
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Exam Results Update

Our last newsletter reported on our GCSE results for Year 11. Following re-marks and DfES checks, we can now confirm that our percentage achieving 5 A*-C grades is actually higher than first published, at **62%**, and our “contextual value added” score (a measure indicating how well students have progressed over their five years in school) is **1017.6** – higher than last year, and likely to put us in the top 20% of schools in the country. (Last year we scored 1013, which put us in the top 25%.)

We would also like to mention the success of a number of Year 10 students who took a GCSE Short Course in Religious Studies a year early. In particular well done to **Helen Carrie** and **George Moore** who achieved an A*, and **James Baker**, **Amy Burnett**, **Bryony Goddard**, **Emmy Hickers**, **Will Smith**, **Beth Tildesley** and **Jasmine Walker** who all achieved grade A.

Snow and School Closure

Snow and ice seem a long way off at the moment but a reminder now may save problems later! 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. When the weather is bad we need to keep our phone lines clear for contacting school transport and helping individual students who might have difficulty getting home. Thank you.

Decisions on closure are taken on best advice available from the weather forecasts and the state of roads locally. Closure will be very rare and only carried out when it would be a clear health and safety risk to remain open.

Sports Hall Update

Ryedale District Council is submitting outline planning permission for the new Sports Hall. The final decision will be taken at a special full Council meeting in March 2007.

I am pleased to announce that I have secured promises of support from the Ryedale Area Learning Partnership (including Norton College, Lady Lumley’s School, Ryedale School, The Academy, Derwent Training, NYBEP, NYCC, the LSC, Askham Bryan College and York College), the Fitzwilliam Sports Association and from our main feeder primary schools. I will continue to meet with local organisations to try to secure their support and to discuss possible collaboration and joint use of the new facility.

There can be no doubt that the opening of this facility at the school by September 2008 would be a great benefit for our young people and for the wider community.

If you would like to add your support at this time, please write a letter of support to Mr John Davison, Director of Operations at Ryedale District Council. If you do not have time to write your own letter but would like to support us, please sign the attached standard letter and send it to the following address:

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Director of Operations
Ryedale District Council
Ryedale House
Malton
YO17 7HH

*R Williams
Headteacher*

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National Anti-bullying week 20th - 24th November

The theme of this year's National Anti-Bullying Week 2006 is **'Bullying: See it. Get help. Stop it.'** The school will be organising activities and events during this week including special assemblies, lessons and tutorial work within groups covering bullying and strategies to tackle the bully, bullies and bullying. Information will be provided about "drop-ins" on Tuesdays run by the Youth Service for students who want to talk about any problems.

Remember, 10 things to do if you are being bullied:

- Tell an adult you trust.
- Tell yourself that you don't deserve to be bullied.
- Say "NO" to the bully.
- Look at the bully and tell him/her that you don't like what they are doing. Look at him/her and tell them to stop.
- Stay with groups of people. There is safety in numbers.
- Try not to show you are upset, which is difficult.
- Walk away from the bully.
- Walk quickly and confidently even if you don't feel that way inside. Practise!
- If you are in danger, get away. Fighting back may make it worse.
- If you are different in some way, be proud of it. It's good to be an individual.

Malton School is a "Telling" School.
Bullying is too serious not to report.

Trips and Activities Jeans for Genes

On 6th October the school had a non-uniform day to raise money and awareness for the charity "Jeans for Genes." The aim was for everybody to wear some denim (preferably jeans) and to pay a minimum donation of £1. The day was a great success and overall we managed to raise £608.52! A big thank you to everybody who took part and who gave donations!

Matthew Stubbings & Emmy Hickes (Year 11)

Back to School for TV chef

TV celebrity chef and ballroom dancer James pulled up at his old school in a very impressive Aston Martin DB10 sports car for a couple of days in October.

James was a pupil at Malton School in the 1980's, before going on to his very successful TV career. The visit was part of a new BBC TV programme James is filming for next year, and he brought with him a film crew to record his visit.

During Monday afternoon he met his former Science teacher John Horsman, and other staff on a walk down memory lane as he toured his old school. He then worked with Head of Food Technology and some Year 10 and Year 11 students until well into the evening.

James then returned on Tuesday afternoon at the end of school to meet students and parents, sign autographs, and stage a cake stall at which he sold off some of his cakes as a fundraiser for the school. The evening was a great success and all who wished to meet James had the opportunity to do so. £175 was raised from the sale.

One of the people who turned up to meet him was Christine Baxter, now retired but formerly James's Home Economics teacher at the school.

The two days filming created a lot of excitement amongst the students - and also amongst some of the female staff! We were impressed by the way James took time to talk with anyone who wanted to meet him, and to pose for countless photos with good grace and patience. The spice cake was also very good! We are very grateful for the funds raised, and will be keeping our eyes on the TV schedules to see how the programme turns out.

The Blencathra Field Trip 16th October – 18th October

On Monday we arrived at school as usual to be registered, before hopping on the bus and heading for the Lake District. Upon initial arrival, I was mildly concerned about the accommodation, but later found out there was no need to be worried as the beds actually turned out to be quite comfortable.

Once we had settled in we spent our first afternoon taking an exciting look at soil and such aspects of soil as podsolisation! The talk on soil was our guide's favourite as he would later tell us when we did the follow-up work back at the centre. After 8:30 we dispersed from lessons to do whatever we felt like.

On the second day we did our river studies, at various points along the valley. I thought this was the most interesting day as we got to do a lot of hands on work. Despite getting cold hands and mildly damp, most people enjoyed the fieldwork. Back at the centre we analysed all our data that we had collected to draw various conclusions from our survey. This was the bit that people did not enjoy as much! After we had finished our analysis we dispersed to play a game outside, which ended with a certain someone finding out about the pond out at the front of the centre when they fell in it....

