

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, a group of K5 students took the donations from our harvest festival to the Carpenter's Arms. The Carpenter's Arms is a Christian run, 12 room residential rehabilitation center, for men challenged by drug and alcohol addiction, which often results in a breakdown in relationships, homelessness, financial hardship, illness and offending. The Carpenter's Arms is situated in Loughborough and is the only one of its kind in the town.

## Enterprise


K5 Enterprise group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated towards the cake sale they held. They raised an amazing £57.06! This will go towards supporting future enterprise projects. Students in K5 have lots of different enterprise projects they are working hard on ranging from making candles, selling fire wood, and cleaning at a rugby club.



## Careers

In November, K5 Students were given the opportunity to take part in a careers speed networking event at Leicester Racecourse. Students had the chance to be involved in ten speed networking sessions, lasting six minutes each. It gave students the chance to speak to industry experts about routes into careers, general work activities, opportunities for employment and apprenticeships across sectors.






**Monthly Coffee Morning**  
**For Parents / Carers of Year 7**  
**Students**



**When:** Last Friday of the month  
**Where:** Maplewell Hall  
**Time:** 9.30-11.00am

- Meet other parents/carers
- Alternative ways of supporting our children
- Discuss relevant topics (February will be internet safety)



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# Parents & Students



## Message from Jason Brooks, Headteacher:

There have been so many **exciting developments** that have taken place at Maplewell already this academic year. The year started with staff working in teams in order to secure as many donations from local and national companies as possible. The response was overwhelming and students now have so many options to choose from as part of our in-house reward scheme for good work and behaviour. A large number of students chose to use their tokens to attend a morning session at Re-bound Trampoline Park in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where they had the place to themselves. They had a fantastic time.

Last term saw Maplewell achieve an overall **outstanding** judgement from OFSTED for its **residential provision**, with no recommendations. The full report is on the OFSTED and Maplewell websites. Congratulations to all staff involved in helping to make it a truly amazing and unique experience for all students that have the opportunity to access residence. It makes a massive difference in many ways. The range of activities on offer and the opportunity to socialise outside of school hours with each other, is invaluable. Residence works for so many of our students.

The **Annual bonfire party and firework display** was truly magical and thanks to your generous support the event continues to grow. This enables the students to experience something that is spectacular in the calendar of events at Maplewell Hall School. Thank you to all volunteers on the night and a special thanks to Mr Whitsey, our Site Manager, who coordinated the event. He does an amazing job behind the scenes at all of our events.

I am thrilled to see the rapid development of **Maplewell Autism Partnership (MAP)**, which caters for pupils whose main barrier to learning is autism. Robbie Jones is the Lead Teacher and, along with a very strong team, he has made a really positive impact. We already have 10 students on role in our specialised and nurturing provision, which is second to none in supporting students and helping them to succeed. This has been a great addition to the school and will continue to grow due to the school's excellent reputation. Next academic year will see the number of places double due to the high demand for MAP.

The school now has its own **Speech and Language Therapist** and **Occupational Therapist** to add to our own **Art Therapist**, Miss Gross, who has already made a real difference to so many of our students. We are currently in the process of advertising for our own Educational Psychologist. At Maplewell, I expect everybody to 'go the extra mile' for our students. That is the only way.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Martine Mears, and more recently Jo Chivers, who do an amazing job in supporting students, parents and carers. I know that many of you feel the same way too. What they do makes a real difference to many young peoples' lives. Thank you.

I am a very privileged and proud man to be Headteacher at Maplewell Hall School. It has been 4 years since I began the journey and the work is by no means done. However, I am confident that the staff team at Maplewell is stronger than it has ever been and have seen this during recent learning walks that I have undertaken with Mr Hoult. We both remarked how the classrooms are full of enthusiastic students who are eager to learn. Behaviour was also impeccable. Teaching at Maplewell is exceptionally strong across the board and support staff are skilled in helping students to work hard and succeed. As Headteacher, I am fully committed to doing the very best for every student in school, in order that they make meaningful progress with a sharp focus on preparation for adulthood and the world of work. We have a fantastic school!



# MHS Scouts

The newly formed Scout Troop saw our first youth members and Mr Matthews, our Scout leader, taking their promise in the autumn.

MHS Scouts enjoyed a varied programme which includes outdoor cooking, fire lighting, activities in the woods, indoor sports and badge work. We are currently working on the Forester Badge which we should complete soon

Liz Bullock



## Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education trips help build on friendships, team work, communication and respect as a group to help improve students' well-being within MHS.

I would like to say a big thank you to Liz Bullock for organizing the trips and all of the class LSA's for their help and support.

Jack Follows

## News from residence

This term it has been pleasing to see more of the younger students come and try residence for the first time. It can be quite daunting at first, but with support from staff and the experienced students, they have fitted in well and had a positive experience.

The activities have included cooking, with a focus on making a variety of simple dishes based on a different core ingredient each week, such as mince, eggs, or sausages. As you will see in the photograph, the Toad in the Hole was a great success!



One of the aims of residence is to encourage students to be physically active. Each night, one or two sports will be offered. This term, sports offered have included uni-hoc, dodgeball, badminton, skittleball, rounders, cricket and football. As well as having health benefits, the sports are a great social opportunity and help students develop their team work skills.

We have two Student Voice representatives for residence. They are Sam Bakewell and Tim Macklay. Students can speak to them if they have suggestions for things they would like to do in residence or if they want to suggest any changes.

We look forward to next term, where the activities will include First Aid and Circus Skills!

Kirsty North

A group of students who attend residence, spent a very enjoyable time on Summer Camp in July. The visits included Planet Bounce in Nottingham, Bosworth Water, and Leicester Outdoor Pursuits.

Sadly this was the final week for Mrs Helen Clarke, who has retired after 40 years at Maplewell, most of which was spent working in the residential department. Mrs Clarke was always happiest when she was with the students on the water, at the end of a climbing rope or playing sports, so the camp was a fitting finale. As well as presents, cards and good wishes, we also made her a lovely cream pie!

We will all miss her energy and enthusiasm and wish her well in her retirement.

Kirsty North



## Year 10

Year 10 are working on a topic of 'Identity'. We began by exploring company logos and we are now looking at our own name – through different fonts and different mediums. The effect of spray diffusers has been very impressive.

MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL

TERM DATES – 2017



Spring Term 2017

Half Term Break	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
K53 Parents Eve	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
School Closes	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

Summer Term 2017

School Opens	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Half Term Break	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017
School Closes	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

Autumn Term 2017

School Opens	Tuesday 29 August 2017
Half Term Break	Monday 16 October 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017
School Closes	Wednesday 20 December 2017

Staff Development Days

Autumn 2017	Wednesday 23 August 2017 Thursday 24 August 2017 Friday 25 August 2017
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