

Handover of Science Block

On 15 October the new Science block was officially handed over to the school by Wrights, the contractors for the project. The laboratories now need to be stocked with equipment, and the moveable furniture waiting in store, including a new extension to our computer network. We plan to hold an official opening evening towards the end of January 2005, when parents and supporters will be invited to look around the new facilities, and attend a scientific lecture by a guest speaker. Further details to follow in our next newsletter.

Senior students elected

Elections have been held for three Sixth Form students, known as our "senior students", to hold posts of responsibility for the coming year. The successful candidates were (in alphabetical order) **Daniel Bulmer**, **Anna Morley** and **Maria Hackett**. Activities undertaken by previous post holders have included charity fund raising (particularly Children in Need and Comic Relief), presentation of the Christmas and Easter shows (including starring in the Christmas mini-pantomime), and representing student views.

Sponsored Walk

A fine afternoon was enjoyed for this annual walk around the local fields and green lanes, with surprisingly good conditions underfoot given the wet summer. This year we are raising money to try and ensure that every classroom has a networked computer. So far we have received donations of £5,013.

9 Water won a tin of chocolates for being the first tutor group to get all their sponsor money in. Please could we now have all outstanding amounts as a matter of urgency.

Take Your Local Councillor To School Week

Ryedale councillor Steve Preston met with the house captains from years 7 to 11, to explain a little about his job, and listen to the views of young people about their local area.

Geography Field Trip – Blencathra Field Studies Centre

The 2004 Sixth Form geography field trip was a great success. Students were involved in three days of outdoor work whilst staying at the Field Studies Centre in the Lake District. The Wednesday started off with fine weather for our retail development studies of Carlisle. We then relaxed with a McDonald's and shopping. The evening was spent working on presentations of what we found out. Thursday started with glorious weather . . . hailstones, wind, rain and sleet, which caused Mr Cook to struggle to get his wellies on. We did some river studies which made many people fall over and spend the afternoon drying out. On Friday, the final day, the weather was, if anything, even worse! We walked up to Easedale Tarn to look at glacial landforms left from the last ice age. The walk was long and hard but worth it. As a year group we would like to thank everyone involved in the Blencarthra trip.

Raised Eyebrow Theatre Company

On the last day of half term, Year 10 students watched a thought provoking play in the East Wing Hall, performed by this travelling company. In telling a story of young people growing up, it raised a number of questions about relationships and expectations, which were followed up by the group with our students after the performance in a discussion session. At times frank, explicit and disturbing, we hope it gave food for serious thought to our students.

Royal Shakespeare Company

Mary Thackray reports on a Year 13 trip:

On Friday, 17 September, ten people from our two English groups along with Mrs Howell and Mr Sturmheit went to see '*Julius Caesar*' at the Hambleton Leisure Centre in Northallerton. It was an RSC production and in the morning, before the play, we attended a workshop led by RSC actors where questions about theatre production were addressed. .

"It wasn't what I was expecting but the production helped me to understand the Shakespeare a lot." (Lizy Hayes)

"It was interesting how they brought the original text into the 21st Century with all the scenery and props and how they acted it out." (Sarah Wood). I thought it was an excellent production of Julius Caesar, in a modern style with modern costume and dramatic sound and lighting throughout.

French trip

Octobre dernier, un groupe de trente-cinq élèves est parti en France avec quatre professeurs. On est resté dans un hôtel, à St. Lunaire, en Bretagne. On a fait des visites très intéressantes à Dinard, St. Malo, à la Tapisserie de Bayeux et au Musée du Dèbarquement à Arrormanches. On s'est très bien amusé. C'était une très bonne expérience.

Staff News

We said farewell to relief caretaker Mike Arnold in September. It is incredible to think that Mike only worked a couple of hours per day with us, considering the enormous amount of work he got through while here. His contribution to the school over many years has been invaluable. His main job has always been at Norton CP School, where he is now full time.

Fireworks

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service give the following fireworks and bonfire safety advice:

- Follow the Firework Code (on or in all boxes).
- Supervise children with Fireworks at all times.
- It is now illegal for persons under 18 to possess Fireworks in a public place.
- Only buy Fireworks marked with "BS 7114".
- Position bonfires with care (away from everything).
- Do not allow children to build dens in or on bonfires.
- Check wind direction before lighting them.
- Use the lighter provided or long taper (not matches/lighter).
- Wear thick clothes (preferably natural fibres NOT nylon).
- Wear gloves even to hold sparklers - they burn at 20 times that required to boil water.
- Avoid alcohol before setting off Fireworks.
- Remember your pets - keep them safe inside.
- It is illegal to let off fireworks between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. (except Bonfire Night and New Years' Eve).
- Ensure all fires are safe before leaving them.
- If you do get burnt, apply lots of cold water and seek medical help.
- Consider your neighbours.
- Stay safe, then you will not need to dial 999.

