

Celebration Evening

Thursday, 13 November saw the school hall packed with students, parents and guests to celebrate events and success from the 2007-08 school year, at our 10th annual Celebration Evening show.

It included musical interludes from school concerts and events during the year - **Michael Mason** playing melodeon; **Charlotte Green** playing flute; songs from **Lizzie Leeson** and **Douglas Bentley**; **Emma Bean**, **Maggie Spencer** and **Matthew Wilson** playing the old Grammar School Song; and a trio with a dance routine, **Tom Eddery**, **Paul Frankling** and **Adam Hymas**.

As well as reviewing the many successes of the year, the evening also saw awards made to 120 students, who had either finished in the top ten of their year group, or received three commendations from their teachers. There were also some special awards made:

Davina Kirk Trophy: **Phillippa Hammond**, **Lauren Chapman**
House Cup: **Jessica Johnson**
Dave Pay Trophy : **Mathew Webster**, **Amy Jones**
Bruce Rolls Trophy: **James Douthwaite**, **Rebecca Paylor**
Community Sports Trophy: **Emmy Hickes**
English Prize: **Hannah Godliman**
Food Technology Prize: **Jessica Cooke**
Hanson Prize for Geography: **Madeleine Pitkin**
Maths Junior/Intermediate/Senior: **Cameron Race**,
Sam Harrison, **James Baker**
Music Prize: **Matthew Wilson**
Science Prize: **Jack Stockdale**
Vocational Student of the Year: **Philip Hepple**

The son of a former Headteacher, John Hanson, with his wife Diana (nee Rushton), travelled from Skipton to be at the evening. He presented a commemorative plaque in memory of his father George Hanson, who was the sole headmaster of Malton County Modern School from 1958 - 1971. In a moving speech about his father, he said that so many people he still meets today remember him, always with fond recollections, respect and admiration. A remarkable man. As he stood on the school stage, he commented: "I'm sure if my father knew I was on his stage, feeling like a fish out of water, there would be a wry smile on his face!"

Christmas Show

Wednesday 17 December

Christmas events started with the annual performance of music, song, dance and pantomime, this year ably rehearsed and led by our new music teachers Miss Langdale and Mr Jennings. The show was presented by the three elected Senior Students **James Baker**, **Margaret Spencer** and **Will Smith**, who also played a full part in the musical and dramatic parts of the evening.

Group performances included a samba group, junior and senior choirs, orchestra, jazz group, and two sixth form ensembles. Vocal solos came from **Joanna Booker** (*All I Want for Christmas*), **Douglas Bentley** (*Mad World*), **Liam White** (*Music of the Night*), and **Nikki Cuthbert** (*Silver Bells*), accompanied by brother **Daniel**. Instrumental solos and duet from **Alex Lancaster** (*Dance of the Snowmen*), **Margaret Spencer** and **Will Smailes** (*Softly As I Leave You*), **James and Hannah Poole** (*Rudolph*). Four boys collectively known as Anti-Gravity performed a dance routine, and the evening finished with over thirty sixth formers in a mini-pantomime, *Sinbad the Sailor*, with **Matthew Stubbings** as Sinbad, **Emma Hatfield** as Princess Yasmin; the story was narrated by **Nicola McSkeane** and **Sophie Wright**. **Michael Mason** rehearsed and led the sailors in a fine sword dance.

Senior Citizens Party

Thursday 18 December

The pantomime was repeated on Thursday afternoon, along with more musical performances from the choir and soloists: **Elizabeth Leeson** sang *Hallelujah*, Alex Tate Smith a compilation of songs from *Muppets Christmas Carol* and Robyn Harrison *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. Over a hundred senior citizens, invited by the students, attended the afternoon, continuing a long tradition. The guests enjoyed food prepared by students, and received gift hampers and presents from Santa and his helpers. Thanks go again to our generous local sponsors whose support allows this to happen.

Sports Centre Update

The sports centre management group (comprising representatives of the school, governing body, Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire County Council) has completed the tendering process. We are currently going through evaluation of the tenders and a decision will be made shortly on our preferred contractor. We expect that Ryedale District Council will soon release the funding to allow us to move forward with the chosen contractor to submit a full planning application. I should be in a position to write a more detailed progress report in the February Newsletter.

Mr R Williams

Transition to the New School Uniform

I have had an almost entirely positive response to the new uniform from parents and from members of the wider community. In particular, the blazers have been popular and the move to allow plain black footwear (even if of a trainer type material) has been appreciated. I am pleased to see how well the new House ties have gone down with the students. As was said last year, looking and feeling smart has never gone out of fashion and it can give a boost to self-confidence.

On the back of this, and given the added financial burden on the school of having to run two different stocks of uniform at the same time, I have decided to foreshorten the transition period to the new uniform. From September 2010 all students in Years 7 to 11 will need to be in the new uniform. This still provides 5 terms (20 months) for families to plan for the switch. For those families who have just purchased a new school jumper, for example, it is likely that it will have been grown out of or worn out within that timescale. If the jumper needs to be replaced before September 2010 the decision can be made, now that this notice has been given, to make the move to the new uniform early. Some families in all year groups have already done this and I anticipate that this trend will grow as time passes. Therefore, this move should not impose any added financial burden on families.

Mr R Williams

House Competition

The House Trophy has been awarded at the end of each calendar year since 2000. The final results for 2008 were:

1st	Water	19,424
2nd	Fire	19,290
3rd	Air	18,653
4th	Earth	18,438



Well done Water, winners for the third year in a row. To the others houses - are you going to let Water keep winning?

