
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Best Ever Exam Results

By just about every measure we care to take, Year 11 students in 2001 produced the best results on record. The pass rate is up, the number of A's and A*s is up (one fifth of the entries resulted in a grade A or A*), the percentage getting 5 or more A*-C - everything is up.

Some headline summary facts and figures:

- Individual successes include four students with all A's: **Louise Taylor** (7 A*, 2 A), **Natalie Miller** (6 A*, 4 A), **Donna Monkman** (4 A*, 6 A), **Adam Turner** (5 A*, 4 A). **Leila Newton** achieved 7 A*, 1 A and 1 B
- There were more starred A grades than in any other year - at 58 this is 12 more than our previous best in 1998.
- For the second year running, 100% of students achieved GCSE pass grades. In fact 97% achieved 5 or more passes. 99.5% of entries resulted in a pass grade.
- The percentage of students taking exams gaining 5 or more grades at A*-C was 63%
- The average points score per student has risen to 44.2; our previous best was 41.5 in 1999. This exceeds our published target of 43 points.
- There were two subjects entered at GCSE for the first time this year, Information Technology and Physical Education. Between them they produced 41 passes, 34 of them at grade C or better, 11 grade A's and two A*. PE deserves particular credit in adding a 10th GCSE to students' achievements, being taught in the short course time (supported by PE/Games).
- Girls outperformed boys once again, though the difference is less than that last year.

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A level results

For the last nine years we have produced pass rates and averages well above the national figures, and once again 2001 was no exception.

- Best individual performances include **Angela Bray** AAAC, **Romane Reeves** AAAC, **Jenny Hull** AABB, **Beverley Yard** AABB and **Gillian Turner** AABC.
- The pass rate was 91%. - making it the third year running that the pass level has been in excess of 90%
- Every student taking a standard A level course passed at least one subject, continuing our remarkably long run of being able to make this claim (eight years now)
- Once again we mirror the national trend for girls to do better than boys - with girls achieving total points scores 2.2 points higher than the boys on average.

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Results

2001 was the first year for these new-style exams and courses. Something of an experiment, we are pleased to announce some excellent performances by our Year 12 students.

- There were 27 grade A's, spread across 11 of the 14 subjects entered.
- Best performances came from **Emma Punchard** and **Michael Spencer** (AAAA), **Sam Clarke** and **Ben Wicks** (AAAB).
- 25 students passed 4 subjects. 30 students did not fail any exam they entered.
- The pass rate is probably 88% (rules for who should be included and who is not are not yet clear - for example - some students left the course before the exam).

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Key Stage 3 Test Results

These tests are taken in English, Maths and Science by all students in the country at the end of Year 9. Exams lead to the award of levels from 3 to 8. The target for Year 9 are levels 5 or 6. Nationally approximately 60% achieve level 5 or higher, 30% level 6 or better.

At Malton School 75% of entries resulted in Level 5 or higher, and 48% in Level 6 or higher. Best performance came from **Matthew Young** who achieved Level 8 in English, Maths and Science. **Kate Baker, Lorna Vasey and Sarah Wood** achieved an 8 and two 7's, and **Hannah Cooke** three 7's.

Nine students received improved results in their English tests following a request for re-marking, which will result in improvements to the summary we published at the end of last term.

Building Improvements

A number of changes have taken place over the summer holidays:

- The heating system in Rooms 1 to 6 in West Wing has been changed from fan-heaters to radiators - quieter and more efficient.
- The "wing-path" has been replaced - the old path was becoming very uneven, and we have taken the opportunity to remove the dog-leg and take the path straight from wing to wing.
- Two room conversions will provide new offices for the Site manager and the Head of Upper School
- Our first computer room, Room 20, has been stripped and new benching, electrics and cabling installed ready for upgraded computers to complement our two other computer network rooms.

Plant Appeal

The Science department is looking to increase its stock of pot plants – any donations of plants or cuttings, the more unusual the better, would be very welcome.

School trips last term

Year 8 enjoyed the annual History Department trip to Beamish

Year 9 students enjoyed a day at Yorkshire Coast College sampling vocational courses.

The annual Year 7 camping trip to the Lake District unfortunately could not take place due to the foot and mouth restrictions.

All students enjoyed an end of term Activities Day when the whole school departed on trips to the usual wide variety of locations and events.

PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our bingo - £296.47 was raised.

Shortly after this our successful car boot sale raised a further £97.55 towards funds.

Do you need name tapes?

Why not try ours – for every order placed £1 goes to the PTA. Forms for these will be available from West Wing Reception desk or tel: 01653 695844 out of school hours.

New Committee Members wanted

Please ring our Chairman on Malton 695844.

