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BEST RESULTS IN RYEDAILE!

This year Malton set a new school record for its GCSE results, towering over all previous years - and all local schools.

An unrivalled 74% of Year 11 students achieved 5 or more grades at A*-C including English and maths. Last year Malton had set a new benchmark at 65% where the average across the UK stands at 56%. But most importantly for Malton School, every single student achieved at least 5 GCSE qualifications.

Another record broken: 42% of students met the challenging requirements for the English Baccalaureate. To achieve this measure students must gain a C or above in at least 5 of the following: English; maths; two sciences; history or geography, and a modern foreign language.

And it doesn't stop there. For the most able students an unprecedented 32% attained 5 or more grades at A or A*. There were also 15 students in the year group who achieved at least 3 A* grades.

This outstanding set of results has placed Malton School at the top table for the **best** results in Ryedale and in the schools on the northern side of York.

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A level results have been equally impressive. Students in Year 13 secured an astonishing average total points score of 901. This is the equivalent of three 'A*' grades at full A Level. It places Malton School amongst the top attaining sixth forms in North Yorkshire.

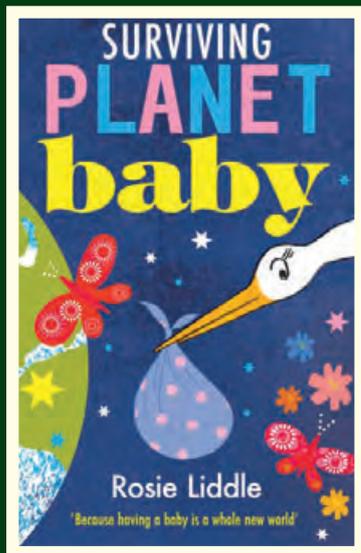
Headteacher Rob Williams said,

"What outstanding GCSE and A level results this year! It is a tribute to these incredibly hard-working students, their parents and families, and to the staff team who have given them such excellent teaching and guidance. Well done to everybody!"

ROSIE WRITES COMEDY

Rosie Goodwin, who is joint head of English at Malton, has self-published her first novel called 'Surviving Planet Baby'.

Writing under her maiden name of Liddle, Rosie says she was inspired to write this quirky extra-terrestrial comedy after having her first child Peter, when parenthood sometimes felt like another world. Mrs Goodwin thinks there is a book in all of us and has always encouraged her students to discover their own writing gifts. She is now working on another book based on Planet Baby at Christmas.

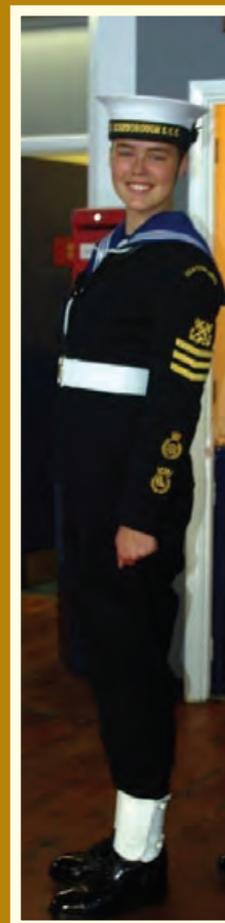


HIGH ACHIEVERS

Kate Firth-O'Donnell

Kate is a member of the Sea Cadets and is looking forward to joining the Navy. Kate spent this last summer at SCTC Caledonia in Rosyth. Whilst there she achieved numerous qualifications including the Royal Yachting Association Dinghy Instructor course, Offshore Powerboat Level 2 and her VHF License.

Kate has also been awarded Petty Officer as well as Master Coxswain. She was one of only four cadets in the UK to become a Petty Officer this summer. There are only 120 Petty Officer Cadets at present across the UK. Kate can now instruct other cadets in using a dinghy and also skipper powerboats, up to 25 feet in length. Kate also managed to fit in her First Aid Level 1 and her Silver Duke of Edinburgh award in the summer too. She is now undertaking her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations Kate!



