MALONE MONTHLY

October 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS LESLIE

What a full and rewarding half-term it has been at Malone! From the Creative Schools Programme and Raise Her Voice Public Speaking to the European Day of Languages and our ever-popular Halloween Disco, there has been no shortage of activity and enthusiasm across the school. It is inspiring to see how wholeheartedly our students and staff embrace these opportunities; the sense of community, warmth, and celebration that fills the corridors of Malone truly brings learning to life.

Of course, alongside the fun has been plenty of hard work. Students have now completed their first assessments of the year, and I know many families will take pride in the Assessment 1 reports. I encourage everyone to use these as a basis for setting targets ahead of the Winter Assessments.

As we reach the half-term break, I would like to wish all our students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and well-deserved holiday.



Happy Halloween

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd November - All pupils return to school, full school day
Thursday 6th November - Appreciation Station begins
Monday 10th November - Odd socks day
Wednesday 12th November - Positive Noticing Day
Thursday 13th November - Kindness Counts Fundraiser events
Monday 10th - Friday 14th November - Antibullying week

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

TikTok

www.malonecollege.org.uk

PEER MENTOR TRAINING WITH TAMHI

Post-16 students have been taking important steps to support mental health in our school community through training sessions with TAMHI (Tackling Awareness of Mental Health Issues). As part of the programme, participants are now training to become peer mentors, ready to provide a listening ear and promote positive wellbeing among other students. The initiative empowers young people to lead by example—helping to reduce stigma, encourage openness, and build a stronger, more supportive school environment.

TAMHI is taking an important step toward ensuring that mental health support is not just available, but led by students, for students.
TAMHI states while they advocate and promote Be Kind... they also champion "Be someone's Hero"









SWEDISH STUDENTS VISIT MALONE

We were delighted to host students and staff from Lundellska Skolan Skrapan School in Sweden during their educational visit to Belfast. The group joined us to learn more about life at Malone College and how integrated education has developed over the years. Our students had the opportunity to connect with our visitors and share school and life experiences. As always, they excelled in their interactions with the visiting pupils, and we are very proud of all those involved!

POST 16 STUDENTS EXPLORE FUTURE PATHWAYS AT SCHOOL SUMMIT NI

Our Post-16 students recently visited the Eikon Centre to attend the School Summit NI, an event focused on future career choices. Students gained valuable insights into further education, apprenticeships, and employment options to help them make informed decisions for their futures.





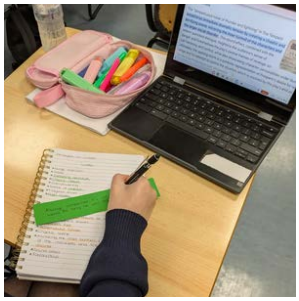
POST 16 STUDENTS ADVICE SESSION



Our Post 16 students held an advice session where Year 14 pupils answered questions and gave advice to Year 13 pupils on a range of Post 16 topics such as A-Level revision techniques, positive mental health, how to meet coursework and exam deadlines, the importance of physical activities, and the benefits of using study periods.
Well done to everyone involved!



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY







To mark World Mental Health Day, our post-16 students came together to celebrate health, resilience, and awareness in a wonderful display of unity and positivity. Each student created a unique positive affirmation on a strip of green card-a symbol of mental health, and linked them together to form a powerful chain of support, reminding everyone that we are stronger together.

Adding some fun and sunshine to the day, Miss McBride hosted a few lively games of yellow bingo under the warm glow of yellow lighting — representing children's mental health. The event was a joyful reminder of the importance of kindness, connection, and caring for our mental well-being.

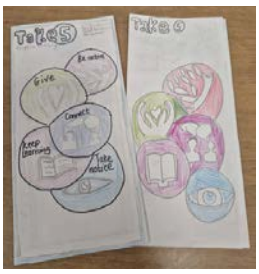




TAKE 5 WITH 9O

Mrs. Montgomery's form class 9O has been focusing on the importance of looking after their well-being as part of our Take 5 initiative. During their form time, students explored the five steps to well-being: connect, be active, keep learning, give, and take notice. They put their ideas into action and designed and created their own Take 5 leaflets. Well done, 9O!





