
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Best exam results ever!

Some headlines:

- The pass rate is the best ever, in excess of 90% for the fourth year running. It is actually **98.3%** -.
- 40% of entries resulted in an A or B grade! 65% resulted in A,B or C.
- The average points scored per student this year is our best ever, at 23.2 – 4 points up on last year, and better than our previous best in 1999 of 22.5.
- Every student passed at least one subject: our standard claim over many years.
- The star individual performance comes from **Sam Clarke**, with an impressive five grade A's, in Design Technology, Geography, Maths, Physics and General Studies. **Michael Spencer** achieved 3 A's in his main subjects, plus an A at AS last year, plus B in General Studies. **Ben Wicks** AABBC, and **Emma Punched** AABB plus an AS grade A last year.

Year 12 AS results

This is only the second year of entry for these new exams, but we are well pleased with performance: our “pass rate” at this level of entry has increased from 82% to 89%, and this from our largest Year 12 group ever.

- Best performances came from **Adrian Barker** (AAAB), **Tom Vasey** (AABB), and **Crystal Spencer** (ABBB)

Students now go on to convert these AS grades into A levels next year – they have a tough act to follow after this year's success!

GCSE results

The average points score per student is our second best on record – just 0.5 down on the exceptional performance of last year's group

- For the third year running, all students who entered exams achieved at least one GCSE pass (2 students of Year 11 age left mid-year and entered no exams). In fact 97% achieved 5 or more passes once again. 99.1% of entries resulted in a pass grade.
- The percentage of entries resulting in an A*-C pass was 59%
- The percentage of 16 year old students gaining 5 or more grades at A*-C was 57%
- Individual successes include **Sofie Buckland** (8 A* and 2A), **Jessica Leonard** (7 A*, 3 A and 1 B), **Anna Pietrowski** (6 A*, 3 A and 1 B), **Hannah Bramhall** (5 A*, 3A and 2B), **Phillippa Chapman** (4 A*, 3 A, 2B) and **Joe Seed** (3 A*, 6 A and 1 B).
- **Sofie Buckland** received a letter from the Chief Examiner, congratulating her on achieving one of the top five marks out of 16700 entries for Business Studies.
- 15 students passed 11 GCSE's this year, 4 of them passing all 11 at grades A*-C. A further 38 passed in 10 subjects, 15 of these passing all 10 at A*-C grades. Two years ago the maximum most students took at Malton was 9 subjects.
- Girls outperformed boys once again, and this year by a considerable margin: girls got 5 points more than boys on average, and 63% passed 5 or more at A*-C, compared with 49% of boys. Come on lads – where is your fighting spirit?

We are all delighted with this record breaking performance. Advanced level students and their teachers have had to cope with changes to the exam system: to see the students rise to the challenge and come through with this excellent performance is a great relief as well as a great delight! They have done Malton School proud.

Key Stage 3 Test Results

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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 76% achieved level 5 or higher, and 41% level 6 or better. Clearly they offer the promise of further excellent results at GCSE and A level in the future.

Talent Competition

This last day of term event has become so popular in recent years that it had to move from the music centre to the larger venue of East Wing Gym. A packed hall was treated to music, dance and comedy routines from the brave performers. Joint winners were **Chris Eaton** and **Nick Salisbury** with their Monty Python routine, and **Rachel McCulloch**, **Sam Gilderdale**, **Richard Brook** and **James Drawbridge** with their band's performance of *Big Me* (Foo Fighters).

Water Aid

During the last term 7 Water have been collecting their loose change for charity. A cheque for £20 has been sent to WaterAid who help provide clean water in Third World countries.

The charity seems appropriate to Water house. Perhaps other houses will adopt a charity and collect money on their behalf this year – a challenge to you?

UK 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** (Y8) – for the second year running. He received a gold award, along with **Rachel Burnett** (Y7) and **Jamie Mills**. **Oliver Peck**, **Robin Goforth**, **Bobby Goodwill**, **Jack Davies**, **Lucy Johnson** and **Sam Wicks** received Silver, and there were 7 Bronze awards.

Staff Changes

Departures

We said farewell to **Mr Quero**, who taught Mathematics and IT last year. Also to **Miss Peters** who worked as a teaching assistant, and also in the PE/Games department.

Mr and Mrs Train retired from the cleaning staff. Mrs Train has given service to Malton School for 38 years in catering, caretaking and cleaning since it opened in 1971, and previously at Malton County Modern since 1964.

Our bursar **Mrs Howell** retired after 23 years at Malton School. Over the years she has been responsible for keeping us solvent, but also for the many developments of the school premises in recent times - the library, art rooms, music centre - just three of a long list all organised by her. With immaculate timing her family ensured that she would be kept busy in retirement, with her first grandchild arriving just before the end of term.

