

Sports Centre Development

After nearly 3 hours of debate Ryedale District Council decided to support this development moving forward by 23 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions. This is very good news because it means that the ball is still in play. The council officials will keep the process going.

However, there was a last minute compromise on the wording of the motion which meant that the final vote fell somewhat short of a definitive 'yes'. There are certain conditions upon it, most importantly:

- 1) It must not lead to another significant part of the capital build programme being lost.
- 2) The council must seek to find savings of £300,000 per annum from its current budget.

It will be difficult to satisfy these two conditions without finding further external partners or without reducing the cost of the project.

What the whole process has done, however, is to make me even more determined that we will achieve this development. I know, as a school, that we must provide the leadership to make this happen. There is the wit, knowledge and energy amongst our students, parents, Governors and staff (as shown by the Science Block development) to make this a reality in some form. We have outline planning permission. We need now to find external partners and to keep the pressure up on all the district councillors. This is where you can help. The elections are on 3rd May. Please ask the question to all the candidates in your ward: "How will you vote on the sports centre?" and try to get them to make a public commitment of support.

I had hoped to write a simple message: "We got it!" Instead my message is: "We will get it!" I

must thank many of you for your support and ask that you continue to help us press for this in any way you can so that it becomes a reality sooner rather than later.

*R Williams
Headteacher*

Colour of Music

Students and staff celebrated the end of term with two evening performances of music, song, art, dance and comedy. The Easter shows at Malton School all had a connection with colour - either through their title, their lyrics or the performers that made the music famous. So for example, the orchestra played Whiter Shade of Pale, the choirs sang music from Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat and the Pink Panther, the Jazz Band played Green Onions, the dancers put on their Blue Suede shoes. You get the picture!

The standard of performance seems to improve every year, and this year was no exception. What a wonderful and varied evening the young people treated us to - colourful in every way. Particularly pleasing was to see the A level music group perform at what will be their last school show. Over the last seven years, we have seen them improve, develop and diversify. They have certainly set a high standard for those following in their footsteps - but we are confident that the younger students will rise to the challenge.

The Head of Music, Mrs Kettlewell, had a difficult job this year, with so many students wanting to take part (30 acts having to audition for just 10 slots) that some students will have to wait for another year for their turn on the boards!

Rotary Youth Speaks Triumph

On Monday 5 March, a team of Malton School students once again picked up a Rotary Club Youth Speaks Award. The competition is organised by Rotarians from Scarborough, Pickering 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.

We were delighted with the performance of all our teams. The junior team of Katie Mitchell, Derron Bradbury and Mia Robinson came third in their section and the senior team of Simon Neves, Kurt Batty and Robyn Harrison were second in their section. Congratulations go to the intermediate team of **Amos Abrahams**, **Mathew Wilson** and **William Wright** who succeeded in coming first in their section with their topic of "Do we have as good an education as we did 50 years ago?"

Post-18 Information Evening Wednesday, 9 May 2007 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.

Free School Meals

The criteria for free school meals has recently changed and your child, or children, may now be eligible for free school meals. Leaflets and application forms are available in school and can be obtained by contacting Nicola Wise.

TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Sports Hall – 'Run a Mile'

On Monday, 26 March, students from all years and abilities turned out to run or walk a mile, some even wearing fancy dress in the theme of Ancient to Modern Olympics, all with the aim of raising funds for the proposed Sports Hall and School Minibus. An excellent turnout with more than 300 students taking part raised in excess of £300. Well done to everyone involved.

Red Nose Day

Students joined in the fun with a non-uniform day – the Sixth Form students by dressing up in their pyjamas. Donations and various activities raised a total of £752.92. A special mention for their individual efforts: Jake Pickering (7A) who sold and baked cakes raising £12 and Mia Robinson and Shannon Rough (8A) who were tied together for the day and raised £21. A big thank you to all students and staff involved.

