

Celebration Evening

The hall at Malton School was packed to the limits, as parents and students, governors and special guests gathered to review the previous year in the life of the school. This is now the school's eleventh Annual Celebration Evening, and by all accounts one of the most successful, reviewing one of the most successful years the school has had.

As well as students from all year groups receiving awards, the audience was treated to music and dance routines from previous events during the year. **Doug** and **Ellen Bentley** sang "Anything You Can Do" from Easter's Night on Broadway show; **Joanna Booker** "Hallelujah" from the Talent Show, **Declan Gough**, **Bethanie Potts** and **Matthew Eldridge-Smith** sang and acted songs from the summer musical, "Oliver"; **Sam Davies** sang "Under the Bridge", accompanying himself on electric guitar. Winner of this year's music prize, **Maggie Spencer**, played a difficult and intricate euphonium solo with great skill. There were two dance routines - one, the winner of the summer talent show, the other by a boys break-dance group, Anti Gravity, reprising their success in the Christmas concert.

Assistant Director for Education in North Yorkshire, John Bell, spoke at the end of the evening. *"I can safely say that this evening is one of the best school events I have ever attended. Tonight I have seen a happy and successful community with the school at its heart. I have heard some of the best singing I have heard in a long time."*

Special Prize Winners included:

Dave Pay Senior Boys Sports trophy: **Edward Marwood**
Dave Pay Senior Girls Sports Trophy: **Annie Bentley**
Bruce Rolls Junior Girls Sports Trophy: **Lottie Farrow**
Bruce Rolls Junior Boys Sports Trophy: **Will Spencer**
Young Cricketer of the Year: **Alex Carrie**
Best Sports Academy student: **George Everitt**
Community Sports Leader Prize: **Sam Davies**
The English Trophy: **Amos Abrahams**
The Food Technology Prize: **Lucy Harrison**
The House Trophy (most housepoints): **Katie Benson**
The George Hanson Geography Prize: **Aya Abrahams**
History Trophy (in memory of David Lloyd): **Jake Hughes**

Junior Maths Challenge Best in School: **James Simpson**
Intermediate Maths Challenge Best in School: **Ian Mason**
Senior Maths Challenge Best in School: **Sam Harrison**
and **James Baker**

Science Prize (in memory of T A Williams): **Amy Szuman**

The Music Trophy: **Maggie Spencer**

Outstanding achievement at A level: **James Baker**

Outstanding achievement at GCSE: **Peter Grayson**

Vocational Student of the year: **Carol McNally**

The Davina Kirk trophy (most commendations in the year):

Joshua Pierson

Some of the trophies remember former staff or students: two new ones include the History Trophy in memory of David Lloyd – a teacher here in the early 1960s, who wrote the first History of Malton School. He died earlier in 2009.

Also The Young Cricketer of the Year trophy was awarded in memory of John "Vic" Wilson, former captain of Yorkshire County Cricket Club in 1960-62, and former pupil of Malton Grammar School in the late 1930s. Vic died in 2008 and his family commissioned the trophy to be awarded annually in his memory.

A third connection with the past came when former student David Greaves presented the Science Prize. David's father, Bernard Greaves, was Science master at the school from 1955-1976. David is currently consultant anaesthetist to Newcastle hospitals, and vice president of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in London.

Christmas Fun Despite the Snow

Malton School managed to stage the traditional Christmas celebrations and events, despite the bad weather at the end of the school term.

Final Day of Term

In the heavy snow on Friday 18 December, the school stayed open, with about two-thirds of its students and most of its staff managing to get in for the final day of term. Those that did get there were treated to a final performance from some of the school's musicians, and two performances of this year's sixth form miniature pantomime - which was *Lord of the Rings*. Sixth formers adapted parts and the script to cover the absences from the cast.

Christmas Show Wednesday 16 December

The week's celebrations began with the annual Christmas Show, with the usual contributions from Junior and Senior Choirs, orchestra, jazz group, rock group and samba group as well as a number of solos and duets. The whole show was presented by Senior Students **Emma Bean**, **Will Smailes** and **Matthew Wilson** (all Year 13). Two new performers that really impressed the audience were Year 7 students **Bethany Allanson** - who gave a confident and faultless rendition of *Away In A Manger* - and **Joseph Wing** - who performed George Formby's *Leaning on a Lamp-Post*, accompanying himself on a banjo ukulele. Headteacher, Rob Williams, in his speech at the end of the concert, noted how impressed he was at the progress students were making year on year, and singled out **James Poole** in this context, who played a piano solo, as well as accompanying his sister when she played flute, and performing on saxophone in the orchestra and jazz band.

