
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Fingers on the pulse

Students in the school have been having their fingerprints scanned. This is not part of any criminal investigation, but the new way the school is running its library book-issue system.

All our borrowing system is now operated electronically, with bar codes in every book. The latest addition is a small fingerprint scanner which creates a code for every student, who then registers simply by pressing on the scanner. The computer then shows a photograph of the student, taken on a small web-cam, to confirm their identity. No more library cards lost or forgotten – students usually remember to bring their fingers!

The new school library was opened in February 2000 following a successful £100000 Library and ICT Appeal. From the start new technology has been a feature of the library: computerised issue, internet access, listening stations, and the addition of video, compact disc, and audio tapes to the large book stock, are just some of the features of this welcome addition to the School's facilities.

Anyone concerned about privacy in relation to the new device need have no fears. The computer does not actually store fingerprints or images of fingerprints, just codes relating to the print on one finger. We could not print them out for example.

School Growth

Our September return to County Hall showed 601 students on roll, with 75 joining us this year in the Sixth Form and 100 in Year 7. This is the largest population in school for many years - a significant increase (24%) from our lowest, which in 1994-5 was 483.

Maltonians News

On Saturday 6 October a group of twenty six people met and had a tour of the East Wing of the school. For some of them it was the first time they had set foot in the school for nearly 45 years - they were the intake of 1952, brought together by the efforts of Howard Fox through countless phone calls and letters. The conversations continued throughout the tour, paused briefly for group photos, then resumed over lunch at The Wentworth Arms.

The group generously donated £40 to the school library, with which we have purchased two reference books - *the Radio Times Guide to Films* and *A Guide to Science Fiction*, as well a photo album to store pictures of this and other reunion groups.

Internet problems

Our apologies go to anyone who has been trying to view our websites. The main school website has not been updated for some time due to a problem on its host computer - we are considering moving it to a new address. The Maltonians website was out of service for about two weeks due to problems with the ISP.

At the same time the administration network at school has been upgraded, and a few teething problems were experienced with e-mail. Add to this the installation of a digital phone system and broadband capacity, and everything has conspired to give us more headaches than we would like! Who says ICT makes things easier!

We hope all the electronic communications will be back fully functional in the very near future, please bear with us a little longer.

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Anti-bullying week

On Monday 1 October our anti-bullying week started with a visit from The Waterfall Theatre Company, from Manchester. All Year 7 and 8 pupils watched *A Bit of Fun* in West Wing Hall - a play about Timmy, who had moved schools and became a victim of bullying by two older girls.

The play was a very effective way of introducing the week - most of us will remember its message - "Bullying affects many lives - PLEASE TELL SOMEONE"

Report compiled from write-ups by Oliver Fothergill 7E, Fay Chapman 7F, and Ross Harrison 8W.

Feedback

Thank you to all readers who returned the publications questionnaire, particularly those who offered advice for improvement, which we will try and act upon. For example, more than one person said it would be nice to see contributions from the students in the newsletter - hence some of the pieces in this edition, and there will be more to come. Others felt the websites need to be more up to date, and that we should have a more meaningful domain-name. We are working on these and other issues raised by your responses.

Photo supplement

We thought we should share with readers some snapshots of life at school over the last year. We take hundreds of photographs every year using our two digital cameras, as well as more conventional film. These are displayed on noticeboards and on our intranet (internal to school – not the internet) for students to see. Using modestly priced digital cameras, the resolution produced is acceptable rather than brilliant, but they still stand as a colourful record of our varied activities. We have selected just a few for printing, running off some extra sheets when printing our new prospectus, and hope you enjoy the addition of a little colour to our newsletter.

Christmas Concert

In a break with tradition we have decided to try something a little different for our Christmas musical event this year. Instead of a carol service, we will be holding a Christmas Concert of songs and instrumental music, as well as readings of Christmas poetry, drama and stories. There will still be carols, and we hope you will join in, but the whole event will embrace a much wider selection of music and entertainment. The concert will be in the school hall, on

Wednesday 19 December at 7.30 pm

Tickets are on sale from the school office, price £3 (£2 for concessions), with all proceeds going towards purchasing music and instruments for the School. Please buy tickets in good time - our Easter concert was sold out a week before the night and we had to turn people away.

October trips time

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

- Students from Year 9 spent a week in France with the Modern Languages department:
Cette année la classe de quatrième (Year 9 en anglais) est allé en Bretagne. Nous avons visité le Mont-St. Michel, St Malo, Dinard, Dinan, et nous avons fait du shopping dans la capitale Rennes. C'était vraiment super et il a fait chaud la semaine entière.
- Students from Year 12 spent three days at East Barnby (near Whitby) on a Geography field study course.
- Students from Year 10 spent three days at East Barnby, either as part of their Geography course, or engaged in outdoor pursuits.
- Way to Work students from Year 10 spent three days on extended work experience as part of their course.

Annual Sponsored Walk Friday 28 September

A view from the highways and byways:

Despite the fact that it was muddy and the walk was tiring, I really enjoyed it. I raised £30 by myself, which I am rather pleased with as there wasn't much time to collect sponsors. The money raised on the walk is going towards new computers in Room 20 which I think is a very good idea.

Richard Calvert 7 Earth

We set off as a group of walkers
All very energetic
After a while we all got tired
But the teachers weren't sympathetic!
We walked through the fields
The woods and the trees
We saw lots of flowers, birds and bees
The day got warmer and so did we
The walk kept us interested
With plenty to see
All of the money goes to ICT
With all the collections
From the whole school and me!

Emma Mardsen and Thomas Croft 7 Earth

Our thanks to all who took part and all who sponsored students so generously. Our current total is a splendid **£4013**, hopefully with more to come. (last year at this time we had £3922, and we finally finished on £4256). Computers are arriving this week – please keep the money coming in.

