



Malton School

A Specialist Science School



Two Days in August

The pleasure

A Level results day on Thursday 16 August was a great day. Almost every student was able to move on to their desired next career step, the vast majority of them on to their first choice university. A large proportion secured places at Russell Group universities, continuing our success story in this respect (after being named among the top 100 state schools for sending students on to these elite institutions in the Sutton Trust report last year). The average total points score across the whole year group (our largest ever, with 92 students in Year 13) was up to 893 points. This is based on a system where 270 points are awarded for an A grade. We do not know yet how other schools fared or what the national and county averages for 2012 are but the table below shows you how our performance is likely to maintain our position as the top non-selective sixth form in North Yorkshire:

Institution	KS5: Average point score per student					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	5 Year Average
Local Authority Average	772.2	789.6	783.7	798.2	801.4	789.0
England Average (all schools and FE colleges)	731.2	740	739.3	744.8	745.9	740.2
St Peter's, York	901	882.9	942.5	918.3	938.9	916.7
Malton School (Highest non-selective in North Yorkshire)	928.5	943.6	922.2	841.1	839.1	894.9
Scarborough College	781.3	750.9	971.4	923.7	1028.9	891.2
Ampleforth College	861.5	865.6	860.6	902.7	920.6	882.2
Harrogate Grammar School (2 nd highest non-selective in North Yorks)	902.3	876.1	895	860.7	829.3	872.7
Queen Ethelburga's (Total score for all students)						824.7
Queen Ethelburga's College	951.1	966.4	925.8	999.5	1011.3	970.8
The Faculty of Queen Ethelburga's College	518.2	<	611.8	746.6	837.3	678.5
Scarborough Sixth Form College - Scarborough	830.7	824.4	803.8	786.7	847.6	818.6
Lady Lumley's School - Pickering	728.1	694.1	744.1	771.4	850.4	757.6
Easingwold School - York	750.9	779.3	762.4	737.8	743.5	754.8
York College	690.3	685.0	708.8	734.8	698.0	703.4
Norton College - Malton	N/A	N/A	<	668.1	662.5	n/a

Source: www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance

NB: The Department for Education released these validated results on 26 January 2012.

Amongst this outstanding overall performance there were some particularly notable individual success stories. 11 students gained A* or A in all their main subjects (ie excluding General Studies). They were: **Ian Mason** (3A* + A); **James Douthwaite** (3A*); **Jack Bradshaw** (2A* + 2A); **Clara Rawlings** and **Katie Sunley** (2A* + A); **Alice Thompson** (A* + 2A); **Jenna Keys**, **Kate Dagleish** and **Megan Wood** (4A), **Aya Abrahams**; **Tom Gentry** (3A). 50% of all grades were achieved at A*-B. The pass rate was 99.2%. In total 64 A* and A grades were achieved.

GCSE results

And the pain

GCSE results day the following week on Thursday 26 August was a less happy occasion. We were affected by the decision of exam boards to change grade boundaries to make it more difficult to achieve a C grade. For example we had a number of students who did not even take a summer exam in English Language because they had already achieved the marks required for a C grade in January. Then, unbeknown to anyone, the grade boundaries changed and what was going to be a C became a D and those students had had no chance to respond or to do anything about it.

There has been some confusion in the local press about the arguments for and against what has happened. We have no problem at all with raising standards. It is the prerogative of government to set the bar at whatever level they see fit. The issue here is the injustice in changing the rules half way through the match with no-one being made aware that they had changed.

The school has provided feedback to national organisations who are seeking to challenge the decision of the Ofqual review. We have also selected a number of students and have submitted targeted remarks. We will also avail ourselves of the opportunity provided for a "free" re-sit of English Language in November for those students who have been adversely affected and who want to have another go. If you feel that your child may have been affected by these events and you want further clarity on next steps please contact the Exams Officer, Mr John Wallen (jsw@maltonschool.org).

Despite these unfortunate circumstances which saw our outcome on the English and Maths measure drop to 52%, there was good news in other respects. Our overall percentage of students who gained 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or above rose to 81.2% - a new record for the school. The total average points score rose to 466, another new record for the school. These two measures reflect the strong progress being made across a range of subjects and as I have said in the past, this achievement is based on a largely traditional academic curriculum.

