
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Beatles Night

The annual Easter Shows on the last two nights of term proved as popular as ever, with the standard of performance extremely high. The vast majority of pieces were inspired by John, Paul, George and Ringo, and the variety in style and content reflected The Beatles' diversity.

Solo performances over the two nights were outstanding. Vocal solo performers were **Liam White** (*Yesterday*), **Robyn Harrison** (*Hey Jude*), **Ellen Bentley** (*For No One*), **Douglas Bentley** (*Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da*), **Alex Tate-Smith** with **Emily Stolting** (*Let It Be*), **Lizzie Leeson** (*With A Little Help From My Friends*), **Charlotte Bean** (*Yesterday*) and **Gavin Redshaw**, accompanying himself on a home-made slide guitar and amplified foot! Instrumental solos came from **Jemima Myers** and **James Poole** (piano), **Alex Lancaster** (violin) and **Michael Mason** with a very original melodeon performance of the folk ballad, *Leaving of Liverpool*. Add to all this performances from the orchestra, jazz band, junior and senior choirs and rock bands, Phobia and Pathogenic, and it is no wonder the audience enjoyed the shows and went home full of praise for what they had seen. We even managed to squeeze in a little comedy with **Jamie Bayes'** Shakespearean recitation of *A Hard Day's Night* (à la Peter Sellers). The show was presented by senior students **Martin Blake**, **Sarah Smith** and **Rosie Spencer**.

In addition, twenty minutes was dedicated to a group of 15 gifted and talented musicians from years 8 to 13, who spent three full days working with professional jazz trombonist Annie Whitehead. They played five pieces, including jazz and South African pieces, and, of course, a Beatles number, *The Ballad of John and Yoko*. This exciting and highly successful project was made possible by a grant from the Endowment Governors.

Results News

Just before Easter we heard that our Key Stage 2 to 3 "contextual value added" results last year were the best in North Yorkshire, and in the top 2% in the country. This is a superb result and shows the hard work and commitment of students and staff. Well done to the present Year 10s. Year 9 have a lot to do to equal or even beat our position nationally! As we often say on reports, hard work is the key to success!

Post-18 Information Evening Wednesday, 30 April 2008 at 7.30pm West Wing Hall

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.

Special Day Thursday 17 April

This will be the next in our series of special days where students take part in project based activities related to particular subject areas rather than attending normal lessons. Your child will already know details of what they will be involved in on that day.

National Strike Action Thursday 24 April

Some staff will be involved in the national teachers strike on this day. At the moment it looks like, whilst there will be some disruption, there should be no need for a full or partial school closure. If this situation changes we will write to parents with an update.

Civic Service

Two Year 11 students, **Amos Abrahams** and **Florence Spaven** represented Malton School at the Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Old Malton on Sunday 9 March. They took the readings and did the school proud.

National Speaking Competition

Two Year 11 students, **Amos Abrahams** and **Emma Bean**, accompanied the Head to Durham on 15 March for a debating competition. They did very well, but unfortunately didn't get through to the semi-finals. Apparently one of the teams which won had travelled from Vancouver!

Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

The competition is organised by Rotarians from Scarborough, Pickering and Malton & Norton. 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.

On Monday 3 March, three teams from Malton School went to Youth Speaks Award at Lady Lumleys School. Miss Nichols went with the Junior team, **Evie Fothergill** as the main speaker, **Shantel Ferguson** as Chairperson and **Katie Bradbury** as Vote of Thanks proposer. They did an interesting talk about doctors and footballers, but sadly did not win as the standard was so high. Mr Cambata went with the Intermediate Team, **Roxana Khan-Williams** as the main speaker, **Ebony-Jane Ward** as Chairperson and **Derron Bradbury** as Vote of Thanks proposer. They did a fantastic speech on prejudice against ginger people and came a very close second. Well Done! Mr Fearnley went with the Senior Team, **Amos Abrahams** as main speaker, **Florence Spaven** as Chairperson and **Emma Bean** as Vote of Thanks proposer. Sadly, they also didn't win, but did so well, as many of the other contestants in that category were much older and had more experience.

Evie Fothergill (Y7)

TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Ski Trip

On 8 March, bright and early at 5.30am, over 40 students plus adults set off on a week long ski trip to Austria. Most of each day was spent having skiing lessons and, within a few days, many of us had progressed onto the red and black slopes. The snow conditions were fortunately good for most of the week. Our evenings were filled with bingo, quizzes and more bingo. Some of us even managed to fit in some German practice along the way! Major injuries on the slopes were thankfully avoided, although one member of staff managed to hurt their shoulder after some luggage dropped on her from the overhead lockers on the plane (luckily at the end of the trip!) We all came away having had a great experience and thanks to all the staff for giving us such a good opportunity!

