
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sponsored Walk in aid of Science Status

A report from Matthew Stubbings, 7F:

On the 27th of September the whole school ventured out into the unknown. It was a glorious day, and the thought of the school being £5000 richer at the end of the day was urging us all on. We walked over breathtaking countryside with amazing views. We were really making use of our local rolling landscape. Mr Horsman and Mr Williams urged us on at the end, as did the thought of the new Science labs.

The results of everyone's efforts are very encouraging so far. We have already surpassed our target of £5000 – and on the first Tuesday after half term we passed the £6000 milestone – the total standing at **£6110.93**, with more to come! This exceeds all previous sponsored walk funds by a long way. Well done to everyone, and our thanks to all those who have contributed.

To apply for Science Status in March 2003 we must have £50000 raised or pledged. Everyone should now have received a brochure and details about our bid. (Please contact the school if not). A copy, together with further details and sponsor forms are on our website at www.maltonschool.org. Forgive us for asking for money everytime we contact you – but we really are determined to achieve this status which is so important in our bid to improve education for all at Malton School. Remember every £1 we raise will release almost £8 in government funding over the next four years, even more if donations are “Gift Aided”.

Anyone who would like to discuss sponsorship – business or individual – should contact the Head, David Roberts, who will be pleased to make an appointment.

Apologies

We are sorry to note some errors occurred in the last newsletter. No excuses, but apologies are in order:

To Anna Morley, who was runner up with James Gavigan in the summer mixed-doubles tennis tournament, not Sophie Gilderdale as published (Sophie was runner up in the girls competition).

To Phillippa Chapman: she got 4 A* , 4 A and 2B grades in her GCSE exams (one more A than previously published)

To Year 12: seven students finished with 210 points or more on the new AS points scale, and the last newsletter only mentioned three of them. In addition to Adrian, Tom and Crystal mentioned last time, well done also to Emily Arnott, Alan Goforth, Lucey Foster and Michael Chapman who were also up there at the top of the list with 210 points or more.

Annual Governors Report

This statutory report will be published in the week beginning 18 November 2002. All parents are invited to attend the Annual Meeting on

Monday, 02 December 2002, 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.

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A level inquiry

Readers will be aware of the headlines regarding the grading of A-level scripts this summer, resulting in the Tomlinson inquiry. Some of our students were affected by this review, and their marks did change, though not sufficiently to alter their overall grade. It has been a very trying few weeks for young people awaiting these outcomes, and our sympathy goes to them and their families for the worry they have been caused.

It is the case that every year we appeal against results we feel to be out of keeping with our predictions, and we have done so once again this year (independently of the Tomlinson inquiry). Any individual may also appeal (subject to a fee being paid, refundable if a grade is altered). A number of students have had their grades adjusted upwards as a result of these enquiries, and details will appear in our Annual Report published later this term. Please note they may not appear in national data as results changes did not arrive early enough in some cases.

Celebration Evening

14 November 2002

Our fourth annual celebration evening, in which we review the previous school year's events and recognise the achievements of our students, will take place on Thursday evening, 14 November. Please note the date is a slight change to that published in the annual calendar, but should match that given in the invitations.

Over 150 students have been nominated for an award, either because they have received three commendations in the year, or they finished in the top ten of their year group.

We apologise for this event being by invitation only, restricted to two guests for each nominee, as we simply cannot fit everyone who would like to come into the hall! However, all parents are most welcome to the Governors Annual Report to parents on Monday 2nd December, when a condensed version of the celebration review will be presented.

Year 6 Introductory Evening

All Year 6 students and their parents are warmly invited to our Information Evening on **Thursday 21 November 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.

Colour supplement

Last year's inclusion of a four page photographic supplement with the Autumn newsletter appeared to be well-received, so we are repeating the exercise and you will find this attached. The photos are all taken with the school's digital cameras, and represent just a small sample of the photos we have in school, most of which are posted on the school intranet and on noticeboards. We do not generally post pictures of current students on our website, and when we do it is without names. The photos are just one part of our celebration of the varied and exciting life of students at Malton School.

Maltonians News

We welcomed a group of students from 1967-74 on Friday 27 September. They had literally travelled from all over the world to be here – Janet Marwood from Australia, Dave Preston from Canada and Simon Crozier – who organised the gathering - from Germany, as well as many others from different parts of this country. They had a tour of the school before going on to a dinner at the Old Lodge, and planted two Rowan trees that they had bought collectively to commemorate their visit

Year 12 Introductory Evening

All Year 10 & 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to our Information Evening on **Tuesday 26 November at 7.30** in the West Wing Hall and Library. There will be a short presentation about Malton Sixth Form, with an opportunity to talk to staff over refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Arrangements for Election of Parent Governors

There are two vacancies for parent governors to serve for four years. The vacancies exist following the resignation of Mrs Pauline Dodsworth, Parent Governor for the past six years, and the end of the term of office on 15th November of Ms Linda Clarke. Ms Clark is willing and eligible to stand for a further four-year term of office.

