

# MALONE MONTHLY

April/May 2025



A lot has happened since the last edition of The Malone Monthly, and it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown! Now, as June rolls in, we enter the exam season. This is a time for demonstrating all the hard work and learning that has taken place over the last academic year. While the pressure of exams can be real, our focus remains the same: support, encouragement and progress. We are proud of each student and how far they have come this year.

In this issue, you will find highlights from recent events, trips and achievements our students have made in and out of school.

## YEAR 14 LEAVERS CEREMONY



At the end of May, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our Year 14 students. It was an afternoon of speeches, memories, some tears, and even a song! Mr. Fulton wrote a song called "Goodbye Year 14" to the tune of "Sweet Caroline." He, along with some staff members who volunteered, sang this to our avid audience. We finished off the celebrations with a sweet treat of ice cream for everyone. We wish all our Year 14 leavers the very best for the future. Your time here may be ending, but you will always be part of our Malone family.

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## YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO THE COCA-COLA FACTORY

Our Year 9 students embarked on an exciting educational visit to the Coca-Cola factory as part of their geography studies. The trip was not only a refreshing break from the classroom but also an insightful glimpse into the world of global branding, production, and sustainability. Before heading home, everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a complimentary Coca-Cola drink.



## INTEGRATED FUTSAL CHAMPIONS 2025



On 8<sup>th</sup> April our Year 8/9 girls battled hard in a nerve-wracking futsal final, which saw them come home with a 2-1 win! Lakota H also picked up the top goal scorer for the tournament. Massive congratulations to everyone who took part and their efforts.



## YEAR 12 STUDENTS SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION

In a heartwarming display of gratitude and support, Mrs. McConville's English students came together to present her with a special gift ahead of their speaking and listening exam. Known for her dedication and encouraging spirit, Mrs. McConville has been a steady guide throughout the academic year.



## 50 DAYS, £50 - ATTENDANCE PAYS OFF!

Congratulations to all our students who achieved 50 days of excellent attendance! Everyone who reached this milestone was entered into a special prize draw to win £50. A huge well done to our two lucky winners, Year 8 pupil Donal and Year 11 pupil Matthew. Your commitment to showing up every day has really paid off! Keep it up!



## WARMING UP WITH MISS WALSH

Miss Walsh has made it a routine to lead her form class or have a pupil lead the class in warm-up sessions before PE lessons and other sporting events such as, our mini marathon and Sports Day. These regular sessions help students get energised, focused and ready to give their best! Well done, 8A!



## EGG HUNT FUN

This Easter, our canteen turned into a festive egg-hunting ground! During both senior and junior break times, students were invited to join a special Easter egg hunt, with a twist. Colourful paper eggs were hidden all around the canteen, and those who found them had the chance to trade them in for a delicious chocolate egg.

The hunt brought excitement, laughter, and a bit of friendly competition. It was a wonderful way to bring students together and celebrate the season — and judging by the smiles (and chocolate), everyone had a fantastic time!



## EASTER TOMBOLA

This Easter, our students were delighted with a fun and festive tombola! As part of the celebration, anyone who discovered an “X” on the bottom of their plate won a special Easter egg. The surprise brought big smiles — a sweet way to celebrate the season!



## HISTORY CASTLES TRIP

Our Year 8 students swapped the classroom for castles and coastlines on an unforgettable history trip to Dundrum Castle.

The morning began with an exciting visit to the historic ruins of Dundrum Castle, where students explored the ancient stone walls, towers, and breathtaking views. With the sun shining and imaginations running wild, our young historians brought the past to life, learning about the origins of the castle.

Afterward, the group headed down to the beach to enjoy the fresh sea air. A huge thank you goes out to the staff who helped organise the trip and to the students for making it such a memorable day. We're proud of how they represented the school, and we can't wait to see where history takes them next!



## CULTURE WEEK EVENTS

### SMALL WORLD CAFÉ: A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Students from Malone and Cranmore Primary came together recently for a vibrant and heartwarming cultural celebration known as the Small World Café. This unique event brought pupils of different ages and backgrounds into one space to share stories, traditions, and most importantly, delicious food from around the globe.

