

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Second Celebration Evening

On Wednesday evening, 15 November 2000, Malton School hall was packed with over 340 guests who had gathered to celebrate the School's achievements in the previous year.

The entire evening was presented by the students at the school, with Sixth Formers **Andrew Mitchell** and **Kathryn Wilson** compering the show. **Jessica Leonard** (Year 10) and **Adam Turner** (Year 11) manned the newsdesk, reporting on sport, school trips, the millennium, careers and industry work, and exam success, with the help of many other students.

Of course 2000 was the year that the school opened its new library and ICT suite, and this received a special dramatic report performed by **students Tom Davies** (Year 9) and **Christina Yard** (Year 10)

Musical interludes were provided by **Swinton Excelsior Brass Band**, and students **Laura Horsfall** (singing *My Heart Will Go On*), **Lizzie Stallybrass** (playing a Euphonium solo - *Music of the Night*), and **Leah Jackson-Blake** (a piano solo - *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair* by Debussy)

Just over 100 students received special awards for their success in the year, commemorated with a special edition enamel brooch and certificate.

One very special award was made - The Davina Kirk Memorial trophy (in memory of a former pupil) - to the student with the most commendations for good work and effort in the year. This year the award went to **Paula White** (Year 9).

At the end of the night, the Chief Education Adviser for North Yorkshire, **Edna Sutton**, gave a short speech, in which she expressed her absolute delight at being able to visit this very special evening. "I attend many award ceremonies and school prizegivings across the county, but this has surpassed all my expectations. It is wonderful to see so many young people involved, displaying their talents with such confidence".

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

On Friday afternoon, 15 December 2000, over 130 senior citizens joined their younger counterparts at Malton School for the annual Christmas celebration. Students on the Advanced GNVQ Health and Social Care course organised the event, with many other students helping to look after their guests. The Food Technology department provided food, cake and drinks, and the Music department entertained with choirs and orchestra. Teachers supplemented the transport available - thanks to Perry's coaches - and picked up guests from many of the outlying villages that the school serves. Sixth Form students disguised as Father Christmas, fairies, elves and reindeer helped to distribute a present to everyone. Our thanks go to parents and local businesses for help with presents and prizes.

How do you get to one of these parties? Well, there is always a waiting list: students at the School are asked to put names forward of senior citizens they know - they could be neighbours or relatives - and the young people take great pride in asking their guests if they would join them for the afternoon.

The eldest guest was Mrs Vera Yorke from Fryton, who is 102 years old, and was invited by James Dickinson from Year 8.

An extract from just one of the many thank you letters received reads: *"It really was a splendid do. Apart from the companionship, entertainment and good food, the most gratifying aspect of the afternoon was seeing a happy, well-organised and successful school where everyone works together to achieve results"* C K Anderson

Carol Concert

Our thanks go to all who joined us for the annual carol service at St Michael's Church, on Tuesday 19 December. The traditional service with contributions from orchestra, junior and senior choirs was as pleasant as always.

Oxford and Cambridge interviews

Congratulations to four A-level students who were successful in gaining interviews at Oxford and Cambridge colleges last term. **Jenny Hull** has applied to study Veterinary Science at Girton College, Cambridge. Another Malton student, Chris Jefferson, is currently at Girton reading Maths. **Katie Aylmer** has applied to study Mathematics at St Hughs, Oxford. **Angela Bray** is hoping to study Modern Languages (French and German) at Worcester College, and **Romane Reeves** is hoping to study Mathematics at Wadham College, Oxford.

Spa Gala Concert

Four students took part in the annual Scarborough Area Music Centre Gala Concert on Sunday 10 December 2000, involving eight different ensembles and a wide variety of musical styles from classical to Big Band.. **Crystal Spencer, Nicola Galtry, Jo Savage** and **Lucy Aylmer** were present, but unfortunately Lucy's sister **Katie** missed the event due to a clash with her Oxford University interview. Our Head of Music, **Stewart Thorp**, who is the director of SAYSO – the Scarborough Area Youth Symphony Orchestra – conducted an impressive performance of *The Barber of Seville* and *The Capriol Suite*.

The Music Centre is a thriving and successful local service, and is always looking for new recruits, helpers, and patrons. Contact their office on 01723 354042 or Mr Thorp for further details.

Computer expansion continues

A further 34 computers will shortly be added to the School's network; they will be placed in West Wing in Room 1 and Room 19. The current network will be upgraded to Windows 98 and Office 2000, with new network management software (Classlink version 3). These major improvements are likely to mean the network is out of service for a week at the end of January while engineers install the hardware and software. We also hope to install our fingerprint recognition system in the library at the same time - where an optical reader specially designed to code and decode fingerprints will replace our barcode library cards for issue and return of books.

Funding for this expansion of ICT facilities has come from the Ryedale Regeneration Budget, a grant from NGFL (National Grid For Learning), money raised from the sponsored walk (final total £4,256), and a sizeable contribution from the school's budget for Special Educational Needs.

FREE Software for Schools

Last year we managed to benefit from Time computers free software for schools, thanks in the main to parents who had purchased computers over Christmas passing on the 1000 token vouchers available. If anyone has any for this year, we would be delighted to receive them. Please pass them on to Mr Yates.

House Results

The House competition came to a close at the end of the year for the first time with the new House names. The usual sports competitions at the end of term combined with points awarded for effort and attainment, and when all the adding up was done, the first winners of the new trophy were AIR house.

Well done to all those who contributed to their House's totals and success.



House Trophy 1999-2000

	Air (Gold)	Earth (Green)	Fire (Red)	Water (Blue)
Autumn 1999	1221	1215	1146	1174
Spring 2000	1005	902	791	816
Summer 2000	1031	934	1024	978
Autumn 2000	1312	1276	1201	1000
TOTALS	4569	4327	4162	3968
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Staff News

Congratulations to our Australian Games teacher, Mr Creber, on his marriage in December to local girl Michelle Charlton.

