



Welcome to the Maltings Sports Star

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Students Visit Wembley Stadium

On Tuesday 24th March, as part of our Travel and Tourism course, we took 30 students to Wembley Stadium in London for a guided tour around the national stadium. We left at around 9:30 and arrived at Wembley for around 11:00, and after having lunch we met our tour guide, Paul. Paul took us around the stadium, and showed us everything there was to see. We were taken to the very top tier of the stadium so we could get some pictures, we went to the changing rooms of the England Team, to the press conference room, all the way down to pitch side, sat in both the home and away dugouts, and walked the 108 steps up to the Royal Box where we were allowed to hold the 5th ever FA Cup, the same one that Portsmouth lifted when they won the competition last year. Finally, we were taken outside to see the



Sir Bobby Moore statue, and this is where our tour finished. After the students raided the shop, we were back on the coach and arrived home at around 15:30. Thank you to all the students who went you behaved impeccably and represented the school superbly, and thank you to Mr Ambrose, Mr Lowe and Mrs Buckle, who came along with us.
Alex Gress & Katherine Holroyd.



Rugby Team Receives Sponsorship



Edge Construction in London has very kindly sponsored £400.00 towards the South Africa Tour this summer.

The rugby squad attended a promotional photo shoot on Wednesday 25th March 2009, to say thank you to the management at Edge Construction.

Darren Smith of Edge Construction, father of Jack Smith, a student going on the tour, arranged the sponsorship. The money will be used to provide all the boys on tour with rugby kit.

On behalf of Maltings Academy and the tour party, we would like to thank Edge Construction for their kind contribution.

Latest News: **Emerging Schools Hockey at Redbridge Leisure Centre**

The Boys came 3rd and the Girls came 4th

Players of the Match:
Georgia Cameron and Leigh Mitchell

We took two teams to the emerging schools hockey tournament. The boys team played some great stuff. Captain **Leigh Mitchell** led by example and made tackle after tackle. **Aaron Hunt** was brilliant in between the stick making some fine saves and was backed up by **Mark Leah** and **Adam Bennett** and **Adam Abell** in defence. While **Luke Wheeler**, **Alfie Manley** and **Dylan Grant** teamed up well. Both **Alfie Manley** & **Mark Leah** scored great goals. The girls were also excellent. **Georgia Cameron** in particular was superb making some pin point passing whilst **Megan Flexon** played well in defence making some important blocks. **Hannah Willison** made some great saves whilst **Louise Rudd** and **Rhona James** did not stop working. Well done to both teams. A special thanks to Mr Godard for taking the boys teams and to Mr Abell for his support.

11 Girls netball v PE staff
PE Staff won 22-18

Players of the match: Year 11's
Trudy Jones PE Staff Mr Webster

The year 11 netball team played their last game as a team and only lost their second game of the season to an outstanding PE Dept side. The year 11's had to draft in two players as exam revision and coursework deadlines stopped **Beth Vale** and **Chloe Martin Smith**. However, the girls played some ringers who were very influential during the game. **Trudy Jones** was even able to ref and play at the same time, whilst **Ashleigh Jones** and **Taylor Jones** also played well in many different positions. **Hayley Greenhalgh** had her hands full with trying to mark **Mr Lee** and **Mr Garrard**. **Ellie Besford** tried her best at one point to halt **Mr Garrard** but was well and truly flattened. **Miss Dey** was excellent and started off many attacks for the staff team. The game was close though with the girls winning at half time, but the difference between the two teams was **Mr Webster's** sharp shooting.

A special Thanks To **Mrs Jones** and **Mrs Greenhalgh** for the support and coaching of the side since year 7!

Student Spotlight: Ellie Besford

Ellie, currently in Year 11 at Maltings Academy, was 11 when she began athletics. By the age of 12 she was involved in pole vaulting. Since then Ellie has started training at Chelmsford Athletics Club.

Ellie was interested in the sport after she took part in District sport competitions at school. She currently trains 4 times a week and last year represented England in a competition against Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Recently Ellie competed in a national competition and came 4th.

Ellie is dedicated to achieving personal bests and being successful. She recommends her sport as you get to meet lots of new people and it is a good way to a sporty lifestyle. Her role model is Yelena Isinbayeva, a Russian athlete and world record holder for pole vaulting.



Ellie's greatest achievement is coming 2nd in a team for England. Her ambition is to compete for Great Britain. Good luck at future sporting events, Ellie!

JSLA Students in The Community

The JSLA (Junior Sports Leaders Award) students have been involved in several successful events, which have seen them work with younger students from local primary schools. The students have shown enthusiasm towards helping the younger students improve a variety of sporting skills.



