

# SPORTS NEWS

## Netball

Four of our Sixth Form students have been training with the U19 District Netball Squad: Eleanor Mawson, Annie Farrow, Alex Donovan and Sammy Heslop.

Both the U13 and U14 netball teams are through to the semi-finals of the district cup.

Niamh Creber, Maddie Craggs and Lauren Gregory have been selected to join the Pathways Satellite Academy which is run through Malton Community Sports Centre. Olive Ferguson and Neve Leggett have been moved up and progressed into the Pathways County Academy which runs at Queen Ethelburga's (full article on previous page).

## U18 Football Academy

The U18 team are having a very successful season to date and are involved in friendly and competitive fixtures. They have been involved in the ESFA National competition, North Yorkshire County League and the North Yorkshire County Cup. Currently the team are awaiting their quarter final encounter with Whitby Caedmon College in the County cup and Easingwold School in their next league game, where they are currently top of the table. The team looks forward to its remaining games of the season with the hope that they can secure a county title.

## U13 Girls Football

Two games, two wins! The girls played their first ever match game against Easingwold School in January. After a fantastically strong performance throughout the match, the final whistle was blown and the score was tied 2-2. Penalties came next and Malton came out victorious 3-1. In early February the team then travelled to Allertonshire School for their second game - their opposition having been recently crowned North Yorkshire 5-a-side School Champions. The girls again gave strong performances throughout the match, and came out the winners: 9-2 final score. The team is coached by Jay Rowley, Malton Community Sports Centre Manager. They will now progress into the semi-finals.



## Hockey

The Year 7 team are enjoying a glorious season with numerous wins under their belts; a particular victory being a game against a local secondary school. Students played on the 3G at the sports centre in gale force winds and driving icy rain. Malton came out victorious, 7-0. The Year 11 mixed hockey team are also enjoying a fruitful season. The team play in friendly mixed 7-a-side hockey matches against local schools. The Under 14 hockey team are through to the semi-finals of the district cup. The Year 9 team, who are fortunate to have strength and depth, are playing exceptionally well this season. Congratulations to Edward Hildreth (Year 8), who has recently been selected for the North Yorkshire U13 boy's county hockey team. Edward is also an active member of the Year 8 rugby team.

## Badminton

Badminton club continues to be very popular after school, at the sports centre, on a Thursday. The club have been very fortunate to have Jenny Wallwork who is a key England badminton player assisting in some of the sessions. Jenny has been working with the badminton club through the Sporting Champions initiative. This is a Sport England initiative bringing world-class athletes face-to-face with young people and young adults to inspire and motivate them.



## Basketball

Our Year 8 boys' basketball team were runners-up in the Scarborough and District finals, with outstanding performances from Josh Lee and Monty Pegrum.

## Cross-Country

Hannah Richardson (Year 8) and Florence and Monty Pegrum (Year 7 & 8) travelled to Caedmon School recently to take part in District Cross Country. Hannah came a very respectable 39th out of a large group in treacherous muddy conditions. Florence came in a fantastic 12th place, 2nd in the District. Florence has managed to sneak a place in the North Yorkshire team after her fantastic performance at this event and on 7 February competed in the inter counties cross country in South Shields. She came 15th overall and 5th in North Yorkshire.



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## TWO NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHERS

Hot on the heels of winning a national award in recognition of its excellence in teaching Geography, two Year 8 students at Malton School have won national recognition for their photography skills.

Monty Pegrum, 13, and Alexander Hatton, 12, have been awarded 2nd and 3rd place in the 11-14 category of the national Geographical Association Physical Geography Competition - 'Physical geography around where I live'.

Monty's picture and description of a dry valley in Thixendale led to the judges' comments of, 'succinct and accurate' and a 'difficult feature to capture from the valley floor'. The theme of Alex's picture was weathering and was taken in his garden in Malton. The judges' comments included, 'a pleasing and clean photograph'.

Both students, with their families, will be invited to the prestigious Geographical Association Awards Ceremony, in April, at the University of Manchester.

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Alexander Hatton, teacher Helen Wilson and Monty Pegrum.  
Picture courtesy of Malton and Pickering Mercury.

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Helen Wilson, Head of Geography, said,

**"The students should be enormously proud of their achievements. This is a national competition that had hundreds of entrants nationwide. But we, of course, have a head start living in this stunning part of Yorkshire with its challenging and contrasting landscapes and physical geography."**

Last term Malton School was one of only 52 secondary schools from across the UK to be awarded a Quality Mark by the Geographical Association. Feedback from the judging panel focused on the excellent improvement in results for geography and the high percentage of school leavers taking up geography-related study in higher education. Special mention was also made of the feedback given to students by the geography teaching team at Malton.

# AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD

Philosophy & Belief students in the Sixth Form at Malton have to grapple with some pretty mind-expanding, brain-busting issues in their lessons. They might discuss the nature of self, and question if you even have a self! World religions are also examined, including Buddhism. And to aid their understanding of the study of Buddhist practices, including The Self, students recently visited the Pocklington Madhyamaka Buddhist Centre.

10 students from Years 12 and 13 spent the afternoon at the Buddhist Centre trying out some meditation techniques and looking round the shrine rooms decorated with images of Tibetan Buddhas and Bodhisattvas. They had a talk from both a nun and a lay person and were drawn into a discussion on 'emptiness' - a profound philosophical idea.

Teacher Sara Thorpe said: "It was a very successful visit. I know the students loved it! They had a relaxing time meditating and a thought-provoking time taking part in conversations about Buddhism. Studying Philosophy & Belief at A Level really hones the students' ability to think long and hard, tackle problems creatively and open their minds to different cultures and ways of living."

Hannah Poole, Year 13, student, said:

**"I really found the meditation helpful and I found it fascinating to learn about how other people live, especially the Buddhist nun."**



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

**In the countdown to Christmas, Malton School's Christmas stocking was packed with treats for its students, parents and members of the community.**

*He's behind you!* On Monday, 8th December, Year 7 made a very special trip to The Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond to see Puss in Boots. Set in the rock and roll years of the 1950s and 60s, it featured evil scientists, crazed robots and some pretty scary monsters! And it was packed with catchy songs and lively dance routines. But most importantly, the students got to see just how what they have been learning in their Drama lessons - the skills and techniques employed in pantomime - translated on to the stage.

*Just hear those sleigh bells ringing and jing ting tingaling too...* Thursday evening, 11th December, was the School's Christmas concert letting students show case their enormous musical talents. Organised by music teacher, Julian Taylor, Glee Club, Jazz Band, Soul Band and the School Orchestra performed a string of much-loved Christmas classics. There were also group and individual performances from students across the year groups.

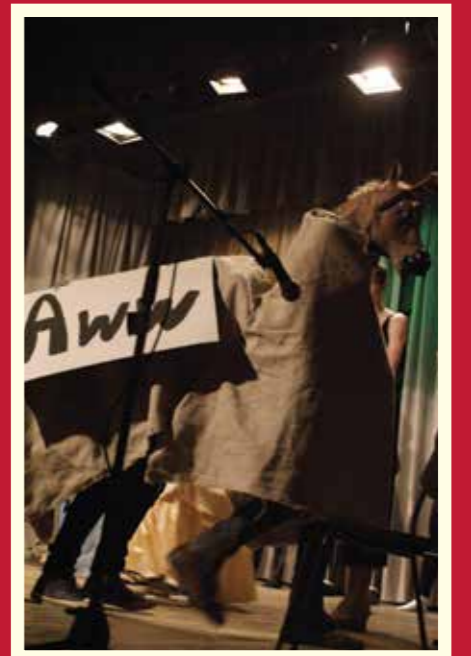
Julian Taylor said,

**"The students put in a lot of hard work during the term rehearsing for the Xmas concert. And there was, as always, a great atmosphere in the Hall on the night. The students might be nervous before they get up there, but it never shows, and then they discover the thrill of performing."**

*Hark! the herald angels sing...* Tradition continued with the School's carol services. On Tuesday 16th December, Years 7 and 8 attended a carol service at St Michael's Church in the Market Place, and on Wednesday 17th December, in the evening, there was a second one for all students, staff and parents, at St Mary's in Old Malton.

And *Rockin' around the Christmas Tree* in West Wing Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th December, student helpers, in paper crowns, ran the Senior Citizens' Party. An afternoon tea of quiche, sandwiches, sherry and Christmas cake was served to invited guests from the local community. There was a raffle and musical performances by the students, including Glee Club.

*Oh no! he isn't!* And to end where we started, the Sixth Form revived an old tradition this year - writing, directing and performing their own panto. It starred a horse, Disney princesses and custard pies - of course!



# NEW HEAD OF HISTORY

Malton School has appointed a new Head of History: Lindsay Cassedy.