HIGH ACHIEVERS

Zoe Hume

Zoe recently competed at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) in Birmingham. Zoe, a keen horsewoman, is no stranger to competition having qualified earlier this month at Addington Manor in Buckinghamshire for HOYS. Just as in 2012 she came 5th in the country having qualified for the Re-trained Racehorse to Riding Horse category at HOYS. Zoe and State Policy (Bobby), who is 16 years old, formed a partnership at the start of this year. They qualified for the Intermediate Show Hunter Type at this year's HOYS, held at the LG Arena in Birmingham, where they came a fantastic 6th best in the country. Congratulations Zoe!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR INSPIRE - AND AMAZE

Children from primary schools in and around Malton performed at a very special concert in October at Malton School.

The uplifting sound and spectacle of the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir from Uganda included joint performances with local children for two nights. Performing a mix of local and traditional Ugandan song in vibrant colourful dress, the choir sang, danced and drummed for over two hours each night.

Rehearsals took place during the day to teach primary school pupils and Malton School students, drum rhythms, harmonies and dance steps.

Julian Taylor, music teacher at Malton School, said: **"The choir brings joy everywhere they go and the two days we had together were brilliant. Malton pupils and students learnt so much from the Choir, and the Choir really enjoyed learning and performing with the Glee Club. Everybody was smiling - all the time! The energy and exuberance of these children on stage, who have faced such adversity, can only leave you amazed and inspired."**

The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir visit England every autumn and perform with schools as well as in churches, market places and shopping centres across England. The orphaned or destitute children in the Choir are ambassadors for hundreds of similar children back home in Uganda. They visit the UK to raise awareness and the desperately needed funds to help improve the living standards, healthcare and the standard of education in their schools.



NEW SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

Two brand new routes have been 'opened up' for Malton School buses, to bring in students from as far afield as Leavening and Weaverthorpe.

The two new routes include the villages of Kirkham Abbey, Westow, Leavening, Burythorpe and Langton. The second route includes the villages of Wintringham, Weaverthorpe, Helperthorpe, Luttons, Kirby Grindalythe, Duggleby and North Grimston.

Malton School identified the urgent need to provide more transport, as a result of changes in NYCC transport provision, and by listening carefully to its students, parents and carers. Over 200 letters have been sent out to existing parents and carers living outside the catchment area; more than half replied.

Helping students get to school is nothing new for Malton. It has the highest proportion of 'out of catchment' students of any of the local secondary schools. Sixth Form students have been transported in by bus from outlying areas for a number of years. Currently, the school runs routes to Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Pickering and Filey along the A64 .

Rob Williams, Headteacher, said, **'This is a tremendous response from parents in a wide geographical area. But it is no surprise. We knew the need was out there. Parents want choice. We know what we are doing: we have been transporting students into the School for many years. Students come from almost a 25 mile radius. These two routes are a great addition to our growing transport network.'**

The maximum cost to parents for using one of the new bus routes is £360 for an academic year. A bursary scheme is available from the school to help parents with the cost of travel, and payment by instalments is another option.

EXPEDITION VISIT TO SOUTH CHINA SEAS

They had to peel off blood-sucking leeches and take cover from the three-horned rhinoceros beetles the size of the palm of your hand, dig the earth and build in heat, exceeding 40 degrees. All this, and manage without a flushing toilet! But ask them if they would do it all again: for most, without hesitation!

This summer, Malton School, in partnership with Ryedale School, took 31 students aged 16 to 18 to the world's third largest island, Borneo. The purpose? To make a contribution to the people and environment of this developing country through meaningful project work.

Life-changing projects the students helped with were building a village kindergarten, a flushing toilet and a market place, so the villagers had somewhere to sell their local produce. An environmental project the students got involved with included clearing dense vegetation for a butterfly farm. This will form part of an environmental education centre for the rainforest areas of Borneo.

But it wasn't all work and no play. The students were given the chance to take an open-water diving course and experience the underwater world of coral ecosystems, beautiful, exotic fish and endangered sea turtles.

