



Welcome to Edition 9 of The Maltings Sports Star

School Sports Partnership Events

The JSLA students have already been involved in successful sporting events during 2010.

In January the academy played host to the School Sports Partnership **Multi Skills festivals**, for children in years 3/4 and 5/6.

The festivals featured 10 different event stations, which focused on a variety of skills, such as standing long jump, foam javelin throw, basketball chest pass, target throw and shuttle sprint.

The events were very well attended by more than 150 children from the Maltings Academy family of four feeder junior schools, all of whom mixed well together and took part enthusiastically in all of the sports, having a very enjoyable afternoon.

The children were guided through the events by the new cohort of year 10 Junior Sports Leaders Award students from the academy, who were very helpful and really enjoyed working with the younger pupils. The leaders were responsible for running the activity stations in small groups and gave the young children valuable advice on each different sporting discipline.

The School Sports Partnership **Multi Sports festival** was also held at the academy, featuring the sports of Tag Rugby, Basketball and Trampolining. This event was designed to give younger pupils a chance to try out new sports, again under the guidance of the year 10 JSLA students, who have experience of these sports.

There were again a large number of very enthusiastic pupils present from the local schools, who enjoyed participating in the new sports and taking advantage of the excellent facilities offered by the academy.

All of the pupils learned a great deal about the sports on offer during the festival, under the guidance, supervision and care of the Junior Sports Leaders; the leaders were responsible for planning and preparing their taught sessions, as well as delivering the lessons to the younger children.

The Schools Sports Partnership **Cross**



JSLA Students who participated in the Multi Skills Festivals

Country festival took place at the Witham Rugby Club in January, which, despite quite harsh weather conditions, turned out to be a very well contested event. Around 60 pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from the Howbridge and Holy Family junior/primary schools attended.

The courses were set on the fields at the club by **Dave Smith**, of Witham Running Club, using a GPS measuring system. (He also kindly allowed us the use of their changing rooms and facilities).

The courses ranged from 700 to 1400 metres in length and, in true cross country tradition, covered some wet and muddy ground. The pupils were helped through the courses on the day by some excellent Junior Sports Leaders from both the Maltings and New Rickstones Academies, who worked really well as a combined team, doing a fantastic job in very cold but bright conditions. The leaders were a credit to their academies.

Many congratulations to the competitors, who gave their all on the day and competed very enthusiastically. All were awarded certificates and many went forward to compete in the Partnership finals at the Discovery Centre in Braintree.

The quality of teaching and preparation shown by the JSLA students is always exemplary and the group this year is no different. With their level of maturity and positive response to quite difficult challenges, these young people make it an absolute pleasure and inspiration to be involved with Youth Sports Leadership – thanks and congratulations to them all.

Chris Daniels, School Sports Co-ordinator,
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Varsity Rugby Match

On Thursday 10 December 2009 a group of 40 students were accompanied by Miss Mitchell, Mrs Hicks, Mr Camy and Mr O'Sullivan to Twickenham for the annual Varsity match between the Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

The students were in awe of the huge 80,000 seater stadium and were fortunate enough to have front row seats in the south stand, which is directly behind the posts. Flair rugby was severely lacking to start with but things did pick up towards the end of the first half, so spectators knew they were in for an exciting second half.

We were not to be disappointed as the second half was packed with enthralling rugby and tries were two a penny. Cambridge finally prevailed with a nail biting 31-27 victory. A great day out was had by all!

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Emerging Schools Rugby Tournament

On a very cold Wednesday at the end of January, Maltings Academy sent three teams to the annual rugby tournament at Braintree RFC. The **Year 7 team** had a hard baptism of fire against Hedingham School. A difficult game saw Hedingham win 30-0. However, the Maltings boys were ready for more and in their second game faced Notley. **Marley Valentine** crossed the line for the only try of the game, leaving us as 5-0 winners. Other notable performances came from **Liam Whipps** (captain) and **Max Westwood**, who both showed total commitment to fearless tackling.

The **Year 8 team** had an even harder draw than the Year 7s. Their first game was against St Helena School from Colchester. Within 5 minutes Maltings was 15-0 down and heads were dropping. A second half resurgence and some resilient tackling meant the final score was restricted to a 30-0 loss. The team learnt a lot and in their second game against Hedingham they played with greater commitment, only just losing out with a final score 10-0. Notable performances came from **Jack Fassoms** and **Keith Willmott**.



