



Malton School

A Specialist Science School

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School Starts New Academic Year on a High

The School has started the academic year with much to celebrate. On the back of these successes we have set even higher expectations for all the students for the year ahead.

International School Award

At the weekend we received the wonderful news that we have been accredited with the full International School Award. This established quality mark, which is not easy to achieve, recognizes the strength of our international work both within the curriculum and through our growing extra-curricular provision of residential study visits and foreign exchanges. It is a key feature of any excellent school that it should provide a wealth of opportunity for students to learn about and experience the wider world into which they will move as adults. The whole staff team have contributed to this, but particular thanks go to Mr Steel for leading and co-ordinating this aspect of our provision. Our special day this year, on Wednesday 19 October, will be an internationally themed day with the students participating in mixed age groupings within their respective houses.

Academy Order

The Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, wrote to Governors on 23 August confirming his agreement in principle for the School to become an academy. The School is now working towards a conversion date of 1 November 2011. A lot of detailed work needs to go into this and it remains possible that this date might have to be put back before final approval is granted. The Department for Education has also confirmed over the summer that the School would have to open as an academy before a separate application can be submitted for the School to acquire a faith designation. The Governors still believe this to be the best way forward for the School but it will be some time in the spring before any official change can take place.

Management of the Sixth Form

A team of external auditors from Veritau inspected our data returns and financial management of the Sixth Form in July.

We have just received their report. Their conclusion stated, "Our overall opinion of the controls within the system at the time of the audit was that they provided **High Assurance** (the highest category). Overall there was very good management of risk and an effective control environment appears to be in operation."

Exam Results 2011

Another record breaking year, continuing our gradual but relentless improvement on the key measures for exam performance.



Year 11 students on results day

GCSE

- The percentage of 16 year olds achieving the level 2 threshold (that is 5 or more A*-C grades) was **80%**, the third year in a row we have passed the 70% mark, and up 2% on last year's high.
- 5 A*-C grades including English Language and Maths is also up to a new high of **64%**.
- Remarkably all students (**100%**) achieved a grade C or equivalent in at least one subject.
- 5 students gained all grade A or A* results. These are: **Ellen Mitchell** with 7 A* and 4 A's; **James Poole** and **Alex Lancaster** with 7 A* and 3 A's. **Kate Ferguson** achieved 5 A* and 6 A's, and **Cameron Race** 4A* and 7 A's. (All these also achieved A or A* in Religious Studies Short Course).
- 28 students achieved an A* in at least one of their courses.

Providing a nurturing environment, inspiring every individual to flourish.

A-level

The overall pass rate was 96% in this our largest ever year group taking A-levels.

- The average total points score per student was 812: with 270 points being equivalent to an A grade, this represents just over 3 A grades per student on average – the 6th year in a row that we have achieved this remarkable outcome.
- The percentage of grades achieved at A*-B was up to 43%.
- There were 14 A* grades, shared between 8 students across 8 subjects. The superstars were: **Alex Borrill** with 3 A* in chemistry, maths, and physics; **Kieran Leckenby** with 3 A* in maths, further maths and physics, (plus another A grade); **Louise Smith** with 2 A* in maths and physics, (plus another A grade); **Catherine Sanderson** with 2 A* in biology and chemistry (plus another A grade); **Amy Szuman** in maths (plus 3 other A grades); **Josephine Smith** in PE; **Sam Spencer** in business studies, and **Harry Wright** in English (plus 3 other A grades). Harry was successful in being accepted by Caius and Gonville College at Cambridge University to read English Literature.



Students celebrating excellent A-level results

For Year 12 students, AS exams mark the half-way stage on their way to A-level success, so results are not celebrated in the same way. A lot of hard work is put in by students and staff to improve on these grades, through targeted re-sits, as the students move through Year 13. However, we must congratulate a number of students on excellent grades: top performances this year come from **Ian Mason** with AAAAB; **Jenna Keys** AAAAC; **Tom Gentry** and **Cara Raistrick** with AAAA, **James Douthwaite** AAABC, and **Kate Dalgleish**, **Heather Leckenby**, **Kate Sunley** and **Jack Bradshaw** with AAAB.

