

## Sports Hall Update

At the end of January William Birch of York was chosen from a range of tenders to be the contractor for the Sports Hall project. Meetings have already been held to look at details, and we now have plans in school, including artist's impressions of what the building will look like. We hope to be able to share these with readers shortly, through our website and possibly with a special feature in a future newsletter.

After so many years, these early meetings represent an exciting major step forward in the realisation of a project for which so many of you in the local community have waited for too long.

## Correction to Start Dates in September 2009

The published return dates for September in the calendar are wrong. I do hope this has not caused inconvenience and please accept our apologies.

The dates should be as follows:

Thurs 3 Sept 2009: Staff Training Day  
Fri 4 Sept 2009: Y7 & Y13 start,  
Y12 registration  
Mon 7 Sept 2009: All students return to  
school.  
Y12 depart for East  
Barnby.

Other Staff Training Days during next year (when the school is closed to students) are as follows:

Friday 25 September 2009  
Monday 4 January 2010  
Thursday 1 April 2010  
Friday 25 June 2010

The last day of term next year is:

**Friday 23 July 2010.**

*Nicola Wise, School Secretary*

## *A Night on Broadway*

7.30 pm

**Wednesday 1 April 2009  
and Thursday 2 April 2009  
West Wing Hall**

Following the successful end of term Easter shows in the last eight years –

*60's Night (2001)*  
*70's Night (2002)*  
*A Night at the Movies (2003)*  
*80's Night (2004)*  
*50's Night (2005)*  
*90's Night (2006)*  
*Colour of Music (2007)*  
*Beatles Night (2008)*

We invite you to enjoy a collection of music, song, dance, comedy and fashion, this time inspired by the musicals staged on Broadway.  
*Tickets £4 (£2 concessions). Licensed bar.*

Make a note in your diary and book early – these shows have sold out for the last eight years.

## Who killed the Director?

**Malton School PTA presents:  
A Murder Mystery Evening**

**POSTPONED**  
**Date to be Confirmed**

**Friday 13 March 2009  
7.00pm for 7.30pm performance  
West Wing Hall, Malton School**

Tickets available from West Wing Reception  
Adult £4.00, Concessions £2.00, Family £10.00  
(All donations to Malton School PTA)

## **Whizz Kidz Downing Street**

In my role as Chair of the Kidz Board of Whizz-Kidz I had been invited to No 10 to give a speech at a reception hosted by Sarah Brown. I managed to step through the famous black door on the evening of 20 January.

It was amazing to go through the tight security at No 10 and be shown to the State Rooms, which are very grand. There was champagne and canapés, although I was so nervous I couldn't manage anything to eat or drink!

There were about 100 invited guests, including numerous government ministers, senior NHS officials and lots of wealthy business people. I met and chatted to Ed Balls, Alan Johnson (Secretary of State for Health), Tessa Jowell and Sir Albert Aynsley-Green (Children's Commissioner), to name but a few.

When it was time for the speeches Sarah Brown introduced us all, then David Reid (Chairman of Tesco) gave the first speech and I followed. I was really nervous but it seemed to go well. They even liked my jokes about Ed Ball's football team (Norwich in case you're interested). Then Ed Balls gave the final speech. There were plenty of photographs being taken, even at the top of the famous staircase.

It was a great honour to be at No 10 and really interesting to meet so many high profile people. Hopefully the event will give more publicity for Whizz-Kidz, which is a fantastic charity, providing mobility equipment for disabled young people. Your support will be greatly appreciated at forthcoming fund-raising events.

*Jamie Green Y10*

## **SNOW**

Last half-term proved the most difficult for many years in terms of severe weather conditions. The school did manage to stay open on all days, though with some disruption to the normal timetable. For many students who depend on bus routes on minor roads, it proved impossible to attend, with some routes not operating. In addition some staff found it impossible to drive in; many more arrived late as a result of poor road conditions.

We will try to remain open whenever possible. Thanks to all, staff, students and parents, for their efforts to maintain normality in difficult circumstances.

## **TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Special Day Year 7 Geography Trip**

As part of this term's Special Day all Year 7 students went on a field trip to Howsham Mill, which was built in 1755, to study how this historic building is being brought back to life and managed in a sustainable way. Below are some of the students' comments about the trip.

'Howsham Mill is eco friendly.' *Megan Shaw*

'There have been sightings of otters, kingfishers and lamprey (similar to eels). It was an interesting day out and we learnt a lot.' *Naomi Richardson*

'There was one (and soon to be two) Archimedes screws, which power the whole mill. Howsham Mill will soon be made into a children's information centre. Overall the trip was extremely fun and I learnt a lot.' *Josh Hill*

'We were told all about the nature surrounding the Mill and about how there was lots of nature that needed the environment to live.' *Imogen Smith*

'We walked across a bridge and onto the island where Howsham Mill is. We went to each important point of the island learning the names of places and what they did.' *Philippa Norman*

### **Special Day Year 13 Business Studies Trip**

In early February we were fortunate enough to go to the capital, London. On the first day, despite the weather, our visit to the Institute of Directors was a great way to start the trip as we gained a detailed look into what the IoD is and the state of the economy. From here we headed to Covent Gardens for a fun-filled afternoon.

