

MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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CHRISTMAS SHOWS

The annual Christmas show took place on the last Wednesday of term, with an exceptionally varied programme of music, song, dance and comedy. Ensemble performance by junior and senior choir, jazz group, strings, sax and clarinet were complemented by confident solo performances from all ages: from Year 7 students **Lauren Holmes** (vocal) and **Gemma McNeill** (flute), to sixth formers **Megan Wood** (a piano solo at blistering speed), and **Greg Storey** (an electronic drum solo that had many of the audience on their feet). Even our headteacher, Mr Williams, attempted to emulate his namesake Robbie with his rendition of "I've got my school to keep me warm". Full marks for bravery, but we don't think he will be appearing in next year's X-Factor final. We haven't space to name all the superb acts here - to see everyone visit our website. The show finished with our Sixth Form mini pantomime, *Alice in Wonderland*.

The following day many students performed again as we welcomed senior citizens from the community into school for our annual party. Thankfully the weather held out (just!) to allow most guests to get here and back home safely.

We were pleased to see the return of a former tradition at the school, albeit in slightly different format, when Year 7 and 8 students visited St Michael's church for a carol service. Our thanks to Reverend Bowes for conducting the service.



The Junior Choir mid-song at the Christmas Concert

SNOWEMBER AND MORE

As with most of the country, we suffered from the exceptionally heavy early snow, and the bitterly cold temperatures, with many students being unable to get in due to transport problems. We managed to stay open on all but one day, and maintained as normal a timetable as possible. Further problems followed when extreme sub-zero temperatures burst pipes and flooded much of West Wing over the holiday. We opened for Years 11, 12 and 13 on the first day of term, but thankfully managed full opening on the second, although some parts of the buildings remain out of bounds until repairs can be carried out.



A view of the wing path in the snow

SPORTS HALL- UPDATE

Progress continues well and we are very close to completion. A visit by former England international Mike Catt was organised by rugby development officer Dan Coates, supported by Yorkshire Bank. The opening ceremony is scheduled for 1 February, when Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, will open the facility. A Sports Hall special edition newsletter with further information will be published shortly.



Mike Catt with students on the new 3G artificial turf pitches.

POETRY COMPETITION

The English department held a poetry competition and quiz, in response to the National Poetry Day in October. We were delighted with the standard of entries and judging was very difficult. **Niamh Williams** took the lower school award, **Teerakan Munkeauw** took the upper school award and **Mr Steel** took the award in the staff category.

The winners of the quiz were **7A** for the lower school and **11A** for the upper school. Well done to all who took part!

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT

In November, the English department welcomed Simon James, the well-known children's author and illustrator into school. Mr James spoke to students from all year groups, everyone enjoyed his entertaining presentation and wonderful illustrations. Students found it inspirational to have a real author in school.



Simon James the children's author and illustrator

STEM WORKSHOPS WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2011

All year 9 students will take part in Science, Technology and Engineering workshops at Malton School on this Wednesday morning.

The workshops are being run by a number of science specialists from the local area, in conjunction with NYBEP, and are designed to inform students about careers in science. In the afternoon, 100 students are being invited from other local schools to take part in the workshops.

We are always looking for local contacts in the field of Science and Engineering to further this area of interest. If you can help, please contact Mrs P Warburton, Head of Science, in school.

YEAR 7 BRING AND BUY SALE

Year 7 students organised a bring and buy sale at the end of last term. It was a resounding success and the magnificent sum of £172.00 was raised to go to Romanian charities. Students learn that they can make a difference and help others. A big thank you to parents and students for their brilliant support.



Students grabbing the bargains on offer at the bring and buy

CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES

Year 8 students have been learning about law and order, with visits to school by York magistrates, who conducted mock trials with groups. Students also visited the police station in December—see a report by our mock criminal below.

On Thursday 16 December we went to visit Malton police station. As the children took the minibus, me and Mrs Allan walked to Hoppers, where I got arrested! The rest of the children were watching at the police station on CCTV cameras. We waited for about 15 minutes, then the police van pulled up. The police woman asked me some questions, then handcuffed me and put me in the back of the van. It was very small in the back. I was then taken to the police station for questioning! We went outside to see the cars with all the sirens on. The riot equipment came out, there was a helmet and a plastic shield. There was also a stab proof vest and a taser gun.

Megan Bell, 8 Water

Year 9 and 11 had talks by drugs charity NARCONON, on the dangers of drug misuse and how best to handle peer pressure.

SWEDISH MUSIC EXCHANGE

During the week of 15-20 November, Malton School hosted a group of music students from Sweden, who mixed visits to York with musical activities, culminating in a joint concert on the Friday night. All guests thoroughly enjoyed their time in England and our students are now looking forward to returning to Nordhemskolan in Sweden next month to complete the exchange. A big thank you to all those who acted as hosts.

CELEBRATION EVENING

The annual celebration of the events of the last school year took place at Malton School in November, when 400 students, parents and special guests gathered to recognise the many and varied achievements of 2009-2010.

The evening was a mix of awards, news reporting, and a reprise of some of the highlights of school shows in the last year. **Joe Wing** sang *Leaning on a Lamp-post* to remember his Christmas performance last year, **Bryony Gillespie** and **Ruth Ibbotson** sang a duet from the February Enrichment concert, four girls performed a dance from the Easter Noughties concert (**Betsie** and **Chloe Potts**, **Aimee Machin** and **Imogen Smith**), **Rufus Brooks** played a bass guitar solo to remind us of the A level concert in April, **Lewis Delaney** and band performed *Have a Nice Day* from the Year 11 leaver's concert, **Bethanie Potts**, **Declan Gough**, **Stewart Cambridge**, **Josh Eldridge-Smith** and **Evie Fothergill** performed a scene from July's Wizard of Oz, and **Joanna Booker** and **James Poole** sang a duet as the July talent show winners.