District Football Tournament

Maltings Academy held a district football tournament on the 25th February, which was organised and run by 6 JSLA students from year 10:

Stuart Chaplin
Ryan McCormack
Adam Smith
Joe Wheeler
Ryan Scofield
Robbie Bennett

Year 7 Students Involved:

Tommy Johnson, Tommy King, Ryan Mangan, Luke Wheeler, Adam Bennett, Billy Murdoch, George Anderson, Dom Rogers, Eddie Newton, Sam English, Dylan Grant, Elliot Boyd, Leon Mallon, Alfie Manley, Danny Mitchell, Leigh Mitchell and Mark Leah.

Rugby Match Reports

Year 7 Rugby Tournament at New Rickstones Academy. 12/03/09.

Players of the Tournament:
Keith Willmott and Dom Rogers

The Team: Keith Willmott, Alfie Manley, Dom Rogers, Leon Mallon, Sam English, Luke Wheeler, Adam Bennett, Eddie Newton

The year 7s were superb throughout the whole tournament. In the first game, our boys blew Alec Hunter away with a 15-0 win. **Luke Wheeler, Adam Bennett** and captain **Keith Willmott** scored the tries.

We had to play Honywood in our next game and fell behind quickly. But there was some great ball carrying and passing out of the tackle by **Leon Mallon** and **Sam English**, which provided space for **Dom Rogers** and **Alfie Manley** to combine.

Manley's blistering pace took over the try area to make it 5-5. However, a later try for Honywood sealed the game for them.

Next up was our game against Hedingham, who had won all their games so far.

We had a great start, **Eddie Newton** was especially superb and we gave Hedingham a scare with a try from **Bennett**. However, the boys started to tire and Hedingham broke through our defence to make it 10-5 to them, which ended our tournament.

BUT...our boys were not done yet and offered to play New Rickstones in a friendly match. Lots of the boys knew each other from outside school, which made for a great encounter. Both sides played really well with Maltings just edging the game, with tries from **Willmott** and **Wheeler**.

Year 7 Vs Alec Hunter.
17/03/09.

Won 25-10

Players of the Match:
Luke Wheeler and Eddie Newton

The boys won this match convincingly, even with some key players missing.

Keith Willmott, Eddie Newton and **Luke Wheeler** drove the team forward. **Leon Mallon, Tommy Johnson** and **Tommy King** supported these lads, hitting home straight lines.

Debutant **Joe McGee** and **Danny Wilkey** were excellent with some great tackles, whilst **Aaron Hunt** made some great runs, all the way to the try line.

Alfie Manley kept the game at a good pace at scrum hour, with some surging runs and accurate passing.

The move of the day came through a great run by **Newton**, who 'offloaded' in the tackle, which allowed **Johnson** to score.

Well done to all boys who took part.

Year 7 Vs Honywood.
League Game.
19/03/09.

Lost 30-00

Players of the Match:
Alex Murray and Aaron Hunt

The year 7's were confident after their impressive display at Alec Hunter. However, we come up against a very strong opponent, who dictated the game and was a constant threat.

Our defensive play was excellent, with some great tackles made. **Keith Willmott, Luke Wheeler** and **Leon Mallon** all put in some big hits.

Michael Challis was excellent throughout the game and made some excellent runs. **Alfie Manley** was his usual superb self, also making some great runs from scrum half.

However, our support play was not good enough on the day and ball runners were not supported quick enough at the breakdown. We just could not retain the ball to make inroads in to the Honywood defence.

Essex 7's Rugby. Annual Tournament. Year 9.

Within the whole tournament, which is open to all secondary schools in Essex, the boys finished up ranking 11th.

Player of the Tournament (nominated by the team): Jake Jackman

A squad of 12 players represented Maltings Academy at New Hall School, in Chelmsford. The team was up against some of the strongest teams in Essex, many of which have national reputations.

The first match was against Great Baddow. The boys played well, but unfortunately were not able to break through a very strong defence. Baddow were the winners at the end by 7 tries. In the second match the team was up against the tournament favourites and, despite some good breaks and some hard rucking, the opposition again won. Due to one of the teams leaving early, the Maltings Academy boys got through the quarter finals and were placed against the host school, in the Plate semi-final. This was by far the best match that the boys played. Despite some good hard running from the captain **Danny Hamilton** and some cutting runs from **Cameron Edwards**, the boys again succumbed to the pressure of a better team.

Football: District 7-a-Side Tournament

Girls Years 7 and 8.
Away. 24/03/09.