Arrivals

Mr Clark joins us to teach the ever expanding programme of Information and Communications Technology.

Mrs Hopkin replaces Mrs Dowson Boyes to teach girls PE.

Mrs Myers, who has been covering Ms Wiseman's maternity leave, continues with us, as Ms Wiseman returns on a part-time basis.

Mrs Richmond joins the Modern Language Department.

Miss Robertson joins the Mathematics Department.

We also welcome back **Mrs Boothman** to cover some additional Food and Textiles Technology teaching.

Mrs Chapman joined us at the end of last term to take over as school bursar.

Sportsmark

The school was successful in achieving its second Sportsmark Award from Sport England in June “*in recognition of its commitment to promoting the benefits of physical education and school sport*” – both in and out of timetabled lessons. Gaining renewal of the award against the background of the recent restrictions on Inter-School fixtures in the wake of Foot & Mouth Disease is no mean achievement by Mr Richmond.

Sports Day July 2002

Good weather made for good competition and the customary good spirit at our annual event.

There were 5 record breakers this year:

Chantelle Burdett (Y7 High Jump)

Sam Gilderdale (Y8 100m)

Ben Webster (Y8 Triple Jump)

Jamie Miller (Y10 400m)

Daniel Lovegrove (Y10 100m, Long Jump and Triple Jump)

Individual Winners were as follows:

Y7 Girls **Chantelle Burdett** (*Air*) **20**

Y7Boys **David Brown** (*Earth*) **20**
& **Ashley Clark** (*Air*)

Y8 Girls **Roseanne Batty** (*Earth*) **26**

Y8 Boys **Ben Webster** (*Air*) **30**

Y9 Girls **Emma C Smith** (*Fire*) **26**

Y9 Boys **Simon Pearson** (*Air*) **29**

Y10 Girls **Sophie Gilderdale** (*Air*) **33**

Y10 Boys **Daniel Lovegrove** (*Fire*) **40**

The final points score was:

1st Fire 845 points

2nd Air 784 points

3rd Earth 774 points

4th Water 648 points

Tennis Tournament

This ever popular end of term handicap event saw some excellent matches played amongst a large number of entries. Final winners were:

Boys: **James Stone** (Y8) Runner up **Alan Goforth** (Y12)

Girls: **Natalie Miller** (Y12). Runner up **Sophie Gilderdale** (Y10)

Mixed doubles: **Natalie Miller** and **Chris Smith** (Y12). Runners up **Sophie Gilderdale** and **James Gavigan** (Y10)

House Competition

This competition runs through the calendar year with final results announced at Christmas.

A summary of the current position is given below:

Summer House Team Competitions

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

The current overall points totals are:

Fire	1970
Air	1898
Earth	1848
Water	1586

Winners of the house trophy in 2001 were Earth, and in 2000 Air. Will there be a new winner this year?

Emma Smith (9 Earth) won the individual house points trophy for the second successive year, with a massive 129 points, showing the rest of the school just what is possible.

We are increasingly taking notice of house points and rewarding good performance by granting privileges, along with other indicators of students contributing well to school life: commendations, attendance records, effort and behaviour grades on reports, responsibilities, team membership and referrals. All these measures allow students to construct good Records of Achievement, and will help convince future employers and further education providers of their merits.

Activities Day

The penultimate day of term saw our annual alternative to classroom teaching take students sightseeing at Elland Road, orienteering in Dalby Forest, Rock Climbing at Peak Scar, fishing at Brawby, fun at Flamingoland and Doncaster Dome, archery on the school field, and Glass Printing, ICT, Trampolining and Volleyball in school.

Newsletters

Parents can expect a newsletter each half term, on the first Friday after each holiday. Occasionally an additional edition will be published if we have urgent news to communicate between these dates.

Website

Readers should remember that additional illustrated news items and photographs are available on our website at

www.maltonschool.org

The site has received 1770 visitors since its re-vamp at Easter. Many new photos and details of the school's past – particularly 1971-1989 – have been added to the Maltonians section of the website in recent weeks.

And Finally

A warm welcome to all new students joining Malton School this year –116 into Year 7, our largest intake since 1977. This is part of the upward trend in enrolment that has seen the student population increase by 25% since 1994, to its current 624. 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.

Calendar

AUTUMN TERM 2002

September

- T 03 Autumn Term commences (Week 1)
Y12 Registration
Y7 and Y13 start school
W 04 Y12 Residential course (3 days)
Y8,9,10 & 11 start school
F 27 Sponsored Walk

October

- W 02 PTA Annual General Meeting
M 14 Y8 French visit (all week)
W 16 Y10 Residential courses (3 days)
F 18 Last day of Half-Term
M 28 School re-opens (Week 2)

November

- M 04 Y11 Poetry Day, Hull
F 08 Y11 Assessments to Parents
T 12 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