Lindsay joins us from Hinchingsbrooke School in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire where she taught for six years becoming History Leader. With a specialist subject in the English Civil War and Oliver Cromwell, she is looking forward to introducing this on to the A level curriculum from September - along with some modern American history, including the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam.

Lindsay started at Malton School on 5th January this year. Lindsay started at Malton School on 5th January this year. Lindsay started at Malton School on 5th January this year.

Lindsay Cassedy said, "I am very excited to be taking up this new position at Malton School, and to be able to develop and raise the profile of History both within the school and the local community. I've always loved history, and I was really lucky to have some excellent teachers when I was at school and sixth form who shared their passion for the subject. The best bit about teaching? The fact that every day is different. Even if you are teaching the same lesson again, it just takes one different answer to take the lesson in a new direction.

Rob Williams, Headteacher, adds, "We are very pleased to have recruited Miss Cassedy to lead our History department. I am sure she will add to our already strong team."



Picture courtesy of Gazette and Herald.

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# MATHS STUDENTS TAKE UP UK CHALLENGE

Seven students studying maths in the sixth form have scooped silver and bronze awards in a national maths competition.

AS level maths students in Year 12 took up the challenge at the end of last term to test their nerves and show off their problem-solving skills in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Senior Challenge.

Six students: Tom Nesfield, Tom Thorn, Alice Walker, Billy Mann, Sammy Heslop, and Cameron McNiff achieved bronze awards. Matthew Watson achieved a silver award, and the Best in School certificate. The top 60% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze award and each school receives a Best in School certificate. Top performing students are then invited to take part in follow-on rounds and the very best can represent their country in the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Tom Nesfield, Year 12, said. "It was good fun. The questions appeared to get progressively harder and you are watching the clock. But I enjoyed it, and it made me scratch my head!"

Gareth Edwards, Head of Maths, said, "Malton School, as a specialist maths school, has been taking part in this maths competition for years. The students relish the challenge: they find it stimulating

and rewarding. It stretches them and sustains an interest in a subject that they may go on to study at university."

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. It is based in the School of Mathematics at the University of Leeds.



Billy Mann, Tom Nesfield, Sammy Heslop, Alice Walker and Tom Thorn. Picture courtesy of Malton and Pickering Mercury.

# STOP CLOWNING AROUND!

They learnt to find their clown walks, steal attention from other clowns and, of course, wear very silly hats, wigs and noses - not in aid of a good cause, but as part of an unusual and inspiring drama lesson.

Thirty very lucky Year 9 students joined in a two hour workshop to learn and practise some clowning and farce techniques. Seven final year students, studying Drama at Hull University, with their lecturer, Louise Peacock, worked with Malton students to help perfect their techniques. Over lunchtime the visiting clowns performed some of their own clowning pieces, in the new Drama studio, for staff and students to come and see.

Hayley Spiers, Drama teacher, who was taught clowning and farce by Louise Peacock, said: "The most successful clowns in Year 9 were those who developed the ability to laugh at themselves, to "fail" successfully and to think on the spot. For

many, the experience built up their confidence - it takes a very confident person to put themselves in front of their peers and ask to be laughed at!"

Tom Elliott, pictured, said: "The best bit for me was making people laugh - and not being told to stop messing about!"

Louise has offered both herself, and other lecturers' services in the future, and would love to return, or have our students visit the Drama department at Hull University.



# MALTON'S NIGHT SKY

This stunning image was taken by Sean Slattery, the physics teacher who runs the new after-school Astronomy Club. It shows the bottom left corner of the moon and was taken using the School's 30cm reflector telescope and a simple camera. Clearly visible are craters and the debris that has been forced out. The Club has just bought a new 15 cm reflector telescope - a Celestron Nexstar 6SE.



# REACHING OUT ACROSS RYEDALE

**It is right across the curriculum that Malton School forges ties with the young year 5's and year 6's to build their confidence and shorten that rather big step into secondary school.**

With numbers rising rapidly for the new September 2015 in-take, here's a snapshot of what our team of dedicated teachers and staff have done over the last year to stretch a hand out to who we hope will become our new Year 7's.