Callum Young, Year 12, said, **"It was an unforgettable trip. I learnt so much: to live in two very different, challenging environments - the coast and the rainforest; to do something worthwhile, not just holiday, and to eat really bony chicken. Brilliant!"**



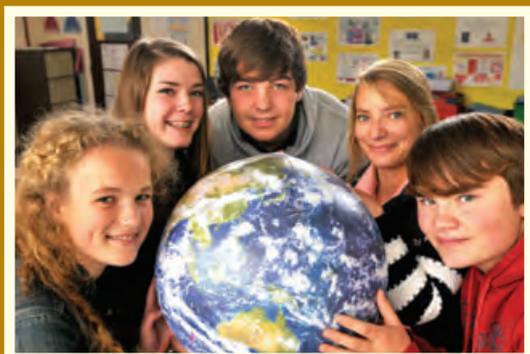
WINNER OF NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Malton School is delighted to announce it has won a prestigious national award in recognition of excellence in teaching geography.

Malton was one of only 52 secondary schools from across the UK to be given the Secondary Geography Quality Mark (SGQM) by the highly regarded Geographical Association (GA). The Award recognises student achievement and progress and encourages schools to strive for the highest quality in their teaching.

In Malton's case, the judging panel highlighted for special mention the fieldwork task about shopping in Malton. This involved comparing current shops in Wheelgate, with those of 1996, to see what impact the new out-of-town shopping centres in York have had on the town of Malton. Another innovative piece of teaching involved a case study with Year 9, labelled the 'planning for potash' challenge. Here the students had to evaluate the economic, social and environmental impacts of the proposed Potash Mine in the North York Moors national park.

Helen Wilson, Head of Geography at Malton School, said: **"We are thrilled to win this award. Geography is a popular choice at GCSE and A level at Malton. This award shows the strengths within the school: the enthusiasm, creativity and willingness of students, and teachers alike, to embrace new ways of teaching and learning."**



Year 11 Geography students with Helen Wilson.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Star gazing

A first for Malton School this year is the Astronomy Club. Equipped with a 28cm reflector telescope with automatic tracking, it is hoped that by using a digital camera the students will get some really detailed pictures that can be used in their coursework.

Sean Slattery, science teacher, said: "The telescope is a fantastic opportunity. It has been kindly donated by a former student and all the other essential equipment has been provided by our Endowment Governors. We are really looking forward to the darker evenings when we can make best use of it. We'll be looking mainly at planets and moons in the solar system. Hopefully, we will be able to see the storms on Jupiter".



Teacher Sean Slattery and William Huddie, Year 9.

The Astronomy Club is a GCSE course being run as an after-school club for some of the most enthusiastic science students in the school. Just for Years 8 and 9 to begin with, it has had a great start with over 25 students coming along to the first session in September.

Cutting edge

The DT department would like to announce the arrival of its new laser cutter! Raising money for some time now, the department's coffers were generously boosted by the school's Endowment Governors and Charles Corner, Managing Director of Malton Laser.

Set to revolutionise the way that students design and manufacture products, the laser cutter generates faster rates of production and higher quality outcomes. Students can design products on computer-based design programmes and see their designs come to life in a very short space of time. The laser cutter can work with a range of materials: paper and card, plastics, timber-based materials, and it can also engrave in metals. **Parents: look out for projects arriving home soon!**



WHAT A DRAMA!

Theatre trips to York, Leeds and Richmond and the casting for Little Shop of Horrors - the Drama and English departments certainly don't stand still!

The Year 7 theatre trip to see 'Puss in Boots' in December in Richmond will let the students see just how what they have been learning in the classroom - the skills and techniques employed in pantomime - is used on the stage. *Oh no they won't! Oh yes they will!*

In October GCSE Drama students visited York Theatre Royal to see Harold Pinter's 'Betrayal' about a seven-year love affair and in November there is a trip planned to see the highly acclaimed gothic horror ghost story 'Woman in Black', again in York, and coming direct from the West End!

And reading the American classic, 'A Streetcar named Desire', A Level English students had a run out to the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds to watch the enigmatic Southern belle, Blanche DuBois.

After auditions in October, rehearsals are now underway for the School's biggest production in decades. 'Little Shop of Horrors', the musical comedy horror with a Motown and Blues score, will be performed for 3 nights in March next year.

Drama teacher, Hayley Spiers, said:

"All the parts have been cast, including the Chorus. We are all so excited! There is a lot of hard work to do between now and March, but I just want to say congratulations to everybody who is taking part in the production".



