

EXAMINATIONS APPROACH

This term sees the main external exams fast approaching, although with the newer modular courses and coursework there are very few months which pass without someone sitting an external exam or meeting an external deadline.

Year 9 will take their national Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) in English Maths and Science in the week beginning Tuesday 5 May. They will then take exams set by the school in their other subjects.

Year 11 GCSE exams have already started in Art and Music, and Aural tests in Modern Languages commence on 6 May.

Year 13 A level exams cover a similar period of time.

We wish all our students well, and hope that they follow our advice on revision and preparation.



UNWELCOME VISITORS

Parents will have received a letter last term giving advice on head lice - further copies are available if required. Vigilance is still needed, and Mrs Green recommends "Tea Tree Oil" - 2 drops added to shampoo each week - as a preventative measure, or 7 drops daily if head lice are detected. Available from all good chemists.

Please continue to alert Mrs Green, Mr Thomas or Mr Ewing should problems arise.

VISITS AND VISITORS

A group of 42 A level students in Years 12 and 13 spent the final week of last term visiting Belgium, (30 March - 3 April), during which time they visited the European parliament and saw how various major European companies operate. Thanks are due to Ms Lester and Mr Vagianos for organising the trip.

On 25 March we welcomed a group of 75 students from Bjørguin School in Norway. They spent the afternoon talking with Malton students of a similar age (17 - 18 years old) and swapping notes on their schools, their lifestyles and anything else that teenagers talk about. One Sixth Former commented:

"These Norwegian students spoke English very well - certainly better than we speak Norwegian!"

The staff were very impressed by our sports facilities - they could not believe we had two gymnasiums, a climbing wall and our own playing fields - they have to catch a boat to do any sport. They were also impressed by the spacious layout of the school and grounds - their school is a nine-storey high office block in the centre of Bergen, Norway's second largest city.

Other trips included a Year 7 History trip to York, who also visited St Michael's church as part of their Religious Studies work, a revision weekend for A-level Mathematicians visited Danby Fryup in the North York Moors, and the annual Ski-trip for students of all ages - this year the party went to Bormio in Northern Italy.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please note we have been assigned a new postcode: **YO17 7NH**

We have now installed a second Internet link in school, for use by students (our first was for administrative use).

Our current e-mail addresses are:

Administration: *admin@malton.dialnet.com*

Student access: *MaltonS@aol.com*

Many parents will have concerns about the potential for accessing pornographic and other unsuitable material on the Internet. This problem is very real, and whilst we have subscribed to a protected site, if students access the full Internet service they may come across undesirable material. We assure parents that use of the Internet facility in school will always be supervised, we will be vigilant against misuse, and we will continue to take advice on how best to screen out unwelcome material.

FOOTWEAR

The school rules specify footwear as:

“Sensible footwear which supports your feet, keeps them warm and dry and which will not damage any floors is needed. Footwear needs to be plain black, navy or brown. Trainers and other style footwear are not allowed.”

Occasionally pupils arrive at school in canvas shoes or trainers, which are not acceptable footwear. Should this be unavoidable due to a problem with shoes or feet, would parents please send a note, which clearly indicates how soon the problem will be rectified. We try to maintain high standards of dress, please make every effort to minimise the wearing of trainers for general school use.

SPRING CONCERT

The School Orchestra, Junior Wind Ensemble, and the Junior and Senior Choirs gave an entertaining concert of high quality on Thursday 2 April. The school musicians were joined this year by the Scarborough Area Youth Symphony Orchestra (SAYSO). Many thanks to all those involved, in particular to Mr Thorp, our Head of Music, who masterminded the whole evening.

CALENDAR

SUMMER TERM 1998

May

M	04	Bank Holiday - School closed
T	05	Y9 SATs + examinations begin
W	20	GCE modular examinations begin
F	22 15.50	End of Half-Term

June

M	01 09.00	Summer Term continues (Week 2) Y10 examinations begin
M	08	Y7 examinations begin
Th	11	Y8 examinations begin
M	15	Y10 Work Experience begins (2 weeks) Y7 camping
M	22	Y12 examinations begin
T	23	GCSE Science Module
T	30	Careers & Higher Education Forum

July

Th	02	School closed - Staff Day (Malton Show)
M	06	Junior House Matches
T	07	Senior House Matches
W	08	Sports Day
Th	09 19.30	Y6 Parents' Information meeting
F	10	Y7, 8, 9, 10, 12 Reports issued
M	13	Tennis Tournament begins
Th	16	Activities Day
F	17 15.50	End of term

August

Th	20	GCE A-level results
Th	27	GCSE results

REMINDER

MALTON SHOW Thursday, 02 July 1998

The School will be closed to pupils on
Malton Show Day - staff will be engaged
in training.

Please note: *the date of the Show was changed and is
different from that originally notified
(Thursday, 25 June 1998)*