

Maltings Newsletter

11 November 2011

*Specialist Sports
and Science
Academy*

Message from the Principal

Last week Maltings Academy held a very well attended and successful Open Evening for the year 11 students, who are presently looking for 6th form places. This is a very important time for the students and they have some big choices to make - I would love them all attend Maltings Academy 6th Form, but each person is an individual and I would recommend that they keep their options open and attend as many 6th form open evenings as possible.

We have also re-launched the house system for the whole Academy. Students have received their swipe cards and coloured lanyards and this colour represents their house. I would like to thank Mrs Ambrose and the staff for their efforts in promoting this.

Just a reminder to students that if they would like to speak to me they can come and see me anytime they wish or alternatively they can use their Academy email account to write to me.

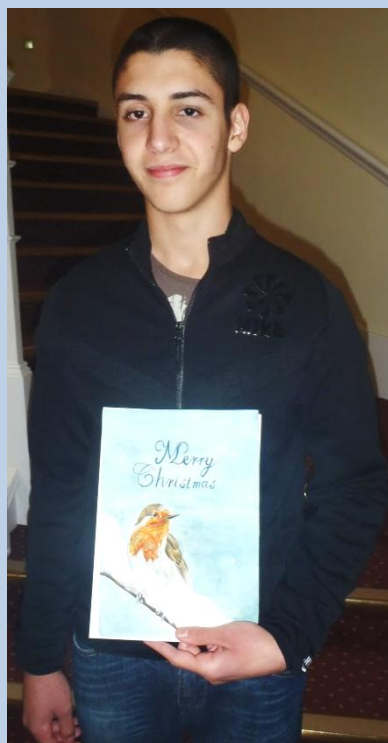
J Szynal
Principal

DING! DONG!

I am delighted to say that The Maltings Academy Art Department are triumphant again!!!! Our students were given the grand opportunity to design a Christmas card for The Hawthorns Retirement Home. The first place entrant would receive a £500 laptop and £100 prize money! The Art Department would also receive £900 to be spent on materials and equipment. From the three schools entered we were successful and Joe Craveiro in Year 13 won the first prize. His final design will be the image used on 5000 cards distributed by the residents and staff at The Hawthorns.

We were invited to the venue for the prize giving and it was clear to see that our academy had far outshone Notley High School and Alec Hunter. The residents were so impressed in fact that they awarded our very own Zoe Thomson 9KWR second place and she will receive a £50 Staples voucher.

Congratulations to Joe and Zoe, and to all of the students who took part! We really appreciate your time and effort!



 **The Hawthorns**
RETIRE WITH STYLE

FOR STUDENT ABSENCE IN YEARS 7 - 11 please ring 01376 533500
and leave a message – *Thank you*

 **Maltings
Academy**
To make our best better

FOR ALL 6TH FORM ENQUIRIES including absence please ring the main switchboard on 01376 512911 Ext 1327

FOOTLOOSE

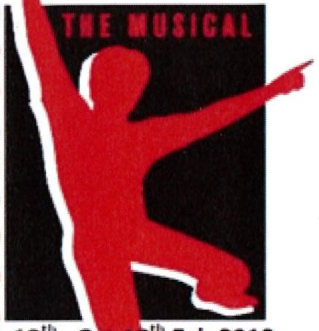
Witham Operatic Workshop (WOW) presents Footloose this February 2012. The show is all about a small town that has banned dancing. When Ren MacCormack moves from Chicago to Beaumont it doesn't start too well and most people hate him but he manages to gain the support from the teens and get dancing back. The show is going to be light hearted, funny and filled with toe tapping tunes.

Monday 13 – 18 February 2012

Tickets range from £11 for front stalls, £12 for raised seating and £10.50 for balcony seats.

Special preview Monday 13 February all seats £6.

If you would like tickets please see Michael Stewart in Year 12.

WOW! Presents
FOOTLOOSE THE MUSICAL

Mon 13th - Sat 18th Feb 2012
 Witham Public Hall Collingwood Road CM8 2DY
Box Office 01376 512902
 EVENING PERFORMANCES 7:30 PM
 SATURDAY MATINEE 2:30PM
 DOORS OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE CURTAIN UP.



Fill a child's life with joy this Christmas

Our shoebox appeal...

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, bringing joy into the lives of underprivileged children since 1990. Last year, nearly 1.2million shoeboxes were packed with gifts and goodies and sent from the UK to children who need them most in some of the toughest parts of the world, including Haiti (where the little girl shown above is from).

Everyone wins when you donate online!

Donating online is simple and safe and it makes life much easier for us. It also means more of your donation goes to helping those who need it most – the children. To donate online using our secure site, please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

What gifts can I include?

Yes please!

- **Toys:** Bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaws, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument. For boys trucks and cars, for girls dolls, clip on earrings, etc.
 - **Educational supplies:** Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc.
 - **Hygiene items:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc.
 - **Sports items:** Tennis ball, skipping rope, baseball hat, small football, inflatable beach ball, stop watch, sweat bands, swim goggles, toy medals (let's celebrate the 2012 Olympics by sending sports items to needy children!)
 - **Other items:** Sweets (sell by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hat, bangles, necklaces, etc.
- All gifts should be new, please include items from each category.

NEW! Find out where your shoebox gift went!

Ever wanted to know where your shoebox gift went? This year, we are giving you the opportunity to do just that – but only if you donate online. Once you've completed your online donation, print out the unique reference code provided and place this inside your shoebox. Once we've processed your shoebox and confirmed its destination country, we will let you know by email.

It's amazing how far £2.50 goes

Your donation of £2.50 covers UK transportation, shipping, distribution and promotion, with any surplus going to the work of Samaritan's Purse with children and families in need. Quite remarkable, really...

No thanks!

- **No food especially chocolate.** Only exception, non-chocolate sweets.
- **No medicine or vitamins of any kind.**
- **No war related items:** Toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind.
- **No clothing other than listed above.**
- **No fragile items:** Glass containers, mirrors.
- **No liquids** including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols.
- **No dangerous items:** Sharp objects, scissors or razors.
- **No novels.**
- **Nothing of a political nature.**
- **No hand-knitted stuffed toys without a CE mark.**

The small print: Due to import regulations, all gifts should be new and comply with the conditions listed above. Please make sure your gifts are age appropriate and that you do not send items in a shoebox intended for a small child, which might be swallowed or mistaken for sweets. Should you inadvertently include any item that is not suitable or might be regarded as dangerous for the intended child, Samaritan's Purse reserves the right to remove that item and use it for the benefit of the charity. Occasionally we have to change some contents to meet specific country requirements or change the shoebox to meet our appropriate destination.



After School

@ The Well



Witham offers a café just for Youth every Friday after School during term time.

For 13-18 year-olds only!

Cappuccinos/Lattes/Mochas half the price of Costa Coffee! Come in for an after-school snack!



After Hours – from 7 October, 3-5pm every Friday during term-time.

The Well is located past Rockwells, just off the high street. After Hours is run by Bethel Christian Fellowship – <http://www.bethel-witham.co.uk/>

Academy holiday dates:

19 December 2011 to 3 January 2012
 Christmas Break

13 February to 17 February 2012
 Half Term

2 April to 13 April 2012
 Easter Break

4 June to 8 June 2012
 Half Term

Friday 20 July 2012
 Last day of Summer Term

If you would like to help with this year's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal please see Mr Temple-Cox in room 119. Thank you

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November
 Sixth Form Roadrunner Event

Monday 21 November
 Jim Roberson Event
 Year 11s

Wednesday 23 November
 Target Setting Day

Up to date information can always be found on the academy website www.maltingsacademy.org