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# MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new millennium. Malton School enters its sixth century confident that it will continue to provide first class education to its young people. The last century saw many changes to its structure - Malton Grammar School, Malton Senior School, Malton County Modern and the comprehensive Malton School all served the town and local area well - but whatever its name or form, throughout the century the same caring and committed service was offered. This is why so many people remember their Malton schooldays with fondness.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century will bring many opportunities and many challenges. Malton School will grasp them readily, and continue to move from strength to strength.

### Building Progress

The new library is nearing completion. Decorators have completed their contribution, the parquet floor has been sanded and sealed, and carpeting is about to be laid in the far section of the room. The solid oak shelves from the old library have been re-used where possible, and new furniture has been purchased. Books are being catalogued on a new computerised system and put back on the shelves.

The formal opening of the new ICT room and library is planned for **16 February 2000** - one year on from the launch of our Appeal. Please see the attached invitation.

### New ICT Facilities

On 1 December we invited parents and students to an informal open evening in Room 40 - our new computer room - to view the new computer system. A good response saw a packed room for the evening, trying out the various applications available. There were a few problems accessing all the internet sites requested - further investigation suggests that this was due to Edex, our ISP (Internet Service Provider), being in the process of switching their storage systems around. The problem should now be rectified.

### House Competition Update

The new houses have now had their first term of competition. Students gain house points generally for their effort and good work, as well as through sporting and other competitions. Junior Winter sports competitions included Netball, Hockey, Football and Rugby. The Senior competitions were the same, plus Basketball. Two house quizzes have run so far, one on Famous People, the other on Places.

The running totals so far are:

### September to December 1999

|               | Air<br>(Gold) | Earth<br>(Green) | Fire<br>(Red) | Water<br>(Blue) |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| General       | 981           | 903              | 866           | 914             |
| Senior Sport  | 100           | 150              | 120           | 130             |
| Junior Sport  | 90            | 120              | 130           | 80              |
| Quiz 1&2      | 50            | 42               | 50            | 50              |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>1221</b>   | <b>1215</b>      | <b>1146</b>   | <b>1174</b>     |

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## **OLD AND YOUNG VISIT THE SCHOOL FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Primary School Christmas Play  
2 December 1999**

On a cold but fine Thursday evening we welcomed children and parents from Malton County Primary School into our hall for their Christmas play, a modern tale where the children explored all the great finds and inventions of civilisation in their search for what is most important to humanity. This they found in the Christmas story: *Love*. Inside the hall the warmth and enthusiasm of the children's performance brightened everyone's evening, and the whole event was a great success. Mr Fearnley, who welcomed everyone to Malton School on the evening, commented:

"I viewed the show from the back of the hall, and was most impressed by the clarity of the children's speeches - I could hear every word. Clearly an enormous amount of teamwork by children, staff and parents had gone on behind the scenes in rehearsing songs, making costumes and organising all the different elements of the show. I look forward to us putting such talent to good use when children transfer to our school in the future. What a pleasure and an honour for Malton School to host such a splendid event - I hope it can become an annual fixture."

## **Senior Citizens' Party 10 December 1999**

One week after hosting the younger residents of Malton, the School turned its attentions to the other end of the age range and welcomed over 140 senior citizens for their annual Christmas party.

In his address to those attending, Mr Roberts welcomed 'first-timers' and regulars and thanked all within and beyond the School who had made the event such a success. The School is most grateful to the guests for their appreciative letters and cards received in the following week.

## **Celebration Evening 10 November 1999**

Speech Days and Prizegivings were always a key feature of the annual calendar of Malton School in the distant past, but these events have been absent for many years. The School is always looking for ways to recognise the achievements of its students, and this year we introduced the celebration evening. 120 students were awarded specially commissioned school badges in recognition of their efforts during the school year, and a new trophy - crafted by Design Technology teacher Ms Robinson - was awarded to Hannah Bramhall (9W) for achieving the most commendations in the year.

But the evening was not just an awards ceremony: indeed, many of the invited audience of relatives, former pupils and supporters who packed the school hall commented that they had come expecting to see a dry and formal presentation ceremony, but were surprised and delighted to be entertained by our students presenting a review of the 1998-9 school year through a newsdesk and news reports, with the aid of a multimedia projector showing digital pictures of school events. Musical contributions from sisters Lucy and Katie Aylmer, and Sixth Former David Betts, added to the entertainment.

The Director of Education for North Yorkshire, Cynthia Welbourn, made a speech at the end of the evening, in which she praised the school on its excellent exam successes last year, and said how much she had enjoyed the evening.

"I attend many school award ceremonies, but this evening has been very special, because it has been totally focused on the pupils, even presented by the pupils.

Malton is a relatively small school, and it is perhaps this which gives it its distinctive character, at the centre of its community with young people at the centre of its life."

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## **GCSE and A-level Certificate Presentation Evenings**

At deliberately less formal evenings, students who had taken external exams in summer gathered to receive their hard-earned certificates towards the end of term. Year 11 received their GCSE certificates on Thursday 18 November from a former pupil, Simon Dyson, the golfer who not only represented Yorkshire and England but in 1999 represented Great Britain and Ireland in the successful Walker Cup.

