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# MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Head Boy and Girl 2004-5

With Year 11 departing, we said farewell to our current Head Boy and Girl and deputies, which meant it was time to elect four new officials for the coming year. Eleven students from Year 10 were nominated by their classmates. They were interviewed by the Head and Deputy Head teacher, and an election was held in which staff and Year 10 students voted, using a transferable vote system. The winners were:

Head Boy	<b>Ross Harrison</b>
Head Girl	<b>Sally Fothergill</b>
Deputy	<b>Jack Davies</b>
Deputy	<b>Olivia Buckland</b>

Runners up were **James Staff, Sara Cook, Sam Gilderdale, Laura Fargher, James Drawbridge, Rachael Brookes and Harriet Bean**. Thanks to all who took part in the elections.

Thanks also to retiring Head Boy and Girl **Peter Bowring** and **Rachel I'Anson**, and their deputies **Darren Allanson** and **Rachel McCulloch** for their excellent work during the year.

### Maltonians News – North Pole

Can we record here a first for ex-Malton School students?

Marion Lowe was a pupil at Malton Grammar School in 1962-9, and e-mailed last month to say she had just completed an expedition to the Pole, “snow-shoed the last degree, taking ten days to do approx 65 nautical miles”. Marion is now Chief Executive of the Family Fund Trust, and undertook the expedition as part of her work for this charitable organisation. More information is available on the internet at [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

Marion wonders if she is the first Maltonian to reach the Pole, or has anyone beaten her to it?

### Science Block - progress

We are delighted to be able to report that work on our new building is ahead of schedule. By early July laboratory furniture will be installed downstairs and shortly after that Phase 1 will be complete.

We are hoping that it will be possible to run straight on into Phase 2. If so, the summer holiday will see the cutting away of the staircase to the existing upstairs laboratories (rooms 44 and 45) and the creation of a corridor at first and ground floor levels linking the 40's corridor with the new building. Then there will be the installation of a lift and fitting out the upstairs laboratories and preparation room.

If all continues to go well the finished building and link should be handed over to the school during September. The new areas will then have to be stocked and prepared for teaching. Our present plan is to start teaching in the new laboratories in November 2004.

### Open Evening

Please come and look round the school.  
Bring the family and friends.

19.00 – 21.00

**Thursday, 8 July 2004**

18.30 Meeting for Year 6 parents + children  
19.30 Meeting for Year 5 parents + children

- both in the East Wing

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## Tree Project

Students at Malton School have been finding out more about their environment, with a little help from the experts.

Four Year 8 students – **Kurt Batty, Stewart Bulmer, Angus Newman** and **Adam Redshaw**, spent a morning walking around their school grounds in the company of Helen Gregson, Arboricultural Officer for North Yorkshire. She helped them identify 33 different trees in the grounds, and explained how trees have family names, first names and sometimes middle names, all written in Latin.

This is just one of a number of projects in school funded by a £10000 grant from Barclays New Futures. The next step for the students is to create a database from their notes, and then put the photographs and descriptions they took onto a special tree section of our website. They are also going to make some labels for our trees. Once they have done the groundwork other groups will then go out on tree trails to learn about the different trees we have.

The students worked very hard on a cold day, and showed a lot of interest in what Helen told them. Our thanks go to her for giving up her morning to help us.

### Castle Howard Arboretum Trust

New Members wanted  
Annual membership fee  
Adults £17, Children £10

This allows:

- Unlimited daily access to the 150 acres of rare trees and shrubs from
- 1Feb – 30 Nov, 8.00am – 6.00pm,  
(8.00 am - 8.00 pm Weds in summer)
- Free tickets for the grounds and gardens of Castle Howard
- Access to Bedgebury, Westonbirt and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.
- For more information contact The Arboretum Trust, 01653 648650 / 648598, or look at [www.kewatch.co.uk](http://www.kewatch.co.uk)

## Annual Art Exhibition

**Thursday 24 June 2004 at 7.00pm**

A chance to view the work of all A level and GCSE art students, and to find out who is the winner of the Emma Howard Memorial Prize for the current year.

