
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Christmas Show

The final three days of term saw the School and many guests enjoy some excellent performances of music and dance, as we celebrated Christmas in a variety of special events.

We started with our annual Christmas party, thrown for over 150 senior citizens on the last Wednesday afternoon of term, with music and dance, a mini pantomime, bingo, food and gifts for all our guests.

This was followed on Thursday evening by our Christmas Show. Our new Head of Music, Miss Stokoe, had rehearsed the orchestra to play a medley from *Phantom of the Opera*, (appropriate as the film had just opened at the cinemas) and *The Great Escape* as well as more traditional Christmas fayre. She also revitalised the Jazz group, who played *Tequila Sunrise*, *Night Run*, *Jingle Bell Rock* and *We Three Kings*, and led the Junior Choir in delightful two and three-part renditions of songs. Mr Sturmheit rehearsed the Senior Choir for three songs. There were a number of solos – vocal and instrumental, from **Charlotte Green**, **Jacob Hughes**, **Rebecca Keeling**, **Jack Davies**, **Sally Fothergill**, **Matthew Bedford**, **Ruth Ibbotson**, and a duet from **Robyn Harrison** and **Helen Carrie**. There were four dance groups, a rock group, and a string group. The whole show was held together by presenters **Daniel Bulmer**, **Maria Hackett** and **Anna Morley**, and the finale was provided by a group of Sixth Formers in their reduced version of Peter Pan.

In the final assemblies of term on Friday afternoon, a selection of acts from this show were invited to perform again for their fellow students, and their efforts were well received and appreciated. Particular congratulations to

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the Peter Pan crew for two performances in the space of 40 minutes!

Sponsored Walk Update

An update on our sponsored walk collection shows that students and their families contributed £5,322.08. The money raised is to be targeted at providing at least one networked computer in every classroom – and the necessary extension to hub/switch hardware.

House Competition

The House Trophy has been awarded at the end of each calendar year since 2000, making 2004 the fifth year of the competition.

The final results last year were:

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| 1 st | Earth | 7041 points |
| 2 nd | Air | 6701 points |
| 3 rd | Water | 6661 points |
| 4 th | Fire | 6097 points |

Well done Earth, winners for the second time.



New Science Building

Students moved into the two downstairs laboratories of the new building during the last week of term. Many people have been working very hard to get the new rooms equipped and ready, and our thanks go to Mr Reddyhoff, Mr Smith and Mr Coates, along with science teachers and many others for the extra effort involved on top of ordinary day to day work in moving equipment and preparing for the change. All laboratories are now in use.

The formal opening of the new building by Cynthia Welbourn, Director of Education for North Yorkshire, will be on 20 January 2005. Guest speakers Dr Mike Diprose and Dr Michael Proctor from the University of Sheffield will give the inaugural lecture in an

annual series of Science Lectures, on the Magic of Magnetism. Tickets £2 (£1 concessions)

Celebration evening

Our 6th annual awards presentation and review of the year took place in November 2004. As has become our custom, the whole evening was presented by students – Head Boy and Girl **Ross Harrison** and **Sally Fothergill**, and deputies **Jack Davies** and **Olivia Buckland**. News items were presented by **Jack Ashton** and **Rachael Brookes**, with help from roving reporter **James Staff**.

The Davina Kirk trophy for most commendations went jointly to **Joshua Clarke** and **Julie Shepherd** (Y9). The Dave Pay trophies for service to sport went to **Anna Morley** and **Daniel Bulmer**. The Bruce Rolls Sports Trophies went to **Fay Chapman** and **Kristian Wilkinson**. The House cup went to **Sophie Thompson**. UK Maths Challenge Best in School were: Junior - **James Baker**; Intermediate – **Matthew Pape**; Senior – **Lauren Horsley**.

As always we re-lived some highlights from the year, the finale coming with **Jon Bentley** and **Laura Westoby** performing their Dirty Dancing routine from 80's night. This was in aid of Children in Need, and the audience very generously contributed over £200 to a retiring collection. (see more later).

Mayor of Malton and school governor **Ann Hopkinson** gave a final speech. She commented on the wonderful performances on the evening, and the successes the School had achieved during the previous year.

Introduction to Sixth Form Open Evening

1 February 2005
7.00 – 9.00pm

An opportunity for parents and students
to find out information and to meet

the teachers who deliver Advanced level courses, in the classrooms and facilities we use.

