MALONE MONTHLY

November/ December 2025



MESSAGE FROM MRS LESLIE

As we approach the end of this busy term, I would like to extend my warmest seasonal wishes to the Malone school community. At this time of year, many families mark different festivals, traditions, or simply have a well-earned rest together. Whatever and however you choose to celebrate, I hope the coming holiday period brings you peace, joy, and time to spend with those who matter most. Thank you for the kindness and respect you show each other throughout the year in Malone, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed in the New Year.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th January - Year 10 Options event Parents to attend

Monday 5th January - Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting (Morning) These are at school and booking will still need to be made for face to face appointments

Monday 5th January - Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting (Afternoon, online, bookings need to be made in advance)

Tuesday 6th January - All pupils return to school

Friday 9th January - Year 12 travel & Tourism Exam

Friday 9th January - Year 14 ICT Exam

Tuesday 13th January - YR 14 Travel & Tourism Exam

Thursday 15th January - Open Evening

Friday 16th January – Staff training day (No pupils in attendance)

Wednesday 21st January - MIA Mock (AS)

Wednesday 28th January - MIA Mock (A2)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY CONNECTED THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND SIMS APP









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MONTHLY CAREERS SUMMARY

NAVANTIA HARLAND AND WOLFF VISIT

On 6 November, we were delighted to welcome representatives from Navantia, Harland & Wolff to Malone. They delivered an engaging and informative presentation to our Year 14 students, offering valuable insights into the wide range of career pathways and future opportunities available within the maritime and engineering sectors.

We are grateful to the team for taking the time to visit us and for supporting our students as they consider their next steps beyond school.



WORK+ DELIVERS INSIGHTFUL SESSION FOR YEAR 14 STUDENTS

Thanks to Work+ for delivering an engaging and informative talk to our Year 14 students this term.

The session offered valuable insights into apprenticeship pathways, career opportunities, and the skills employers are seeking in today's workforce. Students left with a clearer understanding of their next steps and a fresh sense of motivation as they consider future ambitions.

We are grateful to the Work+ team for their time, and continued support of our learners.



FUTURES FOR ALL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

A Big Thank You to Futures for All for hosting a fantastic virtual work experience opportunity for our Year 10 students. Over the two-day programme, students gained valuable insights into the world of work, exploring what it takes to become an Occupational Therapist as well as the skills involved in running a business. The experience was incredibly worthwhile, with students commenting on how inspiring and informative the sessions were. We are grateful for the time, support, and expertise shared.



SERC VISIT

Our Year 14 students enjoyed a highly informative and engaging session this month thanks to Andrea and Craig from SERC. Their presentation shed light on the exciting pathways available through Higher Level Apprenticeships, offering valuable guidance on application processes, entry requirements, and the wide range of career opportunities these programmes can lead to.





YEAR 8 VISIT THE SCARECROW DISPLAY AT HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE GARDENS

Our Year 8 students recently enjoyed a memorable trip to Hillsborough Castle Gardens to see their very own scarecrows proudly on display. This visit marked the culmination of a special collaborative project with Hillsborough Castle Gardens, generously funded by Historic Royal Palaces. Under the guidance of artist Trisha McNally, the pupils created two imaginative scarecrows—one inspired by diversity and the other themed around Picasso.

Despite the wet and rainy weather, spirits remained high. The pupils were thrilled to see their hard work brought to life among the many colourful and creative scarecrows produced by other schools. Their walk through the Gardens allowed them not only to admire their own masterpieces but also to appreciate the creativity of others in the wider community.

It was a wonderful day filled with pride, creativity, and plenty of smiles, a truly rewarding









ART STUDENTS EXPLORE THE RUA EXHIBITION AT THE ULSTER MUSEUM

Our art students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Ulster Museum for an inspiring day at the Royal Ulster Academy (RUA) Exhibition. The highlight of the trip was a talk and live demonstration by artist Paul Walls, who shared insights into his artistic process, techniques, and the inspirations behind his work.

