
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Address

We start this issue with a message from our new Headteacher, Mr Williams:

Exam Success

These are exciting times for Malton School. We have just celebrated another excellent set of results at all levels – the Year 9 SATs, GCSE and A Level. The school has grown to its largest size ever, in terms of student numbers, as we are once again oversubscribed in Year 7. Due to successful appeals to join us over the summer, several of our year groups are at their largest size ever. The Sixth Form has also recruited very well into Year 12 both from Malton and from other schools in the area. Its reputation for academic excellence and for once again helping 100% of the Year 13 leavers move on successfully in their chosen direction, being of paramount importance.

School Discipline

The new Positive Discipline system has been launched at school and has so far received a positive reaction from students as well as staff. The students seem to appreciate the heavier emphasis placed on rewards and the improved clarity and consistency of the sanctions. I would like to thank parents and students for responding so well to my request to remove baseball caps and hoodies from the school. There have been hardly any incidents and it is certainly in the best safety interests of all at school that every student can be quickly identified as belonging to Malton School. I would also like to praise the positive response to the new role of the student planner. At the time of writing we have only had 3 instances of forgotten planners. All have been quickly resolved by the parents bringing the planner up to school. As a parent myself, I appreciate the organisational difficulties faced

by some children, but regarding the planner as an essential tool of the trade should help them in this respect whilst providing parents with a daily record of students' positives and negatives. Parents continued support in these vital respects will help us to make the climate for learning at Malton School even more purposeful.

Key Reminders

I would like to take this chance to remind you of some other key points:

- The school allows students to bring mobile phones to and from school very sensibly as an aid to their own safety. Once at school, however, they must be switched off and they must not become a distraction from learning. Students caught using phones inside the school buildings will have them confiscated, to be returned only to parents.
- The school again reasonably allows students to wear sleeper studs in their ears but there must be no other jewellery such as rings or earrings.
- No trainers please! Footwear should be plain, black or brown shoes.
- Please avoid taking holidays in term time. Students with the highest attendance always achieve the most.

The staff are currently engaged with the annual results review process to see what lessons can be learnt to further improve our performance. The school is proud of its achievements in recent years but it is not content or complacent. With continued parental support, a positive attitude from the students and the dedication and expertise of the staff we know that even more can be achieved. Best wishes for a good year,

R Williams
Headteacher

Exam Success

We were delighted with excellent results at all levels this summer – with records broken in all areas of our exam work. A few headlines will give readers a flavour of our success:

A level (Year 13)

- The number of grade A's achieved is once again our highest ever, with 34 – two more than last year's previous best, and this from a smaller year group. This represents 24% of the entries – almost a quarter, and more than ever before.
- The pass rate is once again very high – giving us an average pass rate of 96% over the last 10 years. The 2006 figure is actually **98%** – there were only three fails in major subjects.
- All students gained at least 2 passes.
- The star individual performances come from: **Fred Spaven**, who gained five grade A's, and a merit in the Physics Advanced Extension Paper; **Lizzy Wise** gained 4 A's and a B, plus an A at AS last year. **Nicole Ponton-Brown** gained four Grade A's plus an A at AS last year. **Martin Mills** gained AAAB, **Jonathan Brown** AAAB, and **Peter Clarke** AAAC.

AS results (Year 12)

- The pass rate is close to last year at 92%.
- The average points score per student has moved up against last year.
- There were 35 grade A's, spread across 13 of the 18 subjects entered, shared between 17 students.
- Three students achieved all grade A's – **Jack Davies** and **Russell Goddard** each achieved five grade A's, and **Bobby Goodwill** four grade A's. **Oliver Peck** achieved 3 A's and 2 B's.
- Everyone passed in at least one subject.

GCSE (Year 11)

- There were more **A* grades** (73) and more **A grades** (128) than in any previous year.
- The **average points score** per student is once again our highest ever, at **50.1**, reflecting

some superb performances across the board by a number of very able students.

