
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Computer Expansion

Show us a computer and we'll show you a problem! The School computer network was shut down for a week at the end of January, to allow a complete upgrade of the system, and the installation of another room full of computers to complement the two rooms we already have. Unfortunately the one-week closure turned into nearer three weeks during which time our full service was not available, though disturbance to actual lessons was minimal. Engineers continue to work to make all aspects of the service fully functional, and we hope to have machines available at lunchtimes and after school once again very soon this half term.

The new computer room – now the third in school - is in West Wing, and will increase the access to computers for teaching all subjects - not just IT.

For the technically minded - we now have 68 PIII and Celeron computers linked across the school with Category 5 cabling, Windows 98 operating system, and running the Microsoft Office 2000 Professional suite of software, with full internet access and multiple e-mail accounts. In addition we have retained our 30-station RM network - ageing at six years old and running Windows 3.1, but still effective for Word Processing, Spreadsheet and Desk Top Publishing work. Eventually these machines will be replaced and brought in line with the high specifications of the new network.

We have installed a second server linked to 10 computers in our Special Needs area, principally to run an Integrated Learning System which will boost key skills, but the computers are linked to the main network and

therefore can also access all the standard facilities.

Euro-Disney Paris

25 students on the Year 11 GCSE Business Studies course, plus 5 from Year 12, set off on Sunday 28 January for two days in France. We are told that they went to the giant theme park near Paris to study the economic management and publicity relating to the business - but they also got to go on all the rides and attractions!

Rocket Science

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to study at Malton School, but it does help! About sixty students from the local primary schools in Malton, Norton and surrounding villages gathered on Saturday 27 January in the first of what could be a series of Science "masterclasses". This was a joint event organised by the Heads of Science at Norton College and Malton School - Simon Carson and Ian Martin, and was held at Norton College. The young scientists built and launched rockets made from tubes, cans and paper on what was a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

Statistical Return

The third Thursday in January is always the date when the DfEE (Department for Education and Employment) collect data on school populations across the country. On that day this year Malton School had 577 students on roll - the highest for many years, and 90 students more than its lowest population in 1994-5. Our admission limit remains at 105, but parents wishing to send their children here in future years can take comfort in the knowledge that because we do not have 105 in

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all year groups, (there are 106 in Year 8, but under 100 in others), there will be places over and above that limit in the next few years.

Mock Examinations

Year 11 completed mock examinations in the second week in January. The procedure for these exams was changed this year - for many years the exams had taken place immediately after Christmas, and "study leave" was granted - students only needed to come in for exams. In 2001 students returned for a week of revision before starting the exams, and attended full time during the examination period - which was itself reduced in time to minimise disruption. The outcomes are very promising - with many students gaining very encouraging grades in this important trial run. They must now consolidate with hard work until the real thing in summer.

Year 13 mock exams for A-levels took place the following week, and similar comments apply: we look for genuine application in the coming weeks to secure those vitally important grades in summer.

Kenya Trip

Three of our Year 11 students - **Matthew Bulmer, Phoebe Court, and Andrew Ward** - plus one of our ex-students **Siobhan Page**, were fortunate to gain a place in the eleven-strong Ryedale Youth Kenya group. They spent two weeks in Kenya at the small village of Nanuki. The group planned every detail themselves, and raised every penny needed for their expenses. Projects they worked on ranged from maintenance of the local schoolhouse to working on a feeding programme for the most deprived children in the schools.

Andrew commented: "It was shocking. You see pictures, films and things before you go but that doesn't really prepare you for what it is going to be like. But the people always seem really happy, which is all the more amazing as they have nothing much in the way of possessions." Matthew added "We went to try and improve what they have and hopefully we have done that. I enjoyed every second." And Phoebe

noted "Keith (Rowe - the organiser) is planning more trips and a few of us are hoping to go back, for a bit longer next time. It was an amazing experience."

The Scottish Play

Macbeth, Banquo and the three weird sisters visited the school on Tuesday 30 January. **The Traditional Theatre Company** performed much as actors would have in Shakespeare's day, with a simple backdrop, and just four actors doubling parts. All students in Year 9 and 10 spent the afternoon watching the play and the very informative pre-play description of how the sword-fights were put together, how the parts are rehearsed, and how life and meaning is put into the characters.

Delta Sly Saxophones

Malton School welcomed the **Delta Sly** saxophone quartet on Thursday 8 February, for an intensive day of musical activity. They started with a concert for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students, and followed up with workshops for GCSE and A-level musicians, then workshops with the school orchestra and individual musicians.

The quartet played soprano, alto, tenor and baritone sax, have premiered new works by leading international composers and have travelled Britain and abroad performing concerts to great acclaim. They have made a number of CD recordings which have been highly acclaimed by the BBC and the Independent on Sunday.

SIXTIES NIGHT

The annual Easter concert will be a little different this year, when we take the audience back to the Sixties with music, news, dance, readings, artwork and a fashion show all related to that decade. The concert is on

Wednesday 4 April, at 7.30 pm,

in the West Wing Hall. Tickets are available from the school office, price £3, with concessions at £2.