The **Year 9 team** were determined from the start that they would play with pride and determination. Their first game was against Hedingham, who applied pressure from the first whistle. Despite a good try from **Bailey Ruffels**, the opponents came off winners with 20-5. The second game was a different matter, the boys dug deep and played like a team with purpose. Notley were a well drilled and determined side and went 5-0 up. The Maltings boys drew level, but soon conceded another try. **Ruffels** once again scored a powerful try to

draw the game. With only a couple of minutes to play **Ewan Bishop** broke quickly from the back of a scrum and scored an inspirational try to win the game 15-10. Notable performances came from **Jack Murrell** and **Drew Keen**.

Overall the **Year 8 team came 5th** and the **Year 7 & 9 teams came 3rd**. Considering this was an Essex-wide tournament, all our teams performed at a high standard and represented the academy in an exemplary manner. Well done to all the boys who turned out for the matches.

Maltings Ball Boy Trip



Fifteen year 7 students went to Southend United Roots Hall on the 12 December 2009 to be ball boys for the first team's match against Hartlepool, which Southend came from 2-0 down to win 3-2. All the boys enjoyed the day and were a credit to the academy.

Sports Sessions with JSLA Students

On Tuesday 19th January, the new group of **Year 10 Junior Sports Leaders** went to Powers Hall Junior School to deliver sports sessions. The students at Powers Hall enjoyed our visit and had fun participating in the coaching sports sessions led



by the year 10 students. The staff at Powers Hall commented on how well the Maltings students worked with pupils in Years 4 and 6. They also stated that our JSLA leaders were encouraging, enthusiastic, well organised and explained tasks clearly. Well done Year 10!

Netball Match Report

Player of the Match: Lucy Ellis

Year 10/11 League Game Vs Tabor. 18/01/10.

Lost

On Monday 18th January, Maltings Academy took a mixture of year 10 and 11 girls to play Netball at Tabor school. The game lasted 40 minutes and all of the girls worked very hard against the strong Tabor team, which included of regional and England players. We fought hard and worked well as a team, managing to string together several passes, but unfortunately Maltings were always intercepted as we drew near to the goal. However, when we did score the team were very proud and cheers went out.

The team persevered to the end of the game and did not give up. Unfortunately Maltings did not win, but Tabor school was impressed with our team and we were complimented by teachers from Tabor.

Football League Results

Netball League Results

Year 7: Champions

Year 7: Runners up

Year 8: Runners up

Year 8: Runners up

Year 9: 3rd place

Year 9: Champions

Year 10: Runners up

Year 10: 3rd place

Year 11: Champions

Year 11: 3rd place



Basketball Match Reports

Boys

Year 7 League Game Vs Hedingham. 18/01/10.

Won 13-11

Players of the Match: Ellis Girling and Ethan Hatwell

The boys were well prepared for the game as Hedingham turned up a little late. The zone defence and fast break that had been practiced prior to the game was superbly deployed during the match. **Ethan Hatwell, Ashton Joseph and Marley Valentine** all made [great assists with some excellent passes](#). **Ross Beckwith, Bailey Wright and Reece Edwards** [defended brilliantly and checked many of Hedingham's shots at the basket](#).

The Maltings defence was also effective as we grabbed rebounds against a much taller side. **Liam Whipps, Kieran McNamara, and Elliott Boyd** stole the ball from the opposition to put us on the fast break. **Ellis Girling, Edwards and Wright** all drove to the basket aggressively to score.

The [stand out move of the day came from Max Westwood](#), who converted a three point play with a lay up, whilst being fouled, and a free throw from the line. Thanks to all the parents and guardians for their support and well done to the whole team!!

Year 9 League Game Vs Hedingham. 26/01/10.

Won 20-16

Player of the Match: Ewan Bishop

This was a close game from the start with both teams defending well. **Scott Hill and Harrison Strange** led the way, using their height advantage to record the highest number of rebounds won both in offense and defence. By the end of the first half both teams were evenly matched and the score was level.

