



Malton School

A Specialist Science School

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Academy Status

The move to convert to academy status has proved to be frustratingly slow and complex. We had hoped to complete the conversion this term. That will not now happen and it is effectively on hold until a number of issues, mainly concerning the community use sports centre, can be reached. As a reminder, no move to acquire a faith designation can be launched until we open as an academy. Both of the proposals that we consulted on last term are therefore delayed. We will report on progress in a future newsletter as and when there are some developments.

Centenary Celebrations 8 October 2011

Over 100 students and staff past and present met to celebrate the centenary of the opening of Malton Grammar School on its current site, as well as the 40th anniversary of Malton School in its present status as an 11-18 comprehensive: it was in 1971 that Malton Grammar School and Malton County Modern merged to become one school. The evening provided the opportunity for people across the ages to meet up and remember old times. The current head boy and girl, Lewis Rawling and Holly Johnson, and their deputies Josh Eldridge-Smith and Bryony Hall, presented a brief history of the school.



Students past and present enjoying the Centenary Celebrations

Following the formal presentations, guests had the opportunity to tour their old classrooms and see the changes in the school since they left, and to look at the school's large collection of archive photographs and memorabilia. Some travelled quite a distance to be there, one lady who left school in 1951, actually lives in Santa Monica, California, but was visiting Malton so was delighted to be able to come along.

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to our Year 7 rugby team who won the Malton and Norton rugby festival before half term, beating Ryedale, Lady Lumley's and Caedmon. As a result they have progressed into the East Yorkshire finals early next year.

Please Help – Urgently Needed:

**RAFFLE PRIZES
for forthcoming
Celebration Evening
(10th November)
and Christmas Concert**

All donations to West Wing Reception

Rewards Trip

Students in Years 8 to 13 who had done well in their work last year were rewarded with a trip to Lightwater Valley at the end of September. To qualify, students had to have gained fifty house points and not to have been in isolation. The whole day was a great success and all who went thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Those who did not qualify this time had a day of normal subject lessons.



Students enjoying the thrills and spills at Lightwater Valley

Providing a nurturing environment, inspiring every individual to flourish.

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 17 November 2011
7.00 pm in the West Wing Hall
Malton School
All Year 11 students and their parents welcome

CARLTON LODGE

On Monday 26 September, whilst the rest of the school were at Lightwater Valley, the Year 7 students enjoyed a day of activities at Carlton Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre near Thirsk. The students took part in various activities including, archery, orienteering, problem solving, kayaking and raft building. A great day was had by all, even though the water was freezing!!



Year 7 students in action on their trip to Carlton Lodge

The Woolsack Project

Malton School is taking part in this project, which enables anyone to contribute to making a cushion out of 100% British Wool, to be given as a welcome gift from the people of Britain to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic athletes. Cushions can be knitted, crocheted or woven. Free patterns can be obtained from the website www.woolsack.org. Your cushions would be gratefully received. For more information on this or any other project, please visit our website www.maltonschool.org.

Alcohol Awareness Week 14—20 November

This is an Alcohol Concern initiative in collaboration with regional and national health groups. We will be raising the issues and concerns surrounding alcohol around school and in our citizenship lessons.

School Family Christmas Carol Concert
to be held at
St Marys Priory Church
Old Malton
on

Monday 19 December 2011
at 7.30pm

Tickets are free however seating is limited
For more information or to book tickets please
contact West Wing Reception

LOCKERS



Given the amount of lost property in school and the number of occasions when parents report damage to uniform, bags or equipment we would like to advertise the significant investment we have made in a new set of high quality lockers. We had frequent complaints about the old metal lockers being insecure and too small for the boys. The new lockers are solid laminate, very secure, and about twice the size of the old ones. They will accommodate larger bags and folders. Given our rural context and the fact that we still have an hour for lunch (to allow for clubs and activities) it would be sensible for students to safely lock their equipment away at the start of lunch and then not need to worry about it whilst they eat lunch and participate in a sporting or other activity. The cost of the lockers has gone up to £9 a year because they are of a far higher quality. This is still only equivalent to £3 a term or less than 5 pence a day.



GCSE Maths Exams

There is an exam next Wednesday 7 November in the afternoon for all of year 10 and a re-sit for some year 11 students on Monday 14 in the morning. There will be a revision session on the 7th during lunchtime in the maths rooms, plus a breakfast revision session, starting around 8am on the 14. We also have revision/homework help sessions in room 21 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. Everyone welcome! The sessions last around 1—1.5 hours.

Annual Celebration Evening

This annual event, which reviews the life of the school over the previous year, will take place on **Thursday 10 November at 7.00pm**. Attendance is by invitation, but all students in the school can qualify to attend, because we invite any student who has been awarded three commendations in a year, as well as the top ten in each year. One commendation is awarded in all classes three times per year, either for effort, improvement or behaviour. Hence the event is not limited only to high ability students, but includes a range of students who are doing well in a variety of ways at school (except of course year 7, who have to wait a year until they have gained their commendations!)

Invitations have already been sent out. We regret we can only offer a maximum of two guests with each student due to the numbers involved.

SPECIAL DAY

Wednesday 19 October

Following our achievement of the Full International Schools Award by the British Council this year in recognition of the international dimension that is added to the education we provide, our special day this year had an international theme. The students worked in house teams in which each team had students from each year group, allowing the students to work with different age groups. The teams then moved around four different activities, scoring points for their house according to how well they performed in each task.

