

MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Headteachers Address

Welcome back to the new school year. I am sure that some of you will be greeting it with relief! The students may not admit it, but many of them are pleased to be back, enjoying meeting up with old friends again, and making new friends. The start of the new academic year has been very positive.

Improvements to Facilities

Staff and students have been struck by the rapid progress made with the sports centre development. We are still looking forward to a grand opening in January 2011.

Our oldest and largest science laboratory, room 38, has been refurbished and divided into two smaller and more useable labs to accommodate the significant growth in the number of students entering the sixth form to take science A levels.

We are looking forward to the handover of two super new food rooms very soon: rooms 8 and 9 have undergone a thorough re-fit.

We have opened a new catering outlet in the East Wing science quad, providing sandwiches and snacks in an attempt to reduce queuing time at lunch.

The whole of the external wood work in the East Wing has been repainted and our rolling programme of internal paintwork and redecoration has continued over the summer. The summer vacation is always a busy time in school as we strive to improve the facilities and environment for the benefit of the students.

School Priorities

In this issue last year I outlined for you the three key whole school priorities from the school development plan. How have we done against them?

Sports Hall—Update

Since our last update, all the external works, brick work/roof have been completed. The mains power was supplied in the summer holidays, so this means all internal work can now be carried out. The 3G astro turf is being laid as we go to press. All in all the sports hall completion is on target, and, dare we say, possibly ahead of schedule.



A view of the Sports Hall from the new connecting path

Headteacher's address—continued

Improvement of whole school standards of dress and behaviour

We have done well here. The wearing of the uniform clearly improved and the growing number of students wearing blazers added to the smart appearance of the student body as a whole. The number of positive measures (house points and other means of recognition) have increased on the previous year whilst there has been a dramatic decrease in all the statistical sanction measures (negative comments, detentions etc) by as much as one third. The atmosphere round school is calm and purposeful and visitors to lessons often comment on the active engagement of the students and the way in which they seem to be enjoying their learning.

Improving Provision at Key Stage 4

More important success here, with the 5A*-C measure increasing to 77% and the 5A*-C including C grades in English and Maths measure increased to 58%. We exceeded our target on the first one and came very close to it on the second measure.

Improving Provision at AS Level

We did not make as much progress here as we hoped. It clearly remains difficult to break the idea in the students' minds that Year 12 is somehow not as important as Year 11 or Year 13. The growth in modular exams can create a false sense of security in the minds of some students who become tempted to think that "it does not matter too much because I can always re-sit". I would appeal to the parents of all students entering Yr 12 now to support us strongly in getting across to the new sixth formers that the leap from GCSE to A Level is still really significant and that they will have to work hard, from the start, if they wish to maintain or improve the standards they set for themselves in the summer.

The Year 13 grades remained very strong with the year group averaging nearly an A and 2 B's at full A level each. This is down on our record-breaking performances of the previous 3 years where we averaged 3 full A grades at A level, but it remains a most impressive outcome as an average for a larger cohort, one that most sixth forms would be delighted to achieve.

Whole School Priorities for 2010/11

1. To improve our engagement and liaison with students and parents, including greater use of student and parental feedback.
2. To make a whole school effort to further improve links with partner primary schools.
3. To develop the wider aspects of our work through extended school provision, gifted and talented, community partnerships and as an international school.

These priorities represent the natural next step for the school. We have focused, rightly, on improving behaviour and the climate for learning; on our approaches to teaching and learning and what makes for a good lesson; on improving our facilities and resources and on strengthening our staff structure and team. Over the next twelve months our focus will be on these new priorities that together reflect the wider aspects of what makes a very good school even better. the school.

R Williams. September 2010

EXAM RESULTS

We are delighted with our GCSE results this summer, once again our best ever, with all key measures of success surpassing our previous best. A record 8 students gained all grade A or A* results. The best individual performance came from **Ian Mason** with a remarkable 11 A* , and another A; **Alice Thompson** with a mere 10 A* and 2 A's; **Jamie Green, James Douthwaite,** and **Jenny Hyde** achieved 8 A* and 3 A's; **Aya Abrahams, Jessica Whittal-Williams** and **Robin Adderley** 7 A*. There were many more A and A* performances – in fact 20 subjects had an A* result. Over three quarters (77%) of students achieved 5 or more A*-C grades – up 5% on last year's previous best.