After the workshop, they explored the RUA Exhibition itself, gathering valuable visual research and contextual references to support their ongoing GCSE and A-Level art studies.





POSITIVE NOTICING DAY

During Positive Noticing Day Year 11 pupils and staff gathered in the hall for a powerful celebration of kindness and recognition. Around the room, positive notes were scattered across the floor.

As they moved around the hall, each student searched for the label with their name on it, each one had a personalised positive message.

It was wonderful to see so many smiles, encouraging words, and moments of genuine connection.





ULSTER UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY ACADEMY

Members of 11E have been working on the University Ulster Discovery Academy during their form time in order to gain valuable insight into life beyond school.

Ayush, Emmanuel and Leo have all completed courses in Engineering, Biomedical Science and History respectively earning their first Scholar Pins. Well done boys.



ANTIBULLYING WEEK

This Years Antibullying week was jam packed with many fun activities,. With the theme of kindness counts our pupils and staff came together to take a powerful stand against antibullying while raising vital funds for the NI Hospice.

ODD SOCKS DAY

To kickstart antibullying week staff and pupils proudly wore bright, mismatched socks as a reminder that differences should be celebrated.







"DONUT BE A BULLY" APPRECIATION STATION AND POSITIVE NOTICING DAY

As part of the fundraising activities we held a DONUT be a bully appreciation station. Pupils filled in appreciation cards which were then delivered to the lucky recipients during positive noticing day! With over 200 donut-grams sold it was a great success.

Miss Cuffe also organised a special Positive Noticing Gram for staff. A dedicated notice board was set up in the staffroom where staff could write a "I noticed you..." message to a colleague. These heartfelt notes were then proudly displayed, creating a wall of gratitude and positivity.





KINDNESS ROCKS!

Pupils painted and decorated stones with positive messages, bright colours and uplifting designs!







WORLD KINDNESS DAY

During World Kindness Day some of our pupils and staff wore purple and showed their support by buying and wearing our special Kindness badges and bracelets.

There were lots of fun fundraising activities throughout the day, from Guess the Name of the Teddy to How Many Sweets in the Jar and plenty going on in RE to raise money for such a great cause. Well done to our winners Robert, Joel and Jack.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us, we managed to raise an amazing £1714!













RAISE HER VOICE

Huge congratulations to Grace,
Artemis, and Ayesha for their
fantastic participation in the
Soroptimist Public Speaking Contest
at Stormont. Your confidence,
creativity, and eloquence shone
through, and you represented
Malone College brilliantly.
We're so proud of your hard work
and the way you've inspired
everyone with your voices. Keep
speaking up and making an impact!



WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES

Each week, our students come together for assemblies that inspire, educate, and support their personal growth.

Recently, our sessions have covered a range of important topics — from our Year 8s receiving their Gideon's New Testaments, to Remembrance, antibullying awareness, and exam preparation strategies to help students feel confident and ready for the exams ahead.

We're proud to provide meaningful opportunities for our pupils to learn, reflect, and develop both inside and outside the classroom







PLAYR-FIT SCHOLARSHIP



We are delighted to congratulate Emma and Filip, both Year 11 students, on securing the Elite Athlete Scholarship for 2025–2026, proudly sponsored by Playr-fit. This achievement recognises not only their sporting talent, but also their commitment, discipline, and drive to continually improve. Emma proudly plays for Naomh Eoin GAA, where she competes in both camogie and Gaelic football.

She has been playing since she was just 8 years old, and her passion for sport has only grown stronger over the years.

Filip plays football for Derriaghy, he is the Under 15 goalkeeper. He has been playing for the club for just over a year, and it has been an amazing experience so far for him. He competed in the Foyle cup, placing third, he is also preparing for a County Down trial to play in the Supercup in 2027. We wish Emma and Filip every success as they continue to develop as elite athletes and proudly represent their school and clubs.