Year 13 students gathered to receive their A level certificates on the evening of Monday 21 December, allowing those returning from university for Christmas to be present. For many students this is the first time since leaving school that they have seen each other, and the evening allows plans to be made for further contact over Christmas.

## **Carol Service**

The annual carol service took place in St Michael's church on Wednesday 15 December. Despite a bitterly cold night and the spread of flu, the church was full to listen to the Junior Choir, Senior choir and Orchestra perform their seasonal programme under the guidance of Mr Thorp.

### **WEBSITES School**

The school website continues to record school news and information at

<http://members.aol.com/maltons>

Over 2500 visits to the site have been recorded since we started a year ago.

### **Maltonians**

Information relating to the School's past is available on the Maltonians website at <http://webspaces.dialnet.com/malton.school>

Former pupils continue to visit the site, and indeed the school. Our knowledge of the School's long history continues to grow.

## **A Difficult Term**

The Autumn term proved one of the most difficult we can remember in relation to staff absence. A number of staff unfortunately had quite long periods of absence due to ill-health or injury. To compound matters, almost all staff have been required to attend meetings in relation to examination marking, and syllabus developments at GCSE and Advanced level. Major changes in Advanced level courses will be introduced nationally in September 2000.

When staff are absent the School always does its best to provide suitable cover for classes. As far as possible we engage "supply" teachers who have the knowledge and experience to teach the material that would be covered by the absent teacher. For long term absences we endeavour to engage subject specialists who take on the marking and preparation of work for their classes. Obviously for unforeseen absence which materialises on the day, the teaching staff at school cover for their colleagues from their marking and preparation time.

We would like to thank all our permanent staff and our supply staff for their efforts in minimising the disruption to students' education last term, in particular Mr Barnes, Mr Creber, Mrs Dore, Mr Horsman and Mrs Horsman for stepping into the breach. We hope for a return to full health for all.

## **Staff Changes**

Business Studies and ICT teacher Mr Cook left us at the end of last term. We welcome Miss B Forbester in his place.

We also welcome Mrs J Yard to our administrative staff. Mrs Yard will be working in our new library.

## The Library and ICT Appeal -thank you once again

The final total raised from our sponsored walk this year was £4325, over a thousand pounds higher than in any previous year. Thank you again to everyone for your support.

The PTA ran a Christmas draw in aid of the Appeal and raised £580, with a dozen prizewinners receiving Christmas hampers and other prizes. Thanks to all who donated prizes and purchased tickets.

Other donations have continued to arrive from local business, former staff and pupils, and parents of students. Our total has now passed £90000

We hope that readers are not tiring of our various and continued requests for money - we know there are so many requests from good causes - but we still have some way to go to reach our target of £102000. *Please contact us if you feel you can help in any way.*

Other contributions continue to come in, and we continue to look for support in our bid to reach our £102000 target.

When our new library opens it will contain a sponsors board listing all those who have given £50 or more to the appeal (unless they have asked not to be named). Readers may wish to consider this as a way of advertising their business, or commemorating some connection with the school – perhaps remembering a relative who worked here as a pupil or member of staff. The boards are soon to be written, so please contact us in the next two weeks.

## A List of Appeal Supporters

Mrs J Appleton (former pupil),  
Atlas Ward Structures, Ltd., Mrs A Bell,  
Aquila Books, Armstrong Sports, Peter Blanchard,  
Boulton and Cooper, Bright Steels Ltd,  
BSA Sports & Social Club, Castle View Catering,  
Central Ryedale Community Education Service,  
Mr and Mrs A G Chapman, Mr and Mrs C M Coates,  
Mr T Davis, Mr and Mrs K Davison (Governor),  
Mr S Davison (former pupil),  
Mrs K Day (former pupil), Dennis Distribution, Fersina  
Windows Malton,  
Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust,  
Mrs P Ginger (former pupil),  
Grundy Mack Classic Cars,  
Heinemann Educational Publishers,  
Mr B Hodgson (Governor), Mike Hope Electrician,  
HSBC, Mrs J Hulme (former pupil), InPrint,  
Miss P James, Jewsons Ltd, LCL Castings Ltd,  
Mr & Mrs P A Lange, Librex Library Equipment,  
M Knaggs, Mr&Mrs D Lloyd Williams,  
Mrs M Mackinder Architect, Malton School PTA,  
Malton School Endowment Fund, Mr G H Metcalfe,  
Malton Norton & District Lions Club,  
Malton Town Council,  
Mr & Mrs P Mason (former staff),  
Dennis Mayman Joiner, Mr M Milburn (former pupil),  
Mitie Cleaning (North) Ltd., Mr & Mrs G Murray,  
Norton Video Centre, John Paley Hire Services,  
Mr & Mrs M Paley, Mrs V Pay, Mr G Peacock,  
Perry's Coaches, Persimmon Homes,  
Provincial Grand Charity N&E Riding Freemasons,  
Pyramid Systems Malton Ltd,  
Remote Marine Systems Ltd,  
Mr & Mrs D J Roberts (Head),  
Mr J Rolls (former pupil), Rodgers of York Ltd,  
Rotary Club of Malton & Norton, Ryedale Seeds,  
Ryedale Travel Agency Ltd,  
Rounthwaite and Woodhead, Seekings and Wardle,  
Shepherd Building Group,  
Skipton Building Society, Slingsby Engineering Ltd,  
Mrs A S Smith (former staff), Mrs E M Smith,  
Mrs M Taylor (former pupil),  
Terrington Stores and customers, Lt Col D R Tetley,  
Audrey Thompson (former staff),  
Thorpe and Co. Solicitors, Transco Yorkshire,  
Mr and Mrs I Turner, Wallis Business Services.  
Westler Foods Limited,  
Mr & Mrs F A Wiggle (Governor),  
Mrs N Wilcox (former pupil),  
Woollons and Harwood Ltd, Sir Marcus Worsley Bart