GCSE students celebrate their exam results on results day

At A level, we saw the first year of results for subjects delivered by the Ryedale Sixth Form Partnership, developed by Lady Lumley's School, Malton School, Norton College and Ryedale School. Each of the schools has a proud tradition of serving the young people in Ryedale and all have achieved educational excellence in one measure or another. One of the successes of this collaboration has been a joint course offer of sixty four courses for students to choose from, and around 340 of the 550 16-17 year olds now stay in Ryedale for their post 16 education each year.

This year also saw the first award of A* grades at A level this year, for which students must achieve over 90% in their final exams, as well as A grade overall. We were delighted to see six A* grades awarded: to **Amos Abrahams**, who achieved A* in English and in Mathematics (as well as three other A grades), **Conor Whittal-Williams** in Mathematics, **Tommy Leach** and **Harry Burns** in Business Studies, and **Matthew Wilson** in General Studies. Other top performances came from **Rebecca Hill** with four A grades, and **Sam Harrison** with 3 A's and 2 B's.

Exam results continued

Performance for Year 12 students in their AS exams is always a stepping stone towards final A level, but we should mention some superb top performances: **Amy Szuman** achieved a remarkable five A grades; **Alexandra Borrell** and **Kieren Leckenby** each achieved four grade A's and a B, **Catherine Sanderson** achieved four A's, and **Louise Smith** three A's and 2 B's. Congratulations to all on their successes. We will continue to work hard this year to continue our upward trend in exam performance.



A Level students celebrate their exam results on results day

MALTON SCHOOL

Welcomes everyone to its
ANNUAL OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

6.30 - 9.00 pm

**Introductory presentation
for Y6 Students and Parents**

**All areas of the school open, with
demonstrations, displays and interactive
events**

**Whilst the main presentation will be for Year
6 children and their families,
parents and children of all ages and members
of the community are warmly invited to enjoy
touring the school,
meeting staff and seeing what we do.**

Consultation

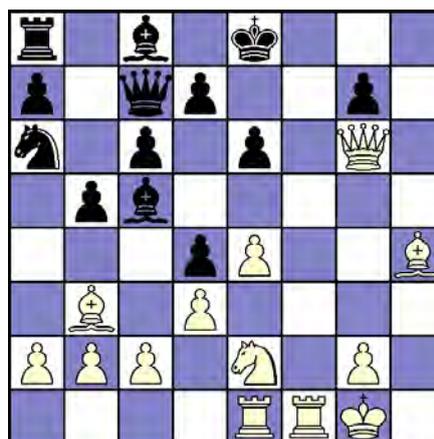
A consultation document on students leaving school at lunchtime will be sent home and also given to students within the next week or so. Feedback will be much appreciated and will help us to make a balanced decision on this issue.

Early Closing Time

In relation to the open evening, parents should be aware that lessons will finish for most students at 2.35 p.m. on Thursday 23 September.

Students who live locally and can make their way home may leave at this time. Provision will be made for those who need to wait for buses, which will arrive at the normal time (3.35pm)

Chess Tournament



A chess tournament was held in the final week of term. The finalists were **Steven Fenwick** (9W) and **Billy Mann** (7W). Both had been chess champions in their primary schools. The final itself was fairly short - Billy won having used only four minutes of his allotted 20 minutes. He launched a devastating early kingside attack and ended up checkmating using a combination of his Queen, a bishop and a rook.



The trophy that was presented to Billy Mann

Billy was presented with a mystery trophy - a silver cup engraved "Derwent Chess Club 1902" which was found in the school store. If anyone knows more about the trophy and why the school has it, or about Derwent Chess Club, please contact Mr Fearnley.

Garden Talk

In aid of Save The Children Charity

Thursday 30 September 2010

7.30 pm

West Wing Hall

Mr Fearnley, Deputy Head, will give an illustrated talk on National Trust Gardens

Tickets £5 – available from Mr Fearnley's office.

All proceeds to Save The Children.

Raffle and Bar

Talent Show July 2010

It has become a tradition to end the term with a talent show on the final afternoon of the school year. This is a very popular event - auditions have to be held to select the acts who are to perform in front of the whole school. This year the performances included a dance group, a rap duo, solo singers, a drum soloist, and a piano and vocal duet. Even Cheryl Cole turned up to be on the judges panel, although she looked suspiciously like Head of Geography Mr Cook dressed up in a wig! The winners were two students from Year 10, **Joanna Booker** singing *Can You Feel The Love* from *The Lion King*, accompanied on piano by **James Poole**.



Students rehearsing for the End of Year Talent Show

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 answer phone line on 01653 605303. Please use this number to inform us about student absence.