The show closed with a mini-pantomime - a tradition which started in 2002 and has continued with increasing popularity every year since. The 9-hour epic film trilogy, and even longer book, was reduced to 20 minutes as the cast combined all the usual pantomime foolery with elves, hobbits, wizards and dwarves.

Senior Citizens Party Thursday 17 December

The annual invitation to celebrate Christmas with us went out to senior members of the local community, and the party took place on Thursday afternoon when students entertained with music from the Christmas show, and a second performance of Lord of the Rings. Guests were treated to food and drink prepared by the students, as well as receiving Christmas gifts delivered by Santa and his helpers.

House Competition

The House Trophy has been awarded at the end of each calendar year since 2000. The final results for 2009 were:

1st	Water	24,097
2nd	Air	24,025
3rd	Fire	23,568
4th	Earth	23,124



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

Transition to the New School Uniform

Just a reminder that the whole of main school (Years 7 to 11) will switch to the new uniform code, including blazers, with effect from September 2010. We first announced this decision in this newsletter one year ago. If you are having to replace your son or daughter's jumper in the next 6 months please take the step of replacing it with a blazer. All items of badged uniform are available from the school shop. The school shop (in the school house) is open to students every lunchtime from 1.05pm to 1.30pm and to parents at any time between 9am and 4pm. Please phone reception on 692828 prior to your visit.

Robi wy mówicie język polski? Do You Speak Polish?

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Do You Speak Thai?

Do you have some time to spare?

There are several pupils at Malton School whose first language is not English. We are building up lists of key words in each subject area to help these students. We can do the initial translation but need someone whose first language is Polish or Thai to check that the translations are accurate and correct.

This should not involve a lot of time - we would send you the lists as and when they are ready for checking. If you are interested in helping please contact us, Pennie Hamer or Karen Scott at Malton School 01653 692828 or email admin@malton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Sri Lankan Visit

On Monday 16 November, Years 8 and 9 had a visit from Mrs Kala Sithilingham, a teacher from Sri Lanka and Mrs Sue Allen, a teacher from Tibshelf Community School. Kala spent 3 months in North Yorkshire as a Rotary Ambassador for Sri Lanka. She lives and works in Batticaloa which is very close to the village of Kallady for which we have been raising money to provide wells for the 60 families who live there.

Kala spoke to Years 8 and 9 about her experiences as a Tsunami survivor and gave a slide show about life in Sri Lanka. She and Mrs Allen thanked Years 8 and 9 for their fundraising efforts and were able to tell our students that the project is now complete, with every family now having access to a well.

Mrs Allen presented Malton School with a certificate and Kala later joined an A-level Geography class who were studying the effects of tsunamis.

Mrs Howell

Trips and Activities

Year 8 Police Station Visit

At the end of last term all of Year 8 students visited Malton Police Station. This tied in with our recent module – ‘Young People, Crime and its Consequences’. During the trip we saw a fellow student being arrested on the CCTV. A pupil on the trip said, “*It was exciting and interesting to watch the stages of arrest happen to one of my friends.*” One of the main events of the trip was seeing the police sniffer dogs, Troy and Spike, taking part in a planned attack on a ‘villain’. We all enjoyed this part of the trip. We also saw a stinger being released on to the road, luckily it was packed away before anyone could do any harm. The Police Station visit was a great success and all enjoyed it.

8H Students

Year 8 English Trip ‘A Christmas Carol’

On Tuesday 8 December we went on a trip to see ‘A Christmas Carol’ at the Stephen Joseph Theatre at Scarborough. The play was about a man who didn’t believe in Christmas who was visited by 3 ghosts in one night. It was scary but exciting at the same time and clever in how they set everything out on such a small stage. The overall performance was brilliant and we would like to see it again.

Katie Benson and Paige Bradley Y8

Swedish Music Exchange

During the week of 15 – 20 November Malton School hosted a group of music students from Sweden involved in an Exchange. The week was spent visiting York, Ryedale Folk Museum and taking part in musical activities with a Michael Jackson theme. On Friday night a concert was enjoyed by all – the performance highlights being ‘Ben’, ‘Beat It’ and Rihanna’s ‘Umbrella’. The second half of the concert was rounded off brilliantly with both groups singing songs of their choice. All guests thoroughly enjoyed their time in our English homes and our students are now looking forward to returning to Nordhemskolan in Sweden next month to complete the exchange. A big thank you to our parents for acting as hosts.

