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# MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## New Sports Hall

Malton School has been working to promote the location of a new Sports Hall on the school site for use by both the school and the community. There are two other sites being considered.

The School playing field is of sufficient size to accommodate a Sports Hall without the need to reduce the current number of sports pitches. Locating the facility here would be likely to maximise its daytime use whereas locating the Sports Hall away from the school site would necessitate bussing and would significantly reduce use by the school.

It is hoped the new facility would allow: one full-size basketball court, 4 badminton courts, cricket nets, discus/shot net, tennis, netball, indoor athletics, changing rooms, showers and lockable storage. A fitness suite would be a desirable addition to this list, given the school's commitment to GSCE and A level.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to A-level student **Emily Wilsdon**, who has been awarded one of the top marks in the country on a new university admissions test. She dropped only three marks on the Law National Admissions Test, (LNAT) being piloted this year by the top universities in the country.

Emily has been offered a place to read Law next year at Downing College, Cambridge. Emily has also been successful, through Downing College, in winning a scholarship to Pomona College in Claremont for a year, prior to starting her law course at Cambridge. She will study a variety of liberal arts subjects, and all travel, board and tuition fees will be paid through the scholarship

## Inaugural Annual Science Lecture and Formal Opening of the Science Buildings

Thursday 20 January 2005 saw the official opening of our new science facilities by the Director of Education for North Yorkshire, Cynthia Welbourn. In attendance were the Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council, Mr John Dennis; the Mayors of Malton and Norton, Ann Hopkinson and John Stone, and over 120 guests made up of parents, sponsors, students and supporters. The evening was introduced by Head Boy and Girl, **Ross Harrison** and **Sally Fothergill**, and a vote of thanks was given by their deputies **Jack Davies** and **Olivia Buckland**.

The audience was well entertained and informed by our two visiting speakers, **Dr Mike Diprose** and **Mr Mick Proctor**, both formerly of the University of Sheffield. Their field of expertise is *The Magic of Magnetism*, charting the use of magnets through history, in particular the advances made by Michael Faraday in connecting electricity and magnetism. They illustrated this with a wide range of fascinating experiments using high-powered transformers, magnets, neon light tubes, a human magnet (**Declan Ramsay**), and a human dynamo in the shape of **Tom Warrington** on an adapted bicycle linked to a generator – Tom almost produced 500 watts with his efforts!

The same lecture had been given to students from Years 10 and 11 in the afternoon, and was well-received by a captivated audience. Following this lecture, guests were provided with refreshments and invited to tour the new premises. Many were rightly impressed by this extension to the facilities available to our students, and a number of comments reflected amazement at the tremendous leap forward in science and technology since their days at school. As part of our Specialist Science status, we intend to host an annual Science lecture.

## Introduction to 6th Form Evening 1 February 2005

An excellent turn out, with interest from a wide area. Some were no doubt attracted by our showing in the recently published results tables:

Post-16 comparisons 2004 ( <i>source DfES</i> )		
	Average points per student	Average points per entry
<b>Malton School</b>	<b>340.5</b>	<b>79.9</b>
Lady Lumleys	297.1	75.9
Scarborough 6th	287.0	71.4
York College	251.6	78.7
Easingwold	266.2	76.1
Whitby	210.7	73.4
LEA	289.2	78.3
England	269.2	78.7

Others will have heard about our sustained good results over the years, and the caring service given by our staff in supporting students in their bid for success.

## Millennium Volunteers Residential 5-6 February 2005

The new MV (Millennium Volunteer) students in Year 12 were given the opportunity to attend a free residential at Sneaton Castle in Whitby.

Eleven of us attended along with other MV's from Selby, Bradford, Doncaster and other parts of Ryedale. We were encouraged to take part in activities to help with bonding and interaction. Activities included a sponsored walk, a cabaret show, art and crafts, dance, sport and self-defence workshops, and everyone's favourite, karaoke.

It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we would recommend it to anyone wanting to go next year.

