

MAPLEWELL NEWSLETTER

Preparing for Adulthood

Year 7 Welcome

A huge welcome to all of our new Year 7 students, who have settled into Maplewell Hall School life brilliantly! Over the past few weeks, we have seen you adjust to the new routines, make new friends, and embrace the many opportunities our school has to offer. It's been a delight to watch you grow in confidence as you navigate your new surroundings.

From participating in lessons with enthusiasm to taking part in extracurricular activities, Year 7 has truly shown their Maplewell spirit. Your positive attitudes, kindness towards one another, and readiness to learn have impressed your teachers and staff alike.

We are especially proud of how quickly you've adapted to our core values of respect, responsibility, and resilience. Whether it's collaborating in group work or showing respect in the classroom, you've all made an exceptional start to your Maplewell journey.

Remember, this is only the beginning! As you continue through the year, don't hesitate to ask for help, take on new challenges, and make the most of everything Maplewell has to offer. We are excited to see where your hard work and dedication will take you.

Well done, Year 7! We're so proud of you. Keep up the fantastic work!



well done

Year 7 Foodtech

Year 7 have been showcasing their knife safety skills using the bridge hold and claw grip to make a colourful fruit salad



Student Successes

Harley raised a fantastic £315.80 for the Air Ambulance through his cake sale.



Post 16 Enrichment

Our Post 16 group participates in our boxing enrichment programme, and their coach, Dan, has just returned from the Olympics with a silver medal in Judo.



9DW Science Lessons

9DW have been busy identifying hazards in science lab 12. The students found chemicals on the floor, spillages, wires near liquids, food and drinks, chairs on the floor and even bunsen burners on books! 9DW worked very hard and tried to make science lab 12 safe to use. Well Done for your hard work 9DW, you've made science lab 12 safe to work in!



9B Science Lessons

Class 9B have been investigating their lung capacity in their Science lessons. They've filled up 2 litre bottles with water, submerged the bottles into a bowl of water, taken a deep breathe and breathed into the bottle through a tube to see how much air their lungs contained; we have some great lungs in 9B! Fantastic experiment 9B, even if you did spill lots of water on Miss Ladva.



Year 10 Animal Care

Animal Care year 10 group have had a very busy few weeks with a special visitor (Terry the Tortoise) followed by a visit to Chine House Veterinary Practice.

The pupils learnt all about the care of Terry including where she lives, what hibernation is and how to feed her. Each pupil then did a practice health care check on her.

The visit to a veterinary practice was also hugely successful with the students being allowed to see all the behind the scenes action, surgical theatres, recovery areas, wards, stables, xray and scanner and the examination rooms. The students asked some great questions around health and safety, careers and future opportunities.

A huge thank you to both Mrs Goodman for bringing in Terry and to Chine House Veterinary Practice for being so accommodating!



Year 11 Animal Care

Students have spent the last few weeks settling in to their year 11 coursework.

This week they have conducted a health check on Border Collies Blame and Hiccup.

All students were able to give key welfare signs and handle both dogs with confidence.

The students then started preparations for next week's new arrival in to the Animal Care department.



Sparx Leaderboard

Sparx Reader		Sparx Maths	
1	Shayan C	1	Cameron W
2	Emily W	2	Shayan C
3	Leo N	3	Danyal M
4	Samuel E	4	Spencer K
5	Archie G	5	Lottie M
6	Leah P	6	Ollie R
7	Amelie B	7	Joshua B
8	Summer W	8	Estelle B
9	Sanjana T	9	Alfie S
10	Joseph P	10	Natasha G

Maplewell Careers

Post 16 Students Attend Tudor Centre Jobs Fair 5th September, Beaumont Leys

Our Post 16 students recently attended the Jobs Fair at the Tudor Centre in Beaumont Leys, hosted by the Leicester Employment Hub. This was an exciting event that introduced them to a range of potential career paths. They engaged with employers and representatives from various sectors, including:

DWP – Benefits Advice
Future for You – Employment Support
Leicester College – Industry SWAP Courses
Avon – Self Employment Opportunities
Inspired to Care – Careers in Care
JM Workforce – Residential Care
Leicestershire Police – Careers and PC Roles
Leicestershire Fire Service – Careers and Office Support
Leicester City Council – Various Jobs
Probation Services – Admin and Officer Jobs
Severn Trent Water – Customer Service Advisors
Construction Hub – 2-Week Course leading to CSCS Card
Leicestershire Employment Hub – City-Wide Jobs in All Sectors



Our students embraced the experience, showing great initiative and stepping out of their comfort zones. Some were initially hesitant, but they soon found their confidence and made the most of the opportunity.

In particular, Thomas B, one of our students, asked the Fire Service a thought-provoking question: "Do you make adjustments for people with a disability?" He received a very positive response, highlighting the inclusive nature of the sector.