Y12 Politics students visit Parliament

As part their A-Level Government & Politics course Malton Sixth Form students visited London from 8 - 9 December. The students were given a guided tour of 10 Downing Street by one of Gordon Brown’s political aides. This was followed by a visit to the US Embassy where the students had a question and answer session on American government. On the second day there was tour of Parliament followed by Prime Minister’s Questions. The trip was rounded off by a visit to Congress House, home of the TUC. The students thoroughly enjoyed their trip and all commented on how beneficial it had been to see politics in action.

Mr G Howard

Debating Matters Competition

Four sixth form students, **Amos Abrahams, Emma Bean, Robin Edwards and Jonathan Drake** all took part in a Debating Matters competition at Mount School, York on Tuesday evening on 10 November 2009.

They were narrowly beaten by Harrogate Grammar School. Jonathan won ‘Best Speaker of the Night’. Congratulations to him, this was also the first debate he had taken part in!

After the exams we are hoping to run a Sixth Form Debating Society one evening after school. Further details available shortly.

MACE Debating Competition

Well done to **Emma Bean** and **Grace Wood-Lofthouse** who took part in the MACE Debating Competition in Leeds on 26 November 2009. They didn’t get through to the next round but Grace has now taken part in her first debate, a daunting prospect even for most adults! Hopefully, Grace will now go on to take part in further debates.

New members are always welcome, see either Miss Nichols or Mr Cambata. For those hoping to go to the top universities, they love to see debating on your UCAS forms.

Miss Nichols

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 26 January 2010

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

Parents and students welcome

Year 7 Fundraising Oxfam and WWF

Our current Year 7 students organised a Bring and Buy Sale and a Christmas Raffle at the end of last term. Both were a resounding success and the magnificent sum of £200 was raised. This will be shared between Oxfam and the WWF. Students learn that they can make a difference and help others. A big thank you to parents and students for their brilliant support. *Miss Nichols*

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. **Harry Francis**, Head Boy, and **Alex Tate-Smith**, Head Girl, laid a wreath on behalf of the students, staff and governors of the school. The school again observed the two minute silence on 11 November, students in the West Wing benefitting from a rendition of the Last Post played by a student.

Shoe Box Appeal

On 18 November Year 8 students sent off 15 shoe boxes full of surprises for the disadvantaged third world countries. Our box was sent to Serbia. These are some of the surprises we put in the boxes: gloves, pencils, colouring crayons, pencil cases, toys, notebook, felt tip pens and much more. Our boxes were collected on behalf of Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal.

Thank you to Year 8 students who contributed to the boxes - next year our aim is 30 boxes!

Charlotte Carr and Eleanor Mawson Y8

Children in Need

On Friday 20 November the school had a non-uniform day and raised over £575 for Children in Need. Well done to all students and staff involved.

Equestrian Team

Malton School Equestrian team entered a Show Jumping competition at Keysoe, Bedfordshire on Saturday 28 November 2009. The mini team - **Jess Johnson**, **Charlotte Hoggard** and **Megan Bell** were placed 9th out of 32 schools competing.

The individuals - **Charlotte Hoggard** and **James Richardson** came 6th and 3rd respectively.

Well done to all students who participated in the NSEA Championships and thank you to all parents for their support.

Miss L Davison

Senior Team Maths Challenge

Well done to **Amy Szuman**, **Richard Farrer** and **Kieran Leckenby** in Year 12 and to **Ian Mason** in Year 11 for representing Malton School in the North Yorkshire heat of the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge on Wednesday 11 November at Fulford. Out of thirteen teams, Malton came 9th overall despite being up against older pupils and selective schools.

Attendance

We are keen to have all students in school learning every day unless they really are too poorly to come to school.

May we remind all Parents/Carers of the dedicated 24-hour answerphone line on 01653 605303. Please use this number to inform us about student absence.

