
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A Night at the Movies

Two sell-out shows in West Wing Hall on the last two nights of term (Wednesday and Thursday 9 & 10 April) allowed 450 students, parents, relatives and guests to be superbly entertained by the talents of 130 performers from all age groups in the school - in fact from age 11 to well, shall we say over 40!, as staff were also involved in some of the performances.

Every act in what could best be described as a variety performance took its theme from the world of the movies. We had seven dance groups, two choirs, the orchestra, and comedy from the 6th form drama group. There were three duets - **Alex Young** and **Rachel McCulloch** singing *April* from *The Graduate*, **Natalie Johnson** and **Katie Metcalfe** singing *Journey to the Past* from *Anastasia*, and **Abigail Clark** and **Louise Taylor** playing *A Whole New World* from *Aladdin*.

We also had soloists - **Heather Ponton-Brown** singing *Your Song* (*Moulin Rouge*), and **Sally Fothergill** singing *Goldfinger*. And Head of English **Mr Sturmheit** was persuaded to sing a solo - *What Are You Doing The Rest of Your Life* by Michel Legrand.

And the finale for the night - well, for two nights only, Year 11 students **Alex** and **Blair Young**, **James Gavigan**, **Lee Wiles** and **Simon Richardson** were joined by site manager **Trevor Wilford** as they performed to screams from the audience with their Full Monty routine. Was it a *full* Monty? Well you would have to have been there to know!

The whole show was compered by the School's four senior students, **Claire White**, **Adam Turner**, **Laura Grassi** and **Matthew Bulmer**.

Thanks and congratulations go to all involved. Fuller details are in the souvenir programme (*a few remain*) and on the school website. *A video of the show is available from Mr Fearnley, price £3.*

Science Appeal Update

We've done it! At least, we have raised the £50000 - in fact a little more. We have sent off our box of paperwork to the government office dealing with applications, and now we wait for their decision, expected some time in June. The support from so many areas has been wonderful - parents, former students, local business, students, governors, and charitable organisations have all given their support. We have had over one hundred donations, ranging from a few pounds to over £10000. Well done **Mr Roberts** - who has quietly but determinedly written letters, followed up with telephone calls, persuaded and convinced people of the value of our cause. And well done **Mr Martin**, Head of Science, who has put together the paperwork for the bid and delivered on time. Well done **Mr Steel** for supporting the work. Well done so many others, who have worked on the project and made this first stage a success. We hope that the government accept our application and back the belief in us that this community has shown.

Where next?

We are not sitting back and relaxing while the government officers make up their mind. The £50000 target was only a stepping stone. Remember that we are hoping to have *four* Science labs built this year, and the total cost will be in excess of £420000. We need to find a sizeable percentage of this ourselves - the Science status and the funds already raised will go some way, but more is needed. Further fundraising events will be taking place, and sponsorship will continue to be sought. We have already been successful with one bid for additional funds - *see later*.

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Science Week Debates

Three A-level students – Sofie Buckland, Lauren Horsley and Lizzie Stallybrass, represented the School at the annual Science Week debates held at the Guildhall in York on 6 March. They were competing against teams from Fulford, Huntington and St Peter's Schools, and following a strong performance arguing against legalisation of human cloning they won a place in the final, where they were just pipped into second place by the Huntington team. Well done girls for an impressive effort.

Stargazers

On 28th March 12 students from the Year 13 A Level Physics group visited the Observatory in the heart of Dalby Forest. The visit marked the completion of the cosmology module they had been studying last term.

The visit was hosted by members of the Scarborough and District Astronomical Society. Club President John Harper gave us a tour of the night sky, picking out constellations and specific stars such as Sirius and Betelgeuse with a high powered laser pointer.

We were then able to use the telescopes to observe the stars and planets in more detail. The evening was concluded with a video showing all the major constellations in detail.

BSM visit – driver training

On the last day of the Spring Term all students in Year 10 were given the opportunity to drive a Vauxhall Corsa near the West Wing tennis courts. Fortunately the car had no wheels and was a driving simulator provided by BSM for the day. Following a shaky opening session where the car failed to start there was some superb driving and the instructors commented that road safety knowledge was good. The roadshow comprised in addition touch-screen road dangers tests. All students were pronounced 'fit to be walking the streets'!

Barclays New Future Award

As part of our bid for Science status, we submitted a bid to Barclays Bank New Futures scheme for a £10000. We are delighted to say that we have been successful! The money will be spent on environmental projects connected with trees, in partnership with Castle Howard Arboretum Trust and with our local cluster primary schools. Over two years we hope to create tree trails in school grounds (ours and our local primary schools), planting many more trees to supplement those already growing, and to work with the Arboretum Trust to develop educational resources connected with their grounds. A student project-management panel will be appointed for September to take the project forward.