Lost

Year 7 Players of the Match:
Baileigh Willsher and Ellie Watkins

Year 8 Players of the Match:
Sophie Preca and Chloe Jackson

The district under 14 football tournament took place on Tuesday 24th March. Although this was a year 9 tournament, we entered a year 7 team and a year 8 team.

The year 8 team had their first game against Tabor. The girls played well and won 1-0, with a fantastic goal by **Chloe Jackson**.

The second game was against Hedingham, who had a strong team playing. The girls fought hard to keep it at 0-0, with one minute left until the whistle. **Taylor Jones** scored a fantastic power shot that **Chloe Nevill** was unable to save. Well done **Jones**, fantastic goal, but wrong net! Then came the whistle, we lost 1-0.

The final game was against New Rickstones Academy. NRA had a strong team of year 9s, but our girls worked hard and managed to hold onto a draw of 0-0.

The year 7 team had their first game against Tabor. They played well, scoring 3 goals. The scorers were **Ellie Watkins**,

Georgia Raby and **Celine Thomson**. The final score was 3-0.

Their next game was against Alec Hunter, who had a team of year 9s. Maltings did themselves proud and, although they lost 2-0, they played well.

The final game was against Ramsey. A silly mistake in defence saw Maltings 1-0 down in the first few minutes. The girls worked hard but could not find the back of the net. The game resulted in a final score of 1-0.

Years 10 Boys Vs Alec Hunter.
25/03/09.

Won 52-12

Player of the Match: Ryan McCormack

The boys played extremely well and dominated the game. **Ryan Lane** and **Ryan Parsley** scored consistently, whilst **Danny Stocking** shot a memorable jump shot. **Adam Smith** and **Ben Fairs** were their usual busy selves, stealing lots of ball and getting on the score sheet. **Joe Wheeler**, **Mitchell Flatts** and **Ryan McCormack** were effective at both ends of the court, rebounding well and driving to score at the basket with ease.

The best move of the match came through a magical pass from **Wheeler**, which split the defence open and allowed the impressive **Ryan Scofield** to finish with a tidy lay up.

A special thanks to Mr Farrow for his continued support and to **Luke Wheeler** for scoring the match.

Basketball Match Reports

Years 7 Girls Vs Alec Hunter. League Game.

Won 30-0

Player of the Match: Georgia Raby

After the huge victory by the year 8 team on the 16th (see adjacent match report), the year 7's were hoping they could keep up the performance levels.

The team have not played together for a while, so were a bit rusty, but some sharp shooting from **Georgia Raby** and great defensive play from **Celine Thomson** saw the year 7 team dominate the game from the start. **Annabel Dean** caught many rebounds and also scored well. **Ella Martin-Smith** passed the ball and assisted many scoring plays and **Erin Bristow** defended well and scored the basket of the day.

Years 8 Girls Vs Alec Hunter. League Game.
16/03/09.

Won 38-0

Player of the Match: Karis Webb

The year 8 basketball team had another fixture, this time against Alec Hunter.

The girls had not had a match for a while, but performed well as a team.

Sophie Preca was superb and dribbled past the defence with some brilliant crossovers. **Abbie Watkinson** and **Chloe Nevill** were excellent at both ends of the court, grabbing rebounds and scoring freely. **Taylor Jones** was her usual busy self, 'stealing' lots of ball opportunities, whilst **Karis Webb** hardly missed a shot.

Netball Match Reports: Year 11

Essex cup quarter final at Colchester County High School.

Away. 10/03/09.

Won 27-24

Players of the Match: Ashleigh Jones and Chloe Martin-Smith

Congratulations to the year 11 girls who played probably the most exciting game of netball ever seen at Maltings Academy.

With an amazing crowd of supporters the girls did not disappoint! They won the game in style, but left it nail biting close in the last two minutes before they ensured their victory.

There was some excellent shooting from **Ashleigh Jones** and **Chloe Martin-Smith**, supported by first-class attacking play from **Ellie Besford** and **Hayley Greenhalgh** and defensive work to match from **Beth Vale**, **Gemma Gorrie** and **Hannah Whybrew**.

Check out below to see how the girls did when they faced the reigning National Champions in the semi-final...



Essex cup semi-final Vs Chelmer Valley High.

24/03/09.

Lost 38-17

Players of the Match: Gemma Gorrie and Ellie Besford

For the first time this entire year, the team lost, but gracefully and to the amazing (and extremely tall!) Chelmer Valley High Netball Team, who had just finished their National Tour.

Despite the fact that no year group from our school has ever made it past the first round of the

Essex Cup before, the year 11 girls have made history by reaching the **final four teams** left in the tournament, out of a possible 128 schools in Essex, which is an amazing accomplishment.

