
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Show

Two snowmen in the garden. One says to the other "Hey, can you smell carrots?"

Thankfully the quality of music was much better than the corny jokes we rolled out at our Christmas show on Wednesday 14 December. It is increasingly becoming a struggle to fit everyone in who wants to perform, and the standard seems to improve every year. A pleasant problem to have!

Senior students **Peter Clarke**, **Gary Hall** and **Shona McSkeane** compered the show, holding everything together with humour and patter. We had a record number of solos and duets: **Roisin MacMahon** sang a very stylish personal version of *Walking in the Air*, accompanied by **Beth Nicholson** on piano. **Sam Gilderdale** sang James Taylor's *Mexico*, accompanying himself with some very intricate guitar picking. Instrumental soloists included two pianists, **Charlotte Green** (*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*), **Nicole Ponton Brown** (*Come What May*) and cellist **Isaac Collier** (*Bach Prelude*). Vocal solos and duets came from **Helen Carrie** (*Reflection*), **Sally Fothergill** (*Road to Ballydare*) **Emmy Hickeys** and **Roisin McMahon** (*Santa Baby*), and **Ruth Ibbotson** and **Georgina Baker** (*Castles on a Cloud*).

Head of Music **Mrs Kettlewell** led the orchestra, Junior Choir, Jazz Band, and Year 10 group, **Mrs Smith** assisting with the orchestra, and **Miss Sayle** with the piano accompaniment. **Mr Sturmheit** led the Senior Choir for its four songs, and we also managed to squeeze in numbers from our guitar group, brass group and two dance groups.

The whole show ended with a mini-pantomime, with over thirty Sixth Formers excelling themselves in their condensed version of Aladdin, the highlight perhaps being the dance competition between the pantomime horse and the pantomime camel!

Selections from the show were repeated for the Senior Citizens at their annual Christmas Party, and then for the students in school during the final assemblies on the last afternoon of term.

Celebration Evening

Thursday, 10 November saw Malton School students, parents and guests celebrate events and successes from the 2004-5 school year in their 7th annual Celebration Evening Show.

The evening followed the now traditional format of awards, news reviews, songs, dance and music, and was presented in its entirety by the students of the school. The main presenters were Head Boy, Head Girl and deputies: **Kristian Wilkinson**, **Emma Marsden**, **Bart Stratfold** and **Kayleigh Cooke**, assisted by **Jack Ashton** and **Charlotte Wicks** on the newsdesk. Music came from soloists Chelsey Beresford, Robyn Harrison, duet Sally Fothergill and Sam Gilderdale, the school jazz band and the guitar group headed by lead guitarist Jonny Brown and singer Jamie Young.

The Davina Kirk trophy for most commendations went to **Fiona Marsden** (Y9). The Dave Pay trophies for service to sport went to **Laura Westoby** and **Ross Harrison**. The Bruce Rolls Sports trophies went to **Jenny Gibbon** and **Ben Gill**. The House cup went to **Amy Szuman**.

UK Maths Challenge Best in School were: Junior: **Alistair Coe**, Intermediate: **James Baker**, Senior: **Frederick Spaven**.

A new award for service to music went to **Alex Young** for his contributions to music performance and rehearsals over the last four years.

Awards were made to over 120 students for their efforts in the previous year, and the 300 guests showed their appreciation throughout the night. A special award was made to **Frank Wiggle**, who retired as a school governor this year after over 25 years of service to the school.

A-level certificates presentation

Over forty students gathered in the upstairs room of the Kings Head on the evening of Monday 19 December 2005, to receive their hard-earned A level certificates, but more importantly for many of them, to meet up with school friends they had not seen since the summer. Mr Ewing reminded them of some of the incidents during their time in the school, Mrs Peters presented the certificates, and Mr Fearnley put on a brief slide show of images from the class of 2005's days at school.

PANDA released over Christmas

No, not an escape from Flamingoland, but the latest issue of the **Performance and Assessment** report from OFSTED (Office for Standards in Education), released on 24 December 2005. The report is a detailed analysis of performance in our school. We are still digesting all the information, and OFSTED has further checking to do, but the report appears very favourable at all levels of our work.