In recent years the exhibition has become a showcase for artists from the community who have been involved in working with students in school. This year former Malton art student Giles Edsall has been working with Mr Reed and art students on a project funded by the Barclays New Futures Award, and inspired by trees and mythology related to trees. He has developed an awe-inspiring conceptual performance piece based on the legend of Baucis and Philemon. This will be staged as part of our exhibition, and promises to be an unmissable event. Giles has also created a tree sculpture which will eventually find a home in the grounds at Castle Howard Arboretum.

## UK Junior Mathematical Challenge, April 2004

We received news of success in the younger version of the national Mathematics competition, aimed at students in Year 7 and 8. There were 9 gold awards – from Year 8 **James Baker, Daniel Pratt, Tom Sylvester, Helen Carrie, Emma Heselwood, Lewis Smurthwaite, Simon Gaskell** and **Will Smith**, and **Tommy Leach** from Year 7. There were 10 Silver awards – from Year 8 **Josh Burkin, Michael Wood, Angus Newman, Amy Burnett, George Moore** and **Harry Goodwill**, and from Year 7 **Bryony Goddard, Jasmin Asquith, Matthew Wilson** and **Fiona Marsden**. There were also 15 Bronze awards, 4 in Year 8 and 11 in Year 7.

**James Baker** was Best in School, and qualifies to go forward to the Junior Maths Olympiad in June.

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## Exam Season

Students in Year 11 at Malton School embarked upon study leave as they come up to their final GCSE examinations and the end of their compulsory stage of schooling. The occasion was marked by a number of special events.

On Wednesday evening 12 May the Head Boy and Girl and their deputies organised a "Prom" for their year group in Malton School hall. Students excelled themselves, dressing up for the occasion in grand style in suits and ball-gowns. They were a credit to themselves and to the school.

This was followed on Thursday by a day of special events mixed in with semi-normal lessons. The day started with a story about the year group from Mr Fearnley, there was a reception for Year 11 at morning break, then at lunch time there was a photo session when lots of photos for the albums of the future were taken. This was followed by a free dinner provided by the school, with waiter-service provided by teachers. At the end of the day there was a final assembly when students were briefed on procedures for their exams, they had a photo-show, and were presented with their Progress files (records of their activity at school) by the head teacher, Mr Roberts.

Head of Upper School, Mr Steel, commented: "The students were excellent. There was a lovely atmosphere amongst the group, and we were able to celebrate this most significant of days in their lives in really good spirits. Anyone who is critical of young people today would have reconsidered their views if they had seen these smartly dressed, well mannered young men and women taking this big step forward in their lives today. We wish them well for their exams, and hope that they will use their study time well."

Year 13 students had their now customary leavers' dinner at The Feathers, Helmsley on Wednesday 12 May, to which they invited staff. Once again evening dress was the order of the

day. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening. Thanks go to **Lucy Aylmer** and **Sophie McGinty** for their hard work organising the event. A final dinner was arranged in school the following week.

## Way to Work Awards

Students following the vocational course received certificates from York Training Services on 5<sup>th</sup> May, at a Celebration Evening.

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. Many 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 a "student of the year", and this year's award was made jointly to **Joel Langford** and **Joanna Riby**. Joel has had a placement at Park Road Garage, Norton and Joanna has worked at Kinderset Nursery, both students making outstanding progress.

## Pied Piper Music Day

*On Friday 7 May Rhythm Attack!, a percussion quartet came to Malton School. They played a concert in the morning for Years 7, 8 and all GCSE and A-level music students. They invited several members of the audience onto the stage to demonstrate some of the instruments played and by the end of the concert the entire audience were dancing.*

*There were also Music Workshops taking place, first for guitar and drum learners and then for the Orchestra and GCSE and A-level students. Great fun was had by all, and we look forward to further visits from Pied Piper groups.*

## Millennium Volunteers

Sixth form students are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the school and the community and we are proud to report that during the course of this year 54 students have taken part in the Millennium Volunteer Scheme. This represents more than 50% of the sixth form. This is a scheme that promotes voluntary work for young people and certification is recognised nationally. The following awards are made; completion of 50 hours results in a Certificate, 100 hours an Award and 200 hours is an Award of Excellence. The voluntary work can be completed during study periods but most students complete their volunteering in their own time. Placements have been many and varied and have included working for the elderly in the community with the police force, working as Therapeutic Carers in local hospitals, working with young people with special needs, conservation work, work in schools, Brownie Packs and summer play schemes for children. To date 50 students have been awarded the Certificate, of these, 34 have achieved the 100 hour Award and 13 have gone on to achieve the Award of Excellence. Mrs Peters and Mr Ewing would like to thank the local co-ordinator, Jane Hellowell, who has been responsible for liaising with students and finding placements for them. She has recently left the job to return to teaching.