On the second day we experienced the hustle of the tube and stopped off at Westminster to visit the Houses of Parliament. After lunch we headed to The Old Bailey which was very interesting. We even had time to do some shopping in Oxford/Regent Street.

The following day we went to Canary Wharf, the business centre of London, to a fantastic museum and finally to the Metal Exchange.

Overall the trip was both enjoyable and educational.

### **Special Day Year 12 English Trip**

On Wednesday 11 February a group of Year 12 English students embarked on a trip to London, staying in a local youth hostel. We were going to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest production of 'Othello' and to visit The Globe Theatre to engage in some workshops.

The play performance was of a high standard and was enjoyed by both students and staff.

The visit to The Globe was also very enjoyable and informative, with many interesting and useful ideas being introduced by our workshop leader.

All in all, despite problems with snow and buses, it was a brilliant and worthwhile trip.

*Amos Abrahams Y12*

### **Special Day Wednesday 11 February 2008**

The school operated a special timetable on this day, not as a result of inclement weather, but as a planned day designed to give students an alternative approach to learning for the day.

Year 7 visited Howsham Mill in groups, and when not at the mill, participated in a debating competition in school.

Year 8 had a foreign language day, looking at European culture through Art, Food, and of course language.

Year 9 had a day applying the functional skills learnt in Science, Mathematics and other subject areas, to answer the question "Are mobile phones safe?"

Year 10 had a day on work-related learning, where they worked in groups on a circus of activities organised by North Yorkshire Business Enterprise Partnership.

Year 11 worked on personalised learning, aiming at increasing their individual chances of success by working on ICT, literacy, numeracy, coursework or key skills.

Sixth Form had a thought provoking day about driving, organised by the North Yorkshire *Drive Alive* team.

### **Year 11 English Trip**

On 20 January a group of Year 11 students attended a very interesting 'Poetry Live!' event at The Grand Opera House, York. This was intended to help students with their GCSE preparation for the 'Poems from Different Cultures' section. Many well known poets spoke to a packed theatre, such as Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and Gillian Clark. But the most popular and memorable poet was John Agard whose rendering of his poem 'Half Caste' was dramatic and powerful. Everyone agreed that this was a worthwhile day.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **North Yorkshire Trials**

**William Spencer** competed in the Y8 and Y9 North Yorkshire trials and came 10th overall. However, he was the first Y8 to finish and has made the North Yorkshire team, and will now represent North Yorkshire in the English Schools competition. Well done.

### **Football**

A combined Y7 and Y8 football team beat Terrington Hall School 1-0 in our annual match, maintaining our 100% record.

The Y10 football team lost 5-0 to a very strong Stokesley team in the quarter finals of the County Cup and demonstrated great character and commitment to progress so far in the competition.

The Y7 football team are still awaiting their third round match in the Scarborough and District Cup as a result of various postponements due to the inclement weather.

### **Basketball**

The Y8 and Y10 basketball teams both had excellent victories against two strong Norton teams, highlighting their improvement over the last year.

### **Rugby**

Following the success of the Y7 and Y8 rugby teams at the Ryedale and Whitby festivals before Christmas, both teams have been asked to represent the Ryedale and Whitby area at the East Yorkshire Finals. We wish them good luck.

## SPRING AND SUMMER TERM 2009

### February

M	23	Y12 Mock Exams commence Y11 Swedish Exchange to Sweden
Th	26	Y11 3rd assessments → home Y11 Photographs

### March

T	03	Y12/13 Maths trip
	05	Y9 3rd assessments → home
Sun	08	Ski Trip departs (until Sun 15th)
M	09	Y13 mock 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	19.30	Easter Concert
Th	02	19.30	Y13 2nd assessments → home Easter Concert Rewards Event
F	03		Last day of term
M	20	09.00	<b>Summer Term commences (Wk 1)</b>
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		<b>Public Holiday - School closed</b>
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

### June

M	1	<b>Summer Term continues (Wk 1)</b> Y8 exams/class test
M	8	Y12 restart timetable
W	10	Y10 +11 GCSE Science Module pm
Th	11	Y9 4th assessments → home Y10 GCSE Maths module pm
W	17	Y10 GCSE Science module am
Th	18	Y7 4th assessments → home Y10 4th assessments → home
M	22	Y10 GCSE Science module am
T	23	Y10 Work Experience
Th	25	Y8 4th assessments → home Annual Art Exhibition
F	26	<b>Staff Training Day</b> <b>(School closed to students)</b>
M	29	Y10 Work Experience
T	30	Y6 visit (Day 1)

### July

W	1	Y6 visit (Day 2)
F	3	School play
Sat	4	School play
T	7	Sports Day
F	17	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day; a letter is required to cover this period of absence on return to school.**