In particular a new measure has been introduced for students age 11-16 – a CVA or “Contextual Value Added” score. This measures how much improvement is made by students at a school, taking a number of features into account. We are delighted to see that in 2005 we are placed in the **top 25%** in the country in each of our key age ranges: for Key Stage 3 (SATs) we are in the **top 12%**, and at Key Stage 4 (GCSE) we are in the **top 24%**. When you add this to the fact that the average A level points score per student in our Sixth Form (A level) puts us in the **top 14%** at A level nationally, it all adds up to a very healthy picture of success.

Snow and School Closure

All information about school closure for bad weather is passed to BBC Radio York and to Minster fm. PLEASE listen to the radio and PLEASE do not phone school to see if we are open or about to close.

Scholastic Book Fair

At the beginning of February there will be a book fair held in the Library. Students will be given the opportunity to view and purchase a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Further details to be given nearer the time.

C. Johnson (Librarian)

Forthcoming Science Events

The Science Department will be welcoming the National Science Museum to the school on 26 January. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be treated to an exciting, and perhaps stomach churning, lecture entitled “It Takes Guts”. We have invited Year 6 students from our feeder Primary Schools to join us for part of the day.

Some Year 6 will also be able to join us for one of our regular Saturday Science mornings on 11 March. Current Year 7 will already know the pleasures of making “chemical worms” and growing crystal gardens!

Looking forward to the summer term we will be following the success of the “Magic of Magnetism” community lecture with a “Whizz, Bang, Boom” chemistry lecture. More details will be published nearer the time.

House Competition

The House Trophy has been awarded at the end of each calendar year since 2000, making 2005 the sixth year of the competition.



The final results last year were:

1st	Air	7690 points
2nd	Water	7620 points
3rd	Earth	7549 points
4th	Fire	6714 points

Well done Air.

Children In Need

In November, senior students organised a series of fund raising events for this annual charity.

A collection was made for a non-uniform day with a theme of red and yellow, with the 6th form students dressed as “be what you wannabee”. Other events included a Year 11 charity football match - Fairies v Elves, a Pudsey-bake sale selling biscuits and buns at break times, Sam Davies volunteering to have his head shaved during school, and an enjoyable quiz night organised by the Sixth Form.

Overall the school raised £1,214.21. Thanks to everybody who donated money or helped in any way.

Trips and Activities

York Festival of Food and Drink Seafish Cook-off Challenge

Some time ago now, but we must record the success of our team of three A level Home Economics students (**Caroline Bell, Ellen Brook, Elizabeth Wright**) supported by their teacher Mrs Leach.

Teams had to produce two portions of two alternative main courses from a set of basic ingredients. They were judged on flavour, organisation, team work, food hygiene and nutritional quality of the dishes prepared. Additional points were awarded for elements such as menu cards.

Malton students were delighted to be chosen as the winners, each receiving a cheque for £50 along with £200 for the department to spend on equipment.

The dishes cooked were Sausage and Mash - Salmon and prawn sausages served with a spring onion mash and a cream and parsley reduction. Fish with soy and ginger - cod fillet in a piquant sauce served with sweet pepper rice. Very tasty!

Year 8 Citizenship Day

Malton School has been chosen to pilot an education programme run by the Safer Communities Partnership. This is an exciting opportunity and has been developed in consultation with a number of government departments, including DFES, Healthy Schools, Home Office, Police and Womens Aid.

We will be offering the programme to all our Year 8 students and it will run over the Spring Term. Some of the areas it covers include: Anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence, gun crime and bullying. The programme will be delivered by teachers in citizenship lessons, alongside a multi-agency team including Police Officers, Youth Action Workers, Womens Aid and the Cambridge Centre.

I am sure you will agree, this is a great opportunity for Malton School to get involved in such a worthwhile project and I am hopeful our students will gain a lot from it.

Mrs D Green

Year 9 Enterprise Day

In November, Year 9 students were involved in an Enterprise Day. Mrs Stella Ward from NYBEP (North Yorkshire Business and Enterprise) ran the day and she made it very enjoyable.

The aim of the day was to get used to “working” with people that we did not normally work with. The overall task was to plan a Year 9 prom. We had to make tickets, leaflets, flyers and posters as well as working out all of the costs. In groups, we had to think of a name for our organising party company. The team with the most points for their detailed work was called POP (Party on Proms) and consisted of Tommy Leach, Thomas Thorp, Ashley Davidson, Jamie Palister, Florence Spaven, Alice Brook, Lucinda Rose, Connor Whittal-Williams and Bethany Stone.

The day was a complete success – everyone worked together and used all different skills.