Wizard of Oz

Students put on a play-in-a-week the first week in July. The cast had a week off normal timetable and rehearsed each day starting on Monday and ending with three shows - one to the rest of the school on Friday afternoon, then two evening performances for parents, friends and guests on Friday and Saturday.



'Ding dong the wicked witch is dead'

The full age range of students were involved, including some who had finished their exams but returned to take part. Congratulations to Dorothy (**Betsie Potts**), Scarecrow (**Stewart Cambridge**), The Cowardly Lion (**Josh Eldridge-Smith**), Tin Man (**Declan Gough**) and the rest of the cast.



Scarecrow, The Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Dorothy

Road Safety

A polite request to all parents to exercise particular caution when dropping off or picking up their children by car from Middlecave Road.

Although North Yorkshire have not restricted the speed limit to 20mph, as is the case outside City of York schools, I would urge all legitimate traffic coming to and from the school to think of this as a responsible and safe guide at these times. Students are reminded of pedestrian safety through assemblies. The school would appreciate your full support on this matter.

Student Surveys and Parental Surveys—May 2010

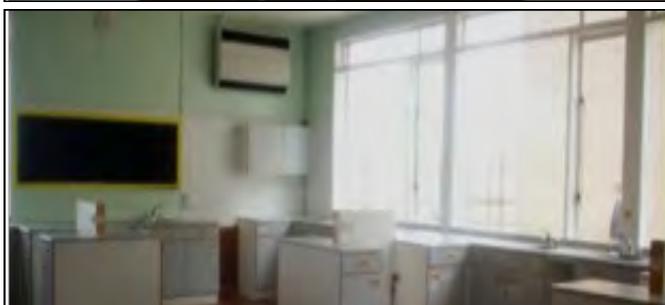
Many thanks to all students and parents who completed surveys about your perceptions of the School back in May. These surveys are conducted for us by an independent company, Kirkland Rowell, and they compile a thorough a detailed report for parental comments and for student comments. We do value this feedback will be making a response in the next newsletter: the final reports have only just come into school, and with each being over 100 pages, with additional (anonymous) comments, we have not yet quite digested all that you tell us.

Food Technology Refurbishment

As we go to press we are eagerly awaiting the completion of a major refurbishment to our food technology rooms. The staff of the food technology department are very excited about this development and are looking forward to getting started on their new curriculum with the students to coincide with this. To celebrate the opening of the new rooms, students across all age groups are being encouraged to enter a number of competitions.

There will be lots of other opportunities through the year for all students to demonstrate their creative skills in designing and making dishes from local, to regional and beyond.

The FT team will continue to offer our popular Let's Get Cooking Club to Year 6 students and we will also be rolling out a lunchtime club to students in the lower school.



Parent Governors

There are vacancies on the Governing Body for parent governors. Being a parent governor is both interesting and worthwhile, giving you a valuable insight into the way the school is run and a say in the decision making processes.

Eligibility

Any parent who has a child registered at the school on the date by which nominations for Parent Governors are sought, is eligible to nominate themselves and to vote.

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" to include:

All natural parents, whether they are married or not; and

Any person who, although not a natural parent, has *parental responsibility* for a child or young person; and

Any person who, although not a natural parent, *has care* of a child or young person.

If you are interested please contact Nicola Wise (Clerk to Governors), at school on 01653 605302 by 24th September, for further details or simply a chat about what is involved.

Staff News

We said farewell to Mr Richard Taylor, who is returning to university study, Mrs Jo Myers who has relocated to Hampshire. Mrs Christine Edgecombe came as maternity cover and stayed on within the English Department, she has now gone onto pastures new. Miss Kim Nicholson came back to school briefly after maternity leave, and has now left to undertake a PGCE placement. Jessica Campbell, one of our Learning Manager Team is also undertaking a PGCE placement within the Drama Department at Norton College.

We welcome Mrs Bloxwich and Miss England to the English department; Miss Cooper, Mr Rumney and Mrs Robson to Science, Mr Bruce to Mathematics, Ms Gillick to the Learning Manager Team and Mrs Ward & Mrs Brownless to the Midday Supervisory Team.

Congratulations to...

Miss Sharman, who has become Mrs Butler, and Miss Caborn, who has become Mrs Wilson, over the summer vacation.

Mrs Wilcock, the head of English has left us on maternity leave and Mrs Allan, the Sixth Form Administrator, will be leaving us in October on maternity leave.

ART EXHIBITION

On 24 June we held our biggest ever Annual Art Exhibition which was extremely well attended by a most enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Sophie Thompson was the winner of the evening her speciality being landscape paintings.