Jamie Green (Y9)

Sport Relief – 'Run a Mile'

On Friday 14 March students and staff from all years and abilities turned out to run or walk a mile, dressed in an array of sports wear, all with the aim of raising funds for the 'Sport Relief' campaign. Students also contributed by not wearing uniform and paying a minimum of £1 fine (some paid more!). At dinnertime, Year 9 tennis ace **Alex Carrie** took on the Head, Mr Williams, in a challenge tennis match. Alex took the first set 6-1, but the match was time-limited, and the afternoon lessons bell called a halt with Mr Williams leading 2-1 in the second set.

Staff played students at football, coming out eventual winners 3-2. Altogether over £600 was raised for charity. Well done to everyone involved.

SPORTS NEWS

Gymnastics

Our Senior gymnastics team won the Scarborough and District Schools competition held at Pindar on Saturday 15 March. The team consisted of **Amy Szuman** (Captain), **Annie Bentley**, **Charlotte Stevens**, **Anatita Marr** and **Josephine Smith**. Annie Bentley won an individual Gold award on vault and Charlotte Stevens won a Bronze award on floor. Well done to all.

Football

Year 7 football team reached the semi-final of the Scarborough and District Cup but lost 3-2. Year 10 football team have reached the semi-final of the Scarborough and District Cup. Congratulations to Y11 football team who are now through to the final of the Scarborough and District Cup.

Cricket

Alex Carrie and **Ben Holtby** have been selected for the U15s Scarborough and District cricket squad. Alex has also been selected to attend the U14s North Yorkshire Trials.

Absence Line (01653) 605303

Please may we take this opportunity to inform you of a telephone number for parents/ carers to notify the school office of any student absence. This is a 24-hour facility, which is listened to on a regular basis by our Attendance Secretary. It would be appreciated if you were able to ring before 9.00 am. You will be asked by a recorded message to leave the following details:

Name of student
Reason for absence
Form group

A phone call from the parent/carer on the first day of absence only covers that day. If the student is absent for longer, please telephone on the 3rd day; a letter is required to cover this period of absence on return to school.

Annual Science Lecture

Wednesday, 23 April 2008
7.00 – 8.15 pm

MALTON SCHOOL, WEST WING HALL

Engineering Gold - the Science of Sport



How do our football stars take the perfect free-kick?



Why have tennis rackets become so large?



What technologies are driving the speed of cyclists?



How can physics unravel cricket's mysteries of 'swing' and 'reverse swing'?

Presented by Dr David James

Tickets from West Wing Reception
£2.00 (concessions £1.00)

**School Play – "Teachers" by John Godber
Friday 4th and Saturday 5th July**

**Auditions for all interested students on
Tuesday 13th May at 1.30pm in WW Hall.**

SUMMER TERM 2008

April

M	07	09.00	Summer term commences (Wk 1)
T	15		Y13 Reports home
		17.00	Y8 Parents Evening
Th	17		Junior Maths Challenge
W	23		Y10 Geography Field Trip
Th	24		Y10 Geography Field Trip
Fr	25		Non-Uniform Day for local charities
W	30		Y10 History Trip (Wed-Fri) Post 18 Information Evening

May

M	05		Bank holiday – school closed
T	06		Y9 SATs and exams begin
M	12		Y10 GCSE Science exam Y10 Work Experience Y7 assessment period Y12/13 AS/A2 modules begin
T	13		Y9 exams end Last day Y12 timetable
W	14		Y10 GCSE RE exam Y11 Prom
T	15		Last day of Y11 timetable
F	16		Y8 examinations begin Last day Y13 timetable
M	19		Y10 Work Experience Y8 examinations
F	23		Last day of half-term

June

M	02		Summer term continues (Wk 2) A2 exams begin
Th	05		Y10 GCSE Science exam
W	11		Y10 GCSE Science exam
Th	12		Y10 GCSE Science exam Norton Y10 Science Evening
M	16		Y10 GCSE Science/Maths exams Y9 Camping Week Y12 Geography Trip Y12 History Trip
W	18		Y10 GCSE Science exam
M	23		Y12 restart timetable
T	24		Y11 GCSE Science exam
W	25		Y11 GCSE Maths exam
F	26		Y13 AS/AS modules end
M	30		Y13 Clearance

July

T	01		Y6 Induction Day 1
W	02		Y6 Induction Day 2 Y8 Reports home
Th	03		Y6 Information Evening
Fr	04		School Play – “Teechers”

Sa	05		School Play – “Teechers”
M	07		Y9-10 House Matches
T	08		Y7-8 House Matches
Th	10		Y7 Assessments home Sports Day 1
F	11		W2W Expedition (2 days)
T	15		Y9 Assessments home Y10 Reports home Tennis Finals Sports Day 2 (reserve)
Th	17		
F	18	15.35	End of term
M	21		School closed – staff training
T	22		School closed – staff training