

Investing in the Future

Students in their final year of GCSE studies spent two days investing in their futures in September. In a two-day industry related exercise, the whole year group came to school in business-style dress, and undertook a series of tasks and simulations posed to them by local business people, who kindly agreed to give up some of their time to work with the youngsters. One small reward for the generosity of these employers was a buffet lunch provided for them by students in the Food Technology Department.

Head of Upper School, Martyn Sibley, comments:

“We ran a similar event last year for the first time, with great success. The course is all part of our careers programme, equipping our students with job application skills and showing what makes a good potential employee. We hope it raised the aspirations of our young people, and made them fully aware of the opportunities which exist. The event ties in with the two weeks work experience which all students undertook at the end of last term.”

Sponsored Walk

Friday 29 September thankfully saw fine weather for the annual walk. Students as usual took part in the event with good spirit, and have been bringing in their sponsor money since the day, with the current total standing at £3922.

The funds this year will go towards ensuring every student who wants a locker has one, and the further purchase of computers (see later for details). 10% of the money raised will be donated to local charity, The Camphill Trust.

October trips time

The week before half term has traditionally been a time for putting that extra dimension into school life which residential trips afford, and this year has been no exception.

- 35 students from Year 9 spent a week in Thury Harcourt, Normandy, with the Modern Languages department.
- 24 students from Year 12 spent 3 days at East Barnby (near Whitby) on a Geography field study course.
- 51 students from Year 10 spent 3 days at East Barnby as part of their Geography course.
- 25 students from Year 10 spent 3 days at East Barnby on an Outdoor Pursuits course.
- 16 students from Year 10 spent 3 days on extended Work experience as part of their Way to Work course.

Celebration Evening 15 November 2000

A special evening is once again being organised on which the School will celebrate the achievements of 1999-00. Students who received three or more commendations for their attainment, effort or improvement, or who finished in the top ten in the end of year exams, will be presented with an award. In addition we will be reviewing the news and highlights of life at school last year.

As numbers able to attend are limited by fire regulations, parents and relations of students receiving awards have been given first option on seats. Anyone else who would like to attend should contact the School to check on availability of spare seats.

Partial Closure

On Tuesday 10 October we were forced to close the school to students below Year 11, as a result of the electricity supply being unavailable in West Wing. Water was found to be leaking into the main distribution cupboard. Normal lessons continued for Years 11 to 13, but restricted to East Wing classrooms on a special timetable.

Coincidentally with the electricity problems, on the previous day a small fire occurred in a school toilet. Students were evacuated, and the fire brigade quickly dealt with the fire, which caused smoke damage to the toilet. Coupled with the the lack of electricity in the West Wing, the afternoon was disrupted. The fire is being treated as malicious, and the police are investigating the incident.

We were very pleased with the orderly and sensible way students responded to these most unusual incidents, and as a result normal school life resumed very quickly.

Can we remind all parents that the School rules forbids bringing any dangerous items to school, in particular matches and lighters are not allowed. We hope parents will support us and check that their children do not have such items in their possession when coming to school.

Ochieng Okelo

In July a special assembly was held about the plight of children in Kenya, and a non-uniform day raised over £230. This money will provide a fund to support Ochieng Kennedy Okelo, a 12-year old Kenyan boy who lives in Nyatike, Kenya, through the World Vision charitable organisation.

As well as the initial response to help Ochieng, Mrs Smith was overwhelmed by the response to her request in Lower School assembly for small Christmas presents. At the next assembly, over a hundred neatly wrapped presents were brought in by our students.

Information Technology Progress

Although our major Appeal of last year has now closed, its objectives having all been met, we continue to improve the IT facilities available to our students.

- A third computer network room was fitted out with benching, and electricity and cabling supplies were installed last half term. 24 computers will shortly be installed, providing another teaching resource on the new network, and in particular increasing access to up-to-date computers for Year 7, 8 and 9 lessons.
- The school “intranet” (like the internet, but restricted to the audience inside school) is gradually expanding, with pictures of school activities, resources for departments, and links to World Wide Web resources. This offers a much more secure environment for students: parents can be assured that we do not publish any pictures of students or identify them in any way which might compromise their safety on our internet websites.
- We are proposing to try a series of drop-in session on Thursday evenings, 4.00 – 7.00pm, in Room 40 (East Wing), every week until Christmas. GCSE and A-level students will be able to stay and work on their projects, with assistance available from staff, but other students and parents are welcome to come along and use the facilities at this time, up to the maximum number of computers available (30). Though no formal teaching is intended, advice will be freely given by staff in attendance. Contact Mr Fearnley if you are interested in taking up this opportunity.
- On 17 October, local business people were given a demonstration of “What our students can do”, in an evening event organised by North Yorkshire Business Enterprise Partnership. Our students showed their guests the internet, e-mail, the programs available to them, and what IT project work looks like.

Absence from School

Our absence rate during 1999-2000 was above the national average for secondary schools. We understand that there are times when students are unfit to be in school and that medical appointments sometimes need to be made during school time. We are however trying to reduce absence from school for the obvious reason that students are missing important education if they are not in lessons.