PRISON ME! NO-WAY!

A visit from this group always generates enormous excitement. And students in Years 9 and 10 weren't to be disappointed when the Prison Me No Way team came into school, shortly before the summer holidays.

Prison Me! No-Way! is a national educational charity raising awareness among young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime. Students experience, first-hand, what it would be like to go to prison through a series of talks and active workshops. A favourite with the students, is the street scene workshop. They get the chance to role-play a scene on 'Confrontation Street'.

Later on in the library, students were able to quiz three inmates from an open prison who explained the reasons behind their sentences.

Set up as a project by prison officers in 1993, PMNW! has reached more than 5 million young people. A big thank you to Mike Parkes and his team for spending the day with us in school, and to Deborah Green for organising the day. Deborah retired from Malton in July after two decades teaching in the school.



STEM ROLE MODEL 'OPENS DOORS'

Yorkshire born-and-bred, TV presenter and electronic engineer, Kate Bellingham, spent a day at Malton School in October informing, inspiring and sharing her experiences with students across four year groups.

As National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Careers' Champion, Kate is more than qualified to talk about her career choices and experiences starting out as an engineer for the BBC, becoming a TV presenter alongside Brian Cox, and in cutting edge programmes like Tomorrow's World, as well as having trained to be a maths teacher.

Kate got the students out of their chairs and thinking about and discussing opportunities and career choices. She also tried to challenge preconceptions that might limit or stop decisions being made. Her message: choices are important, but are not the be-all-and-end-all. It's never too late to change tack or learn something new in your career. For example, during her maternity leave, Kate started studying for an MSc in electronic communication systems!

Daisy Ferguson, in Year 9 said, **"The presentation really got me thinking about different career options that I wasn't aware of. It was a good eye opener. I thought it was presented in a lively way, which was great."**

Rob Williams, Head teacher, added, **"It was wonderful for the students to hear what is possible, the avenues open to them in science, technology, engineering and maths. Malton is a specialist science school, so it is essential that we show them next steps. Kate, as a STEM Careers' Champion, does exactly that. She has achieved so much."**

Kate was in School as part of the Speakers for Schools charity - which sees some of the UK's most influential leaders from business, culture, the arts, sports, science and technology delivering talks in secondary state schools across the UK, completely free-of-charge. Speakers have a chance to share their unique insights as leading figures and have a direct dialogue with students about important issues that might impact them as they make their next steps in life.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Malton School knows how important it is to give students the best possible start. Not just when they join the School in Year 7, but also when they start Year 12 at Malton School Sixth Form.

For two days at the end of the summer term, Year 6 pupils from primary schools across Ryedale came into School. It was their first chance to all come together before forming our new Year 7 in September. The time was spent getting a feel for a much bigger school, stare at the much bigger students and try out much tastier school dinners! They also met the teachers, discovered what House they were in - Air, Fire, Earth and Water, and took part in taster lessons in History, Science and French

At the other end of the school, at the start of the year, new Sixth Form students headed north east to a very different kind of education...

East Barnby Activity Centre, near Whitby, became the students' new outdoor classroom. The students drawn from schools all across Ryedale as well as from Malton School, had to overcome some very real physical and mental challenges: scrambling amongst tight spaces between boulders, wading in chest-high freezing water and night walking in the pitch black of the moorland, the students had to have their wits about them. Bedtime brought cocoa and biscuits, but not before working through a set of problem-solving puzzles!

The reason for running the East Barnby trip, that has taken place every year for the past twelve years, is to help the students make firm friendships as they spend the next two years studying together. But most importantly, it is hoped they might learn a little more about themselves to help them overcome challenges to be faced in the Sixth Form, using team work, perseverance and lateral thinking.

Tom Nesfield, Year 12 student, said:

"The highlight for me has been the chance to interact with others - not only forging new friendships, but also get closer to old friends".



Year 12 students at East Barnby.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Lucia Pollan - Turner

As we go to press, we wait to hear whether Lucia, 15 years old and in Year 10, has won the Bright Young Star category in the Malton and Norton Pride Awards. Lucia was nominated by her Drama teacher, Hayley Spiers and here's why...