J Spencer
PTA Chairman

United Kingdom Maths Trust Junior Maths Challenge

Students in Years 7 and 8 took part in this national competition with excellent results.

Best in School went to **Russell Goddard** in Year 7, who achieved a gold award along with three others – **Robin Goforth** (also Year 7), **Michael Brown** and **Peter Clarke** (both in Year 8).

Silver certificates were awarded to **Jack Davies, Emma Swift, Bobby Goodwill** and **Luke**

Palmer, and there were fifteen Bronze certificates achieved.

Farewell to staff

Our best wishes go to all departing colleagues for the future.

John Dunstan came to Malton School when it first opened under its new guise following the merger of Malton Grammar School and Malton County Modern in 1971. He retires as Head of Geography following ill health.

Head of Religious Education **Chris Lawes** has worked at Malton since 1976. He retires after a difficult two years supporting his wife Geraldine through her terminal illness.

Ann Bell has worked tirelessly in the school office providing support and continuity, and retires this year after 17 years service. We are particularly grateful for her recent voluntary work as secretary to the ICT and Library Appeal.

Diana Morgan is changing career, having taught Maths and Science at Malton for 9 years.

Head of Food and Textiles Technology, **Sue Connor**, is similarly leaving teaching for a change in career; she has worked at Malton School for 7 years, latterly as Head of the Food Technology department.

Jill Boothman has worked in the Food and Textile Department for six years, successfully re-introducing Textiles as a GCSE option. She leaves to work in the family business.

Catherine Shawyer was Head of English for five and a half years, and leaves to take charge of a larger English department at Joseph Rowntree School in York.

Our Head of PE, **Liam Harvey**, leaves after three years to return closer to his family in his beloved Scotland, teaching at a school near Dunbar.

Chris Creber, the inspirational captain of Malton & Norton Rugby club, leaves us after two years assisting with Boys Games. He will be teaching full-time at Terrington School.

Lesley Tanton taught Business Studies and IT on a part-time basis for one year. She moves to a full-time position in Hull.

Thanks are also due to three supply teachers who have covered for the prolonged absences of Mr Dunstan and Mr Lawes: **Ted Hartley**, **Sheila Ambury** and **Michelle McGarvey**.

Welcome to new staff:

Robert Cook joins us from South Hunsley School in Humberside as Head of Geography.

Beverley Harvey joins us from Wigan, to teach Sociology and English.

Karen Hewitt joins us from York to teach Religious Education

Susan Leach joins us from Graham School, Scarborough, to become Head of Food and Textile Technology.

Felix Quero joins us from Newcastle-under-Lyme to teach Mathematics and IT.

Matthew Richmond joins us from Bath to become Head of PE

Edmund Sturmheit joins us from Outwood Grange School in Wakefield to become Head of English

Claire Taylor joins us from York to teach Science and Chemistry

Nicola Thorpe joins us from Ampleforth College to teach Geography and Business Studies

We welcome **Trevor Wilford** to a new position as Site Manager

Chris Richardson joins us to work in Special Educational Needs.

Hazel Fletcher joins us as Assistant Secretary (Fridays) in West Wing.

Civic Service 1 July 2001

Our new Head Boy and Girl attended their first public event representing the School and giving a reading at this service.

The town mayor, Jane Wilford, commented: "it was an absolute pleasure to involve young

people in the Town's Civic Service at St Michael's Church. Mark and Phillippa were extremely smart in their uniforms, and read clearly and confidently. Well done and thank you both."

Sports Report

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

Sports Day

For the first time in many years we had to postpone events from Wednesday to Friday, due to inclement weather. Thankfully the decision led to participants and audience enjoying a pleasant day, with excellent involvement from competitors, organisers, helpers and audience.

The final results were:

Fire - **923 points**
Air - **830.5 points**
Earth **742 points**
Water - **641.5 points**

Individual Winners were as follows:

		<i>points</i>
Y7 Girls	Sally Fothergill (Fire)	21
Y7Boys	Sam Gilderdale (Earth)	30
Y8 Girls	Laura Wilford (Fire)	28
Y8 Boys	Gareth Barker (Air)	30
Y9 Girls	Paula White (Water)	28
Y9 Boys	Daniel Lovegrove (Fire)	40
Y10 Girls	Emma Astin (Earth)	32
Y10 Boys	Stephen Baxter (Fire)	38

Six records were broken this year:

Y7 Girls High Jump 1.26m
Rachael Brookes (Air)
 Y9 Boys Triple Jump 11.63m
Daniel Lovegrove (Fire)
 Y9 Boys 200m 26.41secs
Daniel Lovegrove (Fire)
 Y7 Boys 400m 69 secs
Sam Gilderdale (Earth)