- The percentage of 16 year old students gaining **5 or more grades at A*-C is 60%**, up on last year.
- The **pass rate is 99.5%**, with only 3 fails from 880 entries.
- 66% of entries resulted in a pass at grades A*-C, which equals our best ever (in 2003).
- **All students** in the group achieved **at least four GCSE passes**.
- Girls performed much better than boys. 11% more girls than boys gained 5 A%-C passes, and the top 5 performers were all girls.
- Four students gained all grade A or A* results. The best individual performance came from Head Girl **Emma Marsden** with a staggering 11 A* results – that is the top grade in every GCSE subject she entered. Another best ever performance. **Louise Watson** gained 8 A*s and 2 A's, **Rebecca Davidson** and **Rebecca Simpson** both gained 7 A*'s and 4 A's. **Rosie Spencer** gained 5 A* and 4 A's, and the best performance in the boys came from **Thomas Wilson** with 5 A* and 4 A's. Well done to the **Science department** once again with a record breaking 13 students scoring double A* successes, with a further 12 students gaining double A's. The **History** department proportionately did even better, with 8 A* and 15 A's from only 37 entries.
- There were 22 students who gained an A* in at least one subject, and 17 out of the 20 subjects entered had an A* success – all record numbers.

Attendance

We are keen to have all students in school learning every day unless they really are too poorly to come to school.

May we remind all Parents/Carers of the dedicated 24-hour answerphone line on 01653 605303. Please use this number to inform us about student absence.

Governor Visit

Governors periodically visit school during the daytime to get a flavour of school life. We are grateful for a brief report on the last visit:

Pam Anderson and I visited school and attended three lessons. The first of these was a Year 7 history lesson on the Black Death, which was really great fun and very informative. The use of good props - home made rat, flies (blow flies actually) and a black spot stamped on the hand of some of the children as they entered the room, added to the atmosphere. The black spot indicated how many people from the number of children in the room would have died from the disease – this was about 50%. The children were well behaved and very enthusiastic.

The second lesson was a Year 10 group answering a paper on energy sources. This was all done on the Internet and we answered the questions posed as well. It really is amazing what you can find on the web, so much information that sometimes it is hard to decide what to leave out. The children here were also well behaved and attentive.

The last lesson we attended was a Year 9 German language class. The children were about to make their subject choices the following week, the lesson was about how modern languages can be useful in all sorts of jobs. The class split into groups for working this out, and then were asked various questions. What jobs would a language be useful for? For what other purpose could a language be used? In answer to this last question, along with the usual holidays abroad, etc., came the reply from one young boy 'euthanasia', at which point there was a certain amount of laughter. Here the children got on well in their groups and all participated in the question and answer session.

We then had a tasty lunch in the canteen looked after by three Year 9 girls who were very chatty and friendly, although they had no idea who we were. Being my first time in school I was very impressed with the good relationship between the teachers and students.

Pat Moore (School Governor)

Taste of Success Food Awards

During 2005-06, students working in Food Technology at Key Stage 3 have all had the opportunity to complete a project and achieve national recognition for their work, either at Bronze, Silver or Gold standard. The vast majority of students achieved success with a significant number awarded a 'pass with merit'. Well done.

From September 2006, the scheme will be re-launched under a new name '**Active Kids Get Cooking**'. The scheme will continue to be managed by Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd., the Design and Technology Association and the British Nutrition Foundation. All students in Years 7-9 will have the opportunity to participate.

Mrs S Leach

Trips and Activities

Year 7 Camping Trip

On 19 June, we set off on our camping trip. The coach journey seemed to take hours, but at last we arrived at the campsite. Once we had had a look around, we started setting up our tents and then after lunch we set off on our first walk. This was supposed to be a 'short' walk, but everyone soon found out it wasn't that short!

In the evening we played some games before going into our tents to get some sleep, although we couldn't have our planned midnight feast! The next morning we set off on the L O N G walk, 10 miles! A few blisters later, we all got on the boat back to the campsite, just as it started pouring down. When we got back, our tents looked like they were going to blow over any minute so we had to tie them down and pray that they didn't. After a barbeque some of us went to watch the England game. We enjoyed it, although the 2-2 result wasn't the best.

On Wednesday morning, we set off on our last walk and also had a look around the nearby village. After meeting up with the other group for lunch, we set off back and although everyone was tired, we had all had a great time!

Jamie Green (Year 7)

Way to Work

After training for several weeks, the Year 10 Way to Work group went on a two day expedition in July to the North Yorkshire Moors. Overall, the group walked an incredible 21 miles and showed excellent team work pitching tents, building survival shelters and cooking meals together. One favourite part was walking in Dalby Forest and the ice cream at the end! The night walk was also enjoyed – torches were switched off and some people were scared. It was a great experience and enjoyed by everyone.