## Staff News

We say farewell to Miss Sheila Conolly, who has been with us for two terms covering the long term absence of Head of Music, Mr Thorp. Our thanks go to Miss Conolly, who has involved herself in the life of the school, and in particular in the Christmas and Easter shows, far more than one would expect for a temporary appointment. We wish her well in new job with the Wilf Ward Trust.

## Let us know what you think!

The governors of Malton School are very keen to keep in touch with the views of parents. Whatever stage your youngster is at, we want to know...

- What you particularly like about this school – what do you see as its main strengths?
- Is there anything you are not so happy about – what would you like to see changed or improved?
- Have you any comments or suggestions about the Open Evening – what do you like and what if anything could be improved?
- Would you say you have a good understanding of what the Governors do? (If not, how could we improve this?)

A number of Governors will be in school for the Open Evening - we will be based in the Main Hall (West Wing), and will all be wearing badges. Don't be shy - please do come and talk to us and help us with our survey. We will make sure that any issues raised are brought to the attention of the Governors and staff. Or if you have a more specific query or issue, we will point you to the appropriate person who can help. We look forward to seeing you there!

P.S. If you are not able to make the Open Evening, but would still like to respond to these questions, do drop us a line (to the Governors c/o Malton School.)

## Ferretting Out Fame

Year 9 student **Joshua Lightowler** made a TV appearance with Michaela Strachan and Nick Baker at the beginning of May, when he took part in the BBC's Test Your Pets programme. His ferrets Buzz and Woody jumped through twelve hoops – beating the next best of six from other contestants.

## Sasser Virus

The school ICT network suffered a day of infection from the Sasser virus, along with millions of other internet users across the

world. Thankfully Mr Magee cleared the machines within a day, but this was a long and tedious operation on over 100 machines.

### **Uniform**

Parents and students are asked to note that we have **no** plans to change our uniform code for next year. If you are buying items for school over the summer holidays please ensure they match the regulations. Shoes need to be black or brown (not trainers) and to have a low, broad heel. Our students need to be able to wear their shoes to walk to and from school and between the wings. Parents should also be aware that we do not condone body piercing, other than one pair of ear-studs, and any student arriving with items of facial piercing will be asked to remove the items during school time.

### **Advertisement**

#### **Assistant Secretary**

35 hours p.w. term-time, salary points 11-13, (£12720–£13335) pro rata - pay award pending

You should be totally reliable, flexible and keen to use initiative but also willing to undertake routine office tasks incl. word-processing, filing, answering telephones, checking orders, handling cash. Working with students and adults in a patient and supportive manner is essential. This established post is available from 12 July.

For application form and details  
phone (01653) 692828, fax 696871,  
e-mail: [admin@maltonschool.org](mailto:admin@maltonschool.org), or write to  
Jennie Capstick, Malton School,  
Malton, YO17 7NH.

Closing date: 22 June 2004.

Please note that other jobs will be advertised in the local press in the coming weeks. If you would like to receive details, please contact Mrs Jennie Capstick at school.

### **Sports News**

Congratulations to Sophie Thompson, Year 7, who took third place in the vault at the annual Scarborough & District Gymnastics Competition at Pindar School and also to Rebecca Clifford who was awarded most improved gymnast of the year at Malton School. It is also nice that two of our outstanding sportsplayers have gained recognition, as Fay Chapman, Year 9, and Helen Carrie, Year 8, were selected for the district tennis teams at the recent tennis trials – well done!

