

## Celebration Evening

The annual celebration of its success in the last school year took place in November. The school hall was packed with over 400 students, staff and guests including the mayors of Malton and Norton, the Director of Education for North Yorkshire, and former staff and students. They watched an evening of news reports, musical interludes, gymnastics display and a comic dance routine, interspersed with awards to all seven year groups in the school (Year 7 to 6<sup>th</sup> form), as well as the award of special prizes for sport, music, maths, and science.

The entire evening was presented by the Head Boy and Girl and their deputies – **Matthew Stubbings, Emmy Hickes, Will Smith and Samantha Clay**. Teachers attended “to help out with the simpler jobs” – as Will put it.

Former Head teacher David Roberts attended as a special guest – he was presented with a collection of photographs marking his time in school. In a brief address, he commented on the enjoyment he had experienced working with the young people of Malton over the last 17 years, and wished them well for their futures. In particular he hoped that they would be able to judge others fairly, and to live in peace – big challenges in the world today.

At the end of the evening Cynthia Welbourn, the Director of Education and Children’s Services for North Yorkshire, thanked the students for an excellent, uplifting and entertaining evening. She said that Malton was a remarkable school – not large by general standards, but vibrant and successful over many years. She commented on the government’s charge to schools in their Every Child Matters agenda, that students should “enjoy and achieve – this is certainly the case at Malton, and the evidence has been put before us tonight. The

whole evening has been a tribute to the high level of sophistication and confidence of the young people who have presented, performed and participated tonight.”

Some of the main award winners:

**The Davina Kirk Trophy:** Ian Mason, Leah Beaumont, George Bulmer

**The House Trophy:** Danielle Clifford

**The Emma Howard Memorial Art Prize:** Gary Hall

**Maths Challenge awards** (3 age groups): Alistair Coe, James Baker, Russell Goddard

**The Dave Pay Trophy** (for contribution to Upper School Sport): Fay Chapman and Steven Clay

**The Bruce Rolls Trophy** (for contribution to lower school sport): Fiona Marsden and Matthew Webster

**The Music Trophy** (for services to Music) – Sally Fothergill and Sam Gilderdale

**The Science Trophy** (in memory of former Head T A Williams and his wife): James Baker

## Heather and Maple

The following night (Friday) the hall was packed again for the World Premiere of a film called Heather and Maple – a documentary about the emigration of families from Ryedale to Canada in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The film was researched, created and presented by Malton 6<sup>th</sup> Form History students, and starred children from Rosedale and Gillamoor primary schools. The whole project was masterminded by Mick Benson of the Ryedale Folk Museum and Pippa Dore, and financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Music on the evening was provided by Robyn Harrison, who was one of the GCSE musicians who helped to compose the music for the film. Copies of the film are available from school or the Ryedale Folk Museum.

## Anti-Bullying Week

A successful anti-bullying week was held during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November. This week aimed to raise the profile of anti-bullying measures in the school.

A number of special assemblies were held to highlight the issue of bullying in school. The newly established 'Anti-Bullying Group' led a number of these. They acted out situations and spoke about how to prevent bullying. They also told students about the Anti-Bullying Drop-in which takes place on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes in the Connexions Room. Here students can receive peer support or can talk to a Youth Worker if they are being bullied. The group will offer help and support and will pass on any matters to the Head of Year as necessary.

Work was also done in tutorial groups. This included a questionnaire 'Are you a bully?' and an agony aunt exercise. There was also discussion and information on mobile phone bullying. Students were also reminded of the importance of 'telling' if they are being bullied and the 'Ten things to do if you are being bullied' which is in every planner.

A suggestion box on ways to tackle bullying in school also provided some fresh ideas – many thanks to everyone who contributed.

An anti-bullying poster competition was also held for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Aya Abrahams 8A
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Rachel Thompson 7A
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Rosie Asquith 7A

Winners received gift tokens and the winning poster has been printed and will be displayed around the school in future.

Bullying is such an important issue to the well being of students in school that we hope the message of telling someone if it is happening has got through to all students in the school.

*Mrs P Lovegrove (Assistant Head)*

## Enterprise Week

A big 'pat on the back' must go to all those who participated in Enterprise activities during National Enterprise week in November. Collectively, £1,190 was raised for charity by young people at Malton School. Enterprise is a government led initiative that aims to develop a 'can-do' attitude and improve the financial and economic awareness of young people. The activities during the week proved that many students at Malton School already have those skills in abundance. In addition to the two external competitions attended by Business students, events in school included:

### Year 9 Maths Challenge

At the beginning of Enterprise Week each member of Year 9 was given £1 and the challenge of using their enterprise skills to make a profit using their own initiative. Cake and biscuit selling, sweets stalls, nail painting, car washing and dog walking were just some of the activities undertaken.