Budding scientists, from years 5 and 6 in local primary schools, were invited into the labs to meet Joe Rumney, a science teacher with a specialist interest in building bridges - from drinking straws! Joe believes:

**"The sessions develop the children's understanding of forces and how to build frames of structures from shapes. They soon see just what is the best shape to strengthen the bridge".**

The children don't just come to us - we go to them - in our special science bus, known as the Portalab. Every fortnight a science teacher from Malton goes into a primary school somewhere in Ryedale, the outskirts of York or into the Wolds. Once the teacher is set up in the classroom, the doors are opened to any pupil who wants a taste of science at secondary school. Heather Turner, science teacher, says, "It can sometimes be a challenge to teach the structures of the heart to a 6 year old, but the younger ones seem to really enjoy the challenge of being stretched."

There is more hands-on learning - this time in the kitchen with Carly Parker our Food Technology teacher. Carly works with year 5 and 6 children to help them gain basic cookery skills. On the menu this term - chicken fajitas and fruit pie.

Primary maths master classes, aimed at the more able pupils in years 5 and 6, are a series of friendly, fun and interactive sessions about maths. They are made up of a series of morning sessions based on specific topics within maths and are designed to challenge and stretch those pupils aiming to achieve a level 5c or higher in maths.

**A little known fact, Malton Community Sports Centre is owned and operated by Malton School. So we want to share our fantastic facilities with the community. At the end of last year Malton School organised hockey, rugby and football tournaments - for boys and girls in local primaries. Children from Malton, Welburn and Langton schools came to us for the Tag rugby competition run by Jo Dale, our School Sports Co-ordinator. Langton Primary won and they go through to the next tournament to be held in June this year.**

Finally, as reported in our last termly newsletter, to mark the centenary of the First World War, 100 pupils from Year 6 in three local primary schools were invited into the English department to work alongside our Year 9 students and an ex-soldier turned poet and teacher, Danny Martin. We also invited in local primary school children to work with the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir from Uganda, when they made a return visit in November.



# PARIS THEATRE TRIP

**It all started with an online search in Malton - and ended one year later with a trip to the theatre in Paris.**

For their cultural topic for A level French, language students have studied a French play by Jean-Paul Sartre. And to build their understanding of the storyline, characters, language and setting, the class agreed the play needed to be seen - and heard - in French - and preferably in France!

So to Paris... And to make the most of this language trip, for many their first visit to the capital, they drew up a list of the cultural sights to see: beginning with Versailles and the Hall of Mirrors; the Eiffel Tower; a walking tour of 'Revolutionary' Paris and the pivotal sites of the French Revolution including Bastille, the Tuileries Gardens (ideal for a picnic lunch), and ending at Les Invalides where they saw Napoleon's tomb.

But for all the language students, the highlight was the theatre visit to see, Huis Clos, Sartre's play.

Rebeca Pollan-Turner, Year 12, said, "It was an amazing production. The theatre was so small and intimate. There were 3 or 4 actors on the stage and only about 30 people in the audience. It was like someone's converted living room, so we really did feel like we were part of the play."

French teacher Richard Oakes added, **"It was a very successful language trip. The performance was astonishing - it gave an entirely new dimension to the students' understanding of the play and its characters. And the cultural places we visited, where the students had to speak French, improved their spoken language skills and stretched their horizons."**

And, of course, time had to be made for window shopping and a proper bistro-style French dinner!



*Claudia Sanchez, Rebeca Pollan-Turner, Rozalinde Paul, teacher Megan Butcher and Ailsa Anson. Picture courtesy of Malton and Pickering Mercury.*

# HIGH ACHIEVERS - JAMIE HYDE

Jamie, Year 10, started swimming competitively, aged 8, at Derwent Valley Swimming Club and then moved to Ryedale Swimming Club 2 years ago where he currently trains 3-4 times a week. 2014 was Jamie's most successful year to date. As well as success in various open galas he gained Yorkshire qualifying times in 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m freestyle and swam at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. For the first time he also gained a regional qualifying time in 50m breaststroke and swam at Sunderland Aquatics Centre in December. Jamie also represented school at the Yorkshire Schools Biathlon Championships and was first in his age group.

This year Jamie hopes to continue to improve his times, particularly in breaststroke. He is attending a training day in March with Adam Peaty, current world record holder for 50m breaststroke and is hoping to learn lots from him. He also plans to enter more biathlons and is currently working hard to improve his running!



# ROLLING OUT

The big event in Malton School's busy calendar is the annual Celebration Evening. A bit like the Oscars, ours is hosted by the Head Girl and Boy team, with presentations made by the teachers. We make the evening all about the students and the successes they have made over the last academic year.

So as you can imagine, this takes quite a bit of preparation. Speeches need writing and rehearsing, musical acts chosen for the intervals, plaques, badges and trophies polished and laid out, and letters sent out to successful students and their parents.