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 4th November. Completed nomination forms should be returned to reach Mrs. Capstick by Monday 11th November. 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 students on Thursday 14th November for return to School by post or "pupil post" by Thursday 21st November. In the event of a tie the parent with the younger student in School will be elected.

Fantastic Fieldwork!

The last week of last half-term involved most of Year 10 in a residential fieldwork and outdoor education experience run by the Geography department.

The large numbers of students involved in studying Geography in Year 10 and the feedback from last year's trip ensured further development of the event. As well as taking part in Geography fieldwork, essential for gaining a high grade at GCSE, the students were able to choose a range of outdoor activities to take part in.

All the students spent a morning and afternoon session studying the coastline between Boggle Hole and Robin Hoods Bay. They made

detailed measurements of the effect of visitors on footpaths in the area and on the effect of coastal erosion on the cliffs. This research then forms the basis of a project that they must complete before Christmas.

The students acquitted themselves well and despite cold winds off the North Sea managed to collect a huge range of evidence. I am proud to say that we have some outstanding geographers in the making at Malton School and that members of the public commented on the high standards of behaviour and positive attitudes shown by our students. All the students also took part in two outdoor education sessions, these included opportunities to go climbing, beck scrambling, orienteering, skiing and canoeing. Everyone seemed to enjoy these activities and the chance to be away from home for two nights. **Lawrence Borthwick** certainly made a 'big splash' with Miss Robertson after capsizing his canoe! We also used the school's new digital video camera to record many of the events and a number of students, **Daniel Wade, Nicola Hill** and **Emily Atkinson** to name but a few, were able to demonstrate their potential as TV presenters.

My thanks must go to the staff of East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre for keeping our students warm, well fed and safe and to Mrs Lovegrove, Mr Ewing and Miss Robertson for their much valued support and sleepless nights.

Mr R Cook, Head of Geography

Trip to France

En octobre 2002 un groupe de 35 élèves de 4ième est allé à Dinard en Bretagne. Malgré le mauvais temps on s'est bien amusé. On a visité la côte Émeraude, Dinan, Mont Saint-Michel, Saint-Malo et même Jersey. C'était super, surtout les magasins!

Vacancy

Science/Design Technology Technician

Full-time, term-time only.

Applicants interested in only one area are welcome to apply for

Science Technician (27 hours per week) or
Design Technology Technician
(10 hours per week)

This is a Scale 1 or 2 post depending on qualifications and experience
(Salary £9834 to £12885 Pro-rata).

Sports Results

The Year 7 cross-country league match at Scalby produced some outstanding performances in all the age groups, notably Carl Brook (2nd) and Josh Ward (4th).

Year 11 Cross Country at Scalby: Jamie Wright 3rd.

District Football Cup Quarter Final V Graham Malton U16's cruised into the semi final of the district cup with a superb comeback against a strong Graham School.

With 8 minutes left, Malton were 2-1 behind, goal scored by Tom Paley. Paul Richardson equalised, then 3 late goals (Tom Paley, own goal and Rob Cuthbertson) in the last 5 minutes put the tie beyond doubt with Malton winning 5-2.

With so many injuries and people playing out of position, it was a brilliant all round effort.

Football	P	W	D	L	F	A
Y7	5	2	2	1	15	11
Y8	3	0	0	3	7	13
Y9	5	2	1	2	11	10
Y10	2	0	0	2	2	8
Y11	3	1	0	2	6	6
Rugby						
Y8	4	2	0	2	56	37
Y9	2	1	0	1	58	59
Y10	3	2	0	1	39	30
Y11	6	5	0	1	138	67

Calendar

AUTUMN TERM 2002

November

M	04	Y11 Poetry Day, Hull
F	08	Y11 Assessments to Parents
Th	14	Celebration Evening
W	13	Y12 Geography course (3 days)
F	15	Y13 Assessments to Parents
T	19	Y11 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	21	Y6 Information Evening
F	22	School closed to pupils (Staff Training)
T	26	Post-16 Information Evening
W	27	Y12 Assessments to Parents
Th	28	Y10 GCSE Science Module Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

December

M	02	Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents
Th	05	Y11 (01-02) Certificates Evening/Reunion
M	09	Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	17	Junior House Matches
W	18	Y7 Assessments to parents Senior House Matches Christmas Concert
Th	19	Senior Citizens' party
F	20	Term ends
M	23	Y13 (01-02) Certificates Evening/Reunion

January

M	06	Spring Term begins (Week 1)
M	13	Y11 examinations begin (no leave of absence) Y13 external examinations
W	15	Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers Y10 Assessments to Parents
T	21	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

February

Th	06	Introduction to Sixth Form Evening
F	07	Y8 Assessments to Parents Y11 Reports issued
F	14	End of Half-Term
M	24	Spring Term continues (Week 1)