan the QR Code to express your interest in participating!

### UNDERSTANDING RAMADAN

#### DROP-IN SESSIONS FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 12.40PM - 1.20PM

ALL PUPILS WELCOME  
COME ALONG, RELAX, AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT RAMADAN IS ALL ABOUT. WHETHER YOU'RE OBSERVING RAMADAN OR JUST CURIOUS TO LEARN, THIS IS A SPACE FOR EVERYONE.

FREE GOODIE BAG FOR ALL VISITORS!  
DROP IN, CHAT, DISCOVER!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

### FOUR CORNERS DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**MALONE INTEGRATED COLLEGE**  
24TH JUNE 2026, 10.00AM  
MALONE COLLEGE ASSEMBLY HALL

**CREATIVE DANCE EVENT  
ANYTHING GOES!**

**SOLO, PAIRS, SMALL TEAM & LARGE TEAM**

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### Y8 Book Cover Competition

26th Feb - 12th March

WINNING FORM CLASS RECEIVE A DONUT PARTY!
 Judged in form time w/c 9/03

If your form class were a book...what would the cover be?

As a form class, you must design a book cover that represents your class. It can be presented in any format, using any materials - get creative!