



# Maltings Newsletter

To make our best better

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## Weekly Message From The Principal

It is hard to believe that we have almost come to the end of our first year as an academy. Time has gone by so fast, which must be a good sign! In our first year we have achieved a great deal. We began the year with our existing buildings being improved and we now look forward to next year when the construction of our brand new building will begin. We now have an academy where behaviour has improved significantly, and all the visitors who are taken on tours comment on the high standards of behaviour and respect that they see. The excellent curriculum that we now have helps all our students to enjoy their learning much more than in the past. In particular the new EEL courses in year 7 and the college course provision in years 10 and 11 have been very well received. All these things combined should enable us to look forward to some excellent results at the end of the summer holiday when they are published.

Finally, may I thank everyone connected with Maltings Academy for all their hard work and commitment over the past year. I have really valued the support of parents and I trust that we can look forward to an even more successful year in 2009-10. In the meantime, I hope that you all have a great summer and that we might all benefit from some good weather!

## EEL Update

On Friday 12 June, the year 7 Castle students visited Orford Castle in Suffolk as part of their EEL programme. The students' task was to assess how well defended the castle was from attack. This involved climbing in holes to see how thick the walls were, as well as running across the earth works to see their impact on attackers. Students were able to see all they had learnt in the classroom put in place in the castle.

It was a great day spent investigating which will be followed up by investigating Framlingham Castle in Suffolk.

William Harrison and Sean Sheldrick outside Orford Castle.



## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open after school on Mondays to Thursdays until 4pm until 15 July. It will also be open from 11am to 2pm on 16 and 17 July 2009 and between 11am and 2pm on Tuesday 1 September 2009.

If you require further information please contact Mrs Wallace on 01376 512911 extension 237.

# Duke of Edinburgh Weekend 6 and 7 June 2009

"Wakey wakey happy camper!" my best friend text me at 7am in the morning. It was my wake up call and the day of the Duke of Edinburgh hike.

Saturday morning and I was packed and raring to go. At 9am we were all told to meet at Danbury car park. What was in front of us was our expedition, exploring, occasionally getting lost and a weekend packed full of laughter and fun!

Once we had all met, we were put into two groups and went on our separate routes. During our walk we had to collect, observe or review the place for our projects and to then present our findings later on.

Anyway, half way through our hike we realised that we had started at the wrong camps but it was alright as we eventually found our barings. In the evening, once tents had been put up, cooked our dinner on trarjears (an all in one kettle, pots, pans, bowls, etc.) a game of rounders was quickly assembled. Eventually we closed our tents to a sunset lowering into the distance.

However, in the morning we woke up to rain, rain and more rain! Due to the weather the hike was cancelled for this day and parents were contacted to come and collect us. We all got very wet but it was all part of the experience. I can't wait for the next one in July!

By Danielle Cardy

## Summer Activities

### Book now for your summer holiday drop in sessions at Danbury, Mersea, Harlow Outdoors & Bradwell!!

Throughout the summer holidays we will be offering a number of multi-activity days in our centres. Choose from Climbing, Archery, Biking, High Ropes and much more. Pre-book your days by calling the centre you wish to attend.

Mersea: 01206 383226 / Danbury: 01245 223342 / Harlow: 01279 620270 / Bradwell: 01621 776256

**NEW** this year are weekend drop-in sessions at Danbury. Over the summer months Danbury will be offering Quad Biking and Tree Top Ropes Course drop-in sessions. Three slots will be available throughout the day, at:

0930hrs - 1130hrs, 1230hrs - 1430hrs, 1530hrs - 1730hrs

All participants must be over the age of 12 and must have parental consent for the activity if under 18. Parents are welcome to join in on these sessions with their children. Full instruction and supervision is provided throughout.

\*All sessions must be booked in advance by calling the centre of your choice.\*

## NOMAD

### Delivering Mission in a Cage

The Nomad 2-on-2 football cage will be back with us on Monday, Tuesday and in the Witham carnival on Saturday

They are running a special collection for children in Kenya of old replica shirts, socks, shorts. If you have any you have grown out of and/or would like to donate, please give them to the team.

## Dates to Remember..

10 July - Year 7 French Trip

15 July — LAST DAY OF TERM **FINISH AT 1PM**

**2 September—FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM**

### FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

- Year 7 students start at 8.20am, normal time. Years 8 to 13 need to be in school for 11.00am.