
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Sports Centre Success!

On Monday night Ryedale District Council voted, nearly unanimously, in support of a £1.5m grant to Malton School to move forward with the development of a community sports centre on the school site. This is fantastic news for all who have played their part in the campaign to achieve improved, joint use, sports facilities at the school. For current and future generations of students the sports centre development should provide improved sporting chances and opportunities.

It is now down to the school to pursue a final, detailed version of a proposal that can secure full planning permission. The school and the District Council will also need to agree contractual terms for the joint use arrangements. But it is our intention that this new facility is ready for opening by September 2009.

The school is putting forward a bid to the Football Foundation, in conjunction with the FA, to match fund and provide a floodlit, third generation (top quality) synthetic pitch in addition to the sports centre. The school will also continue to pursue other avenues of funding from grant bodies and the private sector to see how far we can enhance the scheme. I hope to provide further information on this in the next newsletter. If you have any contacts or suggestions for potential business partners or sponsors please contact me at the school.

Some people have waited a very long time for this outcome, some are still pinching themselves to see if it is really true and some will only believe it when the foundations are being laid! But this decision means the school is now much more in control of the project and its own destiny and we will ensure improved sporting facilities in the near future.

Mr. R. Williams
Headteacher

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New Uniform Approved

After consultation with students, parents and staff the Governors approved the changes to the Uniform Policy to take effect from September 2008. The main changes are:

- The phased introduction of blazers – compulsory for Year 7 from September / optional for Years 8 to 11.
- The simplification of colour rules for trousers and skirts – black only from September.
- The simplification of rules re: footwear – must be plain black leather type material (i.e. plain black trainers will be allowed).
- An amended school tie with a crest to assist with proper tying and wearing.
- The introduction of House Ties, Half Colours and Full Colours to further strengthen the system of positive recognition in place.

Two key concerns were to ensure that the total cost of the new uniform did not exceed the total cost of the old uniform; and to allow as many items as possible to be purchased competitively on the high street. Both of these objectives have been met. The school believes that the new uniform will look smarter, the uniform rules will be simpler and the cost to parents will be maintained at the existing relatively low level. May I take this opportunity to remind all parents that Malton operates its sale of uniform on a cost basis (i.e. not profit-making).

Some parents have raised the issue of replacement of worn out or ill-fitting jumpers or shoes from Easter onwards. The school has decided to allow the new uniform to be available from Easter for parents and students who wish to make the switch then and avoid the unnecessary cost of buying one more jumper or traditional shoe. In the case of blazers, parents would need to understand that their son/daughter in this instance would be among the first students in the school to be dressed in this way.

Copies of the full, revised, uniform policy are available on request from Reception. A version will be placed on the school website. A copy will be sent home in the summer term.



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. However, 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.

Solo performances over the two nights were outstanding. Vocals solos were from **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 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* (a la Peter Sellers). The show was presented by senior students **Martin Blake**, **Sarah Smith** and **Rosie Spencer**.

Set-design for the night was undertaken by our Year 11 vocational art group, and additional art

work interpreting some of the Beatles' stranger lyrics was provided by Miss Harmon's Year 8 artists.

Proms Fashion Show Friday 7th March

Parent and local entrepreneur, Mrs. Smurthwaite, of More Hats in Malton, has organised an excellent event in support of all students in Years 11 and 13 (and possibly those planning ahead in Years 10 and 12!). This event will take place next Friday in the West Wing Hall at 7pm. All the local suppliers of every imaginable Proms-related item (dresses, ball gowns, DJs, suits, hats, hair, beauty, photography, limo hire etc) will have a stall in the main hall and will be offering demonstrations and discounts. An outstanding team of models will be displaying the clothing on the catwalk. The event is part of our partnership working with Norton College and many Year 11 students from Norton will be present as well. All proceeds will go this year to the Sporting Chance Appeal being run by Malton School and the Gazette and Herald. Next year the event will take place at Norton College in support of a cause nominated by them.

Tickets are available from Reception at £4 each or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children).

PTA Raffle Update

Hot off the press! Excellent news. The PTA Raffle has raised £1,600 for the West Wing Hall stage improvements. The prize draw will take place on Friday night at the Murder Mystery event. The tutor groups raising the most money were 7A and 7E, who will be going ten-pin bowling as a reward for their efforts.

Dance Spectacular

Over 200 ? children from local primary schools enjoyed a day with us at the end of term, as they rehearsed and then performed a dance spectacular. [More from Andy Hodgson]

Baillie Gifford & Financial Mail on Sunday Essay Competition

Congratulations to sixth form Business student Matthew Stubbings for winning £50 worth of book tokens for his submission to a national writing competition on the subject of UK debt.

Sports News

Tennis

The Senior Tennis mixed team are to be commended on their performance at recent the Regional Finals at Bolton Arena. Unfortunately they were knocked out of the second round after a tie-break situation; they lost by 5 points. The team members were **Fay Chapman, Emma Marsden, Fiona Marsden, Jack Thackray, Gareth Webb and Danny Alsafar.**

Athletics

Congratulations to Year 7 students **Jemima Myers** and **Will Spencer** for gaining their District Colours for Cross Country.

Sport Relief

A busy day on 14 March as students and staff raised money for this year's Sport Relief Campaign. All students contributed by not wearing their uniform and paying a minimum £1 fine (some paid more!). Then at dinnertime Year 10 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 £xxx was raised for charity.

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.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Mr G. Howard and Mr P. Williams as Learning Managers and Miss L. Davison as the Lower School Pastoral Officer.

Polite Reminder

Please do NOT use the drive way at the West Wing for dropping off or picking up students between 8.40am and 9.00am and between 3.30pm and 3.50pm as it interferes with buses, causes congestion and poses a potential safety risk.

SPRING AND SUMMER TERM DATES 2008

February

M	18	09.00	First day of term (Wk 2) Y12 exams
M	25		Y9 Options Evening
Th	28		Y8 Interim Assessments home

March

M	03		Y13 exams GCSE Ma module
T	04	17.00	Y11 Parents Evening
W	05		Y11 GCSE Sc exam
F	07		Y9 reports home
S	08		Ski trip departs
W	12	17.00	Y9 Parents Evening
W	19		Y12 reports home
		19.30	Easter Concert
Th	20		Y13 reports home
		19.30	Easter Concert
			Last day of term
F	21		Bank holiday

April

M	07	09.00	Summer term commences (Wk 1)
T	15		Y13 Reports home
		17.00	Y8 Parents Evening
W	16		Y10 Geography field trip
Th	17		Y10 Geography field trip
			Junior Maths Challenge
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
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
Th	17		Sports Day 2 (reserve)
F	18		End of term
		15.35	
M	21		School closed – staff training
T	22		School closed – staff training

Karen: Can you flag up somewhere that sport dates in the summer term have been changed. (I have changed them on the above calendar!)