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# MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## An Inspector Calls

Actually about 15 inspectors from OFSTED (the Office For Standards in Education) called on us towards the end of January. They spent a full week with us, visiting lessons, talking to staff and to students, reading our policies, our newsletters, our prospectus and our annual report, number crunching the plethora of statistics which abound in modern day education. They attended assemblies, walked the corridors, watched videos of the 60's Night and the Christmas concert, read student reports, held a meeting with parents, and another with Governors, summarised parental and Sixth Form student questionnaire returns, ... in short, they looked into every aspect of school life.

Their inspection will now lead to a report which should be published around the second week in March. There will be a summary report of four pages relating to the whole school and a further two pages on the Sixth Form, and a more detailed report of some sixty to seventy pages. The summary will be sent to all parents; copies of the full report will be provided on request, the full report will be available on the internet.

The Governors and Senior staff have already had an oral feedback from the chief inspectors, but have been instructed that the content is confidential until the full report is published. Without breaking this confidence, we might record the Governors' "unanimous request to pass on their congratulations to all members of staff for their commitment and hard-work, not just during the Inspection week, but throughout each year .

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## Race Night

The PTA and Malton and Norton Rotary Club, are running a race night in a few weeks time. If you would like to attend, or you would like to sponsor a horse, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

### CHARITY RACE NIGHT Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2002 at 7:30pm

West Wing Hall, Malton School  
Middlecave Road, Malton

Entrance £4.00 inc. supper  
Licensed Bar

## Seventies Nights

Tickets will be going on sale next week for the end of term show. Many of you will remember last year's spectacular Sixties Night – well we are moving in to the next decade this year, with songs, music, dance routines and fashion shows all from the 1970's. We expect two superb evenings when our students show off their talents, and bring back a few nostalgic memories to some of their parents – who perhaps were teenagers in the 1970's ?

We are running the show on two nights this year, because we sold out so early last year, and had to disappoint so many people. Buy your tickets early, and don't be one of the unlucky ones not to see this year's show.

**70's Nights**  
**MALTON SCHOOL**  
**West Wing Hall 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday 19 March 2002**  
**Wednesday 20 March 2002**  
**£3 (£2 for students and Senior Citizens)**

## **An Inspector Calls** (continued)

The Governors were delighted with the content of the draft report, which reflects the many strengths of Malton School as well as the good progress made in so many areas since the last inspection.”

There is always going to be added pressure when your daily routines are put under the microscope, and certainly staff were glad when the inspection week drew to a close. Notwithstanding this additional strain, we had a good week, and our students did us proud in their work, their behaviour and their mature and sensible response to the inspection team. We thank them for this. We also thank the parents who attended the meeting with the inspectors, who gave such a glowing and positive report of the education we deliver and the environment we promote. We thank also all those who returned questionnaires to the inspectors, which again were extremely positive about what we do and how we do it.

We know there will be areas for improvement in the final report – if there were not, we would put them in, as we are always seeking to improve. However, we also anticipate a very positive description of life, work and progress here at Malton School, and look forward to being able to share the content of the report with you next month.

## **Searching out the past**

A small group consisting of a former pupil, two former teachers and the current Deputy Head of Malton School, are looking for information to help in their quest to write the history of secondary education in Malton in all its forms - at the current comprehensive version of Malton School 1971-present, at Malton County Modern School 1958 - 1971, at Malton Grammar School 1911 - 1971 (and 1547 - 1904), and at St Michael's Street up to 1958.

Former pupil **Howard Fox** has considerable knowledge of the Grammar School's past, having been involved in writing "The History of Malton Grammar School" back in the 1950's, when he was a pupil at the school.

**Eddie Lucas** was formerly Head of Sixth Form at Malton School, and taught in both the Grammar and Comprehensive versions of the school. He was heavily involved with the Old Maltonians Association when at the Grammar School, and in the production of school magazines.

Head of Geography **John Dunstan** spent 30 years at Malton School - starting when the Grammar and County Modern merged in 1971. He retired last summer.

Deputy Head **Steve Fearnley** has been running a Maltonians website since 1999, covering the School's past, with hundreds of pages of school photos, articles, history, memorabilia, memories of former days, and a database of 300 former pupils who have been in touch recently from all over the world, and from different periods in the School's history.