There were some very impressive individual performances. 4 students gained all grade A or A* results: **Steven Fenwick** with 7 A* and 2 A's; **Will Spencer** with 5 A* and 5As; **Holly Johnson** 3 A* and 7 As; **Emily Farrow** with 3 A* and 6 A's. In addition, **Oliver Rawling** gained 2A*, 7 A's and a B. All the students at GCSE and A Level should be congratulated on their success. They can be proud of their achievements. I would also like to thank the staff for their commitment in helping the students to achieve these outcomes.

Kenya Trip

A group of 21 students from Malton School and Ryedale School have returned this Summer from their trip to Kenya with Camps International. They spent a month in the country helping with local community and wildlife conservation projects. One of their most memorable achievements was summiting the 4985m Point Lenana, of the Mount Kenya region, despite driving snow and hail, and for some of the group, varying degrees of altitude sickness.

In addition, the group helped to construct channels for ecologically important water holes, took part in construction work of houses and school rooms, erected much needed fencing for local project areas, created resources to help local youths find gainful worthwhile and sustainable employment and prepared ground for a tree planting project that will reduce wind and topsoil erosion in the particularly arid Imani region.

The experience was potentially life-changing for those involved and was the culmination of over a year's preparation and fund raising. Students would like to thank their teachers, Jon Steel, Liz McGlen and Jenny Flintoft for giving up most of their summer holiday and supporting us on the trip. A big thank you must also go to everyone who made their experience in Kenya possible, by helping them with their fundraising.



Students gather outside Mount Kenya National Park

Change and Continuity

There have been a number of changes at the school that I need to make you all aware of. In terms of staffing a number of colleagues have left us at the end of August, either due to retirement or promotion elsewhere. These are:

Mr Stephen Fearnley, Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Pippa Dore, Head of Humanities
Mrs Christine Richardson, Special Needs Co-ordinator
Mrs Jane Wilford, Special Needs Teacher
Mrs Ann Lester, Teacher of Business Studies
Mrs Nicky-Jo Cooper, Teacher of Science
Mrs Susan Lemmetyinen, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Mr Cliff Reddyhoff, Senior Science Technician

Mr John Horsman, PortaLab Manager
Mrs Annette Dickson-Lane, Teaching Assistant
Mrs Jessie Gillick, Learning Manager
Mrs Caroline Wells, Finance Assistant

I would like to thank all of these colleagues for their service to the school and wish all of them the very best for the future. In addition, Mr Bruce is on a sabbatical year and will return to us in September 2013. Mrs Kettlewell, Mrs Wilcock and Mrs Turner are on maternity leave and we wish them all the best over the coming year.

Change creates opportunities for others and we have this year been able to re-focus our staffing to better prepare ourselves for the new priorities that are emerging in secondary education. We believe we have made some excellent new appointments and we welcome a number of new staff to the school:

Mr Julian Taylor, Teacher of Music
Mr Richard Oakes, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Ms Megan Butcher, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages and History
Mrs Rosie Goodwin, Teacher of English
Mrs Cathy McGrath, Teacher of English
Mrs Sue Leatham, Teacher of Science
Mrs Alice Ingham, Teaching Assistant
Mrs Nicola Richardson, Teaching Assistant
Ms Bernadette Wright, Teaching Assistant
Mr Martin O'Brien, Senior Science Technician

The changes have also allowed us to make some amendments to the leadership of the school. Mr Ian Martin is now the sole Deputy Headteacher. He takes on a whole school brief for self-evaluation and raising standards. Mr Rob Cook takes over as Head of Sixth Form. Mr Jon Steel, Assistant Headteacher, takes over the responsibility for curriculum planning and timetabling. He hands over the leadership of the Upper School to Mr Tim Richardson. Mrs Lovegrove, Assistant Headteacher, now assumes overall leadership of pastoral care across the whole school, line managing the 3 Heads of Key Stage. Miss Lucy Davison steps up to become Head of Lower School. Mrs Sue Holden and Miss Rebecca Coates become Assistant Head of School for the Sixth Form and the Upper School respectively. Mrs Helen Wilson becomes Head of Geography and Mr Gary Howard becomes Head of History. Mrs Ellen Stott takes back the role of Special Needs Co-ordinator and her team is strengthened through the appointment of 3 new teaching assistants.

These changes have allowed a smaller senior leadership team to focus their responsibilities on further improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school whilst direct pastoral

leadership is handed over to a new team, still under the watchful eye of Mrs Lovegrove! The quality of behaviour and of our pastoral care came out as a real strength in the last Ofsted. We know we have strong systems and people in place to continue this work. The changes will enable the senior leadership team to spend much more time in lessons ensuring the highest standards of classroom practice.