It is pleasing to note our highest ever number of A grades (57), and B grades (80), and we are hopeful of these results converting into excellent A-level results next year.

Finally, we should mention 78 Year 9 students who achieved an OCR National Vocational Qualification Pass in ICT – equivalent to a GCSE grade C pass.

Refurbishment

We have benefited from a programme of works during the summer which has seen refurbishment to the main west wing corridor and to a number of west wing classrooms.

It has been an excellent start to the new year. The School is looking forward with confidence. The students have been made aware that the staff will have even higher expectations of them this year. This is particularly with regard to improved punctuality, improved presentation of written work and improved application of basic literacy and grammar. We are constantly searching to raise standards and look forward to your continued support in helping us to secure the best possible outcomes for all of our young people.

Art Exhibition

The annual art exhibition of students' examination work took place at Malton School on Thursday evening 23 June. Art work covered all the corridor walls in the east wing of the school, as well as walls and display stands in the two main art studios, and the three sixth form art studios. A variety of invited guests, parents, teachers, and students past and present gathered to view the impressive range and variety of work on display, which included paintings in varied media, video art, sculpture, pottery, building design models and game designs.



Louis Newman and Paige Platt

The evening began with the award of the annual Emma Howard Memorial Art Prize. Judging proved so difficult this year that we ended up with joint winners for the first time – **Paige Platt** and **Louis Newman**. Mr and Mrs Howard were kind enough to double the prize money rather than split the award – our thanks as always to the Howards for their continuing support of our artwork.

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Please visit our new website at the above address, where you will find news headlines, this newsletter and past newsletters, information about the school, links to our parent portal, VLE and contact details.

Getting to Know You - Year 6 Introductory Days

On Tuesday and Wednesday 28 and 29 July, 98 Year 6 pupils joined us from 16 different primary schools around North Yorkshire. It was their first chance to come together before forming our new Year 7 cohort in September.

The first day began with an assembly where they were greeted by Mrs Thorpe, Head of Year 7/Transition, Mrs Lovegrove, Head of KS3 and the Headteacher Mr Williams. They also met their form tutors and the other members of their tutor groups and learned which house (Air, Fire, Water or Earth) they were in. The rest of the day was spent having an enjoyable time identifying pond species, making jelly worms and hovercrafts, and burning things in the science building.



Year 6 students enjoying their induction days at Malton School

On the second day they discovered the joys of toys and games through the ages and competed in a mini Olympics with historical toys and used algebra to solve puzzles in Maths. The rain kept off for the afternoon which enabled them to compete in a fast and furious handball tournament which Air house won.

The days also gave them the chance to become more familiar with the dining hall and to try the school dinners and to feel a little more settled before their move in September.

2011 Enterprise Challenge

Well done and thank you to all those who took part in this year's Enterprise Challenge competition.

For the third successive year, students participated in what is becoming, an annual event. We beat the previous target and had more students participating than ever before making this our most successful year to date. Students raised in excess of £1700 through a range of initiatives including sweet and cake stalls, parties, busking, raffles and sponsored walks, to name but a few.

Congratulations to **Peggy Ulyott** who raised over £500 towards the Enterprise Challenge. The student council will now meet to decide on how the money should be spent to improve social areas for students.

A special mention to **Hannah Richardson** in year 8 whose enterprise challenge activity was praised in a letter to the school.

All the information regarding this and all the articles in this newsletter can be found on the website.

McCain Food Business Challenge Well Done Year 12 Business Studies Students

For three weeks in the summer term, business students have been involved in a McCain sponsored project looking at how the school dining experience could be improved. Working in teams, students had to analyse market research results, undertake further independent research and then generate and cost proposed solutions. Apprentice-style presentations took place on Tuesday 19 July at which each team pitched their proposals to Mr Williams and representatives from McCain and the business world.