*The MV students*

## Maltonians News

### Mrs Eleanor Williams 1908 – 2004

Mrs Williams was a teacher at Malton School from 1935 – 1971, and was married to the Headmaster Thomas Arthur Williams. She was to be seen regularly in Middlecave Road where she lived until her death in December 2004. Though her eyesight failed and she depended on her motorised wheelchair in later years, her memory remained superbly sharp, and she retained her interest in the school throughout her retirement years to the last.

A memorial service was held at St Michael's Church on Friday 14 January. The vicar described a woman who loved life and took pleasure in her surroundings. One of her great joys was a trip to see the wild daffodils at Farndale. Another was to visit the coast at Filey and Whitby. And closer to home her love of gardening remained with her throughout her life, still planting pots with primulas and pansies last year. Growing vegetables was a great pleasure, and watching for signs of the first snowdrops was an annual occupation over many years - sadly she was to miss the first blooms this year.

Mrs Williams was a great help in our work on the history of Malton School. Significant progress has been made recently on the *History of Malton School* book project. All chapters now exist in draft form, and Mr Fearnley is currently sorting through appropriate photographs from our archives to illustrate our long history. The book covers Malton Grammar School 1547-1971, Malton National School 1830's – 1958, Malton County Modern 1958 – 1971, and Malton School 1971-2004. Drafts can be viewed on our website.

Mr Fearnley would be delighted to hear from anyone with any memories to share about their school life at any of the four senior versions of Malton School. Photographs and memorabilia are always of interest. In particular he is very keen to find an old Malton County Modern school badge. We have no pictures in our archive collection. Please contact Mr Fearnley if you can help.

## **Arrangements for Election of Parent Governors**

There are two vacancies for parent governors to serve for four years.

All parents of pupils at Malton School are eligible to stand. Even if children leave the school a parent governor can serve out his or her four-year term. Nomination forms will be available from Nicola Wise, Clerk to the Governors, at the School from Monday 14 February. Completed nomination forms should be returned to Nicola by Friday 25 February. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies a ballot of parents will be held. If a ballot is held, ballot forms will be issued to students on Monday 7 March for return to School by post or "pupil post" by Thursday 17 March. In the event of a tie the parent with the younger student in School will be elected.

## **Charity activities**

A non-uniform day on Friday, 4 February raised £471.23, with more to come from Year 11 students who, ironically, had to wear uniform to attend a poetry lecture in Leeds for their English studies. The funds were used to cover the costs of the December Senior Citizens' Party. The remaining funds were donated to the UK Disasters & Emergency Committee to provide relief for the victims of the tsunami.

A second non-uniform day will be held on 11 March 2005 and will support the BBC Comic Relief Appeal; the funds are used to support children in need overseas and at home

Students have been very keen to raise funds to help families affected by the tsunami. 7 Air raised an amazing £236 by holding a sponsored silence – well done 7 Air!! 7 Water raised £100 through a classroom collection and 3 breacktime bake sales. 7 Earth raised £100 through a classroom collection. 8 Air raised £32 by organising a charity netball match between the boys and girls – boys won 3-2. So far £762 has been collected, with over £100 still to come.

A big thank you to all students and tutors who gave up their time for this worthy cause. Well done everyone.

## **Staff News**

Our congratulations go to Mrs Hopkin on the birth of her first child Jacob Thomas (weight 8lbs 9oz). Congratulations also to Miss Wiseman on the birth of her son Robert Andrew (weight 7lb 5oz).

## **Sports News**

### **Cross Country Leagues for Girls**

All the girls did really well this year, from year 7 to year 11. Each year, three races are run and this year they were held at Scalby, Caedmon and Raincliffe. Representatives included:

Year 7: Charlotte Green, Yasmin Brown, Aishling Jackson, Ruth Ibbotson

Year 8: Nicole Butterworth, Katherine Richardson

Year 9: Rachel Twamley, Helen Carrie, Bryony Goddard

Year 10/11: Claire Szuman

Charlotte Green and Yasmin Brown were selected to represent the District and Claire Szuman was selected to run for the District at senior level – very well done to all girls.

