
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Malton School – a Specialist Science School from September 2004

A reminder to all readers that we enter a new phase in the School's long history, as we are now one of the growing number of specialist schools in the country.

Work on the new Science laboratories has progressed well during the summer break, and we now have a connecting corridor at both levels between the new block and the old block. This has necessitated the removal of the staircase leading to Rooms 44 and 45, which means that temporary access to these rooms is via a new fire exit, until the new entrance (through the new building) is completed. Outside landscaping is beginning to turn the muddy building site into new paths, grassed areas and a new boundary wall.

Exam Success – Best ever again

We keep on making this claim, but once again, by all the usual aggregate measures our A-level results represent the best on record

- The pass rate is once again the highest ever - in excess of 90% for the sixth year running. It is actually **99.2%** - there was only **one fail** in major subjects, (that is, excluding General Studies).
- The number of grade A's achieved is once again our highest ever, with 29 (the previous best was 28 last year, but from a larger entry). This represents 23% of the entries – our previous best percentage was 20% in 1999.
- 46% of entries resulted in an A or B grade – 5% better than last year's high. 70% resulted in A, B or C.

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- The star individual performances came from **David Smith** (AAAA plus B in General Studies, and A in AS Physics last year), **Anna Pietrowski** (AAAB plus A in GS), **Lauren Horsley** (AAA plus B in GS and A in AS Physics last year). **Jessica Leonard** scored AAA plus a B in GS, **Sophie McGinty** AAA plus C in GS, **Ian Clarke** AAA plus C in GS, and **Joe Seed** AAB plus A in GS.
- Malton School came 38th in the country in the Independent Newspaper survey of results.
- Anna Pietrowski's was one of the top five students nationally in English Language and Literature.

AS Results (Year 12)

For most students, these exams represent the half way stage of a two-year course

- There were 29 grade A's, spread across 13 of the 18 subjects entered, shared between 18 students.
- Best individual performances came from **Emily Wilsden** (AAAAB), **Kate Baker** (AAAA), **Vicky Paley** (AAAB) and **Alex Riley** (AAAB).
- Well done to PE with its first cohort through at this level, 3 A's, 8 B's and 6 C's a very creditable performance.

GCSE Results

Results this year form part of a pattern of upward improvement over recent years, though they do not match the high we achieved last year. We seem to fluctuate between exceptional highs and moderate improvement at Malton in alternate years. Although we are pleased with the general upward trend, it would be nice to even out the fluctuation. As always

there are some superb results, and we would like to say well done to staff and students who have realised their targets. We will be reflecting on this performance and working hard to ensure current Year 11 students achieve their targets.

Some headline summary facts and figures:

- All students in the year group achieved at least four GCSE passes, with 99% managing at least five passes.
- The average points score per student is our second highest ever, at 45.3, second only to last year's exceptional performance.
- The percentage of 16 year old students gaining 5 or more grades at A*-C was 57%, which compares with 56% in 2002, 53% in 2000, but 68% in 2003 and 61% in 2001.
- We return to the national trend of girls outperforming boys, (last year was an exception to this trend). Girls scored 0.5 points more than boys on average, and 67% passed 5 or more at A*-C, compared with 50% of boys. However, 8 out of the top ten students were boys.
- Individual successes include **Martin Mills** (5 A*, 3A and 2B), **Peter Clarke** (3 A*, 5 A and 2 B), **Emma Smith** (3 A*, 5 A and 1 B). and **Nicholas Morgan** (2 A*, 7 A and 1 B). 9 students achieved an A* in at least one subject.
- Well done to the Science department, who did a little star-gazing, with 16 starred A results this year, equalling their previous best. A promising lead up to our new specialist Science college status from September 2004.
- The first year of entry for Citizenship (short course) appears to have been successful, with 71% of the year group gaining an A-C pass in the new Citizenship exam.

Staff News

At the end of last term we said farewell to two of our longest serving teachers – **Mrs Anne-Margaret Hetheron**, Head of History, who started teaching at Malton School in 1972, and **Mr Keith Williams**, who started in 1971, the year when the school became comprehensive. **Mrs Miriam Hall**, our school secretary based in East Wing, retires after thirteen years service. **Mr Stewart Thorp**, Head of Music,

has been absent for some time now, but has now formally resigned his post, and it is appropriate that we remember here his significant contribution to the musical life of the school over the twelve years he was with us. **Ms Beverley Harvey** departs after three years as Head of Sociology, and is to take up a new post in Whickham School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. These members of staff have all given excellent service to the school, and we wish them well in their future careers or retirement.