The results were amazing and far exceeded the expectations of the Maths department. £760 was raised by students and donated to Children in Need. The whole year group deserve enormous praise for their efforts and each is to receive a Certificate of Enterprise. Individual outstanding contributions were made by Sophie Allanby who raised £26.30, Alistair Coe £33.68, Peter Grayson £30.50, Amy Szuman £75.10, Jeremy Grey £65 and George Harrison a staggering £179.36.

### Buskers' Corner

At break and lunchtimes throughout the week young musicians entertained and lifted our spirits in the West Wing reception area. £156 was raised for Children in Need by students including members of the school orchestra and choir. The climax of the week was on Friday when the whole of the Jazz Group performed 'Friends' and (the Head's favourite) 'James Bond' theme tunes. Thank you to all those taking part.

## **Year 11 Enterprise Day**

The whole of Year 11 were involved in a National Challenge to develop and promote a product that would be 'fun and earn a ton'! The young people participated in teams and all were a credit to the school – most of them dressed to impress, looked immaculate and put the staff to shame with their business-like appearance. All teams gave a presentation to the whole year group and representatives from the community acted as judges. The members of the winning pitch, 'The Squeeze Team' were awarded prizes for their presentation and the innovative idea of putting butter in a tube. The team members included: Clare Allanby, Laura McIlravey, William Smith, Richard Townend, Jamie Ventress and Natalie Watson.

## **Pink Day**

On Wednesday the whole school was invited to donate 20p and wear one item of pink in aid of Breast Cancer Research. £167 was raised!

*Ms A Lester (Enterprise Coordinator)*

## **Christmas Activities**

### **Christmas Concert**

The last Wednesday of term saw parents, students and guests gather in the West Wing Hall for our annual Christmas Show. With 130 students involved in the performances, and all tickets sold out, extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate a number of guests who arrived to pay at the door.

The standard of performance is rising year by year, and this was probably the best yet of these annual shows. The show was presented by Senior Students **Will Henderson**, **Megan McColgan** and **Laura Hackett**. It is hard to know who to mention and who to miss out, but the soloists all deserve note, from Year 7 to Year 13: **James Poole** (Y7, piano), **Charlotte Green** (Y9, piano), **Robyn Harrison** (Y11, vocal), **Roisin McMahon** (Y11, vocal), **Isaac Collier** (Y13, 'cello), **Sally Fothergill** (Y13, vocal), **Sam Gilderdale** (Y13, vocal and

guitar), and the duets from **Charlotte Green** and **Kate Ferguson** (flutes), **Luke Dickens** and **Alice Tasane** (trumpets), and **Sally Fothergill** and **Josephine Smith** (vocal and tenor horn). Add together the Junior and Senior Choirs, Brass Group, Jazz Band, a rock group (The Bright Young Things) and a Year 10 ensemble and you can begin to imagine why the evening was so enjoyable. We can then add to this music two dance groups, one being the first performance of the newly created Malton School Dance Club, rehearsed by **Miss Sharman** and Year 11 student **Jasmine Walker**.

The Sixth Form finished off the evening with a mini-pantomime, *The Wizard of Oz*, narrated by **Elliot Hodgson** and **Olivia Buckland**, with **Sally Fothergill** playing Dorothy.

### **Christmas Party**

Our annual party for senior citizens took place on the last Thursday afternoon of term, with our guests being entertained with a selection of acts from the previous night's concert, as well as food and drink prepared by students in the Food Technology department. We are grateful for all the gifts sent in which allowed to prepare Christmas hampers for everyone, and the time given by staff, students and Perry's Bus Company.

### **Christmas Disco**

WOW what an experience! The Christmas party was a great triumph - refreshments, great games and prizes, and the DJ just finished everything off. One of the games played which was thoroughly enjoyed was "The Best Dancer". It was a hard choice, but the DJ managed to choose well deserved winners. The music was fab and we can't wait until next year, which we hope will be as good as this one, maybe even better. We would like to say thank you to the staff for organising such a brilliant party and to the DJ.