At only 14 years old, Lucia starred in a film that had its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September this year. The film, *Magical Girl*, is being talked about as one of the best films in Spain this year - Lucia is fluent in Spanish. The glitzy red carpet premiere was at the San Sebastian Film Festival on 25th September and Lucia attended with her family.

The film follows the story of a father of a terminally ill girl, Alicia (played by Lucia), as he tries to obtain his daughter's last wish.

Lucia had her head shaved for the role - a very brave thing to do for any teenage girl, particularly as Lucia had very long hair before!

Drama teacher, Hayley Spiers, said, **"Having Lucia in the School makes Malton a more diverse, interesting and happy place to learn. I believe her outlook and demeanour mirrors the school ethos: support - inspire - thrive. Lucia supports others, inspires others and helps her fellow students to thrive."**



Picture courtesy of Malton and Pickering Mercury.

THE FUTURE IS YOURS

Only a week after Kate Bellingham's visit, Malton School co-hosted another hugely successful science and engineering event. This time in partnership with Derwent Training Authority.

Speakers came along from local, high profile companies including Unilever (an ex-Malton School student), Dale Power, Ferrer, York University and GCHQ in Scarborough. The hall was packed with students and parents eager to hear the opportunities and benefits from studying and working in science and engineering. There was also the chance for students to chat, after the presentations, to the speakers, young apprentices and experienced managers from local enterprises.



HIGH ACHIEVERS

Elliott Kettlestring

Elliott has been training with the Phoenix High Flyers, who are based at Woldgate College in Pocklington, since he was six years old. For the last two years he has also qualified to train with the Yorkshire squad. Elliott competes at national level and hopes to qualify soon for the GB squad. In September, he was invited by the Yorkshire squad to compete in Prague. This was Elliott's second international circuit competition and he secured 5th place.

Last summer, Elliott came 8th in the qualifying rounds of the Loule Cup in Portugal. The Year 7 student aims to compete in the Olympics in years to come. We look forward to watching his progress. Congratulations Elliott!



LEST WE FORGET

As reported in our last termly newsletter, to mark the centenary of the First World War, 100 pupils from Year 6 in three local primary schools were invited into Malton School to work alongside Year 9 students, English teachers and an ex-soldier turned poet and teacher, Danny Martin. The results? Some inspirational and immensely moving poetry. And as part of Ryedale Book Festival in October, some students (now in Year 7 at Malton School) were invited to read their poems to members of the public at St Michael's Church, alongside Danny. They were Mystee Kearns, Marcus Raistrick, Alex Lyall, Jennifer Staples, Ava Bertucci, Robert Huddie and Charlotte Scott.

Also, as part of the festival, the whole of Year 7 watched a live audience with renowned children's author Michael Morpurgo, from the Milton Rooms. Ten students each were selected from 27 schools in the area, including Malton, to go to the event and ask questions in person too.

To the right is one of the poems examining conflict.



Danny Martin with the Year 7 students.

Empty Words

By Mia Eckersley, Year 9

The tired stories of a superfluous multitude,
Devoid and dying.
'Lest we forget'
Or shall we forget?
Or drag up their heroisms
Through endless words
And bury them under a blanket of prose.

Is it remembering?
Or is it distorting
Their supererogatory acts?
Wrenched up through centuries,
Upon centuries
Of endless
Satirical lines,
Are; broken, diaphanous, devoid...

Do we shield our minds
From the callous clasps of war?
Or from the lies behind it?
When the moon sends out the tide
She always brings it home again,
But the bitter necessity of
'justifiable' homicide,
Means she cannot call them back again
And words, cannot recall them.

NEW YEAR HERALDS NEW SCHOOL LEADERS

Staff and students voted in their new Head Boy and Head Girl team plus two deputies for 2014-15.

Robert Ingram from Langton has been voted Head Boy and Merrie Barnet from Malton has been voted Head Girl. The deputies are Rachel Allen from Great Barugh and Luke Crosier from Malton.



Head Girl and Head Boy Team plus deputies. Picture courtesy of Malton and Pickering Mercury.