Y9 Boys Long Jump 5.61m

Daniel Lovegrove (Fire)

Y7 Boys 4x100m Relay 60.87secs

Air House

Tennis Tournament

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

Girls: **Anna Morley (9 Water)**

Boys: **Andrew Frank (10 Earth)**

Mixed Doubles: **Lorna Vasey (9 Water)** and
James Gavigan (9 Fire)

Runners up were

Girls: **Sophie Gilderdale (9 Air)**

Boys: **James Stone (7 Air)**

Mixed Doubles: **Anna Morley (9 Water)** and
Robert Cuthbertson (9 Fire)

House Team Competitions

	Air	Earth	Fire	Water
Junior Competitions				
Cricket	1st	2nd	4th	3rd
Rounders	3rd	4th	2nd	1st
Tennis (B)	3rd	4th	1st	2nd
Tennis (G)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Senior Competitions				
Cricket	4th	3rd	1st	2nd
Rounders	1st	3rd	4th	2nd
Tennis (B)	4th	3rd	1st	2nd
Tennis (G)	2nd	4th	3rd	1st

Recognition outside school

The following were awarded their District Colours last year:

Football: Jamie Miller (9 Water), Stephen Baxter (10 Fire), Andrew Frank (10 Earth)

Cross Country: Lee Wiles (9 Fire), Billi-Jo Steadman (7 Fire), Emma Astin (10 Earth)

Basketball: Daniel Lovegrove (9 Fire), Daniel Bulmer (9 Air), Lee Molloy (9 Fire), Stephen Baxter (10 Fire)

Hockey: Claire White (11 Water)

Netball: Vicki Anderson (Y12),

Jessica Alcena (Y12)

County Colours were awarded to:

Athletics: Daniel Lovegrove (Long Jump)

Vicki Anderson (Shot/Discus)

Claire Astin (Hammer)

Daniel Lovegrove represented North Yorkshire at the English National Championships (Long Jump) at Exeter in July.

Maltonians News

Former students continue to keep in touch through our Maltonians website - indeed Simon Crozier has set up one of his own relating to his year group (1967-72).

In response to a newspaper article celebrating our new Head Boy and Girl appointments and asking for former post-holders to get in touch, **Vanessa Greenway** (nee **Foxton**) contacted us in June. She was Head Girl in 1983-4, with **Mark Brigham** Head Boy. Mark is now in Latvia, Vanessa is in York. Good luck to Vanessa with the expected new arrival.

Geoffrey Marson contacted us - Head Boy in 1969 with **Susan Preston** - as did **Joan Loney** (nee **Schofield**), Head girl in 1953 (ish). A growing list is on the website at

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

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**.

And Finally

A warm welcome to all new students joining Malton School this year –103 into Year 7, 11 new starters in Years 8 to 11, and over 70 returning or joining us from elsewhere in Year 12 for study at Advanced Level. We hope all will enjoy their stay with us, as so many have before, and that we can work together productively to assure their success.

We are particularly keen to maintain high standards of dress, and hope that parents will assist us in ensuring students in Years 7 to 11 do

not wear trainers, do wear their ties, and do not wear non-uniform items of clothing.

Forthcoming Events

AUTUMN TERM 2001

September

- T 04 Autumn Term commences (Week 1)
Y12 Registration
- W 05 Y12 Residential course (3 days)
- F 28 Sponsored Walk

October

- W 03 PTA Annual General Meeting
- M 15 Y8 French visit (all week)
Y12 Geography course (3 days)
- W 17 Y10 Residential courses (3 days)
- F 19 Last day of Half-Term
- M 29 School re-opens (Week 2)

November

- T 06 Y11 (00-01) Certificates Evening/Reunion
- F 09 Y11 Assessments to Parents
- Th 15 Celebration Evening
- F 16 Y13 Assessments to Parents
- M 19 Y11 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
- T 27 Post-16 Information Evening
- W 28 Y12 Assessments to Parents
- Th 29 Y10 GCSE Science Module
Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
- F 30 School closed to pupils (Staff Training)

December

- M 03 Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents
- W 05 Y6 Information Evening
- W 12 Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
- F 14 Senior Citizens' party
- T 18 Junior House Matches
Carol Service at St Michael's
- W 19 Y7 Assessments to parents
Senior House Matches
- Th 20 Term ends

DATES OF TERMS 2001-2002

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
T 04 September	F 19 October	
T 30 October	Th 20 December	F 30 Nov
M 07 January	F 08 February	
M 18 February	Th 21 March	
M 08 April	F 31 May	M 06 May
M 10 June	F 19 July	Th 27 June (Malton Show)
		F 28 June

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