11 September 2001

Following the horrific events in New York and Washington, the School respectfully observed a three minute silence on the Friday of the same week. Sixth Form students organised an impromptu collection for the firefighters, simply taking a bucket around the school, and £92 was sent to Malton Fire Station for forwarding to the New York Firefighters Appeal.

Celebration Evening 15 November 2001

Our third annual event celebrating the achievements of students in the previous year is fast approaching. 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 (Years 7 – 11), 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. It is unlikely that there will be any spare. Those who are unable to attend on this night can see a condensed presentation about the highlights of 2000-2001, to be given at the Annual Governors' Meeting with parents (see below) at the beginning of the December.

Annual Governors Report

This statutory report will be published in the week beginning 19 November 2001. All parents are invited to attend the Annual Meeting on

Monday 3 December 2001, at 7.30pm.

In addition to the brief formal presentation of the report there will be an opportunity to watch a slide show of the highlights of the last school year (lasting about 30 minutes), followed by refreshments and opportunity for informal conversation with governors. We do hope to see parents at this event, taking an active interest in the life of the school.

Year 6 Introductory Evening

All Year 6 students and their parents are warmly invited to our Information Evening on
Wednesday 5 December at 7.30
in the East Wing Hall and library.
There will be a short presentation about Malton School, with an opportunity to talk to staff over refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Sports Results

Thankfully sporting fixtures have resumed this term, following the lifting of restrictions due to foot and mouth.

Football

Y7	Malton 2 Scalby 6	Malton 2 Caedmon 5
Y8	Malton 6 Norton 3	Malton 7 LLS 1
Y9	Malton 0 Caedmon 6	
Y10	Malton 7 Norton 0	
Y11	Malton 3 Scalby 0	Malton 1 LLS 1

Netball

Y7	Malt A 4 Ryedale 20	Malt B 5 Ryedale 13
Y8	Malton 1 Ryedale 30	
Y9	Malton 2 Filey 4	Malton 4 Pindar 3
	Malton 1 Eskdale 5	Malton 1 Caedmon 7
	Malton 1 Ryedale 8	Malton 1 Scalby 7
	Malton 2 S'Bro Coll 4	Malton 5 Ryedale 12
Y10	Malton 7 Ryedale 13	Malton 8 Graham 10
	Malton 4 LLS 1	Malton 0 Scalby 10
	Malton 2 Pindar 7	
Y11	Malton 7 Ryedale 15	Malton 1 Filey 9
	Malton 0 Scalby 3	Malton 3 St Aug'tine 0
	Malton 0 S'Bro Coll 7	Malton 3 Ryedale 3
	Malton 6 Graham 1	Malton 2 Pindar 5
Y12/13	Malton 1 S'Bro Coll 4	Malton 7 LLS 1
	Malton 0 S'Bro 6 th 13	Malton 6 Whitby 2

U19 District Netball Tournament

Malton 1 S'Bro College 4	Malton 7 LLS 1
Malton 0 S'Bro 6 th Form 13	Malton 6 Whitby 2

U14 District Netball Tournament

Malton 2 Filey 4	Malton 4 Pindar 3
Malton 1 Eskdale 5	Malton 1 Caedmon 7
Malton 1 Ryedale 8	Malton 1 Scalby 7
Malton 2 S'Bro College 4	

U16 District Netball Tournament

Malton 1 Filey 9	Malton 0 Scalby 3
Malton 3 St Aug 0	Malton 0 S'Bro 7
Malton 3 Ryedale 3	Malton 6 Graham 1
Malton 2 Pindar 5	

Rugby

Y8	Malton 12 Graham 20
Y9	Malton 12 Graham 35

Cross Country

Y7: Chloe Hall, 16; Katy Stone, 31; Lauren Langstaff, 39; Laura Wright, 42; Jessica Davies, 50; Charlotte Palmer, 54; antelle Burdett 54; Rosie Spencer, 56; Rebecca Pomfrett 62

Y8 Billi-Jo Steadman, 30; Claire Szuman, 60 Aimee McCallaugh, 77; Sally Fothergill, 78; Harriet Bean, 84; Ann Astin, 94; Rose-Ann Batty, 95,

Y9 Amanda Wilson, 103; **Y11** Francesca Clarke, 17.

Hockey

Y9	Malton 1 Fyling Hall 4	
Y12/13	Malton 0 S'Bro Coll 5	Malton 0 Whitby 4
	Malton 1 Fyling Hall 0	

Calendar for the coming months

November

F	09		Y11 Assessments to Parents
Th	15	19.30	Celebration Evening
F	16		Y13 Assessments to Parents
M	19	18.00	Y11 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	27		Post-16 Information Evening
W	28		Y12 Assessments to Parents
Th	29		Y10 GCSE Science Module test
		18.00	Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F	30		School closed to pupils (Staff Training)

December

M	03	19.30	Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents
W	05	19.30	Y6 Information Evening
W	12		Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	13		Senior Citizens' party
T	18		Junior House Matches
		19.30	Carol Service at St Michael's
W	19		Y7 Assessments to parents
			Senior House Matches
Th	20	15.50	Term ends

January

M	07	09.00	Spring Term begins (Week 1)
W	09	18.00	Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
M	14		Y11 examinations begin (no leave of absence)
W	16		Y10 Assessments to Parents
M	21		Y13 external examinations
T	22	18.00	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

And finally ...

We feel that students overall made a very positive start to school last half term, with generally high standards of behaviour, attention to correct wearing of uniform and application to study (with a few appropriate reminders!)

We also know that in the colder months to come, with the gloom of darker nights and bad weather, it can be difficult to keep the effort going. Staff will work hard to maintain high standards, we hope parents will add their support and help students make a positive contribution to school life.

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