During the 3rd quarter **Ewan Bishop** started to find the basket with more regularity, taking on the opponents and driving past them to the net to become the leading point scorer. This lead was maintained into the last quarter. Maltings Academy continued their defensive strong hold with **James Graves** taking on the role of leading Maltings Academy to their first win.

Year 8 League Game Vs Hedingham.

Lost 25-15

Players of the Match: Luke Wheeler and Adam Bennett

The boys only lost one game last year and that was to Hedingham, so they were well

up for the challenge in this match.

[The team started really well and produced lots of 'turn over ball' that enabled us to get in behind the Hedingham defence.](#) But when at the basket we didn't take our chance to make a decent lead.

Dom Rogers, Adam Bennett and Alfie Manley were [buzzing all over the court](#) and made some great steals and passes. Hedingham are a much bigger side than us, but our boys rebounded really well, especially **Leon Mallon, Sam English and Luke Wheeler**. Hedingham's height, strength and one exceptional individual performance proved too much in the end.

It could be argued that our team performance was better than our opponents, as [we passed and moved the ball brilliantly](#). Our fast break was very effective and there were some fantastic assists, notably by **Captain Jorden Lane**.

Although we lost the match this was the best the team had played all year. All the boys worked hard during this exciting game.

Year 10 Vs Alec Hunter League Game. 08/02/10.

Won 28 - 22

Player of the Match: Bradlee Fletcher

The team started the game with determination. **Joe Holt** won the tip off, which led to an early basket and an early lead that was maintained at the end of the 1st quarter by some [excellent defending](#). The whole team displayed an outstanding half court press that was hardly beaten.

A quick team talk before the start of the second quarter gave the players the motivation needed to demonstrate some superb attacking display, with **Bradlee Fletcher and Ross White** adding to the score sheet. The team changed to a full court press and continued their high class display of man-to-man marking, screening, rebounding and driving to the basket, but going into the last quarter the scores were even.

[An inspiring team talk by Mr Pearce](#) provided his team with the focus needed for the final quarter, which was [fast and furious](#). Both teams were using the fast break to get the win, but it was [Maltings Academy that kept their nerve](#) in the last minutes to score three late baskets and win the game. Well done to all players.

Year 8 Vs Alec Hunter League Game. 08/02/10

Won 25 - 14

Players of the Match: Eddie Newton & Sam English

Maltings Academy started the game half asleep with some slack defending (!) and missed opportunities to score. By the end

of the first quarter they found themselves down by two points. However, things were about to improve!

The start of the second quarter brought out [a more focused team showing a better defensive display](#) and on the attack a more composed **Luke Wheeler** started to find the basket frequently, propelling Maltings into the lead.

The start of the third quarter provided some excellent individual dribbling flare from **Sam English, who scored a basket that 'magic Johnson' would have been proud of**. **Eddie Newton** made some fantastic assists that the Alec Hunter defence could not deal with, allowing Maltings to extend their lead and **Leon Mallon** added to the score with a good lay up. **Jack Fassoms and Jorden Lane** passed the ball quickly and turned over a lot of possession.

[Moving into the final quarter with a healthy lead allowed the team to become more flamboyant in their style of play, which saw Eddie Newton sink a 3 pointer from down town to extend the lead and end the game with a comfortable victory.](#)

Year 10 League Game. 25/02/10.

Lost 44 - 43

Players of the Match: Joe Holt & Juan Rojas Calvo

The boys went into the game full of confidence and played really well throughout.

Joe Holt consistently broke through the Hedingham defence to lay up well. He was also effective in defence, checking and beating the Hedingham players to rebounds. **Steffan Smith** marshalled the ball and played well from point guard, as did **Ewan Bishop**, who added to the score sheet with some great drives. **Bradlee Fletcher and Sean Carroll** passed the ball well and fought for possession when the team moved to full court press. **Juan Rojas Calvo** was also a consistent player throughout the game.

However, after the excellent performance and a nail biting 4th quarter, the boys unfortunately lost by one point. Well done to all players and we look forward to winning the next game!

Girls

U14 Girls Vs Notley.

Won 22 - 4

Players' Player of the Match was tied between: Georgia Raby, Erin Bristow, Taylor Jones

Teachers' Player of the Match: Georgia Raby

The girls basketball team had their first game of the season against Notley

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School. The U14 team began the fixture with a strong team of 9 players from year 8 and 9, namely; **Chloe Nevill, Taylor Jones, Sophie Preca, Karis Webb, Georgia Raby, Celine Thomson, Ellie Wilkins, Erin Bristow** and **Abbie-Jo Osborne**.