All students returned with valuable insights and information that will undoubtedly support them in their future employment journeys.

If anyone would like any further information on the above please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on: carmenblades@maplewell.leics.sch.uk



Maplewell Hall Careers Fair 2024

The careers year started off with our annual Careers Fair, held on Tuesday, September 24th, at Maplewell Woodhouse Eaves site and was a resounding success! Students from all year groups engaged enthusiastically with representatives from local colleges and alternative placement providers. Some parents also had the opportunity to visit getting a head start on their search for future placements. The day was praised for its positive atmosphere, with visitors commenting on the students' politeness and insightful questions. Attendees included;

Leicester College,
Post 16,
The C.A.N. Enterprise - (Post 16),
Loughborough College,
Sense College,
Derby College
Homefield College,
SMB College Group,
WHM,
Peter Le Marchant Trust,
The Apprenticeship Hub,
Memphys.

It's never too early to start thinking about moving on from Maplewell as time passes quickly and there are many options to choose from. The above list are all colleges we have worked with in the past. We highly recommend attending college Open Days to get a feel for each college and meet the staff.

If you require any further information please contact
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McMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday, September 27th, we held a McMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning at our Woodhouse Eaves and Post 16 Sites.



Healthy Eating Newsletter Article

Welcome to Maplewell Hall Schools Healthy Eating Newsletter. Healthy Eating for Wellbeing



My name is Trevor Hancock, I am a professional chef and nutrition adviser with a passion for medicinal cookery here at Post 16. Over the past four years, I've dedicated my journey to developing nutritious, healthy meals that not only taste great but also enhance learning and positively influence behaviour and well being.

Just to give you some of my background, allow me take you briefly back to the start of my career.

My culinary journey began at the age of 18 at The Savoy in London, where I honed my skills in the renowned kitchens of this iconic hotel. From there, I progressed to Claridges and other prestigious five-star establishments, before being appointed Head Chef for the world-renowned Roux Brothers. I later worked aboard Cunard's luxury cruise liner, the QE2, traveling the world, and eventually transitioned to working on Super-yachts in the Mediterranean. My career then took me to diverse and challenging locations, including supporting scientists in Antarctica. This unique experience deepened my understanding of the critical link between nutrition and peak performance, particularly in extreme environments.

Inspired by this understanding, I pursued studies in medicinal cookery, also exploring the connection between nutrition and autism. Unfortunately, my plans to return to Antarctica where disrupted by COVID-19. During the lockdown, I discovered the opportunity at Maplewell Hall School, which felt perfect for utilising my skills and experiences to benefit and educate young people about healthier eating.

This journey has been a combination of passion, education, and hands-on experience, all aimed at understanding how the right food can fuel our minds and bodies. Today, I'm dedicated to improving the well-being of our students through sensory friendly, gut healthy meals.

I'll share valuable insights, practical tips, nutritious recipes, healthy ingredient swaps, and the reasons behind these choices - based on common questions from students and parents looking to support their health and nutritional goals both at school and at home. Together, we will explore how what we eat affects not just our health, but also our ability to learn and engage.

Thank you for joining me on this exciting path. Here's to a fruitful and nourishing journey!

[You can find our recipes on the school's website.](#)

Developing Literacy Skills at Maplewell

We know that developing literacy skills is essential in order for our students to be successful at Maplewell and in their lives outside of school. It can be difficult to know how to support them with developing these skills at home, so to support with this, [here is a link to our monthly literacy newsletter](#). Once a month we will share what students have been focusing on in reading time, as well as suggestions for things you can do together at home.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me via email:
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Mrs Durrands
Head of English

Maple Crafts at Coalville CAN

Once again, the Young Enterprise team have made Halloween themed gifts and will be selling them at Post 16 and Main Site the week after Half Term. We have handmade Mummy Jars and Tin Can Lanterns for sale, along with Trick or Treat Tote Bags sewn and printed by Post 16 students and lots more.

We hope that you will support our Enterprise – look out for more exciting gifts at Christmas and beyond!

Best wishes

Debra Forrester and Jacqui Booth, CAN Young Enterprise



News & Information



Bonfire Night Tickets will be on sale soon!
This year Bonfire night will be on Monday 4th
November at the Woodhouse Eaves Site.



Term Dates

- Autumn Term 2024
- Half Term Break - Monday 21st October
2024 - Friday 25th October 2024
- School Opens - Monday 28th October
- Staff Training Day - Monday 25th
November
- School Closes - Friday 20th December

Key Dates

- Post 16 Open Evening - Tuesday 1st October 2024
- Bonfire Night - Monday 4th November 2024
- Children In Need - Friday 15th November 2024