Delta Sly Rock Workshop

Rachel McCulloch from Year 10 reports:

On Tuesday 1 April myself and 14 other budding "rock artists" were asked to join three brave tutors for a days of music making fun. The day started off with us all splitting into three or four groups. We wrote lyrics, put together riffs and drum beats and added harmonic backing to lead vocals. The Sixth Form band also brought in some of their own material.

After dinner we recorded our masterpieces on Delta Sly's mini recording studio which hopefully they will have dubbed and mixed and put onto CD just like the professionals. The day finished with amazing performances by all groups, and was enjoyed by everyone who took part.

A level Results Finally Published

Overall tables of results for last year were finally published last month, having been delayed due to the exam marking investigation. The overall picture confirms our report in September, when we noted that these were our best ever results and of a very high standard. They put us 5th amongst comprehensive schools in the whole of North Yorkshire, which of course is a high achieving county nationally.

Staff News

We said farewell to our librarian, Mrs Jacqui Yard, at the end of March. She had been our librarian since the opening of the new library in February 2000, keeping the library in good order, and introducing a computerised issue system. She resigned, hoping to spend more time on her charity work and her garden.

In her place we welcome Mr James Braddan, who is hoping to start during May.

We give a warm welcome back to Miss Robinson after her illness, and say farewell to Mr Maloney who has covered her lessons for the last term with enthusiasm and thoroughness beyond the call of supply teaching. Our best wishes and sincere thanks go with him.

We continue to hope for better news of Mr Thorp, who remains absent unwell. Our continued thanks to Mr Hainsworth for his work in covering music lessons.

Ski Trip

The annual ski-trip visited Passo Tonale in Italy this March. 4 staff and 41 students, assisted by Paul and Val Lange, Stuart Carruthers, Martin Abbey and Bob Kirkby, had an enjoyable and problem free week in the sun and snow.

James Clark and Sam Gilderdale report:

We left school at 10.30 on a Saturday night, and after a long bus journey arrived at Gatwick airport, where we boarded a flight for Verona, then on from there to Passo del Tonale.

We did lots of activities as well as skiing, including "bum-boarding", a disco, and lots of bingo. After a brilliant week we all returned absolutely shattered, returning to school the next day after getting back to Malton.

Help at the Car Wash

Sixth Form students have been raising money by washing cars, to provide training and equipment for their bid to become therapeutic care volunteers with the Red Cross. Jane Hellowell, Ryedale's Millennium Volunteer coordinator, commented:

"They have shown extra commitment to their volunteering by raising the money for equipment themselves. They hope to make a real difference to the community where they are trained to provide therapeutic care."



Uniform Checks

In a bid to tighten up on students adhering to school uniform, we have introduced some new report cards. To start with we have concentrated on incorrect shoes (usually trainers), and not wearing ties. Students incorrectly dressed are issued with a report card by a senior member of staff, and will need to report daily until the issue is resolved. The card requires signature by parents, who may contact the school if there are exceptional circumstances. A full explanation is given on the report card, as well as a reminder of the uniform code published in our prospectus. Each issue of a report will be noted on a student's record.

Other report cards have been introduced to monitor punctuality and students removed from lessons for poor behaviour. In all cases if there is a persistent problem we will of course contact parents. We ask that parents continue to support us in maintaining standards.

Summer Art Exhibition

The third year of this popular evening when we open our doors to the public to view art work by our examination students will be after half term – please book a date in your diaries of **Thursday 26 June 2003, 7.00 – 9.00pm**. An award will be made on the evening to the student who has made most progress in art during the year, in memory of former art student Emma Howard.

Damage To School Buildings

The Easter holidays have seen damage to windows and storage facilities at school. On at least two occasions windows at the rear of the school have been apparently deliberately damaged. We returned to school to find that Mr Wilford had had to arrange for over a dozen damaged windows to be boarded up. In addition a wooden sports store was destroyed by fire on the evening of Thursday 24 April. The store contained athletics equipment, some of it new, all of which has now been destroyed. Students, staff, governors and parents will be rightly incensed at this damage to public property.

Sports News

Rugby Triple Success

Our sports reporter, James Staff, reports on the latest rugby triumph:

It has been a successful year as now all of the lower school (Years 7, 8, 9) have all won the District's Rugby Tournament. In Year 7 Malton beat Norton 45 – 0 and then they beat Lady Lumley's 20 – 10. Ryedale forfeited. This means the team now join Year 8 and Year 9 as Ryedale Trophy Rugby Champions 2003. Well done to all!

Calendar

SUMMER TERM 2002

May

- M 05 Bank Holiday (School closed)
- T 06 Y9 SATs + examinations begin
- W 14 Y7 and Y8 examinations begin
- F 16 Y11 Records of Achievement presented
- T 20 GCSE and AS written examinations begin
- F 23 End of Half-Term

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
- T 24 Y10 GCSE Science Module
- W 25 Y6 afternoon visit
- Th 26 School closed to pupils (Staff Training-Malton Show)
- 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)
- 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
- W 16 Senior House Matches
- Th 17 Activities Day
- F 18 End of term

August

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

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.