We welcome nine new members of staff – **Miss Stokoe** has come from Caedmon School/Whitby College to be Head of Music. **Mr Curry** joins us to teach Mathematics and Boys' Games. **Mr Richardson** joins us to teach History, with **Mrs Dore** taking over as Subject Leader for History. **Dr Barrett** joins the Science department. **Ms Nichols** becomes our new Head of Sociology, and will also teach English and History. Miss Morley joins us as a Teaching Assistant. And we say congratulations to **Mr Langley**, who got married at the end of term.

To the administrative staff we welcome **Mrs Audsley** as PA to the Deputy Head; **Mrs Clapton** as reprographics assistant, as Mrs Harrison takes over from Mrs Hall; and **Mrs Criddle** as Maths assistant.

Talent Show – final day of term

For the second year this show was the final act of term. The show was introduced by **Laura Fargher**, **Jon Bentley** and **James Staff**. We heard from eight different acts. The last act, Mr Sturmheit, was never going to win, dressed to emulate George Michael in his Wham days – though if we are honest, only the white shorts really matched!

The judges decided on newcomer to the competition, **Sophie Jude**, singing *Beautiful*, as this year's winner, and in true pop idol fashion, the audience insisted on an encore, and Sophie, with great professionalism, duly obliged.

Attendance

The School is working hard to ensure that attendance is good for all students. Last year recorded attendance fell by 1% even allowing for the closures for snow. This might not seem much but with 380 half-day sessions per year this means that on average two extra days were missed per student. We are keen to have all students in school learning every day unless they really are too poorly to come to school.

May we remind all Parents/Carers of the dedicated 24-hour answerphone line on 01653 605303. Please use this number to inform us about student absence.

Uniform

We continue to expect students in Year 7 to 11 to adhere to our uniform regulations. Certainly the new Year 7 recruits made a very good impression on their first day, looking very smart in their new uniforms, and a quick check in first day assemblies caught only a handful of students incorrectly dressed. Letters were sent home where an issue was not immediately solved. As always we ask for parents' support on this issue – remember please, we require students to wear shoes, not trainers, if a jumper is worn it must be a school jumper, and ties are expected to be worn at all times. Students will be put on a one-day report if they are found not in uniform, and parents will be informed.

House Trophy

In our final assembly, the individual House Trophy was awarded to the person with the most house points in the year. This year it went to **Sophie Thompson**, with 167 points. Two other platinum plus awards were made (120 points) – one to **Amos Abrahams**, the other to **Ben Cohen**. All three are from 7 Earth. Well done!

The House Shield – awarded to the top house - is awarded at the end of the calendar year.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6 October at 7.30pm
in the West Wing

We are looking for new committee members. Please come along and help us raise money to improve your child's education.

Trips and Activities

The History department made their annual visit to Beamish museum with Year 8 students, and to the Royal Armouries in Leeds with Year 7.

Our annual activities day, now renamed Citizenship Day, took place on the final Monday of term, with trips to Flamingoland, Doncaster Dome, Riverside Stadium, Xscape, Orienteering, Fishing, Golf, Service to the Community in local primary schools, and in school Cooking, ICT, Archery, Trampolining, Multi Sport, and Art.

Year 10 spent two weeks on Work experience in June. Our thanks to all local businesses and employers who provided places for our students.

Iceland

Mrs Thorpe and a group of Year 12 students visited Iceland at the end of term, with a group from Ampleforth College. The visit included a trip to a geothermal power station, the Icelandic Parliament and whale watching. The students also completed field work on a glacier.

Wimbledon

On Friday 2 July Mrs Stone and Mrs Hopkin took ten students to Wimbledon following a successful draw in the Lawn Tennis Association ballot to secure seats on Centre Court and No 1 Court. In spite of inclement weather everyone enjoyed the day and managed to get glimpses of Federer, Grosjean and John McEnroe.

Sports News

Tennis Tournament

This ever popular annual competition saw well contested matches played in good spirit by a large number of entrants. Final winners were:

Boys Singles: **James Stone** (10A), who beat **Henry Morley** (10F) in the final

Girls Singles: **Fay Chapman** (9E), who beat **Fiona Marsden** (7E) in the final.

Mixed Doubles: **Laura Fargher** (10F) and **Elliot Taylor** (10A), who beat **Fiona Marsden** (7E) and **Sam Davies** (7F) in the final.

We were successful in two other tennis tournaments, finishing as Under 16 Boys champions in the Ampleforth League, and Under 12 Mixed winners in the same league. Well done to **Fiona Marsden, Ryan Cuthbertson, Stephanie Bedford** and **Sam Davies** (under 12's), and **Scott Bentley, Michael Brown, Robin Goforth, Ross Harrison, Lee Milburn, Henry Morley** and **James Stone** (under 16's).