FINTAN TAKES TO THE SKY

This year, one of our awesome Year 9 students has officially taken to the skies well, almost by joining the Alpha Tech Pilot Training Programme! This isn't just any flight simulator club. At AlphaPilotAPS, he's learning to "fly" the Airbus A320 just like real airline pilots do.

The programme puts him right in the captain's seat of an airline-style training environment, where he's picking up super-cool skills like working as a team in the cockpit, communicating like a pro, and mastering real Airbus A320 procedures. Alpha Tech follows real Airline Pilot Standards, so he's getting a taste of what life as a future pilot is really like.

We're proud to cheer him on as he starts charting his course toward the skies. Watch this space our next young aviator is already on the runway!



9M'S CHARITY COLLECTION

This term, 9M came together with compassion and teamwork to support women and children in need. They raised an impressive £200 and gathered essential items to create care packages filled with hygiene products and small treats perfect for offering a little comfort just before Christmas.

Students spent two form classes putting the packages together, designed and wrote thoughtful cards to include inside each one. Their messages of kindness encouragement will help brighten the day of every person who receives a bag.

Well done, 9M for your effort and generosity.







CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

The OCN Level 2 Climate Action Group visited St James' Community farm to deliver the tin cans we have been collecting in school for recycling. They learnt how the farm sells the cans to raise funds for animal feed and vet bills. They had the opportunity to learn about sustainability on the farm and a chance to feed the animals.



CHEMISTRY IN ACTION - QUB

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NICIE ANTI BIAS TRAINING

Our staff came together for an inspiring Anti-Bias in Education workshop as part of our journey toward the Excellence in Integrated Education Award. Staff shared thoughtful ideas and practical strategies to make a real difference, building on the amazing work that already happens to encourage Anti-Bias attitudes within our school.

A huge thank you to NICIE for delivering such a wonderful workshop!





SELL BY DATE



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striking right chord the beyond the classroom! Sixthvears Corey and Micah. alongside past-pupil Cameron, have come together to form a band - all completely selftaught musicians with a real passion for their sound. It's inspiring to see their talent. and dedication creativity growing from the ground up. Why not show your support and drop them a wee follow on their socials to keep up with what they're creating next?

> **Our Year 11 students** recently had the exciting opportunity to attend **Chemistry at Work at** Queen's University, Belfast this was a dynamic event designed to showcase real-world chemistry and inspire the next generation of scientists.

> Staff at the event were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive attitude shown by our students. Their participation stood out so much that they were selected for a special award.

> Well done to all of our Year 11 pupils who represented the school so brilliantly, a fantastic achievement!

MS MULLAN DOYLE IN MOROCCO

We're thrilled to be taking part in the UK/Morocco Schools Partnership workshop!

Mrs Mullan-Doyle had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Morocco, where she met our partner school, representatives from the Moroccan Ministry of National Education, the Moroccan British Ambassador, and the National Literacy Trust Together, they explored new ways to strengthen international school partnerships and inspire a love of reading.

We're excited to work with our partner school, HAY HASSANI, on joint activities that spark reading for pleasure and help our pupils learn about each other's cultures through a shared passion for books.





CREDIT UNION COMPETITION WINNERS



A huge thank you to SAG Credit Union Ltd for their generous £400 donation to our school in recognition of our entry and support for this year's art competition - The Future Is. We're incredibly proud of our talented pupils! Ayan for taking 1st place, Ethan 2nd, and Leon 3rd! Their hard work and creativity truly shone, and they were absolutely delighted with their own cash prizes.

Thank you once again to the Credit Union for supporting our voung artists!

MALONE COLLEGE AWARDED TAKE 5 ACCREDITATION AT CITY HALL

Malone College has proudly received the prestigious TAKE 5 Accreditation in a special ceremony held at City Hall, recognising its outstanding commitment to promoting mental health and well-being among students and staff.

