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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of another fantastic year at The Malling School, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to express how pleased I am with the effort, resilience, care, and determination that has been shown by our pupils throughout the year. The following pages outlines some of the wonderful events that have happened this term. Thank you to all the staff involved in these and the many other events that have taken place.

### Sports Awards Evening

This term saw our PE department host our second annual Sports Award Evening, and what an evening it was! We were joined by England International rugby player Rosie Galligan who gave an inspirational talk about her rise to sporting stardom, charting her journey and relating it wonderfully to our pupils' own journeys. Rosie then distributed awards to pupils who received medals and trophies for teams of the year across the range of sports, player awards and sport-specific awards for excellence and teamwork. Special mention should be given to our TMS Award winners: Izzy Baring for winning the Caring Award; Lois Parsons for winning the Determined Award; Olly Ward for winning the Reflective Award and Charlotte Waddell for winning the School of Character Award. Well done to all our winners and to everyone who participated in sports clubs and representative teams this year.

### Summer Safety

As the summer holiday approaches, we have taken the opportunity to talk to all pupils about how to be safe this summer, including water and road safety and how to avoid the dangers of sun exposure. As some of you will know, there was a tragic incident recently involving an e-scooter and a motor vehicle where a pupil from another school lost their life. Please remember that these are not road legal and can be extremely dangerous. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Paris Trip – Madame Kinney

Day 1 marked the beginning of a three-day adventure to Paris for parents and pupils who arrived punctually and prepared at the One-Stop Shop. The comfortable coach ride to the ferry went smoothly, enabling us to board an earlier departure. Students had a pleasant crossing, opting for either continental



breakfast or British-style cuisine. Some bravely ventured onto the deck with teachers, relishing a glimpse of the British coast despite the breezy conditions. Arriving early allowed us to briefly visit the renowned "Musée Le Louvres" for some selfies with the new TMS IQM Centre of Excellence Bear, "Thomas." Following this, the group proceeded to a French buffet-style fast-food restaurant to sample a variety of starters, main courses, and desserts. The next stop was the Parisian river, "La Seine," with a detour to explore the iconic "Arc de Triomphe." The river cruise on the "Bâteau Mouche" was delightful, affording students the opportunity to admire Parisian architecture while basking in a warm breeze on the open upper deck.

Day 2 was spent at the Disneyland resorts, providing a scorching yet enjoyable day for all. The hotel offered entertainment options, with some students dancing and singing on the Mezzanine while others engaged in PlayStation competitions around a large TV.

On the final day, we visited the Eiffel Tower, which presented a once-in-a-lifetime chance for some to ascend the famous "Tour Eiffel," although the weather was sweltering. Overall, it was an extraordinary school trip, allowing students to immerse themselves in French culture and new travel experiences while creating lasting memories.



### Madrid Trip – Madame Kinney

On day 1, parents, students and teachers arrived very early in the staff car park for a departure at 4.15am. Students experienced the full rigours of airport passport and security control, and because they had followed their teachers' advice when packing, everything went perfectly well. The flight was comfortable, and all went well, even for some students who had never flown before. On arrival, a coach drove the group direct to Madrid, and we were able to drop our bags in our accommodation, a Youth Hostel - very comfortable and well situated in central Madrid. We walked to the Plaza Mayor to meet our Guide and followed her for the next 3 hours on an interesting, guided tour of the city, enjoying the architecture, soaking in the Spanish culture and passing the



amazing Royal Palace. After refreshing at the hostel, we went for our evening Paella meal.

On day 2, the group experienced travelling in the Spanish underground which was very clean and similar to London. They were able to enjoy a fabulous panoramic view of the city and an excellent vantage point for the Royal Palace and take some photos. The Cathedral “Catedral de la Almudena” had an interesting museum, and the interior architecture was amazing. After lunch around the Plaza Mayor, the whole group travelled to enjoy a Spanish cookery class. They then travelled further to the “Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía”, and as they arrived early, they were able to visit the tropical garden within Atocha Station. The museum was unique and students who study art really enjoyed the extravagant displays! They all had time to refresh at the hostel before making their way to another Museo del Jamon restaurant to sample Tapas.

On the last day of the trip, the group visited the famous “Santiago Bernabéu Stadium”, home of “Real Madrid” and experienced the museum and witnessed the number of trophies earned by the internationally renowned football team. They also visited the Royal Palace and enjoyed fresh drinks, nice food and a little shopping around the “Plaza Mayor”. The students were impeccable during the whole trip and teachers were very proud of them.



### Globe Theatre Trip

We are thrilled to share the incredible experience our Year 9 students had on their recent trip to the Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre to watch a mesmerising performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Our students showcased exemplary behaviour and represented our school with utmost credit. The trip provided them with a unique opportunity to engage with world-class art at the Tate Modern and immerse themselves in the enchanting world of Shakespearean theatre at the iconic Globe. We were incredibly proud to witness our students' enthusiasm, curiosity, and respectful demeanour throughout the day. Their engagement and appreciation for the arts truly demonstrated their maturity and ability to embrace cultural experiences. Well done to all the students who made this trip an unforgettable success!







## Careers Fair

Our pupils have been fortunate enough to experience another inspiring Careers Fair this year. This time students held snakes, explored an ambulance and used electronic equipment from BAE Systems. We were lucky enough to have an artist from the University for the Creative Arts join us. She used the events of the day as her inspiration and painted a huge canvas while everything was going on around her. This artwork will soon be on display in school as a memento of this wonderful day.

Feedback from students was that they found the experience immersive and exciting. We are extremely proud of how students embraced this opportunity and how they interacted with everyone who offered their time to us on the day.



### School Production- The Addams Family

Thank you to Miss Cox, Mrs Bush and Mr Addis for putting on another amazing show! Our pupils performed wonderfully, the costumes were fantastic and the set was incredible. To put such a show together is a monumental undertaking and as a school we appreciate the opportunities and experiences that such an event offers for all involved. The audiences have all commented on what a great job everyone has done and we cannot wait to see what happens next year!



### Year 11 Prom

This term we said an official goodbye to our year 11s at their leaver's prom, held at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel. A wonderful evening began with pupils arriving in fine style, in Bentleys, Ferraris and limousines as well as a motorcade of Harley Davidsons!

After photos, the pupils and staff enjoyed a three-course meal before dancing the night away at the disco. Pupils left in high spirits (with a few tears) and we wish them all well for the summer GCSE results and beyond. Thank you to Mrs Cable and Mrs Whitfield for organising an amazing event.





## Farewell to our wonderful Year 13 pupils

Last week saw year 13 celebrating the end of their time at TMS with their prom and IB results day.

We are very sad to say goodbye to our year 13 cohort who have worked so hard across their two years with us to achieve their IB qualifications. All students are on track to achieve the grades needed to get to their university of choice.

We are all very proud of you and wish you all the success in the future. We would be delighted to hear from you in the future to let us know how you are getting on.



## Gallagher's Hermitage Quarry Visit

Ten year 10 construction students got the opportunity to attend the Gallagher Quarry open day in July. They listened to Gallagher employees talking about how the quarry runs, learnt about what they produce and the variety of roles that make the company run smoothly. They also used welding simulators, drove digger simulators, built a bug hotel and played mini golf. We were lucky enough to go on a lovely sunny day, so the ice cream van at the event offered a welcome break. All in all a very exciting trip – we'd like to thank Gallagher for putting on such an interactive event.



Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September as follows:

**September 2023 – return dates:**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Staff only

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Year 12 registration only

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 only

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Whole school attend

Yours sincerely



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