The tasks were 'The Haka Challenge', students learnt about the Haka and then devised and performed their own version; 'The Scandinavian Holiday Task', an enterprise-based activity, students had to research a holiday in Scandinavia, learn some Norwegian words and aspects of culture, and finally pitch their holiday to the teacher; 'The Landmarks Challenge', students had to build famous international landmarks using straws; and 'The Olympics Quiz', the teams had to answer quiz-style questions based around aspects of the Olympic Games.



Students taking part in 'The Haka' Challenge and building landmarks out of straws



Well done to all those who took part so superbly throughout the day.

Please see the enclosed information with this Newsletter regarding Privacy Notices and photo consent. If you have not received this insert, please contact school for a replacement.

Special Day and the Woolsack Project!

Around 40 students took part in the Woolsack Project on Special Day. Paul Crookes from the Halifax Spinning Mill came into school to give a talk about British Wool and to get the students hand spinning. Paul cleans and spins wool from British Sheep and rare breeds. Paul brought lots of fleece and wool for us to use. Students could learn to knit, crochet, use a peg loom and have a go on Mrs Richardson's spinning wheel.

Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A massive thank you to Paul Crookes who helped make the day a huge success.



Students who took part in the Woolsack Project on Special Day

Knitting Club

Takes place in the library every Thursday lunch time at 1.00 pm. Learn how to knit, crochet or use a peg loom. All welcome.

Bags 2 School Friday 9 December

We are organising a textile collection with Bags 2 School in order to raise funds for the Camps International Kenya trip next August, which some students from Malton School are going on. Whilst students are there, they will be helping with various community and wildlife conservation projects. These will include digging wells and water holes, building homes for the elderly and infirm and helping in local primary schools.

Please take this opportunity to sort through your wardrobes and cupboards and donate unwanted textiles—this can include adults and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). The school will receive money in exchange for the donated items.

Donation bags have been ordered but meanwhile you can use any other bag to donate your items. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school on the day and help us have a really good collection. Many thanks for helping with this unique fundraising opportunity.

CHRISTMAS DISCO
LOWER SCHOOL YRS 7, 8 & 9
Thursday 1 December
7pm—9pm
Tickets available from
West Wing Reception
In West wing hall
£3 per person

Sponsored Walk

On Wednesday 5 October the whole school took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for Martin House Children's Hospice and the humanities department at school. The walk was well attended with students and staff enjoying the autumn sunshine. Our total at the moment is £5500 with a further £1800 to collect in. Our thanks go to all who helped with the organisation of the event.



Sponsored Walk 2011

Leadenham Polo Club

On 1 October, ten students from Malton School travelled to Lincoln for a weekend of Polo. They stayed overnight at the Leadenham Polo Club. They were taught all about the game of polo, and were given demonstrations on how to play and use a polo stick. Once they knew all of the basic rules they put their knowledge into practice and were allocated ponies to have a go for themselves.

The weekend was a brilliant experience and all hope for another polo trip in 2012!



Students having a go at the 'Leadenham Polo Club'

Sports News

Huge congratulations to Years 7, 9 and 11 basketball teams who each won their tournaments at Lady Lumley's recently.

The year 7 team won 23 points to 17, the year 9 team won 53 points to 9 and the year 11 team won 53 points to 38. Well done to all who played.

Good luck to the Year 9 football team who are through to the quarter finals of both the County Cup and the District Cup.

Calendar—Autumn Term

October

Mon 31 Autumn Term continues
Y8 Police Station visit

November

Weds 02 Y8 Police Station visit
Thurs 03 Y8 & Y9 1st Assessment → Home
Fri 04 Y8 Police Station visit
Mon 07 Newsletter 2 issued
Tue 08 GCSE English & Maths exams start
Senior Maths Challenge
Thurs 10 Y10 1st Assessment → Home
Y7 1st Assessment → Home
Celebration Evening
Mon 14 Y12 HSC Wk Exp week
Swedish Exchange Trip
Thurs 17 GCSE English & Maths exams finish
Sixth Form Information Evening
Fri 18 Children In Need
Mon 21 Y13 Parents Evening
W/C 21 Y8 Magistrates visits
Thurs 24 Y12 1st Assessment → Home
Primary Dance Festival 2pm
Mon 28 Y11 Mock Exams Week

December

Thurs 08 Y13 2nd Assessment → Home
Y12 Parents Evening
Mon 12 GCSE certificates presentation pm
Weds 14 Christmas Concert
Mon 19 Senior Citizens Party
A Level certificates presentation
Tue 20 Last day of term

January

Fri 06 School closed
Staff Training Day
Mon 09 Term starts
Tue 10 GCSE/GCE exam period starts
Thurs 12 Y11 2nd Assessment → Home
Mon 16 Newsletter 3 issued
Wed 18 Y7 & Y8 Review Day
Tue 24 Sixth form open evening
Thurs 26 Y10 2nd Assessment → Home

February

Weds 01 Y9 Parents Evening
Thurs 02 Y12 2nd Assessment → Home
GCSE/GCE exam period ends
Intermediate Maths Challenge
Weds 08 Y13 3rd Assessment → Home

Dates Of Terms 2011-12

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Mon 31 Oct	Tue 20 Dec	
Mon 09 Jan	Fri 10 Feb	Fri 06 Jan
Mon 20 Feb	Th 29 Mar	Fri 30 Mar
Mon 16 Apr	Fri 01 Jun	Mon 07 May
Mon 11 Jun	Fri 20 Jul	Fri 29 June

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