In attendance at the event were Mrs. Leslie, Principal of the school, Mrs./ Gilleece, Wellbeing Champion, and two dedicated TAKE 5 Ambassadors, Ellie and Mylie, who have played a vital role in championing the initiative within the school community. The TAKE 5 framework encourages individuals to TAKE 5 encourages us all to:

- **✓** Connect
- **✓** Be Active
- **✓ Take Notice**
- Keep Learning
- **✓** Give







Five simple steps to improve personal well-being. The school's accreditation reflects its proactive approach to embedding these principles into everyday school life, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS WALSH

Congratulations to Miss. H. Walsh on achieving her Master's in Teaching with Distinction. This outstanding accomplishment reflects her dedication to education and to our students. We're incredibly proud — well deserved!



END OF TERM EVENTS

SECRET SANTA STATION

Our Candy Cane Secret Santa Appreciation Station was a sweet success! With festive cheer and heartfelt messages, the station sold over 200 appreciations, spreading gratitude and holiday spirit throughout our community. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this initiative such a joyful hit!









SNOW GLOBE BOOTH FUN

Our photo booth proved to be a huge hit and brought plenty of festive fun to the day! The children loved stepping inside the globe, striking poses. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and excitement as everyone took turns having their photos taken.

The photos were turned into Christmas cards, which the pupils were able to buy and send to their friends and families. It was a lovely way to combine creativity, friendship, and a bit of festive cheer — and the finished cards made a very special keepsake to share this Christmas. Santa even made an appearance and got his photo learning and community spirit, as students shared and explored how different cultures celebrate this spectation time of year, told jokes and read out their poems. We were delighted to welcome parents and guardians to journ to the pupils were able to buy and send to different cultures celebrate this spectation.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY





Christmas Jumper Day marked the start of the festive period in school, with some pupils and staff choosing to take part by wearing Christmas jumpers, festive clothing, or seasonal accessories. Those who did participate helped to add a touch of Christmas cheer to the day and recognise the beginning of the upcoming festivities.

HOME MALONE - YEAR 8 CELEBRATION

Our Year 8 Home Malone event was a wonderful celebration of Christmas and festive traditions from around the world. The morning was filled with creativity, learning and community spirit, as students shared and explored how different cultures celebrate this special time of year, told jokes and read out their poems. We were delighted to welcome parents and guardians to join us, making the event even more enjoyable. It was a fantastic morning and a great example of our school community coming together.









ANNA ROSE - YEAR 9



Huge congratulations to Anna Rose on making the Hall of Fame vet again for her amazing Irish dancing—placing 2nd and 3rd at the Ulster Championships! We are so proud of you—well done!

well done Alex!

ALEX - YEAR 8

A huge well done to Alex for his outstanding

achievements in Irish Dancing - earning, silver in u12 male reel, and bronze in U12 team events! Fantastic work

LX GYMNASTICS

GYMNAST OF THE MONTH

JAKE - YEAR 8

Congratulations to Jake for securing 3rd place at the Irish **Dancing** Championships! Amazing work Jake well done!

AOIFE - YEAR 8

A big congratulations to Aoife for her fantastic results in hip hop dance placing 7th in solo, 2nd in both teams & contemporary. Amazing work Aoife we can't wait to see what else you achieve in dancing!



A - YEAR 10



Eva has earned her purple belt in Ju-Jitsu! Well done Eval What an amazing achievement, congratulations!

DAISY - YEAR 8



to Daisy for being awarded Gymnast of the month in her gymnastics class! A wonderful achievement! Well done Daisy!

Congratulations

determination! **SOPHIE - YEAR 12**

LUCY - YEAR 8

Sophie has once again earned her place in the Hall of Fame with her exceptional Irish dancing achievements! She was the winner of the U15 open traditional cup and winner of all open solos Great way to end the last feis for 2025



Well done to Lucy,

for achieving top

goal scorer and

player of the year for 2025 for Kelvin

Youth FC! A brilliant

accomplishment

and a testament to

hard work and



JOSEPH - YEAR 9



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

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Thursday 15th January, 3.30pm - 7pm









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