

## 90's Nights Shows

Our annual Easter concerts this year took its inspiration from the 1990s, with all the music selected from this decade. Students, parents and members of the community gathered to watch a show packed with music by Blur, Oasis, Kylie, film music -- performed by soloists, duets, trios, bands, jazz group, orchestra and choirs. The music was interspersed with six dance groups, a fashion show, and comedy routines based on the popular 90's sketch programme, The Fast Show.

Over 120 performers took part in front of a packed audience on both nights. There are too many performers to mention everyone by name, but special mention to Sixth Formers **Sally Fothergill** for her vocal contributions, to **Sam Gilderdale** for his numerous contributions on vocal, guitar, drums and comedy routines, to **Nicole Ponton Brown** for her solo piano playing, singing, and accompaniment, **Isaac Collier** for his involvement on solo piano, cello, bass, as well as singing in the choir, and **Jack Davies** for his contribution to comedy routines, orchestra, jazz and brass groups. The whole show was presented by senior student comperes **Peter Clarke, Shona McSkeane** and **Gary Hall**.

Anyone who can perform a solo in front of 300 people deserves a mention – so well done to soloists **Roisin MacMahon** and **Emmy Hikes** (and friends), **Lucy Goodwill** who performed a solo dance to Kylie's *Shocked*, **Emma Marsden** (flute) and **Rosie Spencer** (piano), and a vocal trio of **Georgina Baker, Ruth Ibbotson** and **Michelle Bristow**. And a special mention for **Declan Ramsay** and **Jamie Young** for their work backstage over the last three years, as well as their guest performance of **Wonderwall** with the Junior Choir.

Well done everyone.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Science Lecture Chemistry With A Bang

An enormously entertaining science lecture took place on Friday evening, 31 March 2006.

As part of its Specialist Science Status, Malton School hosts an annual science lecture for the community. This is the second such lecture, and this year the focus was on chemistry.

Professor John Kilcoyne and his colleague Jeff Teasdale presented an hour and a half of chemical reactions and explanations of some common chemical reactions – how a widget gets the head on a can of beer, why it is alright to eat the cornflakes but not the cardboard box they come in, how much calorific value is in a midget gem. They did the show twice – once for students in Year 10 during the afternoon, and again for the community in the evening. Amongst other things, the professor hammered a nail into a block of wood with a banana that had been dipped in liquid nitrogen, and showered the audience with liquid nitrogen to show that with an evaporation point of minus190°C, it turns to gas before it can wet you or make you cold.

Science Status Manager Mr Martin commented: "We were delighted to see almost 200 people of all ages turn out on a Friday evening to listen to our guest speakers. They were not disappointed – Professor Kilcoyne was a natural entertainer, who also provided interesting facts and explanations between the bangs and flashes. A wonderful evening."

Tickets for the evening were sold in aid of children's charity UNICEF, and together with a non-uniform collection during the day, the School was able to raise over £600 for the charity.

## Youth Speaks

Three Malton School students lifted the Rotary Club Youth Speaks Award on Monday, 6 March. This is the third year in a row that the School's junior team has won the trophy. The competition is organised by the local Rotary Clubs of Pickering, Scarborough, and Malton & Norton. Teams from the local schools enter. A chairperson introduces the team and the topic, a speaker then speaks for 5 minutes (timed with a stopwatch) and answers questions from the audience, and then the third team member summarises the points made, and proposes a vote of thanks. The junior team this year consisted of **Amos Abrahams, Sam Davies** and **Will Wright**, who are all in Year 9 at school. The topic they chose to talk about was the use and misuse of the Internet.