The PE department are extremely proud of the girls and has challenged them to a Year 11 Vs teachers match before they leave Maltings Academy! 😊

League cup Final Vs Honywood Community College. 17/03/09.

Won 28-14

Players of the Match: Beth Vale and Hayley Greenhalgh

The girls have done it again! For the third year in a row, the Year 11's have retained their title as league champions for the North West Essex District. Beating Honywood comfortably, the girls gave their fans something to cheer about.

Stopping the Honywood attack at all times was the Maltings excellent defence, with **Beth Vale** and **Gemma Gorrie**.

At the other end of the court the shooting was fantastic and Maltings Academy pulled away with the lead to win the title. Miss Mitchell is very proud of all the gurlies! 😊

Rugby Match Reports Continued

**Year 10/11 Rugby League
Game Vs Alec Hunter.**
23/03/09.

Won 12-5

**Tries: Adam Smith and
Joe Jackson**
Conversion: Ryan Scofield

**Players of the Match:
Adam Smith and Joe Jackson**

The boys learnt a lot in their recent defeat by Honeywood and came back with a bang. The pack were a menace, winning the majority of rucks and mauls and turning over good ball.

Adam Smith, **James Henson** and **Mitchell Ridsdale** put their bodies on the line on many occasions. Our line out was superb with **Joe Jackson** and **Henson** plucking the ball out of the air, like Paul O'Connell of Ireland.

Often our pack won ball over Alec Hunter. **Mitchell Flatts** and **James Leach** came off the bench and got stuck into the action with a great performance.

Our back line had some more experience for this game and **Ollie Beavis** gave us some direction, alongside **Tom Norton** in the centre. **Paul Cannon** was inspirational and gave quick ball to **Ryan Scofield**, who played like Gerry Guscott at times!

It was **Scofield's** step and good hands who set up hooker **Adam Smith** (AKA Keith Wood) to drive over the line.

The second try was scored by **Joe Jackson**, who chased a well placed kick and converted in the corner.



A much better performance, well done to the whole squad.

A special thanks to parents and staff for their support and to match referee Mr Garrard.

**Year 10/11 Rugby League
Game Vs Notley.**
05/03/09.

Lost 25-12

Tries: Andy Harrison x2
Conversion: Ryan Scofield

Player of the Match: Andy Harrison

The boys travelled to Notley in big numbers, with high spirits, and started extremely well, keeping Notley out with some resilient defending.

James Henson at full-back had a great game, covering the back line with some last ditch tackling and surging runs. Our pack coped well against a big and



experienced Notley pack, many of whom play club rugby.

Andy Harrison directed our forwards well. **Mitchell Ridsdale** was aggressive in the tackle, as was **Reece Cashman** and **James Leach**. **Sam Greenhalgh** was like a man possessed at times, making tackle after tackle. **Ben Fairs** played well at scrum half with some good passing, whilst **Mitchell Flatts** often

had the better of his man on the wing.

However, it was Notley who scored first, going over in the corner. We replied quickly as **Andy Harrison** piled over with an unstoppable drive. Notley finished off late in the second half, as they seemed to have more energy left. Well done to the whole squad for a very promising performance.

Maltings Sports Star - Teams and Players of the Week

Team of the Week		Players of the Week
25th-27th February	Year 7 football teams. Both teams entered into the competition reached the finals and were crowned runners up.	Tommy Johnson Sam English
2nd-6th March	Year 10/11 rugby team for a great performance against Notley.	Andy Harrison Sam Greenhalgh
9th-13th March	Year 7 boys basketball team for a convincing win against Alec Hunter. Year 11 netball team, who beat Colchester High School to reach the semi-finals.	Luke Wheeler Eddie Newton Ashleigh Jones Hayley Greenhalgh
16th-20th March	Year 7 and 8 girls basketball team, who beat Alec Hunter. Year 11 netball team for winning the District final.	Year 7: Annabel Dean Erin Bristow Year 8: Karis Webb Chloe Nevill Beth Vale Hannah Whybrew
23rd-27th March	Year 11 girls netball team, who unfortunately lost 3-27 in the semi final of the Essex Cup, but played brilliantly. Year 10/11 rugby for beating Alec Hunter.	Ellie Besford Gemma Gorrie Joe Jackson Ryan Scofield

Thank You...

The PE department and students would like to thank Mr Pearce for organising the Ski Trip and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable trip.

We have some outstanding sporting talent amongst our students. Many students represent local clubs, whilst some have gone on to represent their district, county and some even country.

If you have any sporting achievements, or stories that you wish to share in the Maltings Sports Star, please email me at the address below:

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