From November 2000 we are asking parents of students in Year 7 and 11 please to telephone school from 8.30 am or to send a brief note with a brother or sister on the **first** day of any unforeseen absence. If we have not heard from parents by 10:00 on the first day of such an absence we shall try to get in touch – parents will be aware of the potential danger to a young person if parents think they are at school but they are in fact absent.



Emergency Closure

If the School is closed an announcement will be made on Radio York (103.7 FM).

In inclement weather please tune to Radio York for any news rather than phoning school. No announcement means the school is open.

Please would parents bear in mind that telephoning school to find out if we are open puts great strain on the switchboard at a very difficult time. Thank you.

Post-16 Information Evening

For Year 10 and Year 11 students and their parents/guardians

Wednesday 22 November
At 7.30 pm in West Wing Hall

Arrangements for Election of Parent Governor

There is a vacancy for a parent governor to serve for four years. The vacancy exists because Mr M Parrott has come to the end of his four-year term of office. All parents of pupils at Malton School are eligible to stand. Even if children leave the school a parent governor can serve out his or her four-year term. Nomination forms will be available from Mrs J M Capstick, Clerk to the Governors, at the School from 6 November. Completed nomination forms should be returned to reach Mrs. Capstick by Monday 16 November. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies a ballot of parents will be held. If a ballot is held, ballot forms will be issued to pupils on Thursday 23 November for return to School by post or “pupil post” by Thursday 30 November. In the event of a tie the parent with the younger pupil in School will be elected.

Forthcoming events

AUTUMN TERM 2000

November

W	08	Y10 and beyond Parents' Meeting
W	15	Celebration Evening
Th	16	Y13 Assessments to Parents
T	21	Y11 Poetry Day at Hull
W	22	Post-16 Information Evening
Th	23	Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	28	Y12 Assessments to Parents
W	29	Y6 Information Evening
Th	30	Y10 GCSE Science Module

December

F	01	School closed to pupils (Staff Training)
M	04	Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents
T	05	Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers Senior House Matches
Th	07	Y7 Assessments to Parents
W	13	Senior House Matches Y11 (99-00) Certificates Evening/Reunion
Th	14	Junior House Matches
F	15	Senior Citizens' party
M	18	A-level Certificates Evening/Reunion
T	19	Carol Service at St Michael's
W	20	Term ends

SPORTS RESULTS

Year 10 Football

Malton 4 Ryedale 3
Malton 1 Norton 2
LLS 5 Malton 0
Malton 7 Norton 4

Year 9 Football

Malton 2 LLS 3
Malton 0 Scalby 4
Malton 4 Ryedale 9
Malton 3 Norton 3
Malton 2 LLS 2
Malton 4 Eskdale 4

Year 8 Football

Malton 6 Norton 1
Malton 2 LLS 3
Malton 1 LLS 10
Malton 1 Ryedale 2

Year 7 Football

Malton 6 Ryedale 1
Malton 2 Eskdale 2
LLS 6 Malton 1
Norton 6 Malton 3

Year 9 Rugby

Graham 12 Malton 20

Year 8 Rugby

Graham 17 Malton 0

Year 11 Hockey

Malton 0 Ryedale 2
Malton 2 Graham 0
Malton 0 Scarborough College 0
Malton 2 Pindar 2

Year 9 Hockey

Malton 10 Raincliffe 1
Malton 0 LLS 0

Year 8 Hockey

Malton 3 St Augustines 1

Year 11 Netball

Malton 13 St Augustines 9
Malton 20 LLS 5
Malton 2 Norton 9
Malton 2 Scarborough College 5
Malton 3 LLS 3
Malton 1 Pindar 11
Malton 5 Graham 4

Y10 Netball

Malton 10 Pindar 8
Malton 13 LLS 11
Malton 3 Norton 4
Malton 13 Ryedale 20
Malton 5 Whitby 6
Malton 4 St Augustines 3
Malton 2 Pindar 6
Malton 6 Raincliffe 0

Y9 Netball

Malton 3 S'Bro College 10
Malton 11 Whitby Com College 7
Malton 3 LLS 5
Malton 3 6th Form 12
Malton 6 York Coast College 3
Malton 10 Norton 2
Malton 1 Graham 21
Malton 1 LLS 2
Malton 2 Caedmon 10
Malton 0 Scalby 6
Malton 2 Graham 8
Malton 0 Eskdale 5

Year 8 Netball

Malton 'A'; 4 Raincliffe 12
Malton 'B' 6 Raincliffe 10
Malton 14 LLS 8
Malton 2 Norton 9
Malton 3 Ryedale 16



Congratulations to:

Jamie Miller Y9 & **Stephen Baxter** Y10 who have been selected to play district football at U14 & U15 level respectively

Tristan Lee Y11 who has been chosen to attend the final trial for North Yorkshire U16 rugby squad.

Claire White who has been selected GK for U16 District Team.