Some of the students who took part in the McCain Food Business Challenge

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Students at Malton School performed Alan Ayckbourn's *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations* as part of the 'play in a week' on Friday 8 July. Students and staff were in rehearsals all week, with some students also designing and making props and scenery.

The night also included music from **James Poole**, a fund-raising cupcake stall and a raffle.



A scene from Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Year 11 Prom

The Class of 2006-11 Prom in the school hall on Wednesday 25 May was a great success. Students gathered in their finest suits and dresses at the school, arriving in an array of transport including a limousine, horse and carriage, tractors, vintage cars and sports cars.

The evening started with photographs for the albums of the future, outside the school, with friends and families looking on. Students then went in to the school hall for a disco. At the end of the evening the Prom King and Queen were announced having been selected by some of the teachers present – **Fiona Shaw** was Prom Queen, **Frazer Stead** Prom King.

The following day, students attended a final assembly, then had a reception at breaktime, more photos at lunchtime, followed by a final school lunch. The afternoon was filled with entertainment ranging from video clips, special awards, songs and speeches.



Year 11 students ready for the prom

**YEAR 11 LEAVERS
PHOTOGRAPHS** (*approx. 200*)
CDs are available from
Mrs Audsley (Deputy Head's PA)
East Wing - £1 each

Citizenship news

In the last newsletter we explained to you about the Year 7 students beginning a litter campaign and Year 8 students learning first aid.

Year 7 students found the worst of the litter to be near the sports hall, sixth form garden and the field near the east wing. They found the problem areas by doing two surveys, one before lunch and one after lunch. The areas were scored with 1 being the worst and 10 being the best. Letters regarding the litter were sent to staff and governors. The decision was to purchase more bins for the problem areas, which has now been done. The litter campaign certainly helps to keep the school tidier. Year 8 have completed their First Aid Course last term. They learnt how to deal with different aspects of first aid including accidents, choking, bleeding and shock. They had to practice resuscitation and be able to put someone in the recovery position. All students who took part felt it to be extremely beneficial.

Congratulations

The Food Technology Department were delighted to hear of the successes of two past students.

Having achieved excellent grades at A level, Sarah Burns and Hannah Wood chose to follow the subject through to degree level. We are delighted to hear that Sarah has been awarded a 1st class BSc (Hons) in Food Science and Nutrition from University of Northumbria. She spent a sandwich year at Nichol and Laidlow, a bakery manufacturing company. Sarah has joined Westlers in the research and development department.

Hannah achieved a 2:1 Bsc (Hons) Food and Nutrition from Sheffield Hallam University. She spent her industrial placement year working for the Food in School Trust in Lincoln and is currently in Devon teaching students at a nutrition camp.

Uniform Change

Following concerns about design and length of some skirts being worn by girls in Years 7—11, we have decided to introduce a school skirt.

This has been made compulsory for the incoming Year 7 pupils, but will not be required to be worn by Year 8—11 until September 2012. Of course, if you need to replace your daughter's skirt during the year, it would be sensible to buy the school skirt from our uniform shop, so that you are ready for the uniform change next September. The new skirt is very good quality, it has stitched down pleats and comes in two lengths, so fits all sizes. The cost of the new skirt varies from £6.60 for the smallest size up to £12.60 for the largest size. For more information on this item or any other item of uniform we sell in our school shop, please do not hesitate to request a copy of our school shop price list which has all the information you need regarding uniform.

SCHOOL SHOP

The opening hours of the School Shop have changed, it will now be open as follows:

Daily 8.00—9.00 am
Break 11.20—11.35 am (students only)

Closed over lunchtime

2.00—3.30 pm (except Tuesdays open until 4.15 pm parents/carers to collect)

Staff News

We said farewell at the end of the summer term to Kirsty McMurdo, Anita Langdale, Carol Lock, Jim Clarke, Karen Vincent, Heather Parrish, Sue Leach, Tom Brookes, Iris Gaughan and Pat Horsman. We wish them well for the future.

We say welcome back from their maternity leave to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Allan.