Maltonians News

We were sorry to hear that Olive Irene Kirk passed away on February 8th, at the age of 85. Olive's daughters had attended the school, and she had recently kept up her interest in school life, attending the Library opening and other events, and donating a trophy in memory of her daughter Davina.

Dr Roger Hollinrake contacted us from Oxford, trying to find details of his father who lived in Malton in the 1920's. We were able to find a record of his attendance at Malton School, and many references to his subsequent departure for Cambridge University, the first Malton student to gain such a scholarship. Horace Hollinrake went on to be Professor of Music at Auckland University, New Zealand 1926-1956.

E-mails continue to arrive from all over the world. A reminder that a website does exist recording all these contacts, as well as the history of the school, at

<http://webspaces.dialnet.com/malton.school>

Our main school website continues to attract attention, in particular the Virtual Art gallery, where we display student's artwork, has been the subject of a number of very complimentary messages in recent weeks. Check us out at

<http://members.aol.com/maltons>

Staff News

We welcome back Miss Johnston after her convalescence. Mr Dunstan continues to be absent – we wish him well for his hip operation this month.

Our thoughts are with Mr Lawes and his family: Mrs Lawes is currently under observation in hospital fighting a serious illness which has troubled her for some time now.

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Wall, who has just joined the lunch-time supervisory team and to Mrs Fletcher who is offering additional support to the Office team.

Gardener's Evening

**A Garden In Thornton Dale
An Illustrated Talk
Tuesday 27 March 2001 at 7.30 pm
In the School Library**

If you are tired of the two-day quick fix programmes on television where everything is redesigned and sorted against the clock, you may be interested in this informal talk to be given by Deputy Head Mr Fearnley on the progress of his garden over the last 13 years. Plants, pergolas, ponds, paving, sheds, walls, hedges and topiary are all on the agenda, with over 200 slides and video to illustrate the changes over the years. Mr Fearnley's garden has opened for charity for a number of years.

*Tickets £2.50 from the school office.
All proceeds to school funds.*

Forthcoming Events

SPRING TERM 2001

February

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

Th 22 Quiz Night

F 23 Y11 Reports issued

T 27 Gardener's Evening

W 28 Senior House Matches

Y9 Parents' Information Meeting

Th 29 Junior House Matches

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Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

April

W 04 Concert

Th End of term

SPORTS RESULTS

Year 11 Football

Malton 1 Scalby 5

Malton 5 LLS 4

Malton 0 Norton 4

LLS 1 Malton 0

Norton 1 Malton 1

Year 10 Football

Driffield 2 Malton 4

Semi-finals in 6-a-side tournament at Pindar

Year 9 Football

Norton 0 Malton 3

Tournament

Finished in second place losing 1-0 to LL's.

Year 8 Football

Malton 3 Norton 4

Malton 2 Driffield 8

Year 11 Basketball

Malton 16 Scalby 32

LLs 29 Malton 18

Malton 28 Ryedale 36

Raincliffe 34 Malton 35

Malton 36 Raincliffe 45

Year 10 Basketball

Malton 42 Filey 30

Malton 30 Ryedale 27

5th in Basketball tournament at Lady Lumleys

Year 8 Basketball

Malton 36 Caedmon 36

Malton 30 Ryedale 40

Years 10/11 Rugby

Malton 5 Scalby 28

Year 9 Rugby

Tournament at LLS – Malton finished 2nd

Final LLs 5 Malton 0

Year 8 Rugby

A team 3rd

B team 4th in rugby tournament at Malton RFC

Netball U15

Malton 13 LLS 11

Netball U14 K'out Cup

Malton 0 S'bro College 4

Netball U13 K'out Cup v Ryedale

Malton lost 2-14

U14 Hockey

Malton 1 S'bro College 4

Hockey U15 K'out Cup v Fyling Hall

Malton lost 1-3

U16 District Hockey

Scarborough/Ryedale 0 Harrogate 1

District Hockey (U16)

Congratulations to Claire White who was selected to play U16 District Hockey.

District Netball (U19)

Congratulations to Vicki Anderson and Jess Alcena who have been selected for U19 District Netball Team.

District Gymnastics Competitions

Senior Malton Team (Y10/11)

Finished 8th overall

Junior Malton Team (Y7)

Finished 4th overall

Congratulations to Laura Westoby who was Junior District Floor Champion.

Ladies Rugby

Congratulations to Katie Raines who is playing for Malton Ladies Rugby.

1st match v Pocklington – Katie was given "Lady of the match"!

County Cross Country Running

Congratulations and well done to Billy-Jo Steadman Y7 (42nd), Ben Webster Y7 (40th), Lee Wiles Y9 (21st), Emma Astin Y10 (45th), who ran in snow at Tadcaster.

QUIZ NIGHT

Pit your (and your team's) wits against the questions specially compiled for this evening. All ages welcome. Housepoints (for Malton students) and prizes to be won.

The event starts at 7 pm on Thursday 22 March in the West Wing Hall. Entry costs £1 per person and includes light refreshments.

Try these warm-up questions to get your brain in gear and then turn up on the night.

- Which batsman holds the record for the highest test average of all time?

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- Which three planets can be seen now in the evening sky?
- Which part of the human body is also a punctuation mark?