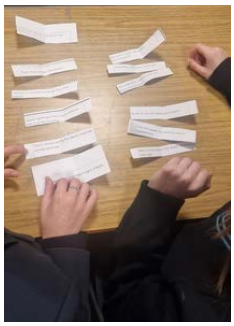




RE AND GEOGRAPHY CROSS CURRICULAR PROJECT

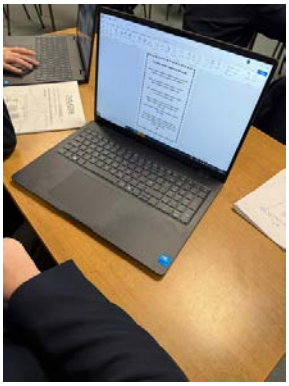


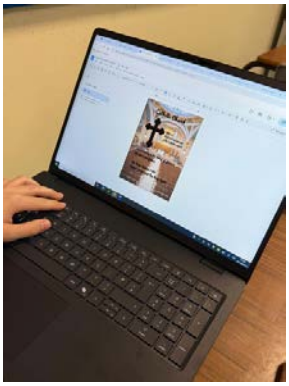
Ms. McConville has been working on a cross-curricular project with Year 9 students, combining RE and Geography. They have been collaborating to think of ways that churches could improve the environment and combat climate change.

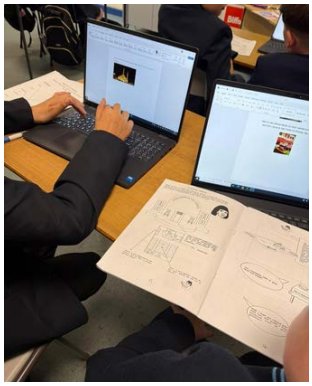


YEAR 8 PUPILS EXPLORE PLACES OF WORSHIP

Our Year 8 pupils have been working hard in preparation for their visits to a variety of places of worship. As part of their study of worship across different faiths, the pupils will explore a range of diverse traditions and beliefs.







CREATIVE SCHOOLS EXHIBITION

Over the past two years, our amazing Year 8 and 9 students have participated in the Creative Schools Programme, working alongside the incredibly talented artists Ruth Osborne and Marie Louise Gormley.

This journey has been about so much more than creativity; it has been a powerful exploration of teamwork, confidence, self-esteem, and mental health and wellbeing. Through printing, felt-making, and collaboration, our students have grown, learned, and flourished together.

This term, we proudly celebrated their incredible achievements with a special exhibition as part of Good Relations Week, connecting our local community and showcasing the phenomenal artwork created over these two years. The pieces—and the creative process behind them—are nothing short of inspiring. Huge thanks to everyone involved for making this experience so meaningful for both students and staff.









QUEENS JUNIOR ACADEMY PROGRAMME

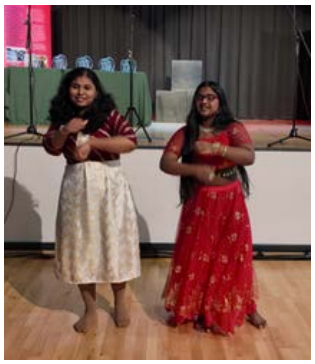
Our pupils had a great time at Queens, continuing the Junior Academy Programme. This session was a creative writing and poetry masterclass—a great opportunity to explore different forms of writing, experiment with poetic techniques, and experience wonderful learning at Queens University.



CARSON AWARD WINNERS

Our school is proud to have been named winners of the Carson Awards this year! Our winning entry was a powerful video that explored culture and identity, highlighting the many ways we celebrate inclusion and diversity throughout the year. From cultural events to classroom projects and student-led initiatives, the video showcased how our school community values and embraces the unique backgrounds and stories that make us who we are. We were also delighted to be invited to open the award ceremony, performing a vibrant cultural presentation alongside a musical and choir performance, which made the occasion even more special and memorable for everyone involved.







MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Maths Week Ireland kicked off with assemblies held the previous week, featuring fun competitions where pupils solved maths challenges on the spot to win sweet treats. During Maths Week itself, form classes were given daily challenges to complete, with prizes awarded to the top-performing class in each year group. One of the highlights was that Year 8 students took part in a treasure hunt with their maths teachers, groups competed to find clues and the winning team in each class received a special prize.








WEAR RED DAY

On Friday, 17th October, we took part in celebrating Wear Red Day, an initiative led by Show Racism the Red Card. Pupils and staff showed their support by wearing red clothing and accessories to stand together against racism and promote equality.