## **50's Night**

**Wednesday 16 March 2005  
and Thursday 17 March 2005  
West Wing Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Following the successful end of term Easter shows in the last four years –

*60's Night* (2001)

*70's Night* (2002)

*A Night at the Movies* (2003)

*80's Night* (2004)

- we present another collection of music, song, dance, comedy and fashion, this time inspired by the decade 1950 – 1959 – the decade which saw the appearance of Rock and Roll, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Electric Guitars, dance crazes, teenagers, blue suede shoes, brylcreem, teddy boys, and much, much more.

*Make a note in your diary and book early. Tickets £4 (£2 concessions). On sale from the school office from Monday, 21/02/05.*

## Food for Thought

Like many other schools, we are very aware of the need to promote healthy eating as part of a healthy lifestyle. A recent survey in school showed that many parents also see this is a priority. So we have set up a new working group on this issue, which includes four student reps, staff and parent governors, our cook and her manager, and the client catering services manager from NYCC.

Our first few meetings, plus a visit to Harrogate Grammar School, have already generated plenty of discussion and ideas. Some of the improvements already made recently include:

- Chip consumption reduced by two-thirds – more wholemeal bread instead
- Fresh fruit salad
- More fresh sandwiches and baguettes
- Agreement to ban cans in school
- Less salt in cooking, and none on the tables
- Set price ‘meal deals’
- A themed Italian day (very popular!)
- A water cooler (free, fresh iced water as an alternative to buying drinks)

Although the catering service has welcomed suggestions about the food on offer, and has lots of plans for the future, it is very clear that healthy eating is also about the overall environment (furniture, space, queues etc) and behaviour (litter, noise, cooperation). One of the main constraints at Malton School is that we don't have a proper dining hall, so it is not easy to display the food attractively or to produce a pleasant, relaxed social environment. Though we may be able to address this in the longer term, in the short term we have to work round it. In the spring and summer, look out for...

- Piloting of new queuing and entry/exit systems
- Many more set price ‘meal deals’ and themed meals (e.g. Chinese, Indian)
- A competition for students to design healthy, tasty and affordable meals (with CD vouchers as prizes)

We know that there is a lot for us to do, and that some changes will need a longer time-frame and

financial investment. We also know that our initiative can only work if it has the full support of parents, students, staff and caterers. Parents in particular can help by discussing healthy eating options with their children and explaining/supporting what we are trying to achieve. Please also support us by not allowing your youngster to bring cans into school and by asking them to return their trays at the end of their meal, and not to leave litter on or under the tables.

If you have any comments, ideas or expertise you would like to ‘feed in’ (excuse the pun) to the Group, please email Philippa Hare (parent governor) on [phillyhare@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:phillyhare@tiscali.co.uk), or leave a message for her through the school. We really value your input and support!

<p>Malton School PTA <b>EASTER PRIZE DRAW</b> on <b>Wednesday 16 March 2005</b> <b>at Malton School</b></p> <p>First Prize: <b>£50</b> Plus various other prizes Tickets 25p each (two books attached) More available from School Office</p>
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## SPRING TERM 2005

### February

M	14	Spring Term continues (Week 2)
M	21	Y12 examinations (3 days)

### March

W	02	Y10 GCSE Science Module
Th	03	Y8 Assessments to Parents
M	07	Y13 mock examinations (3 days)
		Ski Trip (all week)
F	11	Y9 Reports issued
T	15 17.00	Y8 Parents' Mtg with Sub. Teachers
W	16 19.30	Concert
Th	17 15.35	End of term
	19.30	Concert

## SUMMER TERM 2005

### April

M	04 09.00	Summer Term begins (Week 1)
W	06	Y12 Reports issued
M	11 17.00	Y9 Parents' Mtg with Sub. Teachers