We also enjoyed league success in the Scarborough and District League, finishing top and winning the final in a tense match against Filey. Well done **Fay Chapman, Laura Fargher, Emma Marsden** and **Megan McColgan**

Rounders

The Under 19 girls were successful in becoming Scarborough and District champions – well done **Elizabeth Farnell, Sophie Gilderdale, Nicola Gledhill, Maria Hackett, Anna Morley, Sabrina Rapp, Claire Robinson, Samantha Sellers,** and **Lorna Vasey**.

Service To Sport

The Dave Pay Sports Trophies are awarded annually to Key Stage 4 / Sixth Form students for contribution to the sporting life of the school.

The Girls' award went to **Anna Morley** of Year 12. The Boys' award went to **Daniel Bulmer**, also of Year 12.

The *Bruce Rolls Trophies* for Sport are awarded to Key Stage 3 students. This year's Girls winner is **Fay Chapman** (9E), with runners up **Chantelle Burdett** (9A) and **Emma Marsden** (9E). The Boys Trophy was awarded to **Kristian Wilkinson** (9E)

Sports Day Wednesday 14 July 2004

The poor summer weather this year made arrangements difficult. We had to postpone the morning field events due to heavy rain, but the skies cleared and allowed the track events to run in the afternoon according to schedule. The weather held off long enough to allow the field events to be completed the following day.

The events were supported with the usual good spirit, the loudest cheers of the day going to **James Drawbridge**, who despite his not inconsiderable size, finished the 800metres in great style.

There were 15 records broken this year:

Year 7

100m	Ryan Cuthbertson	13.31s
High Jump	Ryan Cuthbertson	1.30m
4 x 100m	Air House	60.05s
1500m	Fiona Marsden	7:01:00s
Shot	Beth Young	6.74m
Discus	Beth Young	16.41m

Year 8

300m	Helen Carrie	57.50s
	Samantha Clay	57.50s
1500m	Samantha Clay	6:23:00s
4 x 100m	Earth House	60.05s

Year 9

1500m	Chloe Hill	6:36:00s
Discus	Rebecca Simpson	21.94m

Year 10

100m	Ross Harrison	11.68s
Triple Jump	Ross Harrison	12.28m
300m	Laura Fargher	60.00s
1500m	Claire Szuman	6:39:00s

Individual year group winners were:

Year 7 Girls	Amy Jones
Year 7 Boys	James Lawson
Year 8 Girls	Laura Cook
Year 8 Boys	Derek Laubscher
Year 9 Girls	Chantelle Burdett
Year 9 Boys	Declan Ramsey, Callum McDonald
Year 10 Girls	Claire Szuman
Year 10 Boys	Ross Harrison

The final points scores had Earth a clear winner this year, with Fire's supremacy in recent years coming to an end.

1 st	Earth	1067.5 points
2 nd	Air	953.5 points
3 rd	Water	832.5 points
4 th	Fire	813.5 points

Offsite Visits and Activities

New County procedures have just been introduced. The new consent and Medical Information forms are much more detailed than before. Attached to this Newsletter is a form to ask permission for students to be involved in local visits. Local means **not more than 30 miles from school.**

Please could parents/carers fill this form in and return it to form tutors at registration straight away. Parents/carers will continue to be asked to give permission for each visit or activity that goes beyond the local area.

Calendar AUTUMN TERM 2004

September

W	01	Y12 Residential course (3 days)
Th	02	Autumn Term commences (Week 1) Y7 and Y13 start school
F	03	Y8,9,10 & 11 start school
M	06	Y12 timetable begins
M	20	PTA Bingo
F	24	Sponsored Walk

October

W	06	PTA Annual General Meeting
T	12	Y11 Parents: Meeting with Subject Teachers
M	18	Y9 French visit (all week)
W	20	Y12 Residential course (3 days)
F	22	Last day of Half-Term

November

M	01	School re-opens (Week 1)
Th	11	Celebration Evening
F	12	Y13 Assessments to Parents
Th	18	Y10 GCSE Science Module
F	19	School closed to pupils (Staff Training)
M	22	Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	25	Post-16 Information Evening
M	29	Y12 Assessments to Parents 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	Term ends
M	20	Y13 (03-04) Certificates Evening/Reunion

Sponsorship of Sports kit

The Governing Body has approved in principle the sponsorship of school teams. The money will be used to buy the kits. So far teams have worn normal games kit but this does cause difficulty if a school games lesson is on the same or next day.

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more teams would you please contact David Roberts at school

PTA Bingo

Monday 20 September 2004

**Railway Club, Norton
at 7 pm**

Please donate prizes for Bingo and Raffle

*Please leave contributions at either school
office by Friday 17 September.*

Sponsored Walk

Friday 24 September 2004

afternoon

**Please support our fund-raising. We will use
the money raised to buy computers to go
into teaching areas.**

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