We have also appointed Mrs Helen Wilson, Mr Andrew Hodgson and Mr Joe Rumney as Lead Practitioners. They have started to lead staff training and the sharing of best practice on what makes for a good or an outstanding lesson. As a group they are also looking at how we make better use of homework as a tool to extend the development of independent learning and research skills (please see the separate article on this). The students have been told that there will be no acceptance of assessed work that falls below their target grade. Where there is no good reason for sub standard work students will be expected to do it again.

The Parent Teacher Association have been looking at new ways to re-invigorate the connection between the parent body and the school. One of these ideas is that they play a role in re-creating the Parent Forums which we ran once per term until last year. Attendance at these forums, where presentations were made on aspects of the school's work followed by questions and discussion, fell off to the point where it was felt they were no longer viable. But we hope to re-launch them this term in an amended format. Please watch out for details of the first one.

What won't change is our total commitment to do the very best for the young people we serve and for this community. We owe a great debt to the community and to you all for your continuing support and for helping to make this school a very special environment. We will continue as a staff team to put everything into repaying that debt with interest. Our standards are already high but there is no complacency and we are determined to make further improvements.

If you have any suggestions, queries or comments I would be delighted to receive them directly via my email address – rjw@maltonschool.org.

Mr Rob Williams
Headteacher

For a full list of staff e-mail addresses, please see our website www.maltonschool.org or alternatively contact the school where we will be happy to help.



Many thanks to everyone who brought in Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers, we have replenished tin openers and small kitchen items in Food Technology and are awaiting our order of sports equipment for the PE department.

Independent Learning Challenge

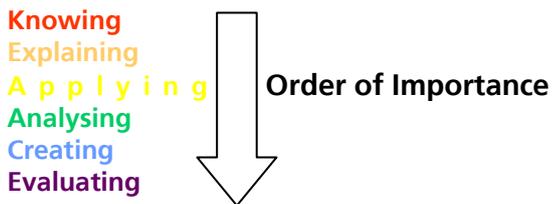
Year 8 and Year 9 students will be taking part in a variety of Independent Learning Projects throughout the next year. These projects will address developing a variety of skills needed to make students more able to access the necessary thinking skills used at GCSE and later at A level.

The projects will each last a full half term or 6 weeks and will involve a minimum of 6 to 10 hours of personal learning, depending on the project. They will be completed independently outside of lesson time, but will support and extend the topics being studied in the classroom.

Students will be able to complete the activity in their own way, but will be given a variety of support so that they can achieve the goal and develop. This support will include access to ICT in school both at lunch and after school using the new homework club in the library.

Students will be given a booklet which will give further detail and outline how to achieve the various levels. Advice will be available from teachers and additional resources will be provided on Moodle and in the Library.

The **thinking skills** being addressed are as follows:



These skills are very important so that pupils can access higher order thinking and therefore achieve their potential. The other areas that will be looked out by the challenge will be:

Researching – A more and more important part of learning which allows pupils to find relevant information and assess its importance, accuracy and reliability. Also coursework now requires pupils to reference sources used in their work using the correct system.

Numeracy – All subjects use the same system of mathematical analysis and technique and it is therefore important that students realise that these skills are not limited to certain classrooms.

Literacy – As with the Numeracy, Literacy crosses all subject boundaries and is therefore the most important skill addressed in education.

Students will be given feedback and be expected to apply the advice in future projects. There will be prizes available for the best examples of each project and for originality. Students are advised to be imaginative and think outside of the box.

Mr Rumney

Prison Me No Way

On Wednesday 11 July, the Prison Me No Way Trust came into school to educate students on the consequences of crime and gave them an insight into what life is like in prison. During the day students were involved in six workshops including fire and safety, internet safety and role-playing. Students met three real prisoners who gave them an account of how and why they were in prison. Overall the day, although hard hitting at times, helped students understand about crime and punishment in the UK.

We would like to thank the Citizenship department for organising this event.



Students involved in the role-playing workshop

MALTON SCHOOL
Welcomes everyone to its
ANNUAL OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

6.30 - 9.00 pm

**Introductory presentation
for Year 6 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 20 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).



**MALTON COMMUNITY
SPORTS CENTRE**
ACTIVITY FOR ALL

Massey Wants You!!!

