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Farewell and good luck

We said our farewells to students in Years 11 and 13 last half term, as they commenced their study leave in preparation for exams at GCSE, AS and A2 levels.

We have to say that this year the farewell activities in the final week and final day were the best we have experienced, with students extremely well behaved and pleasant, celebrating with staff their time at school, with no unpleasant behaviour. A variety of special events were organised.

- On Tuesday evening 13 May 2003) Year 11 attended a "Prom" in the school hall, efficiently organised by Nikki Freer, Sophie Gilderdale, Daniel Bulmer and John Hodgson. The students took the opportunity to dress up in style in suits and evening dress, including one in his traditional family kilt and tartan, and were a credit to themselves and to the School.
- On their final day before revision leave there was a special assembly to start the day, with the traditional story in which each student's name appears, refreshments at break, a photo session - for all those snaps that will fill the albums of the future - followed by a lunch provided free by the school, with waiter (and waitress) service provided by teachers. Then a final ceremony in which National Records of Achievement folders were presented, snaps from the Prom were shown, a student comedy routine was performed, and instructions for conduct in the forthcoming exams were issued.
- We wish them all well for the forthcoming exams, and hope that they will be filling their study leave time with purposeful and thorough revision for the most important exams of their school careers.

- Year 13 had their final dinner at The Feathers, Helmsley, and once again were a credit to the school. Special celebrations in school were more difficult than for Year 11, with a number of students already engaged in exams before the final departure date. However, a farewell meal was provided in the school hall on the Thursday. Once again, we wish them well.

Head Boy and Girl elections

As we said farewell to Year 11, a new team of students had to be appointed for the coming year. Twelve candidates put themselves forward, and an election was organised, with votes being cast by students in current Year 10, and by staff, using a transferable vote system. As a result the following have been elected for the period May 2003 – May 2004

Head Boy: Peter Bowring
Head Girl: Rachel I'Anson
Deputies: Darren Allanson
Rachel McCulloch

Our thanks go to retiring officers, John Hodgson, Sophie Gilderdale, Nikki Freer and Daniel Bulmer. Even in their final week they were still busy, with a final report on their year in office to the school staff, and then to the Governing Body. John and Sophie's last engagement was to represent the school at the Mayor's Civic service on Sunday 18 May.

<p>School Transport – comments by Friday 13 June 03 - please see item on page 3. Art Exhibition – Thursday 26 June 03 Open Evening – Thursday 3 July 03 Year 5 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 8 July 03 Ryedale Festival Community Opera – Saturday/Sunday 19/20 July 03</p>

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Maltonians News

Congratulations to Colin Gaden for organising yet another successful reunion for former pupils (mainly pre-1960) at the Green Man on the now customary last Tuesday in April. Mr Fearnley gave a brief update to the gathering, in particular noting that Maltonians had contributed over £10500 to the Science Appeal. On the afternoon David Thackray presented Mr Fearnley with a school cap and Old Maltonians tie for the archive, together with a photograph of him doing the high jump at a sports day in 1943. They are on show on the website at www.maltonschool.org.

We also had a visit from Dave Evans whilst he was over here from South Africa. Dave was Head Boy in 1964-5, and keeps in touch via e-mail. He enjoyed his tour around the old school. In addition, from Australia we welcomed Kerry Martin (nee Rolls), who also enjoyed a brief tour of the school and meeting two of her school friends. We were sad to hear of the death of her mother, Mary Rolls, last month.

Fashion Show

“On Thursday 1 May students from the Duke of Edinburgh Award group presented a fashion show in the West Wing Hall which proved an enjoyable evening for those who watched and those involved. Thanks to Castle Howard, Sandras, Jennifers, Muskan, Topshop, Topman, John Piercy, Sally Bausang, Mrs Titchmarsh and Pierce MacMahon. A special thanks to Mrs J MacMahon for all the time and effort she put in to organising the event. There were also songs from Natalie Johnson, Katie Metcalfe and Rachel McCulloch, who helped behind the scenes with the music. The show was ably compared by Miss Hewitt and Mr Cook. Our thanks to them and all the models who took part. Overall this proved a successful event, one which it is hoped to repeat again next year.”
Report by Sinead MacMahon and Laura Wilford.

Art Exhibition

7.00 – 9.00 pm 26 June 2003

Our annual exhibition of artwork, principally by students studying Art for GCSE and A-level, will be held on the evening on 26 June, when the studios and corridors will be filled with a wide variety of work. There is no charge for admission, and there will be a licensed bar available on the night.

Way to Work Awards

Students following the vocational course received certificates from York Training Services on 8 May, in an evening presentation meeting.

Students on the "Way to Work" course have spent one day per week at a work placement during Years 10 and 11 at school, in addition to more "normal" GCSE courses in school on the other days. All 12 of them have now secured either a college placement, an apprenticeship or employment for next year.

The trainers and organisers involved with the course selected one "student of the year", and this year's award was made to **Gemma Piercy**, who has been working at the Topiary Tree in Malton. Gemma received a prize of a florist's toolkit from Topiary Tree's Gemma Magson.

Science Bid for Specialist Status

We have just learned from the Department for Education and Skills that – whilst they acknowledge many strengths in our bid – they have not approved it in this round. We shall now start the process of improving the bid along the lines suggested by the DfES. We aim to submit our revised bid in the early autumn.

In the meantime we are delighted to have received a further £5000 towards our appeal – the £50000 target was the minimum required for application. We need far more to ensure our new Science buildings are to the standard our students deserve. If you can help, please contact Mr Roberts at school.