A Level student Sophie Thompson receiving the Emma Howard Memorial Trophy from Mr Reed and Miss Harmon

Sixth Form Information Evening

Thursday 18 November 2010

7.00pm in the West Wing Hall,
Malton School

All Yr 11 students and their parents welcome

SPORTS NEWS

Cross-Country

In all of our x-country meets all performers showed great effort and commitment in each of the races. Notable performances came from **Maisie Bulmer** (Year 7) and **Tom Everitt** (Year 8). In particular **Will Spencer** yet again performed very well and was again selected to represent the District.

Football

It has been an excellent year for our football teams this year. The Year 7's and Year 11's had an excellent run in the District Cup but unfortunately both got beaten in the final to very strong Scarborough and Whitby teams. The Year 9 team also showed outstanding improvement and reached the third round of the County Cup.

Hockey

We have performed very well and were for another year very close to getting into the semi-finals in the U16 Scarborough and District Cup draw.

Rugby

Another great year, which resulted in the Year 7 team winning their first festival and the Year 9 team winning both of their festivals and going on to represent the Whitby/Ryedale area in the East Yorkshire Finals. A special mention to **Tim Grey** who was selected for the U14 East Yorkshire Team.

Netball

One of our best years for netball with both our U13 & U15 teams reaching the semi-finals of the Scarborough and District knock out cup. In all our friendly fixtures our Year 8 girls team remain unbeaten this year, well done to you all.

Cricket

We have had a great summer highlighting the excellent potential we have within school. The Year 7 team had an outstanding year in the County Cup with wins against Norton, Easingwold and Lady Lumley's, en route to the semi-finals. Year 9 made the quarter finals of the County Cup and Year 10's got through to the semi-finals of the District Cup. Well done to all involved.

Gymnastics

Scarborough & District Gymnastics Competition was held at George Pindar Community College earlier this year. All girls performed well. Special mention to **Katy Bradbury** who was placed third overall.

Athletics

Each year the standard of performance from all athletes improves, with many of them being selected to represent the District and Whitby/Ryedale. This year we had 43 athletes chosen to represent Whitby/Ryedale at Huntington Stadium, all students made a valuable contribution towards Whitby/Ryedale winning the KS3 and 4 trophies (yet again) against Scarborough District.

Rounders

It has been another fantastic year for all our rounder's teams. Year 7 have been unbeaten and they went on to win the Ryedale/Whitby Partnership rounder's event in May. The Year 8 team came a close second to Lady Lumleys School in their partnership tournament.

SCARBOROUGH & DISTRICT TENNIS

This year, we had two couples who were selected to represent the District. They were Sami Heslop and Emma Wharrick in the girls and Oscar Johnston and James Criddle in the boys doubles.

SPORTS DAY

This year we had exceptional performances on sports day from many of our participants. Best effort on Sports day this year went to Katie Ward for her continued effort in Shot Putt, and best overall performance went to Annie Farrow. This year there were 5 records broken on sports day, these records were broken by the following performers Sami Heslop, Maisie Bulmer, Lauren Kindlen, Annie Farrow, Alex Caine.



Winners on sports day show their trophies

The final point scores had Water a clear winner.

1st	Water	965
2nd	Earth	923
3rd	Air	918.5
4th	Fire	869.5

To recognise pupils in each of the individual sports for their hard work and commitment, the following pupils were awarded Player of the Year 2009-10:

Netball	Emily Molloy
Rugby	Josh Raines
Football	Lewis Rawling
Hockey	Annie Farrow
Rounders	Sami Heslop
Gymnast	Katy Bradbury
Athlete	Vue Sumsard
Basketball	Alex Caine
Cricket	Shaun Harland
Tennis	James Criddle
X-Country	Alex Richardson

Malton School Tennis Tournament

This year again we had an exceptionally high standard of play from all students who participated in the tournament.

Jonathan Pitkin was crowned boys singles champion, runner-up was Oscar Johnston. Katie Mitchell was crowned girls singles champion, runner-up was Emma Wharrick. The mixed doubles title went to Helen Craggs and Jonathan Pitkin, runners-up were Sami Heslop and Oscar Johnston. Congratulations to all students who took part.



Winners & Runners-up of the 2010 Tennis Tournament

SERVICE TO SPORT

The Dave Pay sports trophies are awarded annually to Key Stage 4/Sixth Form students for contribution to the sporting life of the school. The Girls award went to **Lucy Goodwill** and the Boys award went to **Edward Marwood**.