Our best wishes go to Miss Johnston, who continues her convalescence after a hip operation: we hope to welcome her back in February.

Our thoughts are with Mr Dunstan who continues to be unwell at present. Our thanks to Mrs Dean, Mrs Ambury and Mr Hartley for their help in covering these two protracted absences.

Our thoughts are also with our secretary, Mrs Cooper, whose daughter was involved in a serious car crash in November, but is now home from hospital. Our thanks to all the office staff who have taken on extra cover work at a difficult time.

Thanks to Ms Dickinson for her work supporting Design Technology and our best wishes go with her in her new post in Scarborough.

Maltonians Update

Congratulations to **Simon Dyson**, who left Malton School in 1994, and has just come first in the Order of Merit on the Asian Golf tour, having won three of its competitions during the year - the Macau Open (May), the Volvo China Open (May), and the Omega Hong Kong Open (December) – and grossed \$282,371. This automatically qualifies Simon for the British Open this year. He will be playing on the European tour in 2001.

We must also congratulate our other well known golfer, **Emma Duggleby**, who is the current Yorkshire Champion, and finished second in The Order of Merit in the English Ladies Golf Association tour, despite missing some late season tournaments due to injury. Many readers will remember watching her in an exciting Curtis Cup match at Ganton – either on TV or “live” - back in June.

Congratulations to **Clare Wright** who just before Christmas reached the semi-finals of Yorkshire Television's Countdown programme, and was just pipped at the "conundrum" stage for a place in the final. Clare came to us from Norton School for her A level studies, and left in 1995. She is now teaching in Darlington.

Tim Lawes, who left the Sixth Form after having completed A-levels this summer, writes from India to say "Nomoskar Bondhu, ami tomader valo asha korchi!" (*apparently Bengali for "Hello friends I hope you are well"*). Tim is spending a gap-year doing voluntary work at a psychiatric institution near Calcutta.

PTA Christmas Hamper Draw

The following names were drawn as all the lucky winners of hampers in the PTA Christmas Hamper Draw:

MacMahon, Sleightholme, Ramsey, Armstrong, Mills, Buczynska, Peck, Milburn, Harrison, Morley, and Cooke. Thanks to all who purchased tickets to help with school funds.

Vacancies

Supervisory Assistant

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.

Please phone 01653 692828, fax 696871 or e-mail admin@malton.dialnet.com for further details and form. Closing date 23 January 2001

Design Technology Technician

We have a vacancy for a technician to support Design Technology for ten hours per week, term time only. Training will be given but some familiarity with working with wood, metal, plastics and/or simple electronics would be a strong recommendation.

Please contact School as above if you would like fuller details. Closing date for applications is *30 January 2001*.

Home to School Transport

A message from County Hall.

During inclement weather conditions there may be occasions when school buses or taxis are unable to operate. Please make sure that you make proper arrangements to ensure your child's safety in such circumstances.

If parents choose to make their own arrangements to get their children to school, they must ensure that they are able to get them home as it may not be possible for normal transport to operate in the afternoon.

Parents should also be aware that schools may call transport in early in severe weather conditions. Parents are expected to ensure that children are given proper instructions to ensure their safety in these circumstances.

*Fiona Cashmore
Operations Assistant*

Trips and visits

Year 10 and Year 11 students on the "Way to Work" vocational course spent a day at Yorkshire Coast College, looking at the further education and training options available beyond school. The visit is just one of many elements in this vocational course aimed at improving the transition between school and the world of work.

Over 100 Key Stage 4 students, mainly from Year 11 but including some Year 10, spent a day studying poetry at Hull Town Hall. They listened to contemporary poets reading their own work – poets such as Simon Armitage, Tom Leonard and John Cooper Clarke – all poets who are often studied in the classroom in English lessons. They were given advice on exam answers, and were invited to ask direct questions of the poets. An enjoyable and productive day.

SPORTS RESULTS

Year 10 Basketball

LLS 28 Malton 28
Malton 32 LLS 27

Year 9 Basketball

Malton 41 Eskdale 29
Caedmon 36 Malton 45
Ryedale 38 Malton 12
Malton 29 LLS 34

Year 8 Basketball

LLS 12 Malton 10
Malton 12 Scalby 24

Year 8 Rugby

LLS 15 Malton 0
Scalby 15 Malton 0
Malton 15 Pindar 0

Year 11 Hockey

Malton 2 Norton 0

Y9 Netball

Malton 7 Norton 8

Absence from School

As reported in our last newsletter we are working hard to improve our attendance rates for the obvious reason that students are missing important education if they are not in lessons.

We have now implemented our proposal that 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. We ask 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.

Forthcoming events

SPRING TERM 2001

January

Th 04 Spring Term begins (Week 1)
T 09 Y11 examinations begin (no leave of absence)
W 10 Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
M 22 Y13 examinations begin (study leave)

February

M 05 Y11 Assessments to Parents
Th 08 Y11 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T 13 Introduction to Sixth Form Evening
F 16 End of Half-Term
M 26 Spring Term continues (Week 2)
GCE modular examinations begin (7 days)
T 27 Y9 Assessments to Parents

March

F 02 Y10 Assessments to Parents
W 07 GCSE Science Module
Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F 09 Y13 Reports issued
M 12 Y12 Assessments to Parents
Ski Trip (all week)
M 19 Y8 Assessments to Parents
T 20 Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F 23 Y11 Reports issued
W 28 Senior House Matches
Y9 Parents' Information Meeting
Th 29 Junior House Matches
Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

April

W 04 Concert
Th End of term