We also welcome new Modern Languages teacher Mrs Lemmetyinen.

Green Energy Challenge

50 Year 7 pupils took part in the Green Energy Challenge, an inter-school competition coordinated by Nybep where pupils were asked to invent a product to promote an eco-friendly lifestyle. The winning team were asked to showcase their product at the Big Bang Fair at York Minster on Thursday 14 July and came away with the trophy for the Best Idea! Congratulations to **Katie Thompson, Emmy Weatherill, Kerry Scott, Georgia Tiffany, Olive Ferguson** and **Eleanor Anson**.



The Year 7 Green Energy Challenge winners

MALTON SCHOOL

**Welcomes everyone to its
ANNUAL OPEN EVENING**

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2011

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.**

Early Closing Time

In relation to the open evening, parents should be aware that lessons will finish for most students at 2.35 pm on Thursday 22 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 (3.35 pm).



Knitting Club

A big thank you to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Lane who sewed up various baby blankets and cushion covers over the summer holidays. The baby blankets will go to the Leeds General Infirmary Special Care Baby Unit and the cushion covers are part of the "Woolsack Project" which is presenting Olympic and Paralympic athletes with the British Wool cushions as a small gift from the British people.

Unfortunately we didn't realise the wool also had to be 100% natural! However, the organisers were so impressed with the students knitting that they are sending us some 100% natural British wool to knit some more. The cushions already completed have been sent to charities desperate for them. We are hoping to get more involved in the 'Woolsack Project' so watch this space!

London Trip

A brilliant time was had by all! The 3-D film prior to the London Eye proved a big hit. Students enjoyed the 'Lion King' and 'Shrek' with opinions split as to which was best.

The Cabinet War Rooms were fascinating and students took part in an 'operation' as messengers, coders, typists and plotters (plotting operations on a world map). It brought home to the students the manpower involved and the fact there were no computers! They also enjoyed a visit to Covent Gardens.

Plans are already underway for next year's trip which will take place in June due to the Olympics.



Students enjoying the ride on the London Eye

Sixth Form

Congratulation to the new sixth form officials:

President

Harry Francis

Vice presidents

Aya Abrahams

Fiona Ricketts

Kieran Thompson

Many thanks from the Science Department to Hannah Wright in year 7 for donating some fossils to school.

Ask-A-Careers-Adviser

The new *ask-a-careers-adviser* service from North Yorkshire County Council puts you in touch with a Careers Adviser every Monday to Friday between 5.00-9.00 pm. If you or your son or daughter needs careers advice you can now phone, text or email your question to *ask-a-careers-adviser* in the following ways:

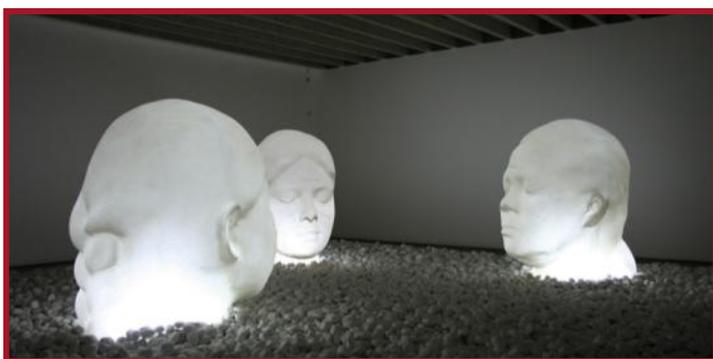
1. Call on 0845 034 9577 to talk to a Careers Adviser. Although you will probably be charged if you call from a mobile, the adviser will be happy to call you back if you wish.
2. Text 'ask' to 81066.
3. Email your question to the *ask-a-careers-adviser* service at getconnectednow@northyorks.gov.uk.
4. You can also look at the Get Connected Now *ask-a-careers-adviser* Facebook page to find out what's new.

This service is in addition to the careers guidance already provided in schools by North Yorkshire County Council.

