
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Address

A warm welcome back to the new academic year and thank you for your continuing (or initial) support and trust in choosing Malton School for the education of your child. I am writing this as our new Year 7 students have just completed their first full day in school with all the "big" students and our Year 12 students have just gone *en masse* to East Barnby for three days. Both of these year groups include students who are coming to us this year from new directions – in Year 7 we have some students from Sand Hutton and the southern end of Ryedale for the first time and we hope that this will be a growing trend as our Maximum Admission Limit for September 2008 has been increased to 125. In Year 12 we have a significant number of students joining us from Norton and Ryedale schools but also from a number of the private schools in York and North Yorkshire. This again is a trend that we expect to continue as we extend our partnership working with the three other local secondary schools and as our post-16 results continue to place us amongst the very best state schools in the country.

I have already addressed all the students through assemblies and I have laid down the challenge to each year group. As a staff team we challenge ourselves each year to seek further improvement in our practice. Likewise, we have high expectations of each and every one of our students. We believe that every single student can be successful. We will work with them to help them achieve success. What we expect from them in return is a high level of commitment, self-discipline and behaviour along with high standards of punctuality, politeness and dress. As a parent of a child entering secondary school for the first time this week, I know that you want your child's experience to be a safe, happy and successful one. That is what we are committed to delivering and with your help and support I know that we will continue to do a good job.

Much has happened over the summer. As you will see from the following pages, the exam results at all levels have been excellent. Using the government's value added measures we can say that value has been added at each key stage throughout the school. The

measure of 5 A*-C grades at GCSE was up 6 points from 62% to 68%, and including English and Maths it was up 7 points to 54%. At A level the Year 13 students averaged more than the equivalent of 3 A grades each! This placed us 21st in the country in the Independent and 25th in the country in the Guardian. Both papers placed us 1st in North Yorkshire. We have also improved our facilities, renewing computers in Rooms 19 and 20, adding a trolley of laptops in the East Wing and putting some computers into the Art department. We have refurbished the Sixth Form Common Room, adding a staffed servery just for the 6th Formers that will operate from 11am to 2pm. This is in addition to the computerised Sixth Form work room which opened last term. The Reception in West Wing has been temporarily improved and has become our single point of entry for visitors to the school. Please note that all visitors must now sign in at West Wing. Further improvement of the West Wing entrance is scheduled for next summer. Rooms 41, 42 and 43 have been redecorated. The fence at the rear of school has been completed, meaning that there is no longer any access to the school from Broughton Road. Both computer hub rooms have had air-conditioning installed. The old Connexions base in the West Wing has been converted into a staff workroom, meaning that student appointments with our Connexions advisor will revert to the office in the Library and student appointments with Learning Mentors will now take place upstairs in the School House. The school also welcomes ten new members of staff this year who will add further strength to our team.

Looking forward to the year ahead, the school is launching its new Teaching and Learning Policy this September which we hope will continue to raise academic standards as a result of a staff focus on the component parts of a good lesson. We will continue to invest, with the Governors, in improving the ICT infrastructure of the school and further significant planning will be put in to prepare for the launch of the Ryedale partnership post-16 provision from September 2008. The school continues to move from strength to strength and we expect another excellent year of achievement in all fields from the current students.

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Exam Success

More record breaking results at all levels, as we continue to improve year on year. So many students really rose to the challenges we set, and have come out with excellent results, well deserved. National newspapers put us high in their lists – for example we were 21st in the country in The Independent's list of the Top Comprehensive Schools for A level, and we also featured at 125th in their GCSE list.

Some headline summary facts and figures:

GCSE RESULTS

- 70% of entries resulted in a pass at grades A*-C, which is our best ever, beating the previous best of 66% last year, (and in 2003).
- The percentage of 16 year old students gaining 5 or more grades at A*-C is 68%, 6% up on last year and our best ever.
- The GCSE pass rate is virtually 100%, with only 2 fails from a record 1011 entries.
- All students in the group achieved at least 1 GCSE pass, with 97% achieving 5 passes.
- Girls performed better than boys. 7% more girls than boys gained 5 A%-C passes. The top 2 performers were girls, though the next 5 were boys. Come on boys – keep up!
- Five students gained all grade A or A* results. The best individual performance came from **Helen Carrie** with a staggering 11 A* results – that is the top grade in every GCSE subject she entered. Another best ever performance (equalling Emma Marsden last year). **Amy Burnett** scored 8 A* and 3 A's, **James Baker** 7 A* and 4 A's, **Will Smith** 6 A* and 5 A's, **Simon Gaskell** 7 A* and 4 A's, **Daniel Pratt** 5 A* and 7 A's.