Celebration Presenters: Alice Lloyd, James Poole, Harriet Beecroft, Ben Stubbings, Aimee Machin, Rosemary Asquith

A list of key award winners for 2010:

The Davina Kirk Trophy (most commendations): **Phillipa Norman** and **Chatchanok Sumsard**
The House Cup (most housepoints): **Damian Burlikowski**
Maths Challenge best in school: Junior **Imogen Smith**, Intermediate **Cameron Race**, Senior **Kieran Leckonby**
The Bruce Rolls Junior Sports Trophy:
Girls: **Emily Farrow**; Boys: **Max Fraser**
The Dave Pay Senior Sports Trophy:
Girls: **Lucy Goodwill**; Boys: **James Douthwaite**
The Music Trophy: **Samuel Davies**
The English Trophy: **Harry Wright**
The Science Trophy: **Rebecca Birkett**
Vocational Student of the Year: **Chloe Train**
The Hanson Geography Trophy: **Paul Sykes**
The David Lloyd History Trophy: **Ellen Bentley**
The Food Technology Trophy: **William Smith**
Design Technology Trophy: **Hannah Thorp**
The Phoenix trophy: **Jamie Green**
Headmasters prize for excellence -
GCSE: **Ian Mason**; A level: **Amos Abrahams**.

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. The school again observed the two minute silence on 11 November.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 25 January 2011

6.30 pm, start in the West Wing Hall

Parents and students welcome

MP ANNE McINTOSH VISIT

The local MP visited school to meet the Year 12 Government and Politics students, to discuss local and national issues. Miss McIntosh informed the sixth form students of the decisions the coalition government has made this week regarding higher education fees. She commented on her admiration for the protestors that spoke out earlier in the week in a peaceful manner whilst condemning the actions of other more aggressive protestors. Another hot topic was the Malton Hospital dilemma, commenting on the impossibility of the Ryedale Ward closing fully unless the local community give their full support of the decision. Anne McIntosh was delighted with the political interest demonstrated by the students at Malton School.



MP Anne McIntosh with Year 12 Government & Politics students

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Many thanks for all the help collecting the shoeboxes. The school managed to send fourteen boxes, as well as a donation of £17.50, to Romanian charities. We are sure the youngsters receiving these will be very grateful for the time and effort people have put in to filling their shoe boxes.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS VISIT TO LONDON

On Monday 6 December, 32 excited A level students and 3 staff departed on a three day trip to the capital. They visited the Houses of Parliament, Trade Union Congress, the Bank of England, The Old Bailey and Canary Wharf. In addition to developing their awareness of the factors which influence the business environment, the students became experts at negotiating their way around the London tube system.



Yr 12 Students enjoying the bright lights of London

SPONSORED WALK

On Wednesday 17 November the whole school took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for sports equipment. The walk was well attended, even the Swedish visitors enjoyed a brisk walk around the countryside in the chilly autumn sun! Our total at the moment is £3400 with a further £2300 to collect in. Our thanks go to all who helped with the organisation of the event and the helpers on the day.



Students enjoying the sponsored walk

WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2011

We look forward to meeting parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students to discuss students' progress.

During the day we hope to be demonstrating our new "parent portal", where parents can view key information about their children on-line. This new system is being trialled at present, and will become available to all parents in the near future. This is just one of a number of ICT initiatives we are introducing to improve our provision of information to parents and students.

Calendar—Autumn Term

January

Tues 04	School Closed Staff Training Day
Weds 05	Term starts Y11 Hi Controlled Assessment Week
Thurs 06	Y13 & Y11 2nd Assess→Home
Mon 10	GCE/GCSE exam period starts Y11 Hi Controlled Assessment Week
Mon 17	Y11 Hi Controlled Assessment Week
Weds 19	Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Review Day
Thurs 20	Y10 2nd Assess→Home
Mon 24	Y11 Hi Controlled Assessment Week
Tues 25	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thurs 27	Y12 2nd Assess→Home
Mon 31	Y11 Poetry Live

February

Tues 01	Cragrats
Weds 02	GCE/GCSE exam period ends
Thurs 03	Intermediate Maths Challenge Y9 Option Fair
Weds 09	Y11 sixth form applications due
Thurs 10	Y13 3rd Assess→Home
Fri 11	Y9 option forms due in
Thurs 17	Y11 Parents Evening
Fri 18	Last day of term
Mon 28	Term starts
Mon 28	Y11 Photographs
Mon 28	Y12 Mock Week

March

Tues 01	GCSE Maths Module
Mon 07	Ski Trip Departs
Mon 07	Swedish Exchange Departs
Weds 09	GCSE Maths Module
Thurs 10	Y9 3rd Assess→Home
Fri 11	A level Jan Mod Results
Mon 14	Y13 Mocks Week
Mon 14	Y12 Geography Field Trip
Tues 22	Y10 Parents Evening
Thurs 24	Y12 3rd Assess→Home
Fri 25	Comic Relief
Mon 28	Y9 Core Exams
Thurs 31	Y7 & Y8 3rd Assess→Home

April

Weds 06	Easter Concert
Thurs 07	Easter Concert
Fri 08	Staff Training Day
Fri 08	Partnership Dance Festival
Fri 08	Gibraltar Rugby Tour Departs
Fri 08	Last day of term

DATES OF TERMS 2010-11

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Weds 05 January	Fri 18 February	Tues 4 January
Mon 28 February	Thurs 07 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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