The team's official duties will include hosting large events such as the Celebration Evening in November, and attending school and community meetings. They will also be expected to manage social events such as the Year 11 Prom and represent the school at civic events such as Remembrance Sunday.

Malton School prides itself on offering its students opportunities to develop their social skills and self-confidence through public speaking and performance, acting as role models for younger students and working in a team.

Four KS3 Leaders are also elected in Year 9 and this year the post holders are: Nathan Caves, Maddie Craggs, Tom Elliott and

Rebecca Heslop. In the Sixth Form, a President and three Vice Presidents are elected by their peers and teachers. For this year they are respectively, Max Burton, Charlotte Carr, Tilda Brooks and Joe Thomson.

Pat Lovegrove, Assistant Head, said:

"It is a long held tradition in the school for students and staff to decide who will represent them for that year. So it is a real honour to be elected by your peers. I am sure the new teams will take their duties very seriously and, I hope, enjoy themselves!"



Sixth Form leadership team.



HOME AND AWAY

Fifty students and staff spent five days performing, practising their French and visiting war memorials on a music and French study trip to Normandy in north west France in the summer.

Over the next 4 days the musicians and singers in the group performed day and evening concerts in the local area, at Honfleur, Villes sur Mer, Arromanches, and Chateau de Martragny, wowing audiences of local people and holiday makers.

Julian Taylor, music teacher said, "Every time we performed, the reception we got just blew us away. The students played and sang brilliantly. It was a great experience for everyone."

Remembering the dead, interested historians in the group visited Gold Beach in the D-Day Landings, where the remains of the Mulberry Harbours are still visible today. They also paused for reflection at the American Cemetery at Coleville-sur-Mer, above Omaha Beach where over 10,000 American troops were killed during D-Day.

In October the Government and Politics AS group visited London to visit the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and the High Court.

Tom Wing, Year 12 student, said, "It was an extraordinary day and as a group we learned a lot including what the back bench is and where certain MPs always sit as well as how much larger, and more impressive the House of Lords is. I enjoyed the day."

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTY

Hannah Atkinson, Billy Johnson and Joseph Matique competed for the District at Tadcaster Grammar School. First cross country meet at Scalby in September, Florence Pegrum, Year 7, came first.

NETBALL

Year 11 team became District Champions and progressed through to the County Round in Harrogate. Year 11 Partnership netball - the girls won this event. Year 9 district netball - the girls came third at the last event. Year 9 cup netball, the girls have progressed through the first round. They will play Scarborough College in the next round in November.

FOOTBALL

Year 7 team won the Scarborough and District Cup. They were unbeaten all season and will compete in the National and County Cups this year.

U19 team are through to the second round of the ESFA National Cup, winning their game 4-2 on penalties. Years 10 and 11 are through to the second round of the District Cup.



TENNIS

Malton School became District Champions, winning in the final!

ROUNDERS

Year 11 team won the District Rounders' title to maintain their 5 year reign, undefeated since Year 7.

BADMINTON

Key Stage 3 and 4 girls' teams won the Scarborough and District Tournaments and went on to compete in the Regional competition.

RUGBY

Years 9 and 10 boys' Rugby 7's had a fantastic season, ending in second and third places respectively. The Key Stage 4 girls' team had a great game beating local rivals 50-20. Kenton Leiataua formed the Key Stage 4 girls' team and watched the school rugby teams on a whole go from strength to strength throughout the season. Sizwe Zondo has joined us for the next year. He will continue to coach students and push for progression through the year groups.

ATHLETICS

8 athletes represented Scarborough and District at the County Championships. 52 Malton School athletes helped Whitby-Ryedale win the Key Stage 3 and 4 trophies, against Scarborough and Filey.



BASKETBALL

U18's competed in the National Competition. They topped their group with wins over Fulford, Queen Ethelburga's and Bootham.



BIATHLON AND TRIATHLON

Steph Bramley came first in the Yorkshire Regional Triathlon Championships. Schools Biathlon at Lady Lumleys:- Jamie Hyde first, Steph Bramley first, Becky Bramley fourth, Izzy Grayson fourth, Charlotte Blenkin fourth.

The above athletes qualified for the Yorkshire Biathlon in which Jamie Hyde came first on points and second in the overall standings.



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