The event was a vibrant display of unity, with the whole school community participating to highlight the importance of respect, inclusion, and celebrating diversity.

Malone Integrated College is proud to continue supporting campaigns that encourage understanding and help create a more inclusive society for everyone.




GET INTO NURSING EVENT

Our pupils enjoyed attending the 'Get into Nursing' event, run by Liverpool John Moores University. Students discovered everything the university has to offer and interacted with nursing student mentors and staff at various workstations, including Basic Life Support, VR Technology using Oxford Medical Simulation, Venepuncture, Nasogastric Tube Insertion, Catheterization, Wound Care/Aseptic Non-Touch Technique, Injection Techniques, Mental Health in the Community: The Impact of Drugs & Alcohol, and Realistic Simulation in our Mobile Hospital Bay. This was a fantastic morning all around for students.






MRS MOORE WINS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD





We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that our former Principal Mrs. Moore, has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Pastoral Care from the National Association for Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE). This prestigious award recognises her outstanding dedication, compassion, and lifelong commitment to nurturing the wellbeing and development of young people throughout her career.

Although Mrs Moore could not attend the awards ceremony in person — she is currently enjoying a well-deserved retirement adventure travelling the legendary Route 66 across the United States — we were delighted that Mrs. McDermott was able to attend the event and graciously accept the award on her behalf.

This recognition is a fitting tribute to her remarkable contribution to our school community and to pastoral education as a whole. Her leadership, warmth, and tireless support have left an enduring legacy that continues to inspire staff and students alike.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Moore on this wonderful achievement and wish her every joy on her travels and in her well-earned retirement.

RAISE HER VOICE COMPETITION

On 21st October, Ms. Dutton launched "Raise Her Voice," a competition giving girls in Years 12 and 13 a platform to speak passionately about issues that matter to them. Speeches addressed a variety of topics, from the importance of the ocean to our planet to social media being a driving force of misogyny. Each speech was thoughtful, confident, and deeply inspiring. The event celebrated not only the power of public speaking but also the strength, intelligence, and leadership of our senior students.

A sincere thanks go to Ms. Leslie and Miss McGloin for joining Ms. Dutton in judging, and to the parents and staff who came along to show their support.

Deciding on a top three proved incredibly challenging, but after careful deliberation, we are delighted to congratulate Artemis, Ayesha, and Grace in Year 12, who will go on to represent the school in the Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition in Stormont this November.

We couldn't be more proud of every pupil who took part!

OCN CLIMATE CLASS

Generation Green School and Business in the Community NI have presented a series of workshops on climate change, reducing waste, sustainable energy and biodiversity to our OCN Climate class. Students listened to experts explain how we can reduce our environmental impact and shared their experiences to inspire students.









HALLOWEEN FUN IN MALONE

BOO!

HALLOWEEN COOKERY









Malone was full of spooky excitement this Halloween as students across different year groups got creative in the kitchen!

The Afterschool Junior Cookery Club kicked off the celebrations with a hands-on baking session, where pupils made their very own Halloween spooky buns and shortbread. The young bakers showed fantastic imagination — and enjoyed a few tasty treats along the way!

The Post-16 Enrichment Classes also joined in the Halloween spirit. Students put their cookery and design skills to the test, creating themed snacks.

STAFF AND STUDENT DRESS UP DAY

Students and staff celebrated a day of festive fun! Costumes of every kind—from silly to spooky, classic to clever—filled the halls, making the day one to remember. Staff joined in on the fun, showcasing their own imaginative outfits and sharing smiles with students throughout the day.

The day was packed with laughter, photo opportunities, and a wonderful sense of community. It was a great reminder that school spirit can be as magical as a costume!







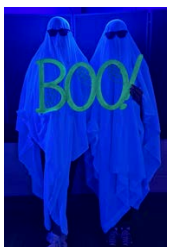

NEON JUNIOR DISCO

Our hall was transformed into a glowing wonderland for our Neon Halloween Disco, and what a night it was! From flashing lights to dazzling costumes, the energy was electric as pupils danced, laughed, and celebrated in true Halloween style.

Inspired by Diwali's celebration of light, the event combined spooky fun with a splash of neon magic. The hall glowed with colourful decorations, glowing bracelets, and UV lights that made every costume shine brighter than ever.

The evening was packed with excitement — from costume competitions to dance-offs that had everyone cheering.