AS RESULTS

For the vast majority of students the AS exams at the end of Year 12 represent the half-way point on a full A level course. The results provide good foundations for progress towards another exceptional year at A level in 2008.

A particular message of congratulations to a handful of students - **Sarah Smith** achieved 5 grade A's, and **James Dalgleish** achieved 4. **Richard Calvert** achieved AAABB and **Lewis McIntyre** achieved AAABC, **Emma Marsden** AAAC.

A LEVEL RESULTS

Excellent results at A level this year, there are some truly outstanding performances, and a number which are due credit for perseverance and hard work as much as innate intelligence.

We are delighted with our continuing record of high achievement in A level examinations. It is worthy of note that many of those at the top of the performance table are also those who have involved themselves in extra curricular activity, fundraising, and organisation. We give a very full package to our students, and they grab it with both hands.

- The number of grade A's achieved is once again our highest ever, with 42, exceeding last year's previous best by 8 grades, and this from a smaller year group. This is a quarter of all entries.
- For the first time, more than half the results were A or B grades – 53% in fact.
- A number of students achieved all grade A passes. The star individual performance was undoubtedly **Russell Goddard** with six Grade A's – we believe this a first at Malton School. **Jack Davies** also achieved highly with five grade A's and a Merit in an Advanced Extension Physics paper. **Bobby Goodwill** and **Will Henderson** each achieved 5 grade A's, **Robin Goforth** 4 grade A's, and **Megan McColgan** grade A in each of her three main subjects.
- 17 students achieved an A in at least one subject
- The pass rate is in line with our average for the last 10 years at 96%. - there were only six fails in major subjects, (and three in General Studies).
- All students passed in at least one subject.

KEY STAGE 3 RESULTS (“SATs”)

Year 9 students take national exams in English Maths and Science. 78% of students achieved Level 5 or better (5% above the target set for us by the government, based on the prior attainment of our students at Key Stage 2), and we were delighted to see 54% achieving Level 6 or better – once again a best ever result, continuing our upward trend. Seven students achieved the highest possible levels (which are Level 7 in English and Science, and Level 8 in Maths): **Amy Szuman, Peter Grayson, Madeleine Pitkin, Ben Holtby, Tom Wicks, George Harrison, and Samuel Spencer.**

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.

Wanted: Parent Governors

There are vacancies on the Governing Body for parent governors. All parents of students at Malton School are eligible to stand. Even if students leave the school a parent governor can serve out his or her four-year term. Being a parent governor is both interesting and worthwhile, giving you a valuable insight into the way the school is run and a say in the decision making processes.

If you are interested please contact Nicola Wise in the school office, by 28 September, for further details or simply a chat about what is involved.

Our Day Out

More than 50 students from Years 7 to 13 took part in a full school production of the Will Russell play about a school trip that didn't go exactly to plan. A matinee performance took place on Friday 6 July for local primary school children and two evening performances were delivered on Friday 6 July and Saturday 7 July. The audiences enjoyed an excellent show but the most amazing aspect of it was that the students had learnt and rehearsed the play in only one week! The "play in a week" idea is our initial response to the question of adding drama to our school curriculum. All involved had a lot of fun, developed new skills and greater self-confidence as a result of the experience. Thank you to drama teachers Joan Gibb and Jane Allanach as well as to our very own Head of Music Mrs Kettlewell. Watch this space if you want to be in this year's play!

Annual Art Exhibition

On Tuesday, 26 June we held our Annual Art Exhibition which was extremely well attended by a most enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Three special guests were John and Vicky Howard and their daughter Amy, who presented the Emma Howard Memorial Prize to **Elis Bucher**. In recognition of some exceptionally high standards this year, awards also went to **Sally Fothergill, Harriet Bean and Jamie Mills**.

Malton Show Success

Many of our KS3 students entered the Malton Show Art Competition and we were winners across all categories: **Robert Dickenson** (1st Special Prize), **Leah Beaumont** (1st) and **Shannon Rough** (Commended). **Kate Ferguson** and **Alison Darley** were also specially placed.

Talent Show – final day of term

On the last day of term the school's annual talent show took place. A variety of high quality musicians and singers provided excellent entertainment and a brilliant way to end the school year. **James Poole** triumphed playing the piano. **Gavin Redshaw** took equal 2nd place playing Delta Blues on his guitar, with **Liam White** who sang Eye of The Tiger. A special mention to the audience favourite, **Holly Robinson**, singing the theme from Titanic beautifully, despite technical problems with the backing track.

