



Maltings Newsletter

To make our best better

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Weekly Message From The Principal

You may have seen the coverage in the local press regarding the successful acquisition of planning permission for the new academy building. The planning committee of Braintree District Council was wholesome in their praise for the way that the whole planning procedure has been managed by the sponsor. The first sod will be dug in the New Year with the completion date set for 31 August 2011. My thanks go to Mr Gee, Vice Principal, who has managed the process for the Academy together with Mrs McLeod, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, who has been the governor representative on the Design User Group. My thanks also go to Mr Redmond, Facilities Director for the sponsor, The AET, for his advice and support to everyone concerned at the academy during the whole planning stage.

The Academy laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service at the Witham Epitaph during a very somber and moving ceremony. Prior to the laying of the wreath several students took part in the memorial march through the streets of Witham. My thanks go to Mrs Leatherdale for organising this for the Academy.



In the run up to our Christmas celebration, we are again taking an active part in the Shoe Box appeal this year, co-ordinated by the Operation Christmas Child Charity. Last year we collected 70 boxes – hopefully we can top that this year. Leaflets are available giving details as to the items to collect – all of them are simple and inexpensive – but make a huge difference to children who have almost nothing.

We are also collecting “box fillers” for those who aren’t able to complete a whole box but do want to help. Items like soap bars, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sweets (with an “eat by date” after March 2010) stationery (pens/pencils/pencil cases etc.) are REALLY useful for filling out boxes at the packing station.

This year the boxes will be going to Kyrgyzstan and boxes and fillers need to be at the sorting office by November 20th. If you are putting together a box as a family or tutor group, please don’t forget the £2.50 for transportation costs, which can be gift aided. The leaflet has details of this. I will collect boxes from the academy – please pass them to me or the Finance office.

Many thanks for your involvement and support – every box donated makes an amazing Christmas present for a child in Kyrgyzstan!

Mr Mugford

Maltings Academy students conquer the Fairplay House climbing wall



On Thursday 8 October 2009, thirteen year 12 students visited the London Borough of Newham's Outdoor Education Centre, Fairplay House, located in Wickham Bishops.

The group were blessed with a sunny day and benefited from expert tuition from the experienced instructor leading their activity session, which taught them techniques in climbing, belaying and abseiling.

All 13 Maltings Academy students attempted a number of tricky ascents on the artificial wall, which included an impressive overhang.

Ashleigh Jones and Amy McLean overcame their fear of heights and successfully ascended a number of climbs with varying difficulty levels. Jordan Platt tied knots with ease and climbed confidently and efficiently with good technique. Ollie Needham, Callan Rushen, Calvin O'Dowd and Jordan Platt made gallant attempts to conquer the most difficult climb with the overhang but the wall was unforgiving and they couldn't get over the final ledge.

Adam Hewitt, Connor Holland, Chris Field, David Smith and Jack Harris were among the many who performed consistently well and communicated effectively with the climbers, boosting their confidence.

James Ambrose, Jamie Panting and all the other students tested their nerve whilst participating in these outdoor and adventurous activities and found the day tiring yet rewarding.

The group will be canoeing next week and are hoping to pass their BCU level One award. Both practical activities form part of their Outdoor Education unit for their BTEC level 3 award.

Job Vacancies

Relief Kitchen Assistant

We require a kitchen assistant to work on an occasional basis (as and when required). To assist as directed, with all aspects of the preparation of food and beverages to the standards required by the academy. Previous experience is required. Closing date for applications is 20 November 2009. Salary details: £6.29 per hour.

Cleaning Operative

Morning or afternoon shifts available working either 0600 to 0800hrs or 1430hrs to 1730hrs depending on the day of the week, Monday to Friday inclusive. To carry out a variety of cleaning duties within the academy facilities. Closing date for applications is 23 November 2009. Salary details: £6.29 per hour plus holiday pay.

For application forms and job descriptions please telephone 01376 512911, email: jjoiner@maltingsacademy.org or see vacancies at www.maltingsacademy.org.

The Maltings Academy is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. A Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure at Enhanced level will be required for both posts.

Dates To Remember...

25 November - TARGET SETTING DAY

17 December - Year 13 Presentation Evening (7.00 p.m.)

