

History of Malton School Book Launch—2 October 2008

A very enjoyable evening saw former staff and students gather at the school to purchase copies of *A History of Malton School*, following its publication at the beginning of October. Headteacher Mr Williams introduced the evening, setting the school in context as a school with a long and proud tradition stretching back over four-hundred years, but also a school embracing new ideas and new developments, forging ahead with ever improving standards of achievement.

Mr Fearnley, then spoke about how the book had been written over the last ten years, illustrating his talk with slides depicting the school, its students and its staff, over the last hundred years.

Some guests had travelled considerable distances to attend - Simon Crozier and his wife from Germany, for example. We were delighted to welcome David Lloyd, a teacher at Malton Grammar School in the 1960s, and the author of the last book on the school (published in 1965), who travelled up from Shropshire with his wife.

The book appears to have been well-received. Just two of many comments: *"I sat down with it when I got home, and didn't get to bed until two in the morning reminiscing."* *"What a wonderful book. Beautifully put together and what an amazing collection of photographs. In days when the newspapers and our politicians are obsessed with 'standards' it is good to see how over a very long period Malton School has tried to cater for all interests and all people. And what fun is recorded in your pages."*

Almost 250 books have now been sold. Further copies are still available, price £15 from school, £19 if postage and packing is required. To order or purchase a copy, please contact reception at the school in person or via a student at school, or ring 01653 692828, or e-mail admin@maltonschool.org

Further details about the book are available on the school's website at www.maltonschool.org.

An Inspector Calls

One of Her Majesty's Inspectors for Science (HMI) visited us for two days at the end of September to review our progress as a specialist science school. He observed every member of staff in Science, talked to groups of students from across the full age and ability range, and discussed results and policies with senior staff. He was very impressed with the department, with the clear enjoyment experienced by students, and with the excellent outcomes achieved. He was particularly impressed with the extent of investigative approaches employed within the teaching of Science at Malton. We will publish the full report as soon as we have permission but here is a brief flavour of the Inspector's comments:

"Students' progress at Key Stage 3 is outstanding, and in 2007, the last year of validated data, the school was placed in the top 2% of schools in England..... The large majority of lessons seen were good and some were outstanding..... The wide range of practical work seen is made possible by a very well led and well qualified team of laboratory technicians. Students affirm their high levels of confidence and trust in their science teachers and speak positively of how teachers are always willing to help them."

HOUSE TROPHY WINNER

We neglected to mention in the last newsletter the winner of the individual House Trophy, awarded to the student with the most house points in a year. The winner was **Jessica Johnson** of 7 Fire, just a couple of points ahead of **Katie Mitchell** in 8 Earth.

The overall house trophy is always awarded at Christmas for the total in a calendar year. Current positions with six weeks to go are:

Fire	13,412
Water	12,854
Earth	12,631
Air	12,445

Friends of Malton School

This new fundraising initiative was launched before half term, and we are delighted to have received over £750 in donations or pledges already, as well as some significant donations in kind. A reminder - we are asking for donations to provide additional facilities in and around school, and to present and preserve items relating to the School's past, for the benefit of students past and present. Some projects under consideration are: equipment to set up a student radio station (for broadcasting around school); additional benching and seating; improved display facilities for student work; framing of school photographs for display; improved storage and access to school archive material (photographs and documents) for former students and visitors.

Donations are of course still welcome. We ask for a minimum of £10, though many people have given more. Cheques should be payable to Malton School. A form and further details, including Gift Aid declaration, are available on the website at www.maltonschool.org, or by contacting the school on 01653 692828. Alternatively simply send us your contact details with your donation.

A big thankyou to all those who have already made contributions.

Malton County Modern School 50th Anniversary

A plaque commemorating Mr George Hanson, headmaster of Malton County Modern 1958-1971, will be presented to the school by his son at our annual Celebration Evening on 13 November. In addition an exhibition of photographs of County Modern days will be on display in the West Wing of the school from this date. If you would like to view these photographs, please contact the school to arrange a viewing time.

Trips and Activities

Lightwater Valley

Students in Years 8 to 13 who had done well in their work last year were rewarded with a trip to Lightwater Valley at the end of September. To qualify, students had to have gained fifty housepoints and not to have been in isolation. The entire theme park was booked by the school, which meant that queues were minimal. The whole day was a great success and all who went enjoyed the experience. Those who did not qualify had a day of normal subject lessons. Even the weather was kind to us this year and it stayed fine all day.

Year 7 spent the day in school enjoying a magnificent falconry display by Ben Potter. He brought six birds of prey.

We were shown how they fly and catch prey. Some of the birds could fly really fast! Then Ben started choosing volunteers to come and hold the birds. Lucky for me, I got to hold an eagle owl. It felt really good to see it up close; though it was quite heavy.

Charlotte Housden 7F

After an exciting display, Y7 wrote poems and produced some creative displays reflecting what they had learned by seeing these magnificent birds. The afternoon was rounded off by seeing 'Fly Away Home' which everyone agreed was a good end to a super day.