We had huge success at the recent Area Athletics Championships, with several of our athletes selected to represent the area at a match in York on 12 June. They are as follows:

Ann Astin, 1<sup>st</sup> Discus (24.50m),  
Chantelle Burdett, 1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump (4.24m)  
Ross Harrison, 1<sup>st</sup> Triple Jump (11.82m)  
Claire Szuman, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m  
Matthew Stubbings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus (23.91m) and  
Sam Gilderdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m (13.08 secs).

Some of the Girls' teams have narrowly missed out on titles this year, with the Year 8 Netball team reaching the semi-final of the Scarborough & District Knockout Cup. The Year 9 Hockey team performed extremely well at the Scarborough & District Hockey tournament. With several wins they won their section, but unfortunately lost in the semi-final. Overall they finished third.

In tennis our U15 league tennis team consisting of Fay Chapman, Megan McColgan, Emma Marsden and Laura Fargher are having an excellent season and at present are joint first with a number of successful victories.

#### **Year 8 Girls Sport**

*Overall Year 8's most successful sport is netball at we reached the semi-finals. We did well in hockey narrowly missing the semi-finals by one goal. We are now trying very hard in both tennis and rounders.*

*Shauna Hazell – Year 8 Games Captain*

## Year 8 Tennis Report

*This season we have been playing wonderfully winning nearly all our matches. Teams we have played include Norton, Lady Lumley's and Caedmon.*

*Congratulations to Helen Carrie who has been selected to play for Scarborough & District. Long may our winning streak continue!*

*Emmy Hickes – Tennis Captain*

## Year 8 Netball Report

*We started the season really well only losing two matches. Everyone played well but Natalie Watson, Sally Ellis and Jenny Gibbon were excellent. Player of the year is Shauna Hazel.*

*As I am leaving I will be very sorry not to be in the team next year.*

*Laura Ellis – Netball Captain*

## Year 8 Rounder's Report

*The team have so far played two matches - we lost against Scarborough College after a hard match but drew with Norton College. The team train very hard every Thursday and include great batters – Amy Batty & Shauna Hazel, great catcher Sarah Bell and deep throwers Sam Clay & Sally Ellis.*

*Year 8's are lucky to have such a great team.*

*Player of the year is Sam Clay.*

*Natalie Watson – Rounders Captain*

## Cricket News

Congratulations to Elliott Taylor, Year 10, who has been selected to represent the District and County in Cricket at Under 15 level.

Year 8 students, Ben Gill and Tom Hodgson, have been selected to represent the school in a cricket single wicket competition at Howsham Hall on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The School has been invited to attend a day out at Headingley Stadium with Yorkshire County Cricket Club. The day will involve playing cricket, classroom activities and a tour of the ground.

## Tennis

The annual tennis tournament is about to commence with boys and girls singles along with mixed doubles. The finals are due to be played on Friday 16 July.

## Golf

Year 7 boys have been given the opportunity to sample playing golf under the expert tuition of Mr Miller.

## Calendar

### Summer Term 2004

#### June

M	07	Summer term continues (Week 1)
T	15	Year 13 A2 exams begin
M	21	Year 10 Work experience begins (2 weeks)
Th	24	School closed (Malton Show Day)
T	29	Y10 GCSE Science Module
W	30	Y12 visit to Newcastle/Northumbria

#### July

Th	08	Open Evening Y6 meeting for pupils and parents Y5 meeting for pupils and parents
F	09	Year 7 and 8 reports issued
T	13	Year 9 and 10 reports issued
W	14	Sports Day
M	19	Citizenship Day
W	21	End of term

#### August

Th	19	GCE A and AS results
Th	26	GCSE results

#### September

W	01	Y12 Residential Course at East Barnby
Th	02	Y7 start the Autumn Term
Fr	03	Y8-13 start the Autumn Term
M	06	Year 12 timetable starts

## DATES OF TERMS 2004-2005

*Please note: provisional dates only*

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Th 02/09	F 22/10	W 01/09
M 01/11	F 17/12	F 19/11
W 05/01	F 04/02	
M 14/02	F 18/03	
M 04/04	F 27/05	M 02/05
M 06/06	F 22/07	(Malton Show day)

#### Please note:

Two further day closures in 2004-2005 have not yet been fixed.