Trips and Activities

Remembrance Day

The school was very well represented by students, staff and governors at the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial on Yorkersgate. Students from the school were participating in the ranks of the cadets, the scouts and the guides. **James Kellett**, Head Boy, laid a wreath on behalf of the students, staff and governors of the school. The Year 13 historians involved in making the film about the people of Ryedale in the First World War were present recording some of the last footage required before the editing process begins. We look forward to the premiere of the film before the end of the year.

Y13 English Trip

'Death of a Salesman'

On 12 November 2008 A-level English students travelled to York Theatre Royal to admire the dramatics of Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman' as part of their studies. It was a very intense viewing which greatly benefitted the students.

Y11 Swedish Music Exchange

(Malton hosted Swedish Students)

The Swedish visit was very fun,
Brought laughter and joy to everyone.
Whether we danced, sang or played bassoon,
The end of the week came far too soon.

Although rapidly planned and underprepared,
Our gift of music we gladly shared.
We swapped numbers, for texts and calls,
Now we can't wait to try their 'Juicy Meatballs'!
Sam Davies & Finn Needham Y12

Y13 Psychology Trip Chester Zoo

On 20 November 2008 six Psychology students and Miss Nichols travelled to Chester Zoo. An interesting day was had by all but the highlight was watching the behaviour and antics of our ape ancestors, which proved both humorous and educational.

Robyn Harrison Y13

Year 8 Police Station Visit

On 24 November we went on a visit to Malton Police Station as part of our module of crime and punishment which we have been working on. During our visit we were shown some police uniforms and some old riot gear. We were also shown around the police cells, which are now out of use. We also saw what equipment the patrol cars use, such as stingers and speed guns. Overall our police visit was a huge success and we enjoyed it whilst also learning. Thank you to all staff involved.

William Spencer Y8

Y8 English Trip

“Blood Brothers” - York Theatre Royal

On 3 December 2008 Year 8 students went to the Grand Opera House, York to see ‘Blood Brothers’. It tells a story of two brothers who meet again in their lives with fateful consequences. The story was gripping the whole way through and the actors were magnificent. It was a really great experience and we would all love the chance to visit the theatre again.

Evie Fothergill & Holly Johnson Y8

ESU National Debating Competition

Amos Abrahams and **Emma Bean** represented the school at the English Speaking Union National Debates at Darlington on Monday 17 November. They were proposing the motion ‘This House would ban experimentation on animals’. Unfortunately, they did not make it through to the next round but they did themselves and the school proud. Well done!



New members would be warmly welcomed at both the Upper and Lower School Debating Clubs.

Mon—Upper School Debating Room 42
Wed—Lower School Debating Room 42
Both start at 1pm

Debating Competition Win

On Wednesday 26 November 2008 members of Malton School’s debating team attended the Inter-Schools Inter-County Debating Competition at Beverley. Students from Norton, Driffield and Beverley Grammar School also took part. Malton School team, consisting of **Jemima Myers** (Captain), **James Winship**, **Bryony Hall** and **Evie Fothergill** had an impressive win, debating the motion “All pupils should travel to school by car.” Congratulations to all students involved!

Children in Need

On 14 November the school had a non-uniform day and raised over £950 for Children in Need. Other fundraising activities included cake sales, raising £60, and Science Department held a Strictly Come Science Karaoke event raising £27. Well done to all students and staff involved.

SPORTS NEWS

Inter-School Sports Challenge

In the recent Sports Challenge held at Lady Lumley’s School 2 boys and 2 girls from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 represented the school. The 4 events they took part in were tug-of-war, climbing, rowing and relay and the results were as follows:

- Y7 1st **Maisie Northing** and **Annie Farrow**
Thomas Everitt and **Alistair Mitchell**
Y8 2nd **Emily Farrow** and **Sophie Miller**
Lewis Rawling and **William Spencer**
Y9 1st **Aimee Machin** and **Katie Mitchell**
Ben Stubbings and **Robert Farrow**
Y10 2nd **Lucy Goodwill** and **Rebecca Kemp**
George Everitt and **Thomas Holmes**

Overall we were placed 2nd to Ryedale, who won by only a few points. Congratulations to all students.

Rugby

Year 8 rugby team won the Ryedale Partnership Tournament and are now through to the forthcoming East Yorkshire Trials. Congratulations!

Netball

Good luck to the U13 girls team who are due to play George Pindar Community College on Thursday 29 January in the semi-finals of the Scarborough & District Netball Tournament.

Well done to the Y12 and 13 mixed hockey team who defeated Lady Lumley’s School 3-0 in a match before Christmas.

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 assessment → home

February

T	03	Y11 Parents' Evening
Th	05	Maths Challenge
M	09	Y12/13 Business Studies 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 begin
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
M	20	Summer Term commences (Wk 1)
T	21	Y10 Exams
Th	23	Y11 4th assessments → home
T	28	Post 18 Information Evening
W	29	Y10 Battlefields Trip France (until Sunday)
Th	30	Junior Maths Challenge

May

M	4	Bank Holiday - School closed
W	6	Y10 3rd assessment → home
M	11	Y9 exams begin Y12 AS modules begin
T	12	Y10 RE exam (pm) Last day Y12 timetable
W	13	Y11 GCSE exams begin
Th	14	Last day Y11 timetable Y10 3rd assessments → home Y10 Science Module (pm)
F	15	Last day Y13 timetable
M	18	Y7 in class tests begin
W	20	Y13 A2 modules begin
Fri	22	Last day of term

DATES OF TERMS 2008-09

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
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 (Staff Training Day)		

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 27 January 2009

7.00 pm, start in the West Wing Hall
All rooms open

Parents and students welcome

RESCHEDULED

Years 7, 8 and 9

Christmas Disco

With DJ Squeezer

Thursday 5 February 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