Dottie Maccallaugh (Year 11)

Year 12 History Project

In June, exhausted after their exams, Year 12 students stumbled into school on a sunny Monday morning to start a week of frenetic research on immigration to Canada by Ryedale folks in the 19th Century. After a talk by local historian John Rushton, we got down to planning out our time. On Tuesday we scoured the extensive records at the County Archives in Northallerton. On Wednesday, we visited the Whitby Maritime Museum, broken up by a trip to the Trenchers for lunch. On Thursday, we had a visit from Radio York to teach us interview techniques and in the afternoon we made displays on our work so far. Friday had us presenting our work to a large audience, including the Chairwoman of Ryedale District Council followed by a barbeque to celebrate the end of the first phase of the project which was funded by the National Lottery, supported by the Ryedale Folk Museum. We would like to thank all the staff at Malton School who made this possible.

Year 12 Historians

Trips Round-up

Other visits included Year 8 to Beamish, Year 7 to the Jorvik centre, selected tennis players to the Wimbledon championships, and Citizenship day visits to Dalby Forest, Doncaster Dome, Flamingoland, Helmsley (diving), Paintballing, St James Park and Xscape (skiing and snowboarding).

Sixth Formers' Leaving do

Sixth Form students celebrated the end of their school days, and the end of exams at the end of June. The students organised a dinner and dance at The Feathers in Helmsley, an opportunity to

dress their best, capture photos for the albums, and release some of the stress of the previous weeks. Staff were invited to attend by the students, and all enjoyed the excellent food and hospitality offered by The Feathers.

Talent Show – final day of term

On the last day of term the school's annual talent show took place. **Jasmine Walker** and **Matthew Stubbings** presented a variety of high quality bands, musicians, singers and comedy sketches. These provided excellent entertainment and a brilliant way to end the school year. **Roisin MacMahon** triumphed singing and playing the guitar to one of her own compositions. **Sam Gilderdale** and **Sally Fothergill** took 2nd place with a duet of DJ Sammie's 'Heaven.' **Robyn Harrison** took 3rd place singing 'Wishing you were here' from the Phantom of the Opera.

Jasmine Walker and Matthew Stubbings (Year 11)

Annual Art Exhibition

We held our 9th Annual Art Exhibition on Tuesday evening 27 June. The exhibits were spread throughout the School's five art studios, along three corridors and up a flight of stairs – representing the work of 49 students who have studied Art to exam level. This year's art prize is awarded in memory of Emma Howard, an A level student in 1997-9, and was presented by her parents. This year's winner was **Gary Hall**, whose art work reflects a keen interest in the fragility of our environment and climate change. Mr & Mrs Howard also made an additional award this year, to recognise the immense contribution to the Art department and the organisation of this year's exhibition made by another A level student, **Alex Bean**.

A Pigs Tale

A group of 15 students took part in the production of Ryedale Festival's Community Opera, "A Pigs Tale". They rehearsed and prepared the musical in the week 10 – 14 July, giving two performances at the end of the week in the Milton Rooms.

A second group of students worked as a film crew making a documentary of the week. Thanks go to **Em Whitfield**, the organiser, and **Chris Spence**, the film director, for their efforts to provide this opportunity for the group.

Staff News

At the end of last term we said farewell to five members of staff:

Mr David Roberts retired after 17 years as Head teacher. The school has changed in many ways under his leadership – in 1989 he led the change to local financial management, almost all areas of the school have undergone building and furniture improvements – the most significant being a new library, art studios, four computer rooms, food and textile rooms, and of course a new science building and subsequent development of special needs facilities. All this in addition to steadily improving exam results at all levels. We wish him well for his well earned retirement.

Mr Alan Robinson was the longest serving member of staff until his retirement this summer, having started teaching at Malton Grammar School in 1970. He taught French to more than one generation at the School, and organised trips to France to give students a flavour of the country. *Bon chance, Monsieur Robinson.*

Mrs Cath Stone taught in Girls PE for the last six years, contributing far more than one might expect from a part time member of staff, coaching and accompanying gymnastics, tennis and other teams around the county. We still expect to see her regularly at fixtures, as she starts her new job as Sports Coordinator over in Norton.

Mr Mark Langley taught in the PE department for the last three years, making a significant contribution to sporting life for many boys.

Mr Alastair Gray took on the post of Learning Supervisor just over a year ago, covering for absent teachers, but also sharing his interest in diving with the students, and entertaining us with his bagpipe playing at Christmas.