Alice Brook, Y9

Citizenship Studies

On 29th-30th November and 1st December, Year 8 students visited Malton Police Station as part of their citizenship studies about crime and punishment. While there, we were kindly shown the CCTV control room, the custody desk, cells and finger printing and an array of police equipment including a riot shield and helmet. We were also shown the Armed Response Unit or ARU and all its equipment including the new taser gun.

It was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to Mrs Vincent, Mrs Green and PC Ashton for organising the visit and all the other members of staff who helped.

Sam Spencer, Y8

Malton School PTA

Murder Mystery Evening

**West Wing Hall, Malton School
Friday, 24 March 2006**

Make a note in your diary – look out for more details in our next newsletter

SPORTS

Sportsman of the month award

A new monthly award for outstanding sporting achievement was introduced this term. Congratulations to the following students:

September award – **Simon Reeves** (Y8) cross country and football

October award – **Sam Harrison** (Y9) cross country and rugby

November award – **Alistair Quinn** (Y7) football, rugby and table tennis

December award – Y8 cross country team – **Matthew Reeves** (captain), **Simon Reeves**, **Nathan Pratt** and **James Kellett**

Swimming Gala

Year 7 boys and girls competed in the annual house swimming gala. Results were as follows:

- 1st = Water
- 2nd = Earth
- 3rd = Air
- 4th = Fire

Well done Water. You would expect them to win, wouldn't you!

Football House Matches

Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 competed in the annual football house matches. Results were as follows:

- Year 7 – Fire
- Year 9 – Air
- Year 10 – Fire
- Year 11 – Water

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team are in the quarter finals of the District Cup.

Year 8 Cross Country Team

The Year 8 cross country team (Matthew Reeves, Simon Reeves, Nathan Pratt, James Kellett) were the runners up in the district cross country meetings at Scalby School, Caedmon School and Raincliffe School, only missing out on 1st place by 2 points. Matthew and Simon Reeves were selected for the district cross country team. Simon Reeves was No. 1 Year 8 runner in the district – well done!

After School Sports Clubs

After school sports clubs started in September with basketball, football, rugby and table tennis all on offer to students. Students from all years have benefitted from excellent coaching. A special mention must go to Mr Richardson (football), Martin Roberts (basketball) and Gerald Cousins (table tennis) for giving up their time to coach the students.

Mr Langley

Tennis

The U19 tennis team played in the winter match league this year for the first time. The successful team consisted of James Stone, Fay Chapman, Rob Goforth and Laura Fargher (with Emma Marsden and Scott Bentley as reserves).

We finished a respectable 2nd place with comfortable victories over both Boston Spa School and Joseph Rowntrees. Pocklington Grammar School were the victors, by whom we were narrowly beaten. They will go on to play in the regional finals. The whole team played extremely well and are looking forward to playing again next year.

Fay Chapman, Y11

90's Night

7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 5 April 2006
and Thursday 6 April 2006
West Wing Hall

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

60's Night (2001)

70's Night (2002)

A Night at the Movies (2003)

80's Night (2004)

50's Night (2005)

- we present another collection of music, song, dance, comedy and fashion, this time inspired by the 1990's.

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

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

Introduction to Sixth Form Open Evening

**Tuesday, 31 January 2006
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. You can also talk with students, collect specific subject brochures and see examples of work.

DATES OF TERMS 2006-2007

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
M 04 September	F 20 October	M 04 September
M 30 October	F 15 December	F 24 November
T 02 January	F 9 February	T 02 + W03 January
M 19 February	F 30 March	F 30 March
M 16 April	F 25 May	M 07 May
M 04 June	T 24 July	

SPRING TERM 2006

January

Th	12	17:00	Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	19		Y10 Assessments to Parents
T	24		Y9 SAT mocks
T	31	19:00	Introduction to 6 th Form Evening

February

M	6	17:00	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	7		Y11 Reports →home
M	13		Y12 examinations begin
F	17	13:35	End of half-term
M	27	09:00	Spring Term continues (Wk 2)

March

Th	2		Y8 Assessments to Parents
M	6		Y13 examinations begin
Th	9	17:00	Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F	17		Y9 Reports to Parents
W	21		Y12 Reports to Parents
		17:00	Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	30	19:30	Y9 Information Evening

April

T	4		Y13 Reports to Parents
W	5	17:30	Easter Concert
Th	6	17:30	Easter Concert
			End of term
F	7		School closed to students (Staff Training)
M	24		Summer Term begins (Wk 1)