
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OFSTED INSPECTION

The day before May Day bank holiday weekend we were informed that an OFSTED (Office for Standards in Education) inspector would visit us for one day the following week. This is often referred to as a “light touch” inspection: one person for one day is an indication that a school is doing well, their results are good and there is no reason to suspect any problems.

The outcome of the inspection confirmed this view: we received a very good report on all aspects of school life, with some outstanding features noted. The inspector felt we are a “good and improving school”, with good achievements from students at all levels. The Sixth Form was judged as “good with outstanding features”. We have “sustained our strong position and are well placed for further improvement”. Naturally we were very pleased with all the very positive comments.

The full report has been sent to all parents. It is also available to anyone on the internet at

www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports

A level leavers

Year 13 students gathered to celebrate the end of their normal timetabled lessons ahead of the most important exams of their lives to date. Thursday 19 May saw the entire group meet up in their finest outfits at the Downe Arms, Wykeham, for a leavers’ dinner and disco. Over thirty members of the school staff also attended. The evening was a great success, with hundreds of photos taken in every possible grouping, good food and very good company. With great credit to their staying powers, they all turned up for school the following day for their final official day, when they had a special assembly and a final lunch provided by the school. From this point on attendance is for exams only – plus various special last minute revision lessons arranged by staff.

Year 11 Leavers’ events

Year 11 students finished their normal timetabled lessons on Thursday, 24 May. All that is left for them now is a little matter of taking their exams!

A special programme of events was put on by the School, starting with a Class of 2002-7 Prom in the school hall on 23 May. Students arrived in a variety of vehicles - including a vintage car, Rolls Royce, Limousine, and Wizard Paintwerx Van. They paraded outside the school while hundreds of photos were taken, and passers by, friends and relatives stopped to look at the students in their wonderfully smart and attractive dresses and suits. They then partied inside to the disco, received novelty awards and generally had a great time.

On Thursday they all returned to school in smart dress, for a final day that started with a special assembly, drinks and shirt/booklet signing at break, another photo session at lunchtime, a special lunch provided by the School, then a mixture of awards, musical numbers (performed by the students) and a look at some of the photos from the Prom. They departed amidst hugs, kisses, tears and high emotion after an excellent day.

The students were a credit to the School, themselves, and to young people generally. They were well mannered, they enjoyed themselves, the staff enjoyed their company on their final days, and were delighted to find no unpleasantness, only good wishes. We now wish them all well for their exams. We hope to see many of them back with us in the Sixth Form, and our best wishes go to those who will be pursuing their futures at college or in employment next year.

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Whizz-Kidz Move a life forward

Jamie Green, a Year 8 student, has just been elected as chairman of a national children's charity. His first report to the press is given below:

Whizz-Kidz, a national children's disability charity has launched a national campaign highlighting the importance of independent mobility for disabled children and the need to improve wheelchair services across the UK and is urging MPs across the country to sign in support of the campaign.

The national campaign highlights what is important to young disabled people – having independence and the freedom to do what you want when you want to. When I received my Whizz-Kidz powered wheelchair it made a big difference and I think every disabled teenager should have access to the right wheelchair at the right time.

In May the Government pledged to make a major commitment to reform the wheelchair service so that it fully meets the needs of young wheelchair users. It also pledged additional funding to make this a reality. Whizz-Kidz is campaigning to ensure the Government delivers on its promises. The campaign highlights that there are over 70,000 disabled children in the UK who could benefit from the right kind of mobility equipment. Families are often forced to wait over 6 months for a wheelchair or are simply unable to access the mobility equipment they need. For a disabled child independent movement gives them the chance to make everyday choices, such as going to a mainstream school, joining in at sport, being able to play with friends and family and having the chance to be naughty or to have fun.

Jamie Green (Y8)

Open Evening

A reminder to all parents that on **Thursday 5 July**, teaching will finish at 14:35 and students who are able to walk home can leave at that time. Students waiting for school buses should go to the West Wing Hall for lesson 5. Buses will leave at normal time.

Murderous Maths

The third Annual Science lecture for Malton took place at the end of April. It was given by actor, author, raconteur, TV personality and writer of the Murderous Maths books, Kjartan Poskitt.

Kjartan entertained an audience of around 150 people of all ages, involving a number of eager volunteers with demonstrations of some of the more fascinating properties of numbers and shapes, while telling jokes and responding to the answers from the audience. It might not be thought likely that one man could stand on a stage for an hour and a quarter on a Wednesday evening and talk non-stop about Mathematics, and have the audience with him laughing and applauding every minute of the night. It was.