Children in Need

Daniel Bulmer reports:

This year, Anna Morley, Maria Hackett and I were elected as Senior Students. Our first big responsibility was Children in Need.

We organised a non-uniform day and, on the same day, a 6th form 'cross-dress' day, for which the 6th form collected sponsors. Also collecting sponsors were the Y10 and 6th form football teams who faced each other in a charity game, with the 6th form team winning 3-0. We had a Pudsey-bake sale selling biscuits and buns on two of our breaks during the school day – this alone raised £70. Finally, the big attraction was our waxing and shaving event. Simon Richardson (6th form student) volunteered 'surprisingly willingly' to get his chest waxed and a recently new member of staff, Mr Curry, volunteered to have his head shaved. This attracted the majority of the school (including teachers) to watch this event.

Overall, the school as a whole managed to raise an excellent £1,587.08 and I'd like to thank everybody who donated any money to help.

A-level certificates presentation

On the Monday before Christmas we welcomed back students to receive their certificates and meet up with each other again – at the Kings Head. Best wishes go to three students who are about to leave for far away shores – **Jenny Dickinson** to teach in Ecuador for six months, **Nichola Hall** to work in Queenstown, New Zealand, and **Ben Hall** to work with Changing Worlds in Tanzania.

We heard recently from student **Tim Lawes**, who since leaving school four years ago has spent time in India and has raised money to help children in and around Kolkata, India, through a charity called "Friends of Antara". The organisation seeks to provide free and low-cost mental healthcare in the area. A number of

his schoolmates have also been involved – you can see a full report and offer help at www.friendsfantarauk.org.

Staff News

Our best wishes go to two members of staff who have left on maternity leave. **Mrs Hopkin** for her first child, and Ms Wiseman for her second. We have been able to secure teachers experienced in PE and English to cover their leave – we welcome Miss Barry, Miss Pearson and Mrs Walsh. We also welcome a new school secretary and clerk to the Governors, **Mrs Wise**. This is in consequence of **Mrs Jennie Capstick's** retirement. Mrs Capstick has served the school since 1981, coordinating the office staff and working with two head teachers in her time. And so much more – an integral part of school life in all its many facets. We send Jennie our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

Uniformless days

There will be two special days during this term. The first is on Friday, 4 February and will raise money to cover the costs of the December Senior Citizens' Party. In view of the suffering of so many people who live on the shores of the Indian Ocean, we are setting a minimum donation of £1 to come out of uniform but would ask students and families to consider making a donation of £2 or more. Once the outstanding cost of the Party is met, all the remaining money will be donated to the UK Disasters & Emergency Committee to provide relief for the victims of the tsunami.

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

We should mention here the fundraising efforts of Water House, in particular 7W, who last year raised £122.50 for Water Aid, and Air House, in particular 8A, who last year raised £136.21 for the Great North Air Ambulance. 7W and 7E have pledged to raise money to help feed a family for one week through World Vision

for the Tsunami Disaster. Cakes and biscuits are being baked and sold to raise funds.

Y11 trial exams

This school year Y11 mid-year examinations were moved from January to December. We hope that this change will have allowed Y11 students to take a complete break over the Christmas and New Year holiday and to have returned to school fully refreshed. From now until the end of the public exam timetable in June will be a period of intensive preparation, demanding commitment of time and effort in order to gain those good grades that all students aim for.

A separate special edition newsletter is being sent to all parents of students in Year 11, addressing the particular issues faced by students approaching their final exams.

50's Night

7.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 16 March 2005
and Thursday 17 March 2005
West Wing Hall**

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.

Tickets £4 (£2 concessions). Licensed bar.

Make a note in your diary and book early – these shows have sold out for the last four years

SPRING TERM 2005

January

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| 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

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| 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) |

March

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| 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' Meeting with Subject Teachers |
| W | 16 | 19.30 | Concert |
| Th | 17 | 15.35 | End of term |
| | | 19.30 | Concert |

SUMMER TERM 2005

April

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| M | 04 | 09.00 | Summer Term begins (Week 1) |
| W | 06 | | Y12 Reports issued |
| M | 11 | 17.00 | Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers |
| T | 19 | 19.30 | Y9 Parents' Information Meeting |
| Th | 21 | | Y13 Reports issued |
| T | 26 | | Post-18 Information Evening |

Sports News

Swimming Gala

The end of term swimming gala for Year 7 students took place at Norton Baths on the final Tuesday of term. Results were as follows:

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| 1 st | = | Fire |
| | | Earth |
| 3 rd | | Air |
| 4 th | | Water |

Table Tennis

- Funding has been secured to buy five new table tennis tables.
- Table tennis is being introduced to the boys' curriculum with an extra-curricular club for both boys and girls starting after February half-term.