The girls started the game well with some excellent defending by **Preca. Jones** and **Raby** worked well together, passing the ball and scoring baskets. **Bristow, Wilkins** and **Osborne**, who were all playing their first match, performed well, assisting the team both in offence and defence. **Thomson** created chances for the team by winning the ball back and finding **Webb** and **Nevill**, who both scored points. At half time the score was 12-2 to Maltings Academy.

The girls started the second half convincingly and managed to win the ball back from Notley on a number of occasions. **Webb** scored 1 basket, **Nevill** and **Bristow** scored 2 baskets each and **Jones** and **Raby** each scored 3 baskets. The match resulted in the final score of 22-4 to Maltings Academy.

U16 Girls Vs Notley.

Won 22 - 14

Players' Player of the Match: Sophie Preca, despite Preca having to play with an injury.

Teachers' Player of the Match: Rebecca Baker

The U16 team were raring to continue the success of the U14. The team consisted of **Rebecca Baker, Elizabeth Preca, Taylor Jones, Sophie Preca, Karis Webb, Chloe Nevill** and **Georgia Raby**. The first half of the match was very closely fought, with both teams fighting for possession. **Sophie Preca** remained solid in defence and some sharp shooting from **Elizabeth Preca** kept Maltings Academy in the game. **Jones** continued to make some impressive interceptions and **Nevill** defended well. The first half ended 10-6 to Notley.

The girls went back onto court 2 baskets down, but never gave up the challenge. **Baker** intercepted the ball and passed well to find **Jones, Webb** and **Raby**, all of whom dominated in attack. **Raby** and **Baker** scored 1 basket each for the team; **Nevill** scored 2 baskets and **Preca** and **Jones** both scored 4 baskets each.

Year 8&9 District Competition at Great Baddow.
09/02/10.

The girls have been playing brilliantly this year and we took the next step up as a squad, playing against some fantastic teams, including Great Baddow and Honeywood.

The girls played well and moved the ball around quickly and efficiently. **Chloe Nevill** and **Abbie Watkinson** defended and rebounded aggressively. **Georgia Raby** was her usual busy self, trying to steal the ball and turn over possession. **Karris Webb** was another stand-out performer, who was effective in both defence and attack.

However, this was not enough to get us out of the group stages, as the more experienced teams used the full court press well to pressure our team into making mistakes.

Well done to all the girls for playing really well and never giving up.

Well done to all students, boys and girls, for a great start to this Basketball season.

Team of the Week		Players of the Week
4th - 8th January	Year 11 Netball team for taking on some of the best players in Essex and the country and showing an excellent attitude.	Lucy Ellis for motivating the team Ashlei Kearns for trying hard
11th - 15th January	Year 7 Basketball team for beating Heddingham 13-10 and continuing their streak of being unbeaten in the league.	Ellis Girling and Ethan Hatwell who both played superb in offense and defence.
25th - 29th January	Year 9 Basketball team who had a fantastic game against Heddingham and won 20-16. Year 7 & 9 Rugby teams who competed superbly in the Emerging schools Rugby Tournament.	Ewan Bishop and Scott Hill who were unstoppable on the way to the basket. Year 7: Marley Valentine Year 9: Ewan Bishop
1st - 5th February	Year 7 & 8 Girls Football team who got through to the quarter-finals of the District Tournament and narrowly got knocked out on penalties.	Year 7: Zoe Thomson for excellent goal keeping. Year 8: Georgia Raby for her non-stop positive attitude.
8th - 12th February	The year 8 (won 25-14) and 10 (won 28-22) boys Basketball teams for beating Alec Hunter in both games. Girls combined Year 8 & 9 Basketball team and the Year 10 team who both beat Notley in their first games of the season	Year 8: Sam English for his mazy dribble and lay up & Eddie Newton for his 3 pointer from 'down town'. Year 10: Bradlee Fletcher who screened and scored regularly & Ross White for some fantastic offensive rebounding Year 8: Erin Bristow Year 9: Taylor Jones Year 10: Becca Baker for good defending

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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