The lecture was given as part of Malton School's commitment to Science and Maths in the community, stemming from its status as a specialist Science and Mathematics school. Previous lectures have been on Electricity and Magnetism, and Chemistry.

Some examples: which is the only number which when spelt out has its letters in alphabetical order?

Which is the only number which has the same number of letters as the number it spells?

Which is the only number which takes the same number of strokes to write it as it spells?

(Answers: FORTY, FOUR, TWENTY NINE)

Open Evening

Please come and look round the school.
Bring the family and friends.

Thursday, 5 July 2007

18.00 – 21.00

18:00 Introduction Meeting for Y6 parents
and students – East Wing

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Annual Art Exhibition Tuesday, 26 June 2006 at 7.00pm

Our annual exhibition of artwork is a chance to view the work of all A level and GCSE art students, and to find out who is the winner of the Emma Howard Memorial Prize for this year.

We hope for a pleasant summer evening when guests can stroll around the wide variety of exhibits, talk to staff and students and enjoy the talent on show. There is no charge for admission and there will be a licensed bar available on the night.

Students sharing £1,000

A level Maths students at Malton School have been successful in a share dealing competition organised by the financial organisation Rensburg Sheppard. Teams were invited to invest a portfolio with a national value of £100,000 over six months, to see how they performed against the benchmark, the FTSE All Share.

As a result of its careful management of investments, the team - Tom Wilson, Josh Clarke, James Dalglish (Team Leader), Sandy Lamprey and Michael Clive - has won £1,000 for the School, plus £15 Virgin Gift vouchers for themselves, and have been invited by Rensburg Sheppard to receive their cheques at a special event, when they will also be introduced to an investment manager from the company who will tell them a little more about the business.

Ms Lester, Head of Business Studies and Enterprise at the School, is delighted with the team's success this year. The team has worked patiently over a long period of time, making good judgement calls. Well done to James and the team.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Hickman on her recent marriage – she is now known as Mrs Ludlow.

Whitby Whaling Project

The Head of Science from The International Whaling Commission, Mr Greg Donovan, will be visiting the school this term and talking to 6th form historians and approximately 100 pupils from local primary schools about the current whaling debate. This is in connection with the 6th form history project “The Silent Land” – where students will be making a film with the Ryedale Folk Museum and Leeds University.

Other activities taking place include a video conference with Clare Stirling from the International Forum Against Whaling, a workshop on TV journalism by Bernadette Bainbridge (a Senior Manager at the BBC) and, on 26 June, the School Debating Society will also be participating in a debate at the Ryedale District Council Chambers on the issue of whaling.

Head Boy and Girl 2007-8

With Year 11 departing, we said farewell to our current Head Boy and Girl and deputies, which meant it was time to elect four new officials for the coming year. 9 students from Year 10 were nominated by their classmates. An election was held in which staff and Year 10 students voted, using a transferable vote system.

The winners were:

Head Boy	Amos Abrahams
Head Girl	Florence Spaven
Deputy	Tristan Bean
Deputy	Rebecca Clifford

In third place were Sam Davies and Charlotte Dudley. Runners up were Francesca Tanner, Eleanor Blakeman, Mathew Webster, Jacob Hughes and Tobi Abraham-Silas. Thanks to all who took part in the elections. Thanks also to retiring Head Boy and Girl **Matthew Stubbings** and **Emmy Hicks** and **Will Smith** and **Samantha Clay** for their excellent work during the year.

Footballers Wanted

Old Malton St Mary's U11s are currently looking for players for the new season starting late August/early September. Players should be under 11 on 30/8/07 to qualify.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact **Andy Jenkins** on 01653 658521 or 07879 605809.

Alternatively, come along to our training sessions which are held at the Gannock in Old Malton on Saturday mornings from 9.30-10.30.



SUMMER TERM 2007

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	18.00	Open Evening Y10 IT Skills Day
Th	12		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		End of term

AUTUMN TERM 2007

September

M	03		Staff day
T	04	09:00	Autumn Term commences (Wk 1) Y7 and Y13 start school Y12 mid-morning registration
W	05	09:00	Y8, Y9, Y10 & Y11 start school Y12 Residential at East Barnby
M	10	09:00	Y12 timetable commences