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OPEN EVENING Thursday 3 July

We welcome everyone to our annual Open Evening on 3 July. There will be a special introductory meeting for parents of the new 2003 intake into Year 7 at 6.30 pm in the East Wing gym. For the rest of the evening the whole school will be open from 7pm, with displays and activities in all areas.

Fire Safety Talks

As part of their Citizenship course, Year 8 had a visit from the fire brigade. Tom Croft, in 8H, gives a brief report.

“On Monday 12 May Simon Cousins and Steve Pickering from Malton ‘Blue Watch’ Fire Brigade gave up their valuable time to come in and give Year 8 a talk on Fire Safety Awareness. They put us into groups and asked us to list what we thought they did and we were all surprised at the long list they gave us. They told us such things as inspecting hotels and businesses to make sure they are fire aware. They also showed two videos, one on how fast a fire can spread in your front room and one on how serious hoax calls are.”

School Transport

Every four years North Yorkshire County Council review the arrangements for school travel. The results of the current review will affect arrangements from Easter 2004. The school will be asking for all buses to arrive promptly for the end of the school day and we shall be aiming then to start school at 8:55 and finish at 15:30 (all times five minutes earlier than now). We shall also ask County to minimise crossings of the A64 for vehicles and to ensure that no student has to cross this road on foot. If parents have any special concerns or views, please write to David Wake, Acting Pupil Manager, Passenger Transport Group, Environment, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AH by **Friday 13 June**.

Ryedale Festival Musical

Following on the success of performing in a Night at the Movies, a number of students put themselves forward for auditions for a community opera, “The Voyage of the Maris Piper”, organised as part of the Ryedale festival. Eight students have been accepted into the cast of 70, along with young people and adults from Norton College, St Mary’s and Malton Primary schools. It will be rehearsed intensively over one week, and performed in Malton School Hall on Saturday 19 July and Sunday 20 July at 3 pm.

Norwegian visitors

Four teachers from the Stavanger area in Norway spent a day in school at the end of May. They told us that there are two forms of Norwegian, known as Bokmål and Nynorsk. Teachers are expected to use either or both in their classes depending on the preferences of the parents of the students in each class. More information on the two varieties is available at www.sprakrad.no/nynor.htm

MEETING FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS Tuesday 8 July

The date for parents of primary pupils to express secondary school preferences has been brought much earlier in the school year. As a result our Information Evening for Parents of Prospective Students will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 8 July. We hope that parents of Year 5 pupils will come along and hear our 45-minute introduction to the school; questions and refreshments will follow.

We also urge Year 5 pupils and their parents to visit us on the Open Evening, when the whole school will be open.

Website and addresses

Apologies to anyone who has sent an e-mail to our old address at admin@malton.dialnet.com. This address ceased to function sometime around February, and we have been unable to recover all but a few items of mail from this period.

Our new address is admin@maltonschool.org., in line with our web address of www.maltonschool.org. Our entire website and mail service is now hosted by North Yorkshire's Vital online server, with root address admin@malton.n-yorks.sch.uk. All staff and students have individual addresses based on this root– if you are contacting one person regularly it might be wise to ask for their personal address.

Lost Property

We have a great deal of unnamed clothing in Lost Property. Please will parents help us by ensuring that all items of clothing and footwear are named. Named items are returned to their owner as soon as they are found. We take unclaimed, unnamed clothing to local charity shops but would prefer to be able to return them to their owners, whose parents will have gone to some considerable expense to provide them in the first place.

Athletics Success

Congratulations to the following athletes who have all been selected to represent Scarborough and Ryedale District at the County Championships in York on Saturday 14 June.

Boys:

Ben Webster – Triple Jump – 11.38m

David Brown – Long Jump – 4.36m

Sam Gilderdale – 100m – 12.15sec

Girls

Ann Astin – Shot – 7.72m

Linda Cooper – 300m - 50.56sec

Chantelle Burdett – High Jump – 1.20m

Calendar

SUMMER TERM 2003

June

- M 02 Summer Term continues (Week 2)
Y10 examinations begin
- Th 12 Y13 A2 written examinations begin
Y12 start A2 courses
- M 16 Y10 Work Experience begins (2 weeks)
- W 18 Y6 morning visit
- F 20 Primary French Day
- T 24 Y10 GCSE Science Module
Y8 visit to Beamish Museum
- W 25 Y6 afternoon visit
- Th 26 School closed to students (Staff Training-Malton Show)
Art Exhibition
- F 27 Normal School day

July

- W 02 Y12 visit Newcastle/Northumbria
Universities
- Th 03 Open Evening (normal school finishes 14.35,
local students may walk home. Buses as normal)
- T 08 Senior House Matches
Y5 parents' Information Evening
- W 09 Sports Day
- F 11 Tennis Tournament (2 days)
Y7, 8 Reports issued
- T 15 Y10 Reports issued
Y9 Assessments issued
Junior House Matches
- Th 17 Activities Day
- F 18 End of term
- S 19 Ryedale Festival Community Opera
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August

- Th 14 GCE A and AS results
- Th 21 GCSE results

September

- W 03 Staff Training day (School closed to students)
- Th 04 Autumn Term starts for Years 7 & 13
Y12 registration from 11.00 (West Wing)
- F 05 Autumn Term starts for Years 8, 9, 10 & 11
- M 08 Y12 depart for Residential Induction course
(3 days)
- Th 11 Y12 timetable begins