Gun Crime

On Monday 19 March, all Year 8 students were treated to a very informative and enjoyable talk by PC Stewart Ashton about the serious subject of 'gun crime'. This followed on from a topic of work in Citizenship where we had learnt about problems involving young people. PC Ashton explained the seriousness of guns and how a lot of young people lose their lives or are injured by their misuse. He also told us that in the eyes of the law, anyone holding the barrel of a gun can be charged with assault. It certainly made me think a lot about guns in this country and I hope it will have put a lot of people off using them, especially as you hear so much about it in the news.

Emma Barron (Y8)

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Mr Youngs, Mr Wakeham, Mrs Thompson and Miss England as Learning Managers.

Malton, Norton & District Lions Club Charity Bike Ride



The Lions Charity Bike Ride will take place on Sunday, 13 May 2007. There will be a choice of four routes – 5, 12, 25 or 40 miles to suit all ages and abilities. The aim is to raise sponsorship which will be split 50/50 for Lions Club charities and the charity of the entrant's choice.

Remember this is not a race, so please come along, have some fun and help raise some money for charity. It is hoped that families, schools, pubs and clubs will send either individuals or teams to the event to make it a fund day. Anyone requiring sponsor forms please contact Lion **R Wainright** on **01653 628364**.

Salters' Festival of Chemistry at York University

On Thursday 18 April four students participated in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at York University.

15 teams from all over Yorkshire had to complete two chemistry practicals.

Whilst we were unplaced in the morning competition we won the afternoon challenge.

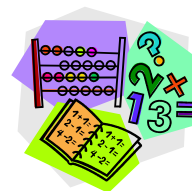
Congratulations to **Aya Abrahams, Alice Thompson, Ian Mason** and **Paul Gaskell** who all receive book tokens to the value of £25.

ANNUAL SCIENCE LECTURE

Wednesday, 25 April 2007
7.00 – 8.15 pm

MALTON SCHOOL, WEST WING HALL

Murderous Maths



Presented by Kjartan Poskitt

Tickets from West Wing Reception
£1.00 (concessions 50p)

Who killed the Headmaster?

Malton School PTA presents:
A Murder Mystery Evening



CAN YOU SOLVE THE CLUES?

Friday, 27 April 2007
7.00pm for 7.30pm performance
West Wing Hall, Malton School

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

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SPRING TERM 2007

April

M	16	09.00	Summer Term starts (Wk 1)
T	24	19.30	Y9 Information Evening
Th	26		Junior Maths Challenge
M	30		Y7/8 examinations begin

May

M	07		Public holiday – school closed
T	08		Y9 SATs begin
W	09		Post-18 Information Evening
M	14		Y9 examinations begin Y12/13 AS/A2 modules begin
M	21		Y10 examinations begin
F	25		End of half-term

June

M	04	09.00	Summer Term continues (Wk 1)
Th	07		Y10 GCSE Science module
Th	14		Y10 GCSE Science module Norton Y10 Science Evening
M	18		Y10 Work Experience Y10 GCSE Sc and Maths modules Y7 Camping Week
W	20		Y10 GCSE Science module
M	25		Y10 Work Experience
T	26		Y11 GCSE Science module
W	27		Y11 GCSE Ma exam Y6 visit (day 1) Y12 Newcastle University visit
Th	28		Y6 visit (day 2)

July

M	02		Y10 Citizenship Day
T	03		Y10 Science Day
W	04		Y10 English Day Y8 Reports to Parents
Th	05		Y10 Enterprise Day
F	06	19.00	Open Evening
Th	12		Y10 IT Skills Day Y7 Reports to Parents
M	16		Y9-10 House Matches
T	17		Y7-8 House Matches Y9 Assessments to Parents Y10 Report to Parents
Th	19		Sports Day W2W Expedition (2 days)
F	20		Tennis Finals
M	23		Citizenship Day
T	24	15.35	End of term