Special Day River Rye, Helmsley Trip

The Geography trip to the River Rye at Helmsley helped us to understand rivers more. We looked at meanders and ox-bow lakes. We also looked at the depth and speed of the inner and outer bend of the meander. The beach on the inner bend resulted from deposited materials from the river and the river cliff on the outer bend had been eroded. We all enjoyed the day.

Lottie Simpson (Y8)

Special Day—Helmsley/Rievaulx Trip

On Monday 6 October we went on a History Trip. It was good fun, we went through a forest and walked for ages. We had to walk from Helmsley Castle to Rievaulx Abbey. It was really muddy and I nearly lost my shoe. Helmsley Castle was really much bigger than I expected. We could only see Rievaulx Abbey from a distance; it looked beautiful with the sun shining on it.

Katie Benson (Y7)

Y12 East Barnby Residential

Wednesday morning, the daunting thought of being in a group of people I didn't know was quite scary. However, this thought soon passed as we found the activities very enjoyable, and it got us working together as a group. Firstly, we did some beak scrambling which was quite cold, yet exciting. We all did things that we thought we wouldn't do, but the encouragement from the group helped. Over the next few days we experienced a night walk and kayaking. By the end of the weekend it was like we'd known each other for years. Even now we value the friendships we made through team bonding.

Stephanie Bedford, Alice Brook and Beth Young (Y12)

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who are through to the quarter finals of the County Cup. They beat Bedale School 3-2 in the first round and Richmond School 5-2 after being 2-0 down at half time.

Rugby

Congratulations also to the Year 7 rugby team who have won both Whitby-Ryedale Rugby Festivals at Malton and Norton Rugby Club. They were unbeaten in both tournaments and didn't concede a try.

Netball

Well done to the U13 netball team. They won their first game, beating Raincliffe School 13-5. They now play Filey in the second round on 8 December. Good luck to all involved.

Cross Country

Well done to the following four boys who made the Top 20 in the second round of the Scarborough and District Cross Country at Caedmon in October.

Will Spencer (Y8)	2nd place
Tom Everitt (Y3)	3rd place
Simon Reeves (Y11)	6th place
Russel Quinn (Y7)	7th place

Well done to the following four girls who also made it into the Top 20.

Charlotte Green (Y11)	9th place
Amy Szuman (Y11)	11th place
Lottie Simpson (Y8)	15th place
Charlotte Carr (Y7)	19th place

Parents' Forum

An opportunity
for all parents to hear a presentation on
Assessment and Reporting,
followed by a question and answer session
and general discussion.

Thursday 26 November 2008 at 7.00pm
West Wing Hall, Malton School

A PTA Meeting will follow the Parents' Forum

Malton School PTA

Years 7, 8 and 9
come and celebrate
the end of term!

Christmas Disco

With DJ Squeezer

Thursday 4 December 7.00 - 9.00pm
West Wing Hall, Malton School

Tickets £2.00
(can be purchased in advance from Reception)

Refreshments available on the night

All Welcome

AUTUMN TERM 2008

November

M	03	09.00	Autumn Term continues (Wk 1)
Th	06		Y8, 9 & 13 assessments → home
Th	13	19.30	Celebration Evening Y7 & 10 assessments → home
M	17		Y12 HSC Work placement week Y11 Swedish exchange in schools
Th	20		6 th Form Information Evening
M	24		Y13 Parents Evening
Th	27		Y12 assessments → home

December

M	01		Y11 exams commence
W	03		Y8 Theatre Trip pm
Th	11		Y12 Parents Evening
M	15		Touring Theatre visit Concert Rehearsal
W	17		Concert
Th	18		Senior citizens
F	19		Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2009

January

M	05		School closed Staff training day
T	06	09.00	Spring Term commences (Wk 1) Y13 modules start
Th	08		Y11 2nd assessments → home
Th	15		Y7, 8 & 9 Review Day
T	20		Y11 Poetry Live
Th	22		Y9 Option Fair
T	27		6th Form Open Evening
Th	29		Y12 2nd assesment → home

February

T	03		Y11 Parents' Evening
Th	05		Maths Challenge
M	09		Y12/13 BS trip to London - 3 days
W	11		Y13 English trip to London - 2 days Special Day
M	23		Y12 Exams commence Y11 Swedish Exchange to Sweden
Th	26		Y11 3rd assessments home

March

T	03		Y12/13 Maths trip
M	09		Y13 exams commence
T	17		Y10 Parents' Evening
Th	19		Y8 3rd assessments → home Y12 3rd assessments → home
Th	26		Y7 3rd assessments → home

April

W	01		Easter Concert
Th	02		Y13 2nd assessments → home Easter Concert Rewards Event
F	03		Last day of term

DATES OF TERMS 2008-09

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
M 3 November	F 19 December	F 26 September
M 5 January	F 13 February	M 5 January
M 23 February	F 3 April	
M 20 April	F 22 May	
M 1 June	F 17 July	
<i>Bank holiday:</i>		
M 4 May		
F 26 June		

Sixth Form Information Evening

Thursday, 20 November 2008

7.00 pm in the West Wing Hall,
Malton School

Parents and students welcome