*Chloe Potts & Beth Thompson (Year 7)*

## House Competition

The House Trophy has been awarded at the end of each calendar year since 2000, making 2006 the seventh year of the competition. To date Air Earth and Fire have won the trophy twice each.

The final results for 2006 were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Water</b>	<b>8341 points</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Air	7478 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fire	7248 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Earth	7193 points

Well done Water. On the shield at last.

## TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

### French Trip

Un group de 36 élèves et 4 professeurs sont allés en Bretagne en France. On est allé à Paris le 16 octobre et on a voyagé en bateau et en car. Pendant le séjour on a visité Dinard, Bayeux (où on a vu la tapisserie), Arromanches, Le Mont St Michel et St Malo. Voici des opinions de certain élèves:

- J'ai surtout aimé Dinard parce que les magasins c'était fantastique! – *Vicki*
- C'était génial et j'ai surtout aimé Le Mont St Michel – *Amy*
- J'ai adoré l'excursion en France, surtout la tapisserie de Bayeux parce que c'était très intéressant – *Peter*
- J'ai surtout aimé le ferry et j'ai adoré l'hôtel – *James*

*Sophie Allanby (Year 9)*

### Butterfly Bun Bake

Earlier last term, 7 Water baked and sold butterfly buns in order to raise funds for the Martin House Hospice in Wetherby. £75 was raised in total.

### WaterAid

7 Water have continued the tradition of the last five years and adopted WaterAid as their charity. This year, they have doubled their efforts and with the help of Head Girl, Emmie Hicks, they have already sent a donation for over £100 as a result of collecting loose change. Well done!

## Police Station Visit

In November, Year 8 students visited Malton Police Station. When we arrived we were greeted by PC Stewart Ashton, who talked us through some rules to follow whilst we were at the Police Station. We were then shown into the CCTV room where we watched a student colleague being arrested at Woolworths. We were then divided into groups where we used speed cameras, saw the Police dogs and tried on some of the protective clothing worn by the Police. After each group swapped activities, we met up to see our 'arrested' colleague go into custody. After seeing the grim consequences of committing a crime, I think we will all think twice about getting into trouble.

*Zoe Spink (Year 8)*

## SPORTS NEWS

### Swimming Gala

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	= <b>Water</b>	180 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	= Fire	148 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	= Earth	147 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	= Air	146 points

Well done Water for the second year running. You would expect them to win, wouldn't you!

## STAFF NEWS

Margaret Briggs: Departure. We wish her well in her new post.

Jill Boothman: Welcome back. Jill will replace Margaret Briggs for this term until Jennifer Kay returns in March.

Tom Brooks: Welcome to Tom as new Assistant Site Manager working with John Coates.

### NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DAYS

Due to assembly patterns at school and the difficulty of distribution on Fridays, newsletters will in future be issued on the second Monday of each half term. Please look out for them.

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## SPRING TERM 2007

### January

F	19		Y10 Assessments to Parents
T	23		Y9 SAT mock examinations
T	30	19.00	Introduction to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Evening

### February

M	05	17.00	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	06		Y11 Reports to Parents
F	09	15.35	<b>End of half-term</b>
M	19	09.00	<b>Spring Term continues (Wk 1)</b> 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
			<b>Last day of term</b>
F	30		School closed (Staff Training)

### April

M	16	09.00	<b>Summer Term starts (Wk 1)</b>
T	17		Y13 Reports to Parents
T	24	19.30	Y9 Information Evening
Th	26		Junior Maths Challenge
M	30		Y7/8 examinations begin

### May

M	07		<b>Public holiday – school closed</b>
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		<b>End of half-term</b>

### 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 Y6 visit (day 1)
M	25		Y10 Work Experience
T	26		Y11 GCSE Science module

## Introduction to Sixth Form Open Evening

**Tuesday, 30 January 2007**  
**7.00 – 9.00pm (West Wing)**

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.

## The Colour of Music

The annual showcase for our talented students

**7.30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 28 March 2007**  
**and Thursday, 29 March 2007**  
**West Wing Hall**

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

*60's Night (2001)*

*70's Night (2002)*

*A Night at the Movies (2003)*

*80's Night (2004)*

*50's Night (2005)*

*90's Night (2006)*

We invite you to an evening of music with a colour or shade in the title.  
How many can you think of?

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

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

## CCTV

The school has installed a CCTV system primarily to protect the school buildings against a spate of vandalism in the evenings. It will have the added advantages of identifying any intruders on site more quickly during the day and providing support for investigations into serious misbehaviour by students.

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