
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Some thoughts about absence

Absence is clearly an important issue in schools, and whilst the majority of our students are good attenders, the following thoughts may be of interest.

- If your child is not at school, where are they?
- The law says you must send your child to school for five days a week.
- Missing the odd day can become a habit which would not be accepted in the workforce.
- If your child misses one day they are already behind with their schoolwork.
- 17 days absence is equivalent to 1 GCSE grade.
- If your child's attendance is 90% after 5 years of Secondary education, they will have missed out on half a year.
- **There are 8,760 hours in a year of which 975 hours (or 9%) are lessons – your child's learning time is precious.**
- Every day your child is absent impacts on their education and opportunities in life.
- If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact the school. It matters.

Your child has one chance at school. Help them make the most of it!

Absence Line

A reminder to parents/carers that if your child is not at School a dedicated absence line is available 24 hours (Tel: 01653 605303) where you can leave a message detailing your child's name, tutor group, reason for absence and approximate length of absence. This will help the School reduce the number of unauthorised absences against your child's attendance record.

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.

Thank you for your support.

Wanted: Parent Governor

There is a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor. All parents of students at Malton School are eligible to stand. Even if students leave the school a parent governor can serve out his or her four-year term. Being a parent governor is both interesting and worthwhile, giving you a valuable insight into the way the school is run and a say in the decision making processes. If you are interested please contact Nicola Wise in the school office for further details or simply a chat about what is involved.

Trips/Activities

Ryedale: This Countryside at War

During the Autumn term, over 40 Year 9 students have been working with the Ryedale Folk Museum to produce a film looking at the effects of the Second World War on the Ryedale area. The DVD of the film was recently entered for a competition entitled 'Young People's Video Showcase' organised by the Royal Television Society. Although we failed to win the competition, representatives from Malton School have been invited to attend the presentation ceremony to be held at the University of Teeside on Wednesday, 8 March 2006. The event will showcase clips of work from groups across the region who will be presented with certificates of achievement and evaluations from a team of industry professionals. The final DVD is now on sale. Please contact the school office for details.

Y11 Enterprise Day

In December, Y11 took part in an Enterprise activity. In teams the students formed companies, developed logos and a corporate image and planned a money-making venture, complete with financial planning, that would 'put Malton on the map'. All of the groups presented excellent ideas to the judging group of local business people. The future looks very bright for the Malton area!

'Dragon's Den'

On Monday afternoon, 30 January, Mr Russ Grimshaw from Barclays Bank came into school to interview 28 GCSE business studies students who were looking for the finance needed for setting up their coursework business ventures in Malton. The businesses under investigation ranged from property developers to a veterinary surgery with several beauty parlours and music shops included. The students were pleased to find that they had not entered the 'Dragon's Den' and that Mr Grimshaw provided much valuable advice to the 'would be' entrepreneurs. The overwhelming opinion was that the event was a worthwhile experience enjoyed by all and Barclays generously donated calculators, pens, mousemats and rulers which were distributed to the students. A big thank you to Mr Grimshaw.

Ms Lester (Business Studies)

Non-uniform Day

On Friday, 31 March we shall be holding a non-uniform day in aid of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). We ask for a minimum of £1 per student, to be collected in assembly on Friday, 31 March. We hope that you will support this very worthy cause.

Staff News

Our best wishes go to Mrs Kay who has left on maternity leave. Mrs Briggs has been appointed to the maternity vacancy in Food & Textiles Technology and started on 27 February.



ANNUAL SCIENCE LECTURE

**Friday, 31 March 2006
7.00 – 8.15 pm**

MALTON SCHOOL, WEST WING HALL

CHEMISTRY WITH A BANG

Presented by Prof. John Kilcoyne

Tickets from West Wing Reception
£1.00 (concessions 50p) – Donations to UNICEF

Murder at the Manor

**Malton School PTA presents:
A Murder Mystery Evening**



CAN YOU SOLVE THE CLUES?
An evening's entertainment including:
Murder Mystery Play
Ploughman's Supper
Detective Quiz with prizes
Raffle

**Friday, 24 March 2006
7.00pm for 7.30pm performance
West Wing Hall, Malton School**

Soft drinks will be available but please bring your own favourite tittle (and glasses). Get a table together and make a night of it.

Tickets available from West Wing Reception
Adult £4.00, Concessions £2.00, Family £10.00
(All donations to Malton School PTA)

SPORTS

U19 Girls Basketball District Tournament

The team successfully led by Captain Hayley Freer produced some excellent basketball skills to finish in third place in this tournament. Missing out on a place in the final by one basket was obviously very disappointing. With many of the same girls eligible to play next season, we hope to reach the final next year.

Y8 Netball – Malton v Ryedale

In the first quarter Malton battled hard to draw with Ryedale 6-6. Malton made a come back in the second quarter bringing the score up to 12-9. Malton slipped a little in the third quarter letting in 4 goals from Ryedale and only scoring 1. In the last quarter, there were 2 goals each from Charlie Green and Amy Szuman, giving Malton the lead until the final few minutes when Ryedale scored to equalise. The final score was 17-17.

The whole team played extremely well. Charlie Green was voted woman of the match. Well done to the whole team.

Y9 Netball – Malton v Norton College

On 14 February we played Norton College. After the first half we were tied at 2-2, but gave it our all in the second half and the final result was a well earned win 6-3. I would like to thank the whole team for playing well – the shooters Alice Brook and Stephanie Bedford for scoring the winning goals, Amy Jones, Fiona Marsden and Clare Brown for their good passing techniques and jumps for the ball and Beth Young and Caroline Cook for doing so well in defence. We played a good game and the results reflected the effort we put in.

Chloe Atkinson (Y9)

Cross Country

Congratulations to Nicole Butterworth (Y9) and Rachel Twamley (Y10) on being selected to run for the district at the recent Cross Country Championships on 4 February.

Y10/11 Girls Rugby Tournament

The girls have benefitted from coaching in their games lessons for rugby and are preparing themselves for a local tournament against Norton and Lady Lumley's.

Y8 & Y9 Mixed Hockey

On 8 February, Malton mixed hockey team played at Ryedale School. Malton took the first push and at the end of the first half the score was 0-0. Ryedale took the push at the second half and shortly after Malton scored. The match was looking up until Ryedale scored a goal taking the score to 1-1. Malton played at a very high standard and after an exhausting match the score remained at 1-1. The whole team played exceptionally well.

Clare Brown (Y9)

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.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service Charity

We are holding an open forum
at
The War Memorial Hall, Old Malton
on
Tuesday, 7 March 2006
6.00pm – 9.00pm

Please come along and give your views on the Yorkshire Air Ambulance having a satellite base near Old Malton. Representatives from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be there to answer all your questions.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Mr Fearnley will be giving
a talk on

VIRTUAL TOUR OF GARDENS IN YORKSHIRE

In aid of Save the Children Fund

150 slides of local gardens

on **Tuesday, 4 April 2006 at 7.30 pm**

Malton School Library (East Wing)

Tickets: £4 (to include refreshments)
from Mrs Ann Bell or from the School Office

SPRING TERM 2006

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	17:00	Y12 Reports to Parents
			Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F	24	19:00	Murder Mystery Evening
Th	30	19:30	Y9 Information Evening
F	31	19:00	Annual Science Lecture

April

T	4	19:30	Y13 Reports to Parents
			Virtual Garden Tour
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)

May

M	1		Public holiday
T	2		Y9 SATs and exams
W	10		Post-18 Information Evening
Th	11		Y7/8 exams

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	