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## Mobile Phones

We know that many students will have acquired mobile phones for Christmas. Unlike many schools, we have not banned phones from School, recognising that they can be useful in certain circumstances, and upholding our commitment to Information and Communication Technology. Our intention is to promote sensible and responsible use of the new technologies. We give a reminder here that to avoid disturbance and interruptions to school life, any phones brought to School may be used at lunch-time only on the field/hard play area and after School. They must be switched off inside the School, in quadrangles and in front of the School. Phones must not be visible from 08.55-12.30 and 13.40-15.50.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SPRING TERM 2000

#### January

W 12 Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
M 17 Y13 examinations begin (study leave)

#### February

T 01 Y11 Assessments to Parents  
Th 03 Y11 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
W 09 Introduction to Sixth Form Evening  
F 18 End of Half-Term  
M 28 Spring Term continues (Week 2)  
T 29 Y9 Assessments to Parents

#### March

W 01 GCSE Science Module  
F 03 Y13 Reports issued  
Y10 Assessments to Parents  
M 06 GCE modular examinations begin (6 days)  
W 08 Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
M 13 Y12 Assessments to Parents  
T 14 Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
M 20 Ski Trip (all week)  
M 27 Y8 Assessments to Parents  
W 29 Y9 Parents' Information Meeting

#### April

W 05 Senior House Matches  
W 05 Y12 Post-18 Information Meeting  
Th 06 Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
F 07 School closed to pupils (Staff Training)  
M 10 Junior House Matches  
Business Studies visit to Belgium (provisional)  
T 11 Concert (provisional)  
Th 13 Y8-10 visit to Germany (6 days) (provisional)  
F 14 End of term

## SPORTS RESULTS

**Football Year 9** Malton 3 Scalby 4  
Malton 3 Raincliffe 4  
Malton 9 Norton 3  
**Year 11** St Aidans 3 Malton 1

**Rugby** Pindar 12 Malton 0  
St Augustines 7 Malton 0  
Filey 5 Malton 28

Tournament – Year 9 reached the semi-finals but were beaten by Scalby.

**Basketball Y8** Scalby 28 Malton 14  
Malton 25 Graham 18  
**Year 9** Malton 40 Caedmon 20  
Eskdale 53 Malton 43  
Malton 50 Lady Lumleys 24  
Malton 35 Eskdale 41  
**Year 10** Malton 15 Scalby 25  
Malton 20 Ryedale 43

District Trials – Danny Cass and Chris Smith were selected.

### Cross Country, local

#### Year 7

Ellen Brook 15 Emma Smith 56  
Linda Cooper 8 Claire Lawtie 55  
Anna Gibson 47 Lucy Campbell 17  
Nicola Hill 42 Catherine Queen 18  
Caroline Bell 13

#### Year 8

Rachel Leigh 38 Olivia Farey 48  
Hannah Cook 24 Paula White 71

#### Year 9

Jessica Leonard 22 Laura Bone 39  
Francesca Clarke 29 Donna Chapman 76  
Emma Astin 3

### Raincliffe

#### Year 7

Lee Milburn 7 Ben Knowlson 106  
Jo Leonard 44 Phil Smith 17  
Michael Brown 33 Liam Wright 26

#### Year 8

Jamie Wright 33 Lee Wiles 44  
Chris Lightfoot 29 Jamie Miller 88  
Matthew Young 91

#### Year 9

A Frank 25 R Smith 83  
S Baxter 97 P Cook 92  
D Sleightholme 31 C Barlow 91

### Y10/11

J Baxter 14 A Ward 37  
M Holland 29 L Overton 25  
R Tute 40 T Ramsay 33  
D Dukes 42

Lee Milburn, Linda Cooper & Emma Astin have all been selected for Scarborough & District Cross-Country team.

### Netball

**Year 8** Malton 10 Lady Lumleys 9  
**Y10/11** Malton 13 Lady Lumleys 10

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