

**A HISTORY OF  
MALTON SCHOOL  
1547 - 2006**

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## Introduction

Idea for a book first suggested in 2001. A website dedicated to Maltonians had been set up in 1999 and people had been sending e-mails, photos, letters and documents for some time. The refurbishment of the school library in 1999-2000 forced a fresh look at the archive material the school possessed, and some attempt at organising it was made, with the new library having a dedicated Maltonians section, where archive material is now stored.

Material was not an issue – though different eras receive differing levels of coverage.

Inevitably there will be some errors in the text. Some of the facts are from people's memory, and on occasion two memories of the same event do conflict. Some facts are from documents, and documents do not always tell the truth – take the example of a sports programme or drama cast lists printed in advance, predicting rather than recording who is performing. I have been amazed at people's ability to put names to faces on photographs from many years ago, but inevitably they may have forgotten some detail or mistaken the odd name. Please write and tell me. I can issue corrections on the website.

## Photographs

Decision taken not to include the numerous panoramic photographs we have in the archive. The size and shape of the book would not do them justice, and any attempt to fold them over pages would prove unsatisfactory. They are on the website

## The book

Where names are provided they are always from left to right, starting on the back row where there is more than one row. ??? signifies an un-named person, ? an unknown first name or surname

Where married women are referred to, their maiden name appears in brackets. Thus Helen (Carlisle) Wilson would have been Helen Carlisle at school.

The text is not all my own. I am indebted to the 1965 volume of *The History of Malton Grammar School*, written by David Lloyd, with considerable research and assistance from Howard Fox and Tony Kirby. Forty years on Howard Fox once again assisted with summaries of periods of history based upon *The Maltonian*, personal contacts and other research. Some of these sources are used as written, others have been edited to fit the overall production.

## What to leave out – too much material

Balance – some possibly trivial topics may receive two or three pages of coverage, while other perhaps more important ones get but a sentence. Much is dictated by the documents, memories and photographs that have come down through the years. And the fact that a school trip or play is fondly remembered and documented rather than a major change in education or administration – perhaps the perspective is the right one anyway.

I am sure I have missed photos and stories, and almost certainly attributed dates incorrectly at times. I would have liked to include more names against photographs: if any reader recognises faces, please let me know and I can at least add them to the website.

Content has at times been dictated by what exists – and its quality. Apologies to those who do not appear but should – have a look on the website, you may be there.



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