MCSC Junior Boot Camp

Mondays 4.00pm - 5.00 pm

Open to School Years 9 - 13

**Circuit training style sessions focusing on
strength, co-ordination and fitness**



Junior

**BOOT
CAMP**

Malton Junior Netball Club



**Are you interested in
developing as
an individual and team
netballer?**



In partnership with Ali Sellars
and Tricia Martin, MCSC is
hosting a brand new
junior netball club

Both Tricia and Ali have a
wealth of experience and are
All England Netball
Level 2 qualified coaches

**Starts Tuesday 11 September 2012
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm**

10 weekly coaching sessions
Open to players in school years 7-11

To join call MCSC on 01653 605365

Junior Badminton Club

For school years 7-11

Fridays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**Coaching, Matches &
League Ladder**

**Register your interest @
MCSC**

Starts Friday 16 September



Looking for something new to do on a Friday night?

Twilight Football is open to anyone in school years 7-11.
Pre-booking is not required, simply turn up and the
MCSC qualified coaches will organise players into
teams to play in a nightly round robin competition

£2 per person Starts Friday 16 Sept

MCSC 3G, 7.00 pm -9.00 pm

Malton Community Sports Centre, Broughton Road, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 7BP

t: 01653 605365 f: 01653 696871 e: info@maltonsport.org w: www.maltonsport.org

Uniform Change

Following concerns about design and length of some skirts being worn by girls in Years 7-11, we have introduced a school skirt which has been made compulsory from September 2012. The school skirts are very good quality, with stitched down pleats which come in two lengths, so fits all sizes. The cost of school skirts vary 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.

Please ensure all items of clothing including coats are clearly labelled. We have had a number of students who have lost items of clothing at school which have not been named.

SCHOOL SHOP

School Shop opening hours are 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)

Help

Donations of outgrown girls and boys school trousers would be very welcome, we hold a small stock of tidy trousers to cover any split trouser incidents, unfortunately our stock has become rather depleted of late. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

www.maltonschool.org

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

Maths Drop-In Sessions

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Room 21
3.35 pm—5.00 pm

Open to all students/year groups
Come along and get help with your homework
Revise for exams or just to do some extra maths!

Lunchtime clubs in room 41

Monday - Wargaming
Tuesday - Sixth Form Film Club
Wednesday - Film Club
Thursday - Role-playing Games Club
Friday - Debating Society
Come along and take a look

Art Exhibition

The annual art exhibition of students' examination work took place at Malton School on Thursday 28 June. A variety of invited guests, parents, teachers and students past and present gathered to view the impressive range and variety of work on display. The evening began with the award of the annual Emma Howard Memorial Art Prize. Mr and Mrs Howard presented this year's winner **Hayley North**. As always our thanks go to the Howards for their continuing support of our artwork.



Hayley North

Homework club

This is available to all students starting from Monday 17 September. Staff will be on hand in the school library from 3.45 - 5.00, Monday to Thursday, to help students with homework.

Art Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 13 students enjoyed the delights of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park at the start of their A2 course. Miro's artwork expressed a joyful celebration of life and colour. Students were also wowed at the work of Sophie Ryder. Which included the Giant Hare below.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 3 October 2012

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

Year 11 Prom

The Class of 2007-12 Prom in the school hall on Tuesday 26 June was a great success. Students gathered in their finest suits and dresses at the school, arriving in an array of transport including a limousine, vintage cars, fire engine, tractors, even a ride on kiddies tractor! Some students rode their horses to the Prom. The evening started with photographs outside the school. Students then enjoyed a disco in the hall. At the end of the evening the Prom King and Prom Queen were announced - **Ian Cariss** was Prom King and **Ayeisha Pearson** was Prom Queen.



Students line up for a photo call at the Year 11 Prom

Biathlon

Well done to the following students who all took part in this year's Biathlon held at Pickering Recreation ground. Students competed against schools including Lady Lumleys, Ryedale and Norton. They competed in a run followed by a swim. The results were as follows:

Year 9 boys team first, Year 7 girls team second, **William Worswick** third, **Stephanie Bramley** third, **Lucy O'Brien** second, **Megan Bell** third, **Ryan Gaughan** first, **Matthew Woollons** second, **William Simpson** third and **Alistair Mitchell** first.

For a round up of the year's sports news, please visit our website at www.maltonschool.org.

Wheelchair basketball

Ten students from Years 7-9 took the opportunity to travel to Manchester to watch wheelchair basketball. The event which was the Para World Cup, saw teams from around the world battle it out in some high octane competition. Students also had the opportunity to have a go in the chairs to see just how difficult some of the moves were.