Art Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 13 students were taken to the Sculpture Park at the start of their A2 Course. This visit was used to allow the inspiration from artists to spark new insight into the development of their new unit.

The main artist resident at the park was one Saume Plensa. His works in fibre glass and alabaster were the highlights of the park. Hands on sculptures such as the *11 Gongs of Jerusalem* really caught the interest of students and showed that all art isn't just visual but can be auditory and kinetic as well.



The Heads of Stones Sculpture



Many thanks to everyone who brought in Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers, we had enough to buy a new microwave and some more pans for Food Technology.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross-country

In all of our cross-country meets all performers showed great effort and commitment. Notable performances came from **Will Spencer** who qualified for the English Schools National Championships in Nottingham finishing in 3rd place. In addition to this we would like to recognise **Lottie Simpson's** efforts; she qualified to represent the District.

Hockey

Across the board we have performed very well this year, the Year 7 girls winning the District tournament and the U14 girls finishing in 2nd place in the District Cup Final. We would also like to mention **Emma Wharrick** who was selected to represent the District team. A special mention to **Sophie Watson** who was chosen to represent Yorkshire and the Humber.

Rugby

Another great year for our rugby teams with particular mention to the Year 7 and 10 teams who have gone on to play in the East Yorkshire finals after winning the Whitby and Ryedale Festivals. In addition to this, we would like to mention **Tim Grey** who now plays regularly for the U15 Yorkshire Team.

Netball

It has been one of our best years for netball. Particular mention should go to the U13 team for reaching the semi-finals of the Scarborough and District knock-out cup.

Cricket

We would like to wish the Year 8 team luck in the District Cricket Final which is to be played against Filey in September.

Athletics

The standard of performance from all of the athletes improve each year with many of them continuing to be selected to represent the District and Whitby/Ryedale.

This year we had 43 athletes chosen to represent Whitby/Ryedale at Huntington Stadium, it is pleasing to see that all of our students made a valuable contribution towards Whitby/Ryedale winning the KS3 and 4 trophies against Scarborough District. A special mention to our four relay teams who performed exceptionally well winning all of the races. In terms of representing the District, this year we had 11 students who were selected. Their performances at Ryedale Stadium in June were a credit to themselves, the school and the district.

Rounders

It has been another fantastic year for all our rounders teams. Our Year 8 team have been unbeaten. Year 10 played exceptionally well and won the Ryedale/Whitby Partnership rounders event in May. Years 7 and 9 teams should also be mentioned who only lost one match in all of their games.

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 **Kieran Charlton** for his great throw in discus of 30.65m. Best overall performance went to **Will Spencer**.

This year there were six records broken on sports day. These records were broken by the following performers, **Annabelle Francis, Megan Bell, Jared Pickering, Sammy Heslop, Kieran Charlton** and **Will Spencer**.

The department would also like to recognise attainment and achievement from the following students at sports day: **Eleanor Anson, Megan Bell, Helen Craggs, Morgan Fraser, Tom Everitt** and **Robbie Holmes**.



Students lining up ready for the off on sports day

The final point scores had Air as clear winner.

1 st	Air	985.5
2 nd	Water	934
3 rd	Fire	931
4 th	Earth	835.5

To recognise pupils in each of the individual sports for their hard work and commitment, the following pupils were awarded Player of the Year 2010-11:

Netball	Maddie Dean
Rugby	Tim Grey
Hockey	Sophie Watson
Football	Morgan Fraser
Rounders	Eleanor Anson
Athlete	Annabelle Francis/Alex Caine
Basketball	Russell Quinn
Cricket	Dougie Bentley
Tennis	James Simpson
X-country	Lottie Simpson

Scarborough and District Tennis

This year we had two couples who were selected to represent the District. They were **Sammy Heslop** and **Emma Wharrick** in the girls and **Oscar Johnston** and **Morgan Fraser** in the boys.