Cross Country

- Year 7 boys won the school cross country (Scarborough and Ryedale District): Simon Reeves (Captain), Matthew Reeves, Nathan Pratt, James Kellett.
- Simon Reeves is the number 1 runner for Year 7 boys in the Scarborough and Ryedale District. Simon came first in two races and second in one race.
- Simon Reeves, Matthew Reeves, Nathan Pratt, James Kellett (all Year 7) and Martyn Piercy (Year 11) have been selected to represent Scarborough and District in cross country.

Rugby

- Leeds Tykes will hopefully be coming in again to do some rugby coaching with Year 10 boys.
- James McKay (Malton and Norton Rugby Development Officer) has been coaching rugby to Year 7/8/9 boys and also Year 10/11 girls.

Football

York City will hopefully be coming to do some football coaching with Year 11 boys.

MA Langley



Specialist Science Status News

An update on our first term.

Malton School has now been open as a Specialist Science School for one term.

The first months have been dominated by the building of our four new science labs, funded through the money raised by the students, parents and sponsors from the community and beyond. Additional financing has come from the School, LEA and the Specialist Schools programme. The building was completed in October 2004 and we have now completed fitting out the prep-rooms and moving equipment and accumulated science history from the old labs in the West Wing. We started teaching in the new labs at the end of last term and teachers and students are all delighted with their new rooms. The light, spacious labs provide an ideal environment to learn about science and do experimental work.

ICT to enhance teaching

Additionally the start of term saw the purchase and introduction of laptop computers, interactive whiteboards and data projectors in to the school. Students are now experiencing multimedia presentations, which is significantly enhancing the teaching.

Whiz bang rocketry

We have also made great steps forward on our work with the community and in particular our local primary schools. In December students from our primary schools attended a Science Morning, where they were able to experience 'whiz bang' science. The subject of the morning was rocketry: students learnt about the history of rockets, jet propulsion and how to make rockets. This was accompanied by the usual set of explosions and loud bangs which always prove popular.

Maths Master Class plans

In Mathematics we are working closely with our primary school colleagues to arrange a Mathematics Master Class that will take place early this term. This is an annual programme that will enable the primary schools to encourage and extend their brightest pupils.

The appointment of a mathematics technician has been a great success allowing the production of resources for maths, as well as improving the monitoring of student progress.

Primary –Secondary link

In Science we have secured additional funding to develop our primary school programme even further, meaning that we can bring forward the plans for joint projects that will take place in the summer term. We have a strong commitment to the partnership with the primary schools, as we wish to develop a seamless transition for students from primary into secondary school.

Tough targets

Starting as a specialist college has also meant agreeing to meet demanding targets set by ourselves and the Department of Education. Teams in the Science and Mathematics department are now working towards these. The focus of the first term has been on Key Stage 3, we are systematically working through our teaching programmes to extend and enhance the delivery of both Science and Mathematics. In Science we have emphasised the preparation of students for their SATS exams and the use of accelerated learning techniques in the delivery of the subject.

Our additional funding has allowed us to reduce class sizes in targeted year groups to enable us to work more effectively by personalising learning. We have also introduced new classes to support pupils and extend the work they do in mathematics and science. These courses include Maths for Scientists, GCSE Statistics and Modular Mathematics.

ABSENCE LINE

(01653) 605303

Please may we take this opportunity to inform you of a telephone number, which has been made available for parents/carers to notify the school office of any student absence?

This is a 24-hour facility, which is listened to on a regular basis by our Attendance Secretary. It would be appreciated if you were able to ring before 9.00 am.

You will be asked by a recorded message to leave the following details:

Name of student
Reason for absence
Form group

A Phone call from the parent/carer on the first day of absence only covers that day. If the student is absent for longer, please telephone on the 3rd day; also, legally a letter is required to cover this period of absence on return to school.