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

Over the next few months the group is looking for photographs, details of school life, names of people in photos they already have (over three hundred in the School library's Maltonians Archive), anecdotes, memories - anything that will help them fill in the details of the last hundred years. They hope to publish a book by the end of the year, celebrating the School's past in photographs and accompanying text.

If you can help, please contact Mr Fearnley at the school (letter, e-mail, or telephone), and please reply to the attached questionnaire if you have any connection with the school, or know anyone who does.

## Maltonians Visits

Dave Preston and his sister Susan came to browse through the archives in our Maltonians library on a recent visit to the country: Dave now lives in Vancouver, Canada, and Susan lives in Italy. Dave kindly donated a copy of his latest book, *Rooms and Rails*, to the school library. They were pupils at the School in the late Sixties and early 1970's.

Regular visitor Simon Crozier called in again – readers may have seen a letter in the Gazette about him trying to contact others from his year group (1967-72), and about the daffodils planted around Malton in memory of former headmaster Philip Taylor – soon to be appearing on verges and hedgerows around Malton. He donated a framed copy of the list of those who planted daffodils back in 1972. Many students from generations since have also planted bulbs in memory of Mr Taylor.

## Arrangements for Election of Parent Governor

There is a vacancy for a parent governor to serve for four years. The vacancy exists because the number of students in School has passed 600 and this means we have to have more Governors. All parents of pupils at Malton School are eligible to stand. Even if children leave the school a parent governor can serve out his or her four-year term. Nomination forms will be available from Mrs J M Capstick, Clerk to the Governors, at the School from Monday 25 February. Completed nomination forms should be returned to reach Mrs. Capstick by Wednesday 6 March. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies a ballot of parents will be held. If a ballot is held, ballot forms will be issued to pupils on Tuesday 12 March for return to School by post or “pupil post” by Tuesday 19 March. In the event of a tie the parent with the younger pupil in School will be elected.

## Doomed Youth

Year 9 students visited Leeds on a history trip on 6 February. The following is a summary based on reports by **Sam Gill** and **Linda Cooper**:

There were so many of us that we needed three buses to go to Leeds. We went to see a theatre production called *Doomed Youth*. Some of us had never been to the theatre before so it was interesting to see what one looked like.

The play was about the First World War, which we had studied last term. There were only a few actors, but they all took different parts. We learned about pigeons with harnesses - no teacher had told us about that in class – but most of the history we did know. By the end of the play most of the main characters were dead.

## Bridging the Gap

Malton School and Norton College have begun work on a project to bring themselves a little closer together. Both schools have installed a video-conferencing facility, and through ISDN Technology students and staff from the two schools can now converse face to face without the journey across the river and the level crossing.

The equipment for both schools has been funded by Norton College as part of its Technology College status, and as well as video-conferencing includes video editing software and hardware, and a digital video camera. The main use for the video-conferencing is likely to be in contacting schools in Germany and France, to help students with their work in Modern Foreign Languages, but there will also be contact sessions between Malton and Norton.

The full use of the equipment is dependent upon changes to our ISDN link – we are expecting our broadband link to be running by the end of this month, freeing up the ISDN line for use with the video equipment. Our thanks go to Norton College for their generous help in this exciting new venture.

## Sports Results

### Basketball

#### Boys

Y7 Malton 20 Eskdale 22

Y8 Malton 24 Ryedale 36

#### Y8 Boys Basketball Tournament at Pindar

Malton 4 Eskdale 12

Malton 12 Pindar 0

Malton 18 St Augustines 7

Malton 14 Scalby 16

Overall position 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9

#### Girls

Y10 Malton 28 Lady Lumleys 34

#### U19 Girls District Basketball Tournament

Malton 20 Lady Lumleys 18

Malton 6 Whitby College 18

Overall position 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Rugby

#### Year 8 District Championships at Malton RFC

Malton 25 Norton 0

Malton 15 Lady Lumleys 0

Malton 10 Norton 0

Malton 10 Lady Lumleys 5

Overall winners

## Business Studies Visit to Eurodisney

At a quarter to four in the morning of Sunday 27 January our group of 25 Y11 students and two teachers set off for Eurodisney, determined to broaden our business awareness – and, no doubt, also hoping to sample some of the visitor attractions as well. On the second day there we attended conferences on “Market segmentation”, finance, personnel and advertising. We learned that all fresh food is brought in daily directly from the ports and suppliers. In the evening we furthered our studies by attending a Wild West Show!

