



Maltings Academy Sixth Form

To make our best better

Spring 2010

Special points of interest:

- Ofsted judge we are making "Good Progress"
- YOPEY nomination
- Sport Relief Mile

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Maltings Academy making "good progress" say Ofsted.

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th March 2010 Maltings Academy, along with Greensward and New Rickstones Academies, received a monitoring visit by Ofsted inspectors. This inspection is part of the start-up process for any new academy in order to judge progress made since opening and in anticipation of a full section 5 inspection a year later.

The inspectors have judged that Maltings Academy is "making good progress towards raising standards" in our first monitoring visit. Inspectors observed the academy at work, scrutinised documents, met the Principal, staff, pupils and Chair of Governors.

Maltings Academy is delighted that their early judgement is very positive. In a detailed letter to the academy Ofsted set out where the school was making greatest progress and singled out a number of areas for praise:

"The majority of teaching seen was **good**, with some that was judged **outstanding**".

"A well-balanced care, guidance and support system has been **effective** at improving behaviour, reducing exclusion and raising attendance". Students are "very loyal to the academy and feel strongly that it has **improved**".

"The academy is **effectively** led by the Principal and senior leaders".

Visit the Ofsted website to view the full report.

In other areas, there is more visible progress being made as the new build continues to grow. The changing footprint of the new building is fascinating to watch and 6th Form students are taking daily photographs in order to put together a time-lapse film of the completed project.

Daren White

Celebrating success!!

YOPEY: James Carter-Stoddart

On Tuesday 30th March James attended the Young Person of the Year Awards, held at Towerlands, Braintree. James was nominated and shortlisted as a finalist due to his volunteer work with the Terence Higgins Trust.

As part of his work James has organized fund-raisers in the academy as well as sexual health presentations. James is also a trained Youth Health Trainer for the academy and regularly attends International Conferences on behalf of THT. Congratulations to James, who secured recognition as a runner-up on the night.



City and Guilds
NVQ Football
Coaching,
Teaching and
Instructing
(Association
Football)

The Sport Relief
Weekend got off
to a great start
on Friday 19th
March. A
fantastic night of
TV on BBC ONE
and BBC TWO,
raised a
whopping total
of £29,323,818
and smashed all
previous Sport
Relief totals.

NVQ Football Coaching (FA)

A new A level in football coaching is to be offered to students starting in September 2010, aimed at raising a new generation of soccer coaches.

The students are to be equipped to meet the demands of scientific and progressive football coaching, promoted by the Football Association, and will gain governing body awards in Coaching, Sports Injury Treatment and Refereeing.

In addition a team of 6th

Form students will be entered into the Academy League to play regular fixtures on Wednesday afternoons.

Our aim is to instill in the students the standards of discipline and cooperation necessary for a successful career in football, either on the playing or coaching and administration side.

Mr Alan Bailey



Sport Relief Mile: 19th March

On Friday 19th March, Maltings Academy joined up with the 3 other AET academies to participate in the Sport Relief Mile.

All year groups took part at various times throughout the day and during the morning around 70

6th formers completed the mile and were cheered on by England Hockey player Chloe Rogers and Paralympic medalist Anne Wafula-Strike.

Students and staff turned out in the strangest of

outfits, including a multi-coloured band of Morphs. Overall a tremendous £592.75 was raised from donations by staff and students. We would also like to congratulate Miss Mead who raised over £200 for a 10km run

Last night at the Prom

As happens every year, our year 13 students are now getting excited about putting on their glad-rags for the Leavers' Prom.

This year's event will take place on Wednesday 30th June at Friern Manor, Dunton, Brentwood, as chosen by the 6th Form committee

members.

The event will cost £30 per person and will include a drink on arrival, 3 course meal, DJ and exclusive use of the venue for the evening.