Students at the Wheelchair basketball event in Manchester

First Aid Course

All our Year 8 students took a First Aid course last year within their Citizenship groups endorsed by the British Red Cross. They covered basic First Aid including bleeding and using the recovery position.

It has been brought to the school's attention, some of our Year 8 students had put their First Aid training into practice over the holidays, whilst camping, coming to the aid of a friend who suffered a seizure. They all handled the situation calmly and safely.

Well done guys!



Textiles club (formerly knitting club)

Thursday lunchtimes
Room 7 (1.00 pm)

We are on the hunt for spare material for our textiles club. If you have any fabric or felt, all donations would be greatly received.



Getting to Know You - Year 6 Introductory Days

On Tuesday and Wednesday 3 and 4 July, 100 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 learned which house they were in (Air, Fire, Water and Earth). The rest of the day was spent in the Science department. On the second day they had a taste of lessons including History and Modern Languages, followed in the afternoon by a fun sports tournament.



Year 6 students enjoying their induction days

YEAR 11 LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPHS (approx. 200)

CDs are available from
Mrs Audsley, East Wing
£1 each

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.

Congratulations to **Lottie Farrow, Naomi Richardson** and **Maddie Dean** for their efforts at the Netball Europe event held at the Institute for Sport in Sheffield. They volunteered for the day and worked as ball girls and behind the scenes at the event.



Lottie, Naomi and Maddie on their recent visit to Sheffield

Well done to **Christiana Pain** who came second in the Yorkshire Schools Biathlon Championships at Driffield on 1 July, following her success in Pickering.

Stephanie Bramley also qualified to represent the area for the Ryedale and Whitby School Games Pentathlon, where she achieved an impressive silver medal despite never having tried the shooting event!



Ryan Gaughan and **George Ulyott** represented Malton School in Umpiring for the UK School Games Cricket Finals at York Cricket Ground on 26 June. They also had an opportunity to hold the Olympic Torch. Well done boys.

Congratulations to **James Mayne, Jack Hugill** and **Lewis Delaney** for winning the North East Region's Golf event and coming a creditable 16th in the National Finals, played at Woodhall Spa.



Jack Hugill, James Mayne and Lewis Delaney

Calendar—Autumn Term

September

Mon 03	Staff Training Days
Tues 04	(School closed to students)
Tues 04	Y12 registration
Weds 05	Y7 and 13 start school
Weds 05	Y12 residential at East Barnby
Thurs 06	Y8, 9, 10 and 11 start school
Mon 10	Y12 start timetable
Mon 10	Newsletter 1 issued
Thurs 20	Y6 Open Evening
Fri 21	Flamingoland Rewards Trip Y7 Carlton Lodge Trip
Mon 24	Y13 Parents Evening
Weds 26	Y10 Geography Field Trip to York

October

Tues 02	Y12 Geography Field Trip
Weds 03	PTA AGM
Weds 10	Sponsored Walk pm
Thurs 11	Y12 1st Assessment → Home
Thurs 18	Y13 & 11 1st Assessment → Home
Thurs 25	Y8 & 9 1st Assessment → Home
Fri 26	Sixth form Paris Trip

November

Mon 05	Training Day
Tues 06	Y9 Photographs pm
Weds 07	Y7 Review Day (collect assessments)
Thurs 08	Y10 1st Assessment → Home
Mon 12	Newsletter 2 issued
Tues 13	Y9 Opportunity Knocks event
Thurs 15	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thurs 22	Celebration Evening
Mon 26	Y11 Mock Exams Week
Thurs 29	Y12 2nd Assessment → Home

December

Weds 05	Y12 Parents Evening
Thurs 06	Y13 2nd Assessment → Home
Mon 10	GCSE Certificates presentation
Mon 17	Y7 & 8 Christmas Carol Concert pm A Level certificates presentation pm
Weds 19	Senior Citizens Party pm Family Carol Concert
Thurs 20	Y11 2nd Assessment → Home Christmas Concert
Fri 21	Last day of term

Dates Of Terms 2012-13

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
Wed 05 Sept	Fri 26 Oct	Mon & Tues 03 & 04 Sept
Tues 06 Nov	Fri 21 Dec	Mon 05 Nov
Mon 07 Jan	Fri 15 Feb	
Mon 25 Feb	Wed 27 Mar	Thurs 28 Mar
Mon 15 Apr	Fri 24 May	Mon 06 May
Mon 03 Jun	Tues 23 Jul	Fri 28 Jun