Malton School Tennis Tournament

This year again we had an exceptionally high standard of play from all students who participated in the tournament. **Isaac Johnston** was crowned boys singles champion, runner-up was **James Criddle**. **Helen Craggs** was crowned girls singles champion, **Emma Wharrick** was runner-up. The mixed doubles title went to **Sammy Heslop** and **Oscar Johnston**, with **Katie Benson** & **James Simpson** runners-up. Congratulations to all students who took part.

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 school. The winners this year were **Lottie Farrow** and **Tim Grey**.

The Bruce Rolls trophies for sport are awarded to Key Stage 3 students for both service and attainment in sport. The girls award went to **Annie Farrow** and the boys award went to **Ryan Gaughan**.

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 35 students, 15 who have already been selected in the past.

Athletics: **Tom Everitt, Will Spencer, Alistair Mitchell, Annabelle Francis, Sammy Heslop, Lottie Simpson** and **Jess Johnson**.

Hockey: **Jess Johnson, Emma Wharrick, Annie Farrow, Harriet Beecroft** & **Lottie Farrow**.

Football: **Ryan Gaughan, Morgan Fraser, Liam Palmer-Rippon** & **Liam Douthwaite**.

Netball: **Annabelle Francis**.

Tennis: **Maisie Bulmer, Claire Wharrick** & **Morgan Fraser**.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 5 October 2011

at 7.00 pm

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

Romania Trip

Three Year 11 sports leaders, **Ben Stubbings**, **Megan Farrow** and **Alex Richardson**, returned from a 'life changing' project in July, working with young people in Romania providing a week long summer play scheme in a village called Barcanesti, an hour's drive north east of Bucharest. Based in the local Romanian school our students organised and delivered a range of arts, crafts and sporting activities and also provided equipment for the school to sustain the activities.

The project (comprising of nine sports leaders), now in its second year, is a collaboration between Ryedale's four secondary schools and is totally funded by the students themselves through fundraising events during the year leading up to the trip. Such events included, washing teachers' cars, a duck race at Thornton Dale, Kirkbymoorside 10km run, auction of promises and a race night.

The students fundraising also provided funding for the Romanian school to develop its arts and performance facilities and complete the play facilities which was started by last years trips fundraising.



Students from Malton School working with young people in Romania.

Year 7 students here at Malton have been fantastic in their fundraising to support the trip, not only helping raise money but also providing history and geography resources on our local area, including a film, which we shared with the Romanian students .

A big thank you to all students, staff, parents and the local community who have supported the project.

Plans are already underway to continue with Romania 2012!

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.

Calendar—Autumn Term

September

Thurs 01	Staff Training Days
Fri 02	(School closed to students except Y12)
Fri 02	Y12 registration
Mon 05	Y7 and 13 start school
Mon 05	Y12 residential at East Barnby
Tues 06	Y8, 9, 10 and 11 start school
Thurs 08	Y12 start timetable
Thurs 22	Y6 Open Evening
Mon 26	Lightwater Valley, Rewards Trip Y7 Carlton Lodge Trip
Weds 28	Y10 Geography Field Trip to York

October

Weds 05	Sponsored Walk pm PTA AGM
Weds 19	Special Day
Thurs 20	Y13 & Y11 1st Assess → Home

November

Thurs 03	Y8 & Y9 1st Assess → Home
Tues 08	GCSE English & Maths exams start Senior Maths Challenge
Thurs 09	Y10 1st Assess → Home Y7 1st Assess → 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
Tues 22	Y8 Police Station Visits
Thurs 24	Y12 1st Assess → Home
Mon 28	Y11 Mock Exams Week

December

Thurs 01	Primary Dance Festival
Thurs 08	Y13 2nd Assess → Home Y12 Parents Evening
Mon 12	GCSE certs presentation pm
Weds 14	Christmas Concert
Mon 19	Senior Citizens Party A Level certs presentation
Tues 20	Last day of term

Dates Of Terms 2011-12

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Mon 05 Sept	Fri 21 Oct	Thurs & Fri 01 & 02 Sept
Mon 31 Oct	Tues 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 Jun

Providing a nurturing environment, inspiring every individual to flourish.

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