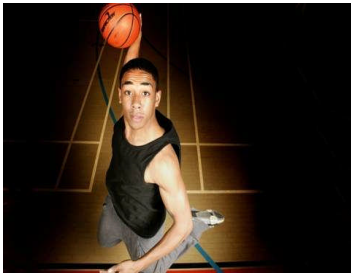
The event is black tie and coach travel has been arranged for students

and staff.

We are really looking forward to giving our year 13s a great send off after their examinations. I'm sure they will have earned it!



Spotlight on a student: Joe Harding



Joe is in year 14 and was a student of our predecessor school. Joe is a talented sportsman and will be heading off to university in the Autumn.

Current course:

BTEC Sport Level 3, having completed a 1 year Level 2 BTEC Sport.

Views on the 6th form:

The 6th form has improved in my time here, as has the school. There is better teaching now, and better communication between staff and

us. I have the utmost respect for my teachers and all the work they put in. Life in the 6th form is good.

Proudest achievements:

Joining the Mixed Martial Art UK Challenge Organisation and also becoming a professional Streetball player. I am ranked in the Top 10 dunkers in the world for my size and age.

Best moments:

Getting my university offers was awesome. I never dreamt when I was in school that I would get to go to uni. I've now had 2 offers, one from Bedfordshire to PE Teaching and another from Suffolk to study Sports Medicine and exercise science.

Career plans:

I intend to go to uni and then

become either a PE teacher or a Fire Officer. I feel I am suited to either career as I am physically fit and want to give something back. I've loved sport and taken part in a variety of different sports all my life and I want to pass that on to the next generation.

Regrets?

Yes, I should've worked harder in school. Luckily I wised up in time and applied for the Level 2 course, that got me back on track and now I'm going to Uni. I can't believe it!

Funniest moments:

Chasing escaped chickens round the garden! Those things can move!

Course Focus - A level Art (Fine Art or Photography)

Students interested in studying art in the sixth form from September 2010 will now have the opportunity to pick from two subjects.

For the first time Maltings Academy will be offering AS/A2 Art and Design as well as AS/A2 Photography for creative, enthusiastic and passionate art students!

Art and Design is suited for students that have studied GCSE art or textiles. Photography is available to those students who have completed GCSE photography.

The two subjects will run together and students will get the opportunity to explore different themes, study the work of

other artists, and develop their own ideas, experiments and artwork.

There will be trips to London galleries, Paris and life drawing classes to help with their work. Students should aim to achieve a B in art, textiles or photography if they wish to study it in the sixth form.

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Calling ex-students!!

Insight into Leadership is a new program running for year 12 in the Summer term. We need 20 ex-students, perhaps those who have returned from University for the summer (or more likely to get their washing done) to help us out with this exciting 3 day business-based leadership event. The event will develop our students' skills and self-awareness and also allow them the opportunity to work with current University students and ask questions about higher education and careers. We are also hoping to bring in volunteers from local businesses to help deliver the event.

If you think you might be available from 6th—8th July to assist, please contact me at the address below:

dwhite@maltingsacademy.org



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World Challenge: India Himalaya Summer 2011

In the last issue we told you about the Maltings Academy and New Rickstones Academy World Challenge expedition to India. Students need to raise £2,695 each for the expedition.

Fundraising has now begun and our challengers have organised the following events:

Car wash—£200 raised

T-Shirt design competition

Bag-packing at Tesco, Witham which raised £436.94

Students are also raising funds individually and Will Cruickshank has signed up for one of the World Challenge Challenger runs in May, whilst Chloe Martin-Smith will be walking on water!!

The group were also privileged to receive a message of support and encouragement from celebrity adventurer Ben Fogle.



If you would like to get involved in World Challenge or just want to support our challengers, look out for fundraising events and opportunities at Maltings and New Rickstones Academies.

We would like to thank all sponsors for their support.

Dates to remember:

*Dates are subject to change, see website and mail for details

Wk beg 19th April:

Start of GCE exams

30th June: Leavers' Prom

29th/30th June: Orientation days for new year 12

6th—8th July: Insight into Leadership (Year 12)

19th August: GCE Results Day