Wimbledon Trip

On Monday, 25 June, eight students and two staff members took the train down to London to see Wimbledon. However, between York and Kings Cross we were 'stopped in our tracks' as heavy rain had caused floods on the tracks. After finally arriving in London (4 hours behind schedule), we were too late to go to Wimbledon and therefore enjoyed a quick hour in WH Smith and took a look at the famous Platform 9^¾. Arriving back in York, our day had certainly not ended, as the train back to Malton was cancelled, meaning we had to get the bus back. Despite this, everyone was in high spirits all day.

Stephanie Bedford (Y10)

Year 9 University Visit

On Monday 16 July, 80 Malton School pupils travelled to Hull University on the Scarborough Campus to find out about university life. In the morning, students took part in two enterprising activities, which involved working in teams to produce a radio station and also creating an advert to persuade teenagers to eat more fruit. Later, a student ambassador gave us a tour of the accommodation and answered all our questions. Finally, we were provided with interesting and useful information about higher education.

Madeleine Pitkin and Amy Szuman (Y9)

Year 12 History Project

Sixth Form students engaged in another Film Project in June, following on the success of Heather and Maple last year. We hope to premiere the film in November. The activities in the History department are getting noticed nationally. The national Young Historians Awards panel were “captivated” by our films, enough to make a special award of a £50 prize. The Spirit of Normandy Trust are to give a special prize of £100 “in recognition of the qualities they” in the premiere of ‘Ryedale at War’ production.

7F On Fire With Their Fundraising

On Saturday 14 July, students from 7F took part in a sponsored family-fun day to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children’s Charity. The day focused on a 5 mile sponsored walk around Castle Howard. The pupils have raised **£675** for the charity, which is a fantastic effort! In addition to those taking part and sponsoring students, we also would like to thank Leeds Rhino’s Rugby League Club, PGL holiday company, Mrs Richardson, Mr Edwards and Mrs Green for their kind donations of prizes.

7W Splash Out With Their Fundraising

As well as their usual fundraising for WaterAid, which this year raised £125, students in 7W raised money for two AQUABOXes – emergency aid boxes sponsored by Rotary International. A bring and buy sale and cake sales were organised to fund purchasing the boxes, then the families of 7W donated items to fill them Well done all.

Staff News

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

John Horsman retired after 32 years in the Science department, **Della Hayward** after 19 years in the Maths Department, and **Veronica Hartley** after 11 years in the Art department. **Ed Sturmheit**, Head of English, moved to a Sixth Form College in Pontefract; PE teacher **Lyle Hillier** to Ryedale School and **Claudia Brettle** retired as a Support Assistant.

We welcome the following new members of staff:

To the teaching staff we welcome: **Mrs Warburton** our new Head of Science, **Mrs Wilcock** our new Head of English, **Mrs Criddle** and **Mr Belham** in Mathematics, **Ms Curran** in Music, **Mr Whitaker** in Design Technology, **Miss Harmon** in Art and **Mr Hodgson** joins the PE Department. We welcome back Mrs Briggs to Food Technology. To the clerical and support staff we welcome **Mrs Stirton** (Learning Supervisor) and **Mrs Leeson** (Receptionist/Reprographics).

SPORTS NEWS

Y7 Rounders

On Monday 11 June, a team of Year 7 girls took part in the District Rounders Tournament held at Pindar School. Eleven schools were involved and the standard was very high. Malton School got off to a great start winning 4 out of 5 games in the first round. The team won their semi-final against Lady Lumley’s (7½ - 7) and then went on to win the final against Ryedale School (9 - 7½). Girls of the match were awarded to **Aimee Machin** and **Anatita Marr**

Emma Marsden (Y10)

Cricket

The Y8 cricket team had a fantastic run of success last term reaching the final of the District Cup. Due to the bad weather at the end of the season, the final had to be postponed until September. This has now taken place but unfortunately they were defeated by Eskdale School in the final.

Tennis

Two Y10 students, **Emma Marsden** and **Alice Brook**, played in the North Area Inter-District Tennis Championships. They were playing as a doubles partnership and faced tough competition from schools in each district – Ryedale, Hambleton/Richmond, Harrogate/Craven and York. The Malton duo won six out of seven matches to capture the area crown. Now they go forward to represent the North Area at the Yorkshire Schools' tennis championships, which are to be held at the South Leeds Stadium in September.

