

MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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New Format For Newsletters

We have recently upgraded our printing facilities, allowing us to bring a little more colour to our news pages. In particular this will allow us to share some of the many pictures we take relating to school life.

We hope that readers will enjoy seeing photos in these pages. We try always to act responsibly in using photos, and are mindful of requests by some parents or students not to have photographs used. We do not use named photos of current individual students on our website, and a similar policy will apply to photos used in our newsletters.



A group enjoying "Pink Friday" last term, fundraising for a Breast Cancer charity.

We hope to share more photos with readers in future newsletters.

Malton School PTA Presents

Who killed the Director?

A Murder Mystery Evening

Come and enjoy the staff's dreadful acting ability!



Friday 5 March 2010

7.00 pm

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)

Sports Hall Update

Work has begun at last! After all the years of campaigning, followed by vigorous work to satisfy all planning conditions over the last few months, the bulldozers and diggers finally moved on site over half term, and work has commenced on the access to the Sports Centre development on our school fields.



An artist's impression of the new sports hall, as seen from Broughton Road.

New Applied Learning Centre

We received good news that County Hall have confirmed £500,000 funding for an applied learning centre at the end of West Wing, to house courses in Construction, Engineering, Environment and Land Based Studies, Travel and Tourism and Motor Vehicle Technology.



An artist's impression of the new learning centre.

Noughties Night

7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 30 March 2010
and Wednesday 31 March 2010
West Wing Hall

Following the successful end of term Easter shows
in the last nine 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)
A Night on Broadway (2009)

We invite you to enjoy a collection of music, song, dance,
comedy and fashion, from 2000-2009

Tickets £4 (£2 concessions). Licensed bar.

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

Primary Dance Festival

About 200 primary school students joined us for
the day on Tuesday 9 February, as the
culmination of a programme of dance coaching
organised by our sports coordinator Mrs Miller.
They did ballroom dancing in the gym, street
dancing on the tennis courts, disco dancing in the
hall, breathing exercises in the library, and by the
afternoon were ready to put on a superb
performance on the stage in front of a packed hall
of Mums and Dads and other relatives. Malton
School students also demonstrated some of their
moves to finish off the show. Our thanks to
everyone involved, in particular Anna Wragg and
the Sports Partnership team.



Primary students rehearsing in the gym, in preparation for an
excellent performance on the school stage.

2009 Exam Tables Published

Government performance tables for 2009 exams were
published last month. We were delighted to see our
sixth form once again the best in the County for non-
selective schools and colleges. The average points
score per student was 922.2 - a massive 183 points
above the national average. To be the best performing
school in the County for the third year in a row is
excellent news, particularly as we have been able to
maintain this high standard whilst increasing our
numbers through our work in the Ryedale Area Sixth
Form Partnership.



A level students celebrate on results day 2009

GCSE tables also show our best ever performance,
with our Contextual Value Added measure* of 1015.3
rated as “significantly positive” by DCSF, putting us
in the top 23% of schools nationally. (**This indicates
the improvement students make whilst in a school.*)

This is an appropriate point to mention that our very
best students had even better results than reported in
our September newsletter. This stems from us not
counting two short course results (half a GCSE) in
Religious Studies and Citizenship as adding up to a
full GCSE. Thus Peter Grayson achieved a staggering
8 A* and 4 As, and Maddie Pitkin 5 A* and 5 As –
one more A* than we reported. In the top 5, Amy
Szuman and Charlotte Green should also have been
credited with an additional A grade. Most other
students in school achieved an additional grade in this
way. Apologies and well done to all of them.



GCSE students open their results in August 2009

Sixth Form Enrichment Concert Wednesday 10 February

Sixth Form students have an "enrichment" afternoon every Wednesday, on which they choose from a range of non-academic pursuits. One group has been working on music and drama, and their efforts culminated in an excellent evening concert just before the half term break. Songs from Bryony Gillespie, Lauren Barker, Paige Platt, Ruth Ibbotson, Matthew Eldridge-Smith, Vicky Minister, Philippa Adderley and Ellen Bentley delighted an invited audience of friends, family and school staff. Instrumental support came for Harry Wright, Matthew Lawson, Hermione Crawford, Zak and Aaron Chamberlain, and Dily Atkinson. Some of the songs were composed by Ruth and Bryony, others selected by the performers from a wide range of genres. A hard-hitting drama, *Too Much Punch for Judy*, was movingly performed by Grace Wood-Lofthouse, Antonia Clark, Matthew Eldridge Smith, James Stansfield, Dily Atkinson and Stewart Cambridge. Stewart also compered the whole evening with wit and charm.



A duet from the show

The group were very grateful to the teaching staff who helped them: Miss Campbell, Miss Langdale, and Mrs Kettlewell.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening, that hopefully will become an annual fixture in our increasingly busy calendar of musical and dramatic performances.

Home Access Programme

Get on in School
Get online in School

Home Access is a government drive which will help low-income families to get access to a computer and the internet to get online at home.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one year's internet access. The programme is aimed at those that need it most and targets families that do not have access to a computer or the internet at home.

Depending on what you need, the grant allows eligible applicants to buy one of the following packages:

1. Full package (a computer, one year's internet access, service and support)
2. A computer with service and support only
3. One year's internet access only

If you are a parent and think you are eligible for a Home Access grant, go to the HOME ACCESS website at

<http://www.homeaccess.org.uk> for more information.