Sports News

A selection of reports on just four of the many matches played this term.

Year 8 HOCKEY

On 15 September the Year 8 girls' hockey team played at Ryedale School. Despite losing 4-0 the team displayed some good skills on the hockey field. In the first half, Ryedale won the toss and chose to take the first hit. They scored within a few minutes with a lucky shot then scored again after a corner. We took a centre hit and managed to direct play to the other end of the pitch for a while, but unluckily did not score. Unfortunately, Ryedale got possession and scored again. After a tactical discussion we returned to the pitch with fresh determination. We directed play to the scoring area and we dominated the second half. When we lost possession Ryedale managed to score again and then the match ended. Special mentions go to Amy Jones for her fantastic hits, Fiona Marsden for always getting 'stuck in' and Caroline Cook for fantastic defence methods. Woman of the match has to go to Esther Quinn, despite being a last minute Year 7 substitute who has only played hockey for a few times before, played very well and would not give in to the highly skilled Ryedale Players.

Emma

Bean

Year 9 FOOTBALL

Malton 4 - 3 Ryedale

The game showed real determination from Malton after going 1-0 down to a goal in the first ten minutes. Malton soon equalised with an interesting long-range effort from Tom Kellett rolling into the back of the net. The game continued with both teams taking it in turns to take the lead until the score line rested at 3-3, with goals from Chris Leedham and Matthew Leathley. Luke Cuthbertson showed great consistency saving Malton on numerous occasions, and with the last kick of the game Matthew Leathley scored his second of the game giving Malton a well-deserved 4-3 win.

Under 14's NETBALL

On Saturday, 11 September, the U14's Netball team went to a tournament at Scalby School. We did very well getting through to the semi-finals, but unfortunately we were beaten by Scarborough College. We tried our best. Well done to all the girls who played and to **Sarah Bell** who got girl of the tournament.

TENNIS

Regional Competition for the U15's

The U15 girls' tennis team, namely Fay Chapman, Megan McColgan, Laura Fargher and Emma Marsden, travelled to the David Lloyd centre in Hull to play in the regional round of the league competition. As winners of the Ryedale district league last term the girls knew that the competition would be fierce. Their opponents were Hymers College from East Yorkshire.

The standard of play from both teams was high and the end result is not a true reflection of some of the tremendous rallies in both the singles and the doubles. Malton's No 1 seed Fay Chapman was determined and came back at her opponent to go on to win 7-5 in the singles. Megan played well but only managed to claim one game from her opponent and Fay and Megan went on to lose their doubles. Laura had a hard fought battle and the scores got to 4-4 between her and the No 3. However, they had to change courts and it meant that Laura was put out of her stride and she eventually lost 6-4. Emma Marsden played deep to the base line and had a fabulous game against Hymers' No 4 but the other player's consistency won her the match.

All told, our Malton team did us proud and gave Hymers a real challenge. Hymers now go on to represent the North East in the semi-finals. Next year it might be uswatch this space!
Cath Stone PE

AUTUMN TERM 2004

November

M	01	09.00	School re-opens (Week 1)
Th	11	19.30	Celebration Evening
F	12		Y13 Assessments to Parents
Th	18		Y10 GCSE Science Module
F	19		School closed to pupils (Staff Training)
M	22	17.00	Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	25		Post-16 Information Evening
M	29		Y12 Assessments to Parents
		19.30	Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents (provisional)

December

M	06		Y11 examinations begin (no study leave)
Th	09		Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F	10		Y7 Assessments to parent
W	15		Christmas Concert
Th	16		Senior Citizens' party
F	17	15.35	Term ends
M	20	19.30	Y13 (03-04) Certificates Evening/Reunion

SPRING TERM 2005

January

Th	06	09.00	Spring Term begins (Week 1)
F	07		Y13 external examinations
Th	13	17.00	Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
M	17		Y10 Assessments to Parents
M	24	17.00	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
W	26		Y9 SAT mocks

February

T	01	19.00	Introduction to Sixth Form Evening
W	02		Y11 Reports issued
F	04	15.35	End of Half-Term
M	14		Spring Term continues (Week 2)
M	21		Y12 examinations (3 days)

Christmas Flower Arrangement Demonstration

by

Horsley's Florists

on

Wednesday 1 December 2004

in the

**Library, East Wing, Malton School
at 7.30 pm**

Tickets £2.50,

to include a glass of wine and mince pie

To reserve tickets, contact school 692828
or Mrs Jones, 07946444371

Malton & Norton Rotary Club

&

Yorkshire Film Archive

present

'A Snapshot of Life

100 Years Ago

in Malton and Beyond'

Wednesday, 17 November 2004

19:00

West Wing Hall

Tickets £4

available from Derek Fox, Butcher

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or at the door

Licensed Bar