On our final morning we recapped on all the information and learned about customer relations work. Oh, and we did sample the attractions, too!

(Jody Stead Year 11)

## Calendar for the coming months

### February

M 18 Spring Term continues (Week 2)

F 22 **Y11 Reports issued**

M 25 Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

### March

W 06 Y10 GCSE Science Module

Th 07 Y9 Parents' Information Meeting

F 08 Y9 Reports issued

M 11 Y13 mock examinations (3 days)

W 13 Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

T 19 Junior House Matches

Seventies Concert

W 20 Senior House Matches

Seventies Concert

Th 21 End of term

### April

M 08 Summer Term begins (Week 1)

T 09 Y12 examinations(3 days)

M 22 Post-18 Information Evening

F 26 Y13 Reports issued

### May

F 03 Y12 Reports issued

M 06 Bank Holiday

T 07 Y9 SATs + examinations begin

W 15 Y7 and Y8 examinations begin

F 17 Y11 Records of Achievement presented

T 21 GCSE and AS written examinations begin

M 27 Y10 examinations begin

F 31 End of Half-Term

### June

M 10 Summer Term continues (Week 1)

Y10 examinations continue

Th 13 Y13 A2 written examinations begin

M 17 Y12 start A2 courses

Y10 Work Experience begins (2 weeks)

T 25 Y10 GCSE Science Module

Th 27 School closed to pupils (Staff Training) (Malton Show)

F 28 School closed to pupils (Staff Training)

### July

Th 04 Open Evening

T 09 Senior House Matches

W 10 Sports Day

F 12 Tennis Tournament (2 days)

Y7, 8 Reports issued

T 16 Y10 Reports issued

W 17 Junior House Matches

Th 18 Activities Day (provisional)

F 19 End of term

### August

Th 15 GCE A and AS results

Th 22 GCSE results

## Malton School History Questionnaire

A small group is currently working on publishing an illustrated history of the last hundred years of Malton School - and this is to include the Grammar School, the Elementary School, the County Modern, the Comprehensive. Photographs, memories, history, will all go to make this very special book. If you can help in its creation, please respond to the questions below - answer anything you can, leave out anything you cannot remember - and return to Mr S Fearnley, Malton School, Middlecave Road, Malton, YO17 7NH. Please make clear anything you don't mind telling us, but would prefer not to have published.

Rather than leave spaces between questions for your answers, the questions are simply printed below. They are intended as prompts - nothing more scientific than that. Please answer on a separate sheet - and give as much detail as you wish.

1. Were you a pupil or teacher or other member of staff at any of the Malton Secondary Schools? Please let us know who you are and when you were at school, and any memories you have.
2. If you don't mind us contacting you, please give an address, e-mail and/or phone number.
3. Which version(s) of the School?
4. What was your schoolday like - what subjects did you study and where (which rooms - can you describe them)?
5. Were you in a play(s) or a concert? Can you give dates (say Month and/or Year)
6. Did you play in a sports team? Who were the opposition? How far did you travel to fulfil fixtures?
7. Were you Head Boy or Girl, or prefect? If so, what were your duties, and who was your co-Head?
8. What House were you in?
9. What time did school start? When did it finish?
10. What about holidays? What did you do, how long did you get?
11. What happened at dinnertime - school dinner, or home? What was on the menu?  
Set meal, cafeteria, servers, self-service?
12. What games did you play at breaktimes?
13. What type of exams did you take - School certificate, O-level, A-level, CSE, GCSE, - any others?
14. Did you marry someone from school (lots of pupils do seem to end up together)?
15. Did your parents or grandparents or aunts and uncles go to school in Malton? Can you give us names and/or dates?
16. Have you any photos we could borrow (we can scan these and return them if you do not wish to donate them to our collection)? Please describe.
17. Are there any staff you have particular fond memories of? Any anecdotes?
18. Do you remember any nicknames?
19. Did you wear uniform? What was it - any rebellious variations?
20. Is there anything else you can tell us that might help put the history of the schools together?
21. Will you be interested in buying the book when it is published?

*Thank you for your time and interest.*

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