Well done to both girls and good luck for the championships.

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 **Fiona Marsden** beating Alice Brook, whilst in the Boys' Final, **Alex Carrie** met James Kellett with Alex gaining the title. Mixed Doubles saw some impressive tennis with **Fiona Marsden** and **Ryan Cuthbertson** regaining their title over Alice Brook and Tom Thorpe. This year's most improved tennis player award goes to **Lucy Goodwill**.

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 Samantha Clay and the Boys' award went to Matthew Leathley.

The Bruce Rolls Trophies for Sport are awarded to Key Stage 3 students for both service and attainment in sport. The 2006-07 winners were **Simon Reeves** and **Kim Douthwaite**

The PE Department is extremely grateful for all the help received from the Sixth Form and in particular the time that CSLA students dedicate to the Department. The award for commitment to Malton School sport was awarded to **Fay Chapman**.

To recognise pupils in each of the individual sports for their hard work and commitment, the following pupils were awarded Player of the Year 2006-07:

Netball:	Alice Brook (10W)
Rugby:	Alistair Coe (9F)
Basketball:	Alistair Fothergill (9E)
Hockey:	Amy Szuman (9W)
Football:	Matthew Webster (10A)
Athlete:	Ed Marwood (9E)
Rounders:	Rachel Simpson (7W)
Cricket:	Alex Carrie (8F)
Gymnast:	Annie Bentley (9A)

Sports Day Results

The weather amazingly held out for our annual sports day event.

There were 7 records broken this year:

Year 7

Javelin	Amy Machin	16.7m
1500 metres	Katie Mitchell	6.37min

Year 9

200 metres	Edward Marwood	26.17s
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Year 10

300 metres	Nicole Butterworth	51.09s
1500 metres	Nicole Butterworth	6.23min
400 metres	Alex Lee	58.85s
100 metres	Ryan Cuthbertson	11.64s

Individual year group winners were:

Y7 Girls	Chloe Potts and Katie Mitchell
Y7 Boys	Ben Stubbings and Robert Farrar
Y8 Girls	Sophia Metcalf
Y8 Boys	Tom Holmes
Y9 Girls	Esther Quinn
Y9 Boys	Edward Marwood
Y10 Girls	Nicole Butterworth
Y10 Boys	Alex Lee

The final point scores had Earth a clear winner.

1 st	Earth	954
2 nd	Water	926
3 rd	Air	877
4 th	Fire	872

AUTUMN TERM 2007

September

T	04	09.00	Autumn Term commences (Wk 1) Y7 + Y13 start school Y12 mid-morning registration
W	05	09.00	Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y11 start school Y12 Residential to East Barnby
M	10		Y12 start timetable
F	21		PD Reward Trip - Lightwater Valley
W	26		Y10 Geography field study visit (2 days)
		19.00	Y6 Information Evening

October

M	01		Geography residential course parents' meeting (Y12)
W	03		PTA AGM
F	05		Y11 PE residential to East Barnby
W	10		Special Day
T	16		Y12 Geography Trip
W	17		Y12 Geography Trip
F	19		Last day of half-term
M	29	09.00	Autumn Term continues (Wk 2)

November

T	06		Senior Maths Challenge
Th	08	19.30	Celebration Evening
F	09		Y13 assessments → home
F	16		Y11 assessments → home
M	19		Y12HSC Work placement week
T	20		6 th Form Open Evening
F	23		School closed – staff training day
M	26		Yr13 Parents Evening
W	28		Y12 assessments → home

December

M	03		Y11 exams commence
Th	06		Y7 settling in report home Y12 Parents Evening
T	11		Y7 review day Special Day
M	17		Concert Rehearsal
T	18		Christmas lunch
W	19		Concert
Th	20		Senior citizens
F	21		Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2008

January

M	07		School closed Staff training day
T	08	09.00	Spring Term commences (Wk 1)

DATES OF TERMS 2007-08

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
M 3 September	F 19 October	M 3 September
M 29 October	F 21 December	F 23 November
M 7 January	F 8 February	M 7 January
M 18 February	Th 20 March	
M 7 April	F 23 May	<i>Bank holiday:</i> M 5 May
M 2 June	T 22 July	M 21 July T 22 July

Y6 Information Evening

Parents and Students Welcome

Wednesday, 26 September 2007

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

At the West Wing Hall, Malton School

Refreshments afterwards

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 3 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.