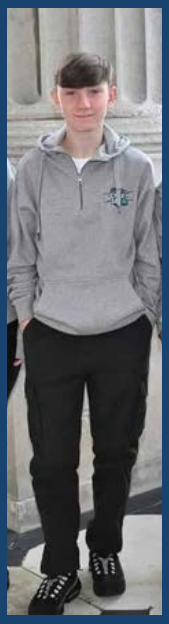
Hall Of Fame

ANNA ROSE - YEAR 9



Anna Rose stole the show at the North Belfast Championships, winning four first-place titles in Irish dancing. We are incredibly proud of her dedication, skill, and achievements!
Well done!

ETHAN - YEAR 11



We are delighted to congratulate Ethan, who was invited to attend roundtable discussions at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, on Wednesday, 8 October.

The event, focused on online safety, young people led the discussions—sharing their own experiences and ideas on how best to protect children online.
Ethan's participation in this important event is a fantastic achievement, providing a unique opportunity to influence real policy and practice around online safety.

Well done, Ethan—we are incredibly proud of you and look forward to seeing the positive impact of your contribution!

KEEVA, KYLA & AMIRA- YEAR 8, 9, 10



A huge congratulations to Keeva, Kyla, and Amira, who travelled to Tralee on 3 October to compete in the All-Ireland Hip Hop Championships with their dance group. The talented trio and their team gave an incredible performance, earning an amazing second place in the All-Ireland Champions 2025!

All three girls also shone in their solo, duo, and trio categories, each securing a place in the top four — a fantastic achievement!

This latest success follows on from their outstanding win earlier this year, when Studio 5 Hip Hop were crowned National Champions 2025 in Manchester back in March.

We are so proud of Keeva, Kyla, and Amira for their dedication, teamwork, and passion for dance — a true inspiration to everyone in our school community. Well done, girls!

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

Hall Of Fame

EMILY - YEAR 9

Well done to Emily, who has finished this season of the Irish National BMX series in 3rd place overall. She will be attending an awards ceremony in Dublin in December to pick up her trophy. Emily also had the opportunity to attend a training session at the Lucan track in Dublin with none other than Olympic medalist and World Champion Bethany Shriever, who was more than happy to stop for a photo at the end. Well done, Emily! We are looking forward to continuing to follow your BMX journey.





LILIANNA - YEAR 10

Congratulations to Year 10 pupil Lilianna, who recently took part in trials to join the Northern Ireland U14 Football Squad. We are thrilled to announce that she has earned a place on the team! We're incredibly proud of her achievement and can't wait to see what comes next in her football journey.



FUTSAL COMPETITION



Our year 10/11 boys & girls took part in a Futsal tournament in Shankill Leisure Centre. They competed well against teams from all over Belfast, winning several of their matches and showing excellent skill and tenacity which hopefully is enough to earn them a place at the Futsal finals in November. Their conduct both on and off the court was exemplary; they are a credit to our College



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL MATCH

Well done to our Year 8 footballers on their first game against All Saints College. It was a great match played in the right spirit. Special mention goes to Jack for his five goals!!



GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS SPEAK AT IEF EVENT



Our Year 13 Geography students attended the IEF Good Relations Week event, "Integrated Education: Connecting People, Planet, and Peace." Students spoke at the event, sharing the work we do across the curriculum and the actions of the eco team.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

WE NEED YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES!

Please help us raise vital funds for our school by supporting our Cashforclobber campaign in partnership with Cookstown Textile Recyclers and Eco Schools NI. Your support makes a difference!

WE ACCEPT

Men's clean clothing
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The more bags we collect the more money we raise to support our school, so please fill as many bags as you can.
Please leave all bags to the main office before Friday 21st November 2025

KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL ECO-SCHOOLS

Cookstown Textile Recyclers

Donate your empty cans to help us recycle!!





We can help raise money for St James's Community Farm



SOME DETAILS:

WHO:
• 21 POST-16 PUPILS
WHEN:
• JUNE 2026
FOR HOW LONG:
• PUPILS WILL STAY IN MALAGA FOR 19 NIGHTS
WHY:
• STUDENTS WILL UNDERTAKE WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE SPORTS, LEISURE, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRIES; THEY WILL BUILD SOCIAL AND LIFE SKILLS AND WILL GAIN CULTURAL CAPITAL.

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