## UKMT Maths Challenge 2006

Pupils from Malton School have once again been successful in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge, a 1 hour multi-choice paper, asking challenging questions on all areas of mathematics, and taken by over 195,000 pupils throughout the country. This year 4 Gold, 14 Silver and 19 Bronze certificates were gained. Three highly achieving pupils were invited to enter the second round of the competition: **Richard Calvert** of Year 11 and **Daniel Pratt** of Year 10 were invited to sit the European Kangaroo, which is taken by 1000 pupils spread over 25 countries – only those achieving a certain level on the first challenge are invited to take part, and both boys deserve congratulations for this achievement. **James Baker** of Year 10 scored very highly in the Challenge and was invited to sit the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad. This opportunity is only awarded to 400 pupils across the country and is an exceptional achievement for James who is not yet in the highest age group in the Challenge. Congratulations again to James for this excellent result. Good luck to all three pupils who are now awaiting the results of their second round challenges!

## Malton School at the Top

We noticed that the Financial Times included us in their top 1000 schools back in February. 462 of these are fee-paying private schools. Although rankings are not given, we have a higher point score than many others, so this is really putting us well inside the top 500 state schools in the country.

*Financial Times 26.2.06*

## Visit to Hull York Medical School

On 15 March, four Year 10 students (**Sally Ellis, Terri Potter, Toby Holtby** and **Roxanne Hosking**) involved in the Hull York Medical School mentoring scheme, visited HYMS. We were joined by other schools from Driffield and Bridlington. On the trip, Toby was a volunteer for an ECG, where students figured out that Toby had no activity in his brain – perhaps it was the bleached hair? We also tested our blood pressure, struggling to find Sally's pulse when it was her turn. Roxanne mostly enjoyed finding out how excellent her reflexes were and Terri listened to Roxanne's loud heartbeat. Again, we couldn't find Sally's heartbeat – but no worries, we made sure she was alive! All in all we enjoyed meeting our mentors and would not hesitate going again.

*Roxanne Hosking (Y10)*

## Salters' Festival of Chemistry

On 3 April, four Year 8 students represented the School at the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at York University. The team comprised of **James Housden, Maddie Pitkin, Peter Grayson** and **Amy Szuman**. The day was split into two sections; the first was the Salters' Challenge where we became forensic scientists and then the University Challenge where we had to make a time bomb using a film canister, bicarbonate of soda, citric acid and water. We managed to secure second place in the Salters' Challenge, taking home a cash prize of £50. The whole team worked well together and a good time was had by all.

*Amy Szuman (Y8)*

## Young People's Film Award Ceremony

On 8 March, twelve Year 9 students from Malton School went to the Royal Television Society Young People's Film Award Ceremony at Teeside University. We were interviewed by people from the Royal Television Society Magazine and by professional documentary makers about our film 'Ryedale: This Countryside at War'. We watched clips from films produced by other schools across the region and afterwards we were presented with a certificate of achievement for our work. We also met Sammy and Jonny from Byker Grove and after the presentations had a celebratory treat at Pizza Hut before heading home. Overall it was a great day.

*Bethany Young and Jenny Galway (Y9)*

## Ski Trip

The 2006 ski trip set off from Wentworth Street car park in the early hours of Saturday, 11 March, with a bus load of excited teenagers heading to Newcastle Airport. Our destination of Valloire in the French Alps had recently experienced very heavy snowfalls, so we knew the skiing would be very good. Conditions for learning, improving and a lot of falling over were perfect for the whole week with fantastic clear blue skies and bright sun, which led to a lot of us developing some very strange sun tans.

With very few injuries, the trip was enjoyed by all and our thanks and appreciation go to the teachers and helpers who made such a great experience possible.

*Matthew Stubbings (Y10)*

## Virtual Tour of Yorkshire Gardens

Over 60 people attended a talk on Yorkshire gardens in the school library on 4 April 2006. The talk was given by Deputy Head Mr Fearnley, and was in aid of Save The Children's Fund, for which charity £401.60 was raised. The same talk was given to Year 10 Vocational Art students, who are working on a garden sculpture project with Helmsley Walled Garden.

## Mystery Solved

Some eighty parents, students, staff and friends of the school gathered in West Wing Hall on Friday evening, 31 March to try to solve the Murder Mystery.

