

Success in exams this year

We are once again delighted with some excellent performances by students, both in GCSE and A-level exams.

A-level Results 2000

- The pass rate is once again very high at 95.3%. - that is 6 percent above the national average of 89%, and the third time in the last four years that we have scored in excess of 90%
- 19% of grades achieved were A grades - 2% higher than the national average.
- Every student passed at least one subject, continuing our remarkably long run of being able to make this claim (seven years now)
- We appear to mirror the national trend for girls to do better than boys - with girls achieving total points scores 2 points higher than the boys on average. However, the best three individual performances did come from boys:
- Best individual performances include Matthew Hayward with AAAAC, Tim Lawes with AAAA and Bill Hetherton with AAAB. Twins Kate and Lucy Dodsworth managed to avoid any arguments by each achieving two A's and two B's, and Hayley Brewer with two A's and a B becomes our first student to achieve an A in the Home Economics Department. She received a personal letter from the Chief Examiner congratulating on attaining one of the top five marks in the country.
- The average points scored per student this year was 20.2 - the

third highest on record, after 1999 (22.5) and 1997 (21.0).

The results were much better than we expected, and many students clearly put a great deal of work into their final weeks of preparation. The staff would say it was their sound advice and coaching that did it, the students would claim their individual hard work - it was probably a mixture of the two, but it seems to have worked.

The results are part of a welcome, solid trend in performance at the school over recent years: there have been occasional dips, which must be expected as normal variation in a smaller school such as ours, but the general pattern continues upward. We wish all our students well in their chosen destinations next year.

At Advanced Level GNVQ Health & Social Care all three students passed – two gaining merits.

GCSE Exams

In the GCSE exams some of our students have produced quite amazing performances in their exams. The best results came from Leah Jackson-Blake, with eight A* and two A grades, and Sam Clarke with five A* and 4 A grades. Both also got A* in their Short Course Information Technology exam. Results overall were not as good as last year's - 1999 was our best year on record - they are more in line with the 1998 performance. One aspect of the results we are very pleased with is the increasing depth of performance across the full ability range - this year we hit our ambitious target that *every* student would pass at least one GCSE (3

passes was the lowest), and in fact 98% of the group achieved 5 or more passes.

Some other headline summary facts and figures:

- The girls outperformed the boys, in line with the growing national trend. On average girls scored 7 points more per individual than the boys, and 61% of girls achieved 5 or more A*-C grades, compared with 44% of boys. Although this imbalance has been the case for many years nationally, it has not always been mirrored in Malton - last year it was the boys who did better than the girls here.
- The average points scored per student was 40.1 this year. This is the second year we have passed the 40 mark, though it is not as high as last year's 41.5. Our stated target is to achieve at least 42 points by 2001 - we will have to do it next year!
- The percentage of entries achieving grade C or better was 58%
- The percentage of students on roll gaining 5 or more grades at A*-C was 53% - down on last year, the same as we achieved in 1998.
- Melanie Andrade-Medd at just 14 gained an A* in Portuguese, having recently arrived from Brazil.

Key Stage 3 SAT results

For the second year running we have to report that English tests were not marked correctly, and our request for a remark has resulted in 36 students having their level upgraded. Results are now as follows:

	Percentage at Level					
	3	4	5	6	7	8
En	5	9	39	28	10	2
Ma	7	10	26	26	20	7
Sc	4	20	32	30	9	0

Staff changes

Four staff left us at the end of the summer term:

Ms Claire Smith left us after two years as Head of Modern Languages, to pursue further postgraduate study.

Miss Bernadette Forbester left us after two terms on a temporary contract, teaching Information Technology and Business Studies.

Mr Key retired from teaching after suffering a long period of illness.

Mrs Theresa Poulter retired after 20 years as a laboratory technician in the Science department. Her assistance has extended far beyond this role, and many staff and students have been very grateful for her help, her reassurance and her willingness to listen when a problem arose. We wish her and her husband John a long and happy retirement.

We would like to thank a number of supply teachers who assisted us in covering long term absences: Mr Creber (PE), Mrs Horsman (Maths), Mr McCaffrey (DT), and Mrs Wilbourne (History) all stepped into the breach in a difficult year.

We welcome eleven new staff:

Mr Chris Creber, who has been working with us covering illness last year, joins the PE Department to teach Boys' Games.

Mrs Phillipa Dore, who was with us on a temporary contract last year, returns as a permanent member of the History Department after her maternity leave.

Ms Suzanne Jarvis joins us from a City Technology College in Dartford, Kent, as Head of Modern Languages.

Mr Russell Mason joins us to teach Science, in particular A-level Chemistry.

Mrs Sharon Mort joins us as a Midday Supervisory Assistant.

Mr Cliff Reddyhoff and **Ms Laura Winter** join the Science Department as technicians.

Miss Ellen Sayle joins us as Head of Special Educational Needs.

Mrs Cath Stone joins us to teach Girls' Games.

Mrs Lesley Tanton joins us to teach Business Studies.

Mr David Yates joins us from a London City Technology College as Head of Information Technology, to lead the further development of our IT resources and courses.

Congratulations

To Mr and Mrs Harvey, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Mia Annabel 8lb 1oz, all well, born in Scotland and apparently an insomniac!

Newsletters

Parents can expect a newsletter each half term, on the first Friday after each holiday. Occasionally an additional edition will be published if we have urgent news to communicate between these dates.

School Photographs

Year 7 photographs will be taken on 27 September. If any parent/guardian wishes to make a special request for family groups please inform Mrs Lovegrove in writing before 25 September.