This gave students the chance to learn about each other's cultures through conversation. The highlight for many was the opportunity to taste a variety of international dishes. Children proudly shared homemade food representing their heritage, while others discovered flavours they had never tried before. It was more than just a meal—it was a journey around the world without leaving the room.



## CULTURE DAY CELEBRATION

On a vibrant and joyful afternoon, the school community came together for Culture Day celebrations, an event that brought the world to our doorstep. Students proudly took center stage to share their unique cultural identities through dance, song, and presentations, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone in attendance.

From the very beginning, the energy was electric. The audience, which included parents, community leaders, local politicians, invited guests, and staff, filled the hall with warm applause and anticipation. What followed was a powerful celebration of cultural pride.

A special highlight was the visit from the BBC, who came to capture the celebration. It was a proud moment for everyone involved when the event was later featured on TV, giving viewers a glimpse into Malone and its powerful sense of community and diversity.

As the day drew to a close, the room buzzed with conversations and laughter, while sharing lots of different food and drink from around the world.



## PIZZA PARTY CELEBRATION

To celebrate all the hard work and effort our students put into making Culture Week a great success, they were rewarded with a pizza party! Thanks to Pizza-Co for their continued support!



## MINI MARATHON

Our Year 8 pupils took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon to raise vital funds for the Shine Autism Support Group. Our pupils gave it their all with effort and fundraising, raising over £1,200! Well done! Thank you to everyone for your support!



## YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 11s and All Saints went head-to-head in a friendly football match. After an intense back-and-forth battle, the final whistle blew with the score locked at **4-4!**

Huge respect to both teams for giving it their all and putting on a great show!



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

To mark the end of Mental Health Awareness Week, we held a free lucky dip. Students gathered eagerly to see which sweet treats they could get their hands on!



## SPORT CHANGES LIFE

Over the last two terms, we collaborated with Cranmore Primary School to deliver 15 weeks of after-school sport and personal development activities. Our Year 8s and 9s loved this experience, were kindly supported by our Year 11 mentors. The extra-curricular activities were led by expert coaches from Sports Changes Life and culminated in a pizza party celebration, to which parents were invited to attend. We loved learning with the Cranmore P7 students and can't wait to see some of them in September!



## MISS MCBRIDE GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND!

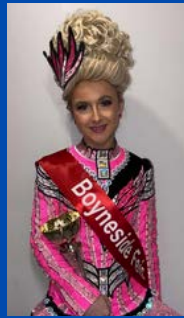
Shoutout to the amazing Miss McBride, who threw an 18th birthday bash for her form class! Balloons, cake, music—and memories that will last a lifetime. It was a celebration to honour her students' milestone year, ensuring everyone felt special. It's not every day your teacher throws you a birthday party!



# Hall Of Fame



Sophie has been very busy lately, and we love hearing about all she is achieving! Year 11 pupil Sophie achieved first place in the Newry Championships, 4<sup>th</sup> in the recent U15 Belfast Championships and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Boynesside Championships. Well done, Sophie! Keep it up!



Well done to Joseph, who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Belfast Championships! Great job!



Well done to Year 8 pupil Maisie on her recent success at the Belfast Championships. She was the winner of the U12 open light round and the runner-up in the open heavy round.

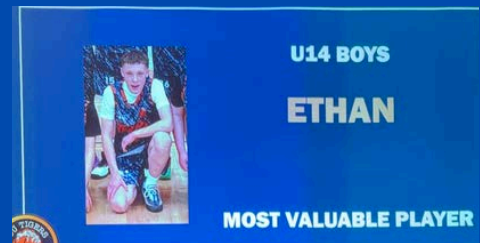
She won 4th place overall in the U12 Belfast championship and her team was crowned Belfast champions! Well done, Maisie, we are looking forward to watching and supporting your progress in the coming years!



Well done to Ethan in 10 O for another amazing climb this time Snowdon with his group 'Salute'. This is a great achievement Ethan! Well done!



Well done to Emily in Year 8 who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 3rd round of the Irish BMX National series in Dublin. Emily has raced BMX since she was 5 and is loving it! Well done Emily!



Ethan 10M has achieved Most Valued Player in U14 Boys Basketball and All Star NI Basketball for his club – University Ulster Tigers Fantastic Ethan! Well done!

**AMAZING**

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