Audience brows were furrowed in concentration, hoping not to miss any clues as six familiar figures took on the roles of the Hetherington-Smyth household and performed "Murder at the Manor". Once the first two acts of the play were over the really earnest part of the evening began with the ploughman's supper - and intense team discussions about who "done" it! All was then revealed in Act Three.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all and additional funds raised to support the school. Thank you to all who came along to support the event.

## STAFF NEWS

I am very pleased to be able to announce that a successor to Mr Roberts has been appointed by the Governors. He is Mr Robert Williams whose present position is Deputy Headteacher of Temple Moor School in Leeds. He will take up the post of Headteacher at Malton School in September 2006 following Mr Roberts' retirement.

*Linda Clarke (Chair of Governors)*

## SPORTS NEWS

### Sportsman of the month

January - **George Moore** (Year 10)

February - **Matthew Webster** (Year 9)

March - **Thomas Holmes** (Year 7)

### Football

Year 11 boys football team are in the semi-final of the District Cup.

### Gymnastic Competition 2006

The Scarborough and Schools Gymnastics competition took place on Saturday, 25 March at Pindar School. Malton School entered three teams: Juniors (Y7 – **Rebecca Paylor, Lucy Goodwill, Daisy Thompson** and **Holly Kneeshaw**), Intermediates (Y8-9 – **Francesca Hall, Charlotte Stevens, Annie Bentley** and **Nicole Butterworth**), and Seniors (Y10-11 – **Jasmine Walker, Robyn Harrison, Jenny Gibbon** and **Sophie Thompson**).

All our gymnasts worked hard with commitment and perseverance and we were very proud of the teams on the competition day. The Juniors came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall to win Bronze medals, with **Lucy Goodwill** taking 1<sup>st</sup> place on individual floor and getting Gold. For the Intermediates, **Francesca Hall** came 3<sup>rd</sup> on floor with an excellent display of skill. Although there were no individual honours for the seniors, their scores were personal bests in most areas.

Very well done to all of you! -

*Mrs Stone, Miss Boyle*

### Post-18 Information Evening

**Wednesday, 10 May 2006 at 7.30 pm**  
**Sixth Form Common Room**

Students in Year 12 and their parents are invited to attend this talk given by Mr Ewing, outlining procedures for university application, “gap year” and employment. The financial demands of a university course will be outlined along with information on student loans. A guide book will be issued to help parents and students through the next two years. Please ensure reply slips indicating your interest in attending are returned in advance to form tutors.

## SUMMER TERM 2006

### April

M	24	09.00	Summer Term begins (Wk 1)
W	26		Y10 Geography - Coast
Th	27		Junior Math challenge Y10 Geography - Coast

### May

M	1		Public holiday
T	2		Y9 SATs and examinations begin
W	10	19:30	Y7 and Y8 examinations begin Post-18 Information Evening
M	15		Y12/13 AS/A2 modules begin
F	19		GCSE examinations begin Y10 examinations begin
F	26	15.35	End of half-term

### June

M	5	09.00	Summer Term continues (Wk 2)
Th	15		Norton Y10 → Sc pm
M	19		Y10 Work experience Y7 camping week
M	26		Y10 Work experience
T	27		GCSE Science module
W	28		GCSE Maths module
Th	29	19.00	Annual Art Exhibition

### July

M	3		Y10 Citizenship day
T	4		Y10 Science day
W	5		Y10 IT skills day Y7 reports issued
Th	6	19.00	Open Evening
Fr	7		Y10 Ca day
W	12		Sports day
Th	13		Y8 reports issued W2W expedition (Th+Fr)
M	17		Tennis Tournament Finals
T	18		Junior House Matches Y9 Assessments issued Y10 reports issued
W	19		Senior House Matches
Th	20		Citizenship Day (activities)
F	21	15.35	End of term

### August

Th	17		GCE A and AS results
Th	24		GCSE results