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming

Malton were victorious at this year's annual Key Stage 3 Swimming competition held at Malton Pool on Thursday 3 December. There were some excellent races but Malton narrowly gained victory over Ryedale by just 3 points. The following were race winners:

Year 7 Freestyle: **Devin Vermeulen**

Year 7 Back Crawl: **Ryan Gaughan**

Year 7 Back Crawl: **Kristina Dickinson**

Year 8 Back Crawl: **Alastair Mitchell**

Year 9 Back Crawl: **Joe Walker**

Year 9 Back Crawl: **Kathryn Bradbury**

Year 7 Breaststroke: **Sam Ward**

Year 7 Boys Freestyle Relay

Year 8 Boys Freestyle Relay

Inter-School Challenge

Over 120 students took part in the annual Inter-School Sports Challenge on Thursday 10 December. Students competed against Norton, Ryedale, Caedmon, Eskdale and Whitby schools in Rock-It Ball, the Tug of War, climbing and rowing. Malton came a creditable 4th scoring 129 points.

Netball

The Year 8 Netball Team has had a superb term, playing 6 matches and remaining unbeaten throughout. They now progress to the area semi-finals to be held in January. The team includes: **Celeste Craggs**, **Eleanor Mawson**, **Katie Benson**, **Annie Farrow**, **Charlotte Carr**, **Bethanie Potts**, **Maisie Northing**, **Naomi Richardson**, **Ailsa Anson** and **Chantelle Turner -Barlow**.

Well done to the Year 11 Basketball Team for beating Ryedale 46-26 last week

Congratulations to **Timothy Grey** who has been selected to represent Yorkshire for Rugby.

Congratulations to **William Spencer** who won both of the recent area cross-country meetings and to **Maisie Bulmer** who came in the top 10 in both races.

Me Too Vouchers

A new £60,000 fund is being piloted in Ryedale aimed at ensuring all children have an opportunity to take part in out of school and holiday activities. The Me Too scheme offers vouchers worth up to £10 each to spend on an activity session or towards a sports club membership, or for subscriptions to groups for those children who are entitled to free school meals. Activities in which young people can get involved include horse riding, swimming, gymnastics, rugby and football. Families which are on the free school meal list should be receiving these vouchers in the post. For further information contact Kate Asquith on 01653 628839.

SPRING TERM 2010

January

M	04	School closed - Staff training day
T	05	09.00 Spring Term commences (Wk 1)
Th	07	Y11 2nd assessments → home Y13 2nd assessments → home
M	11	Y12/Y13 Exams begin
T	19	Y11 Poetry Live Theatre Trip
W	20	Lower School Review Day Y7, 8 & 9 assessments collected
Th	21	Y10 2nd assessment → home
T	26	Sixth Form Opening Evening
W	27	Y12 English trip to London - 2 days
Th	28	Y12 2nd assessment → home

February

Th	04	Intermediate Maths Challenge Y9 Option Fair
T	09	Y11 Parents Evening Y11 3rd assessments collected
Th	11	Y13 3rd assessments → home
S	21	Y11 Swedish Exchange to Sweden
M	22	Y12 Mock exams commence

March

Th	04	Y9 3rd assessments → home
M	08	Y13 mock exams begin Special Day
T	16	Y10 Parents' Evening
Th	18	Y8 3rd assessments → home Y12 3rd assessments → home
F	19	Sport Relief Charity Day
M	22	Y9 Core exams
Th	25	Y7 3rd assessments → home
T	30	Easter Concert
W	31	Easter Concert Last day of term

April

Th	01	Staff Training Day - School Closed
F	03	Good Friday
M	19	Summer Term commences (Wk 1)
T	20	Y10 Exams commence
Th	22	Y11 4th assessments → home Y13 4th assessments → home
T	27	Post 18 Information Evening
W	28	Y10 Battlefields Trip France (until Sun)
Th	29	Junior Maths Challenge

May

M	3	Bank Holiday - School closed
T	4	Y9 exams begin
W	5	Y10 3rd assessment → home
T	11	Last day Y12 timetable
Th	13	Y10 3rd assessments → home
F	14	Last day Y13 timetable
M	17	Y7 in class tests begin Y11 GCSE exams begin Y12 AS exams begin
M	24	Y8 exams/in class tests begin Y13 A2 modules begin
Fri	28	Last day of term

DATES OF TERMS 2009-10

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
T 5 January	F 12 February	M 4 January
M 22 February	W 31 March	
M 19 April	F 28 May	
M 7 June	F 23 July	
<i>Bank holiday:</i>		
M 3 May		
F 25 June (Staff Training Day)		