The Bruce Rolls Trophies for Sport awarded to Key Stage 3 students for both service and attainment in sport. The winners this year were **Emily Farrow** and **Max Fraser**.

DISTRICT COLOURS

Students who are selected to represent the District receive their District Colours unless they have already received them in the past. This year we have 20 students. **Athletics**, Sophie Miller, Harriet Beecroft, Lottie Farrow, Charlie Kirton, Josh Campbell, Maisie Bulmer & Vue Sumsard. **Hockey**, Katie Mitchell. **Netball**, Esther Quinn, Lucy Ireland & Emma Bumby. **Football**, Will Spencer, Max Fraser, Callum Smith & James Douthwaite. **Cricket**, Shaun Harland & **Tennis** Oscar Johnston, James Criddle, Emma Wharrick & Sami Heslop.

SPORTING FIXTURES

All sporting fixtures for both boys and girls can be viewed on the school internet. These may be subject to change throughout the year due to weather etc.

ROMANIA TRIP

Nine students were selected from the four partnership schools to go on an international visit to Romania to complete some volunteer work. **Joshua Garcia-Hall** and **Phillipa Hammond** were selected from Malton School to go. Accompanied by Mr Youngs, both students felt this was a life changing opportunity. Along with their sports partnership, they worked tirelessly to raise the funds needed for the trip by holding events such as race nights, bingo nights, non-uniform days and car washes. They managed to raise a whopping £3896, which went towards plane tickets and equipment. The week consisted of many sports and creative activities including football, rounders and mask making. The trip was a great success and was hopefully the first of many international trips to come.



The school in Romania which Philippa Hammond and Josh Garcia-Hall visited along with Mr Youngs as part of the Sports Ambassadors Trip along with Student Sports Ambassadors from other Partnership Schools.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6 October 2010 at 7.00pm
in the Sixth Form Common Room

Please come along and help us raise money to improve your child's education. It is also a good way of finding out more about the running of the school and also being able to give feedback to the school.

If you would like to be kept informed of PTA events please email:
pta@malton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Calendar—Autumn Term

September

Wed 01	Staff Training Day (school closed to students)
Thurs 02	Autumn Term commences (Wk 1) Yr 7 and 13 start school Yr 12 registration
Fri 03	Yr 8, Yr9, Yr10 and Yr11 start school
Fri 06	Yr 11 Enterprise Day Yr 12 Study Skills Day
Mon 06	Yr12 Residential at East Barnby
Tues 07	Yr 13 Shared Block start
Thurs 09	Yr12 timetable begins
Tues 21	Primary Languages Day
Weds 22	Yr 10 Geog Field Trip
Thurs 23	Early Finish Period 4 for students Yr 6 Open Evening
Fri 24	Training Day (School closed)
Mon 27	Flamingo Land, Rewards Trip
Thurs 30	Garden Talk

October

Mon 04	Yr 13 Government & Politics Trip
Weds 06	PTA AGM
Weds 20	Yr 12/13 Switzerland Trip Special Day
Thurs 21	Y13 & Y11 1st Assess→Home
Fri 22	Last Day

November

Mon 01	Autumn Term continues
Thurs 04	Yr 8 & 9 1st Assess→Home Senior Maths Challenge
Mon 08	GCSE Maths mods & resits start
Thurs 11	Y10 1st Assess→Home Y7 1st Assess→Home Celebration Evening
Mon 15	Y12 HSC Wk Exp week Swedish Exchange Students arrive Maths mods & resits finish
Thurs 18	Sixth Form Information Evening
Mon 22	Y13 Parents Evening
Tues 23	Y8 Police Station Visits Y13 Travel, BS, Ec Trip
Thurs 25	Y12 1st Assess→Home
Fri 26	PTA Murder Mystery
Mon 29	Y11 Mock Exams Week
Tues 30	Y8 Theatre Trip PM

December

Weds 08	GCSE certs presentation pm
Thurs 09	Y12 Parents Evening
Tues 14	A Level Cert Presentation
Weds 15	Christmas Concert
Thurs 16	Senior Citizens Party
Fri 17	Last day of term

DATES OF TERMS 2010-11

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Thurs 2 September	Fri 22 October	Weds 1 September
Mon 01 November	Fri 17 December	Fri 24 September
Weds 05 January	Fri 18 February	Tues 4 January
Mon 28 February	Fri 08 April	Fri 08 April
Tues 26 April	Fri 27 May	
Mon 06 June	Fri 22 July	
<i>Bank holiday:</i>		Mon 2 May

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