Malton School Rugby Success

The Year 9 Rugby team are in high spirits after a clean sweep in their Ryedale Area matches, beating teams from Lady Lumleys, Caedmon/Eskdale, Ryedale, and Fyling Hall. They now go through to the East Yorkshire finals on 4 March. A win there will put them through to national finals at Twickenham!



The triumphant Year 9 team show their delight in winning the local round of the tournament

Romania Trip

Philippa Hammond and Joshua Garcia-Hall (Y11) have been selected to represent the school and district in a Sports Partnership Training Programme where they will be taking sports equipment to a school in Romania and training up the staff on ways to use it as well as running play scheme activities. Philippa and Joshua will be organising fund raising events - the more money raised, the more equipment they can take out to support the young people in rural Romania.

Netball

- Year 8 netballers are still unbeaten in 8 matches and are looking forward to their semi-final in the Scarborough & District Knock-Out Cup in March.
- Congratulations to the Year 10 netball team, which reached the semi-finals of the district cup.
- A group visited Nottingham arena with Mrs Miller to watch the national netball championships.

Clubs

A new girls' Hockey Club has been established by Mrs Dale, which is running every Tuesday after school.

Football

There is a busy half term due, with Years 7-11 still to play the quarter finals of the district cup and all years still to play 3 league games. Congratulations to Callum Smith who is representing the district team for the second year running.

Staff News

Congratulations to our sports coordinator Miss Goldsmith on her winter wedding - she is now Mrs Miller. Welcome to Mrs Dale, covering Mrs Hopkin's maternity leave this term. Mr Josh Riley has been appointed as an ICT Apprentice and will be taking up his post shortly.

Events Round-up

January

- Sorry we could not quite stay open at the beginning of term - we managed four of the five days when heavy snow was with us, but Friday (8 January) was so severe that buses were not running and roads were too challenging. Roll on spring!
- Parents of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 attended the second of our annual Review Days, to review progress.
- A high attendance was recorded at our Sixth Form Open Evening, and at our Year 9 Options Fair. Decisions should now be made, and applications are being processed.
- Religious Studies students visited Bradford to look at comparative religions.

February

- A cake sale was organised to raise money in aid of the Haiti earthquake victims.
- Year 12 students following the A level English course enjoyed a two-day trip to London to visit, amongst other things, the Globe Theatre.
- 14 music students from Year 10 - 12 depart to Sweden on the return part of our music exchange.
- Roxanna Khan-Williams, Kate Ferguson and Ben Stubbings took part in the English Speaking Union debate in Doncaster. We have also had teams in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition recently.

FRIENDS OF MALTON SCHOOL

We set up *Friends of Malton School* last year, as a straightforward means to allow former students and staff, well wishers and supporters of the School to make an annual donation, providing additional funding in order that we can continue to enhance the life of current school students, and preserve the history of former students.

A separate Friends newsletter was published and sent out in January, detailing what had been achieved with the money donated so far. If you would like a copy please ask, or read it on our website at:

www.maltonschool.org.

A number of donations for 2010 have already been received. If you would like to make a donation, details are on the website (*Maltonians* section), or contact us at school.



Calendar—Spring and Summer Terms

March

Thurs 04	Y9 3rd assessments home
Mon 08	Y13 mock exams begin Y11 Photographs, Y12 Geography Field Trip Special Day (off normal timetable)
Tues 16	Y10 Parents' Evening
Thurs 18	Y8 & Y12 3rd assessments home
Fri 19	Sport Relief (non-uniform day)
Mon 22	Y9 Core exams begin (En, Ma, Sc)
Thurs 25	Y7 3rd assessments home
Tues 30	Easter Concert - Noughties Night (7pm)
Wed 31	Last day of term Easter Concert - Noughties Night (7pm)

April

Mon 19	Summer term commences (week 1)
Tue 20	Y10 Exams begin
Thurs 22	Y11 & Y13 4th assessments home
Tues 27	Post 18 Information Evening
Wed 28	Y10 Battlefields Trip France (until Sunday)
Thurs 29	Junior Maths Challenge

May

Mon 03	Public Holiday (school closed)
Tues 04	Y9 exams begin
Tues 11	Last day Y12 timetable Y10 3rd assessments home
Fri 14	Last day Y13 timetable
Mon 17	Y7 in class tests , Y11 GCSE exams and Y12 AS exams begin
Mon 24	Y8 in class tests and Y13 A2 modules begin
Wed 26	Y11 Prom
Thurs 27	Last day Y11 timetable
Fri 28	Last day of term

June

Mon 07	Summer term continues (week 1)
Thur 10	Y9 4th assessments home
Mon 14	Y12 restart timetable
Thurs 17	Y7 4th assessments home
Thurs 24	Y8 & Y10 4th assessments home Annual Art Exhibition
Fri 25	Staff Training Day (school closed to students)
Tues 29	Y10 Work Experience (week 1) Y6 visit (day 1)
Wed 30	Y6 visit (day 2)

July

Fri 02	School play - Wizard of Oz
Sat 03	School play - Wizard of Oz
Mon 05	Special Day (off normal timetable)
Tues 06	Y10 Work Experience (week 2)
Thurs 08	Y12 4th assessments home
Tues 13	Sports Day
Fri 16	Form tutor reports home
Fri 23	Last day of term

DATES OF TERMS 2009-10

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Tues 5 January	Fri 12 February	Mon 4 January
Mon 22 February	Wed 31 March	
Mon 19 April	Fri 28 May	
Mon 7 June	Fri 23 July	
<i>Bank holiday:</i>	Mon 3 May, Fri 25 June (Staff Training)	

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