We welcome 12 new members of staff:

To the teaching staff we welcome **Mr Green** and **Mr Hillier**, who join the PE department, **Miss Sharman** in French, **Mrs Wattrus** in Art. **Mr Marshall** joins Science and **Mrs Thorpe** RE, covering maternity leave for Miss Taylor and Mrs Vincent respectively. **Mrs Briggs** continues to cover Miss Kay's maternity leave. To the clerical, technical and support staff we welcome **Mr Goodyear** (ICT), **Mrs Howard** (English), **Ms Lally** (Learning Supervisor), **Ms Moore** and **Mrs Parrott** (Learning Support).

SPORTS NEWS

Cricket

The Senior Cricket Single Wicket Trophy was awarded to **Chris Pickering**, with runner-up Sam Davies. The Junior Cricket Single Wicket went to **Adam Hill**, with Lee Scott runner-up.

Tennis Tournament

The school tennis tournament has been quite competitive this year with the standard of tennis very much on the increase. The Girls' Final saw **Helen Carrie** beating Fiona Marsden, whilst in the Boys' Final, **Matthew Leathley** met Chris Dean, with Matthew regaining his title. Mixed Doubles saw some impressive tennis with **Fiona Marsden** and **Ryan Cuthbertson** gaining victory over Helen Carrie and Josh Burkin. This year's most improved tennis player award goes to **Peter Grayson**.

Service To Sport

The Dave Pay Sports Trophies are awarded annually to Key Stage 4/Sixth Form students for contribution to the sporting life of the school. The Girls' award went to **Fay Chapman** and the Boys' award went to **Steven Clay**. The Bruce Rolls Trophies for Sport are awarded to Key Stage 3 students. These were awarded to **Fiona Marsden**, and **Matthew Webster**.

The PE Department is extremely grateful for all the help received from the Sixth Form and last year an award was introduced to recognise their input. One particular student stood out from the rest this year with regards to his commitment and attitude. The award for commitment to Malton School sport was awarded to **Elliot Hodgson**. This year we also felt we wanted to recognise pupils in each of the individual sports with the hard work and commitment shown by so many pupils. Therefore we have introduced Player of the Year awards in the various sports covered.

Netball: **Amy Jones**
Rugby: **Sam Harrison**
Hockey: **Mia Robinson**
Football: **George Moore**
Rounders: **Esther Quinn**
Cricket: **Adam Hill**
Gymnast: **Rebecca Paylor**

Malton School seeks:

Learning Manager

37 hours per week, term-time

Scale 4 (£16 137 - £17 985) pro-rata

Applicants should have the ability to supervise whole classes during the short-term absence of teachers. You do not need to have a formal teaching qualification, but must have an aptitude for working with children and a willingness to be flexible in undertaking other non-teaching duties.

Behaviour Manager

37 hours per week, term-time

Scale 3 (£14 787 - £15 825) pro-rata

To work as part of the pastoral team supporting inclusion and the maintenance of high standards of student behaviour. The post holder will share their time between supervising Isolation (the internal exclusion facility) and providing clerical/organisational support for the pastoral system.

Examinations & Assessment

Officer

37 hours per week, term-time + 4 days

Scale 4 (£16 137 - £17 985) pro-rata

To ensure that all examination procedures are managed efficiently, accurately and in good time. To communicate effectively with other staff in the school to ensure that they are clear about when information is needed or when tasks need to be carried out. To develop and maintain assessment data input.

These established posts are available from 1 Oct 2006.

The closing date is 27 September 2006.

For application form and details for the above post please contact Mrs Wise, the Head's PA:
phone (01653) 692828, fax 696871,
e-mail: admin@malton.n-yorks.sch.uk
or write to: Malton School, Malton, YO17 7NH.

AUTUMN TERM 2006

September

T	05	09:00	Autumn Term commences (Wk 1) Y7 and Y13 start school Y12 mid-morning registration
W	06	09:00	Y8, Y9, Y10 & Y11 start school Y12 Residential at East Barnby
W	27	18:30	Meeting for Y6 Parents Y10 Geography field studies visit (2days)

October

M	02		Geography residential course parents' meeting (Y12)
W	04	19:30	PTA Annual General Meeting
		19:00	Meeting for Y9 Parents re French Trip (West Wing Hall)
M	16		Y9 French visit (all week) Y12 Geography Residential course (3 days)
F	20	15:35	Last day of half-term
M	30	09:00	School re-opens (Wk 2)

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	

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 4 October at 7.30pm
in the Sixth Form Common Room

We are looking for new committee members.
Please come along and help us raise money to
improve your child's education.