Photographs will also be taken this year of Year 9 pupils. This will take place on 19 September.

New Prospectus

The new school prospectus, covering entry in September 2001 will be available from the beginning of November.

Activities Day

On Tuesday, 18 July pupils and staff departed for many parts of the country for our annual activity day. Events included:

Archery; Fishing; Glass Printing and Lightbulb painting; Golf; Information Technology day; Orienteering; Padder Tennis; Trampolining; Trips to Flamingoland, Atlantis Water Theme Park, Skiing at Catterick.

Sports Report

This year was the first year our sports competitions took place under the new house system. With four houses instead of three, it meant that more students took part, which is, of course, what our sporting competitions are all about.

Sports Day

The importance of every competitor's efforts, whatever their ability, was shown on Sports Day, when first and second place were separated by just three points.

The final results were:

Fire	-	814 points
Air	-	811 points
Water	-	778.5 points
Earth		754.5 points

Individual Winners were as follows:

		<i>points</i>
Y7 Girls	Anna Gibson	20
Y7 Boys	Gareth Barker and Lee Milburn	20
Y8 Girls	Anna Morley	26
Y8 Boys	Matthew Young and Daniel Lovegrove	26
Y9 Girls	Rebecca Brunton	31
Y9 Boys	Richard Horsman and Kyle Cook	34
Y10 Girls	Natalie Miller	40
Y10 Boys	Daniel Cass	34

Three records were broken this year:

Year 7 Girls 200metres - 31.63 secs

- by **Anna Gibson**

Year 8 Boys Long Jump - 4.65 metres

- by **Daniel Lovegrove**

Year 10 Girls 100metres - 13.43 secs

- by **Natalie Miller**

In addition one record was equalled, in the *Year 8 Boys High Jump - 1.42m* - - by **Matthew Young**

Sports Day is always one of the most enjoyable days in the year: a very good spirit is shown by competitors and spectators, and so many people are involved either by competing or assisting with organisation. Our thanks to all who took part in any way.

Tennis Tournament

Another enjoyable annual sporting fixture is the tennis tournament. This year's winners were:

Girls: **Natalie Miller** (Year 10)
Boys: **Andrew Mitchell** (Year 12)
Mixed Doubles: **Natalie Miller** and **Tom Vasey** (Year 10)

Runners up were

Girls: **Louise Taylor and Katie Raines** (Year 10)
Boys: **Dean Sleightholme** (Year 10)
Mixed Doubles: **Donna Monkman** and **Philip Dodsworth** (Year 10)

House Team Competitions

	Air	Earth	Fire	Water
Junior Competitions				
Cricket	1st	3rd	2nd	4th
Rounders	3rd	4th	2nd	1st
Boys Tennis	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls Tennis	3rd	4th	2nd	1st
Senior Competitions				
Cricket	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Rounders	1st	4th	2nd	2nd
Boys Tennis	1st	3rd	4th	2nd
Girls Tennis	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Overall				
Juniors	3rd	4th	1st	2nd
Seniors	1st	2nd	4th	3rd

Recognition outside school

The following were awarded their District Colours last year:

Cross Country: **Linda Cooper** (Y7), **Lee Milburn** (Y7), **Emma Astin** (Y9)
Football: **Andrew Frank** (Y9), **Matthew Bulmer** (Y10)
Basketball: **Andrew Frank**, **Stephen Baxter** (Y9), **Daniel Cass**, **Chris Smith**, (Y10)
Rugby: **Tristan Lee** (Y10)
Cricket: **Stephen Fieldsend** (Y9), **Chris Smith** (Y10)
Tennis: **Donna Monkman**, **Natalie Miller** (Y10)

County Colours were awarded to:

Cross Country: **Lee Milburn**
Emma Astin
Hockey: **Claire White**
Basketball: **Stephen Baxter**

Calendar 2001 – 2002

The final County calendar of term dates includes one change from the provisional version published at the end of the Summer Term.

The last day of the Autumn Term 2001 is now **Thursday 20 December 2001**.

The full calendar will be published later in the year once the five staff days have been finalised.

Forthcoming events

AUTUMN TERM 2000

September

T 05 Autumn Term commences (Week 1)
Y12 Registration
W 06 Y12 Residential course (3 days)
Th 28 Y11 Investing in the Future course (2 days)
F 29 Sponsored Walk

October

W 04 PTA Annual General Meeting
W 11 Y7 Parents' evening
M 16 Y9 French visit (all week)
Y12 Geography course (3 days)
W 18 Y10 Residential courses (3 days)
F 20 Last day of Half-Term
M 30 School re-opens (Week 1)

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

Raffle

The evening will start with a short, informal Annual Meeting

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

U15 Tennis success for Malton!
 Malton won U15 Midland Bank Final 6-0 v Whitby Community College.
 Team: Natalie Miller, Donna Monkman, Lindsay Hawthorne, Claire White.
 The team now moves on to North East Regional Round against a York School.

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Vacancy

We seek as soon as possible a mid-day supervisory assistant (1¼ hours per day) to make up our team of four supervisors. Lunch is from 12.30 to 13.45. The post is term-time only and paid at an hourly rate of £4.75.

Please phone 01653 692828, fax 696871 or e-mail admin@malton.dialnet.com for further details and form.
 Closing date Wednesday 27 September 2000.

PTA Event

Buy your Christmas gifts and cards early at the PTA event
West Wing - 7.30 pm
Wednesday 4 October.

Party Lights
 (candles, candle-holders, glassware, lead crystal)

Webb Ivory
 Christmas and Birthday cards and wrapping available to buy or order on the night.