On the third and final day we travelled to Easedale to study the effects of glaciation upon the landscape. The long, hard climb to Easedale Tarn was worth it, or at least would have been if we had been able to see anything through the thick fog... After making various field sketches we trudged down the hill again to catch the buses back to the centre before catching another bus home.

All in all, a very enjoyable fieldtrip!!

Tom Wilson (Year 12)

'Fair Processing' and The Data Protection Act and the passing of information to the Connexions Service

Malton School holds information on students in order to support their teaching and learning. From time to time schools are required to pass on some of this data to Local Authorities, the Department for Education and Science and to agencies that are prescribed by law, such as OFSTED.

Students, as data subjects, have certain rights under the Data Protection Act, including a general right of access to personal data held on them.

For students of 13 years and over, the school is legally required to pass on certain information to Connexions services providers on request. However parents, or the students themselves if aged 16 or over, can ask that no information beyond name and address (for students and parent) be passed on to Connexions. If you do not want Connexions to receive information from the school beyond name and address, then please contact the school within **28 days**. If you do not notify the school that you wish to exercise your right to opt out information will be passed to Connexions providers upon request.

You will find detailed information about this on our website: www.maltonschool.org. If you would like a paper copy, please contact me at school.

Nicola Wise, School Secretary

Staff News

Farewell to James Cook. Congratulations to **Mrs Vincent** on the birth of her son, and **Ms Taylor** on the birth of her daughter. We are very fortunate to have secured continuing cover for staff illness in Science and Technology from Mr Grunwell and Mr Nightingale. Welcome to Mrs Hamer - Behaviour Manager, Mrs Glass – Learning Manager and Mr Wallen – Exams Officer.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all parents who took part in the parent governor election. The response rate was better than for a General Election! Congratulations to Ann (Elizabeth) Weatherill who was the clear winner.

Local democracy week

Local government representatives spent an afternoon with School Council members on the last Friday before half-term in a forum to allow young people to put their points of view on local issues. Councillor Steve Preston led the debate, with Chair of Ryedale, Pamela Anderson in attendance. The Councillors were very impressed with the responsiveness of the students. There was a suspicion of bribery and corruption as Councillor Preston handed out sweets to the youngsters before asking them to fill in their evaluation sheets!

Ms Nichols and Mr Cambata have now set up a lunchtime Debating Society. If your son/daughter is interested in this, they should see these staff for details of future events.

Malton School PTA

**Years 7, 8 and 9
come and celebrate
the end of term!**

Christmas Disco

**Wednesday 29 November 7.00-9.00pm
West Wing Hall, Malton School**

**Tickets £2.00
(can be purchased in advance at School Offices)**

Refreshments available on the night

All Welcome

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Day, Wednesday 12 July 2006

A little later than usual, but here is our sports day news - there was good competition and the customary fine spirit from competitors despite the extremely hot conditions.

Individual group winners were:

Y7 Girls	Hannah Sutcliffe
Y7 Boys	Paul Frankling/Tom Holmes
Y8 Girls	Esther Quinn/Charlotte Green
Y8 Boys	Tom Wicks
Y9 Girls	Nicole Butterworth
Y9 Boys	Ryan Cuthbertson
Y10 Girls	Emma Hatfield
Y10 Boys	Matthew Stubbings

The final point scores had Earth a clear winner for the third consecutive year.

1 st	Earth	962
2 nd	Fire	898
3 rd	Air	941
4 th	Water	815

Parents' Forum

An opportunity for all parents to hear a presentation on the Positive Discipline Policy, followed by a question and answer session and general discussion.

**Thursday, 16 November 2006 at 7.00 pm
West Wing Hall, Malton School**

AUTUMN TERM 2006

November

Th	09	19.30	Celebration Evening
F	10		Y13 Assessments to Parents
F	17		Y11 Assessments to Parents
M	20	17.00	Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
Th	23	19.30	6 th form Information Evening for Y11 students and parents
F	24		School closed (Staff Training)
M	27		Y12 Assessments to Parents
Th	30		Y11 exams begin (no study leave)

December

Th	07	17.00	Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F	08		Y7 Assessments to Parents
M	11		Concert Rehearsal
T	12		Christmas Lunch
W	13	19.30	Christmas Concert
Th	14		Senior Citizens' Party
F	15	15.35	End of term

January

T	02		School closed (Staff Training)
W	03		School closed (Staff Training)
Th	04	09.00	Spring Term begins (Wk 1)
Th	11	17.00	Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
F	19		Y10 Assessments to Parents
T	23		Y9 SAT mock examinations
T	30	19.00	Introduction to 6 th Form Evening

February

M	05	17.00	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	06		Y11 Reports to Parents
F	09	15.35	End of half-term
M	19	09.00	Spring Term continues (Wk 1) Y12 examinations begin
W	28	17.00	Y11 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

March

Th	01		Y8 Assessments to Parents
M	05		Y13 examinations begin
Th	08	17.00	Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Leaders
	10		Ski trip departs
F	16		Y9 Reports to Parents
W	21		Y12 Reports to Parents
		17.00	Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Leaders
W	28	19.30	Easter Concert
Th	29	19.30	Easter Concert
			Last day of term
F	30		School closed (Staff Training)

DATES OF TERMS 2006-2007

First Day Last Day Day Closures

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	

Please note that Y9 SATs examinations will be conducted during the week **8th-11th May 2007**.
The school examinations will follow these.