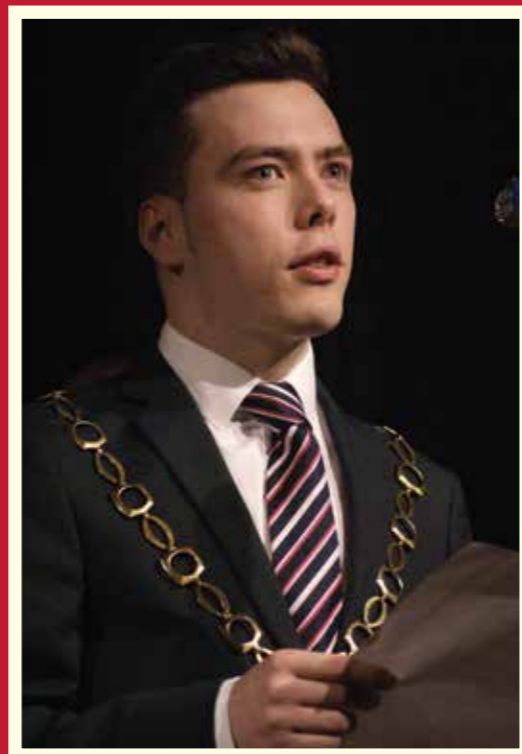
Awards are presented by the School and Governors for academic achievement, effort and sporting success to students in every year group. There is a plethora of subject specific prizes from music to maths and citizenship to languages; an award for Vocational Student of the Year and the House Cup to the student with the most house points; the Phoenix Achievement Award is conferred to the student who has overcome some difficulties in their learning, and an award is handed out to students who have received an award in five or more years. Most students, on the night, were invited to celebrate having gained four commendations in a year for attainment, effort or improvement.

Accompanying these school honours, there are awards that have been commissioned by the relatives of people who have had a long or happy association with Malton School, usually former students or former teachers. These awards are listed below.

Pat Lovegrove, Assistant Head, said: "It is a privilege to be involved in the Celebration Evening: to congratulate and celebrate the students' hard work, talents and skills. But it is also a privilege to see how we maintain our connections, over the years, and remember former teachers, students and their families who clearly have a real affection for the school, and a pride in their association with it."



Presenters, organisers and performers on the night.



Luke Ives, Chairman of Ryedale District Council and former student.



Talent Show trophy.

# THE RED CARPET

## Awards commissioned by former teachers (or their families):

The Science Trophy

The Dave Pay Sports' Shields (boy and girl - most significant contribution to sport in school) and The Bruce Rolls Sports Trophy (most significant contribution to sport in lower school)

The Hanson Geography Award

The David Lloyd History Prize

## Awards commissioned by former students (or their families):

Emma Howard Memorial Art Prize

The Davina Kirk Trophy (the student with the most commendations for effort, attainment and improvement)

J V Wilson Trophy (for Young Cricketer of the Year)

Oliver Hudson memorial



KS3 leaders presenting on the night.

## LIGHTS, MUSIC, ACTION

They may be natural performers, but it turns out these two Year 11 music students are as happy backstage as they are in the limelight.

Jared Smith is an accomplished guitarist and Ryan Perry a gifted pianist. Jared plays acoustic and electric guitar, as well as bass. His tastes are an eclectic mix from blues to rock to, 'sometimes a little classical'. He has lessons, but his true talent and skill is improvising. Although currently playing bass with Zac Woolley, another Malton School student and part of the local music scene, Jared has played in local bands and also leads the school's guitar ensemble. Over the last couple of years, Jared has given up his free time to work as a stagehand for school concerts and formal events.

Ryan meantime is working towards his Grade 8 piano and, by contrast, is classically trained. He is also a flautist and now adds to his musical repertoire by teaching himself the double bass. And behind-the-scenes? Ryan is an unofficial trainee sound and 'spark' technician, under the guidance of Steve Smith, our school technician. Steve has been showing Ryan the technical and creative skills of stage lighting and sound. Really useful skills for Ryan, as he plans a career in live sound or recording.



# LOOK OUT! BOP-SH-BOP - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS!

**You may have heard on the grapevine - or on the tentacles of an exotic plant - pardon the pun - that Malton School is putting on a spectacular production of the musical, Little Shop of Horrors. It will be the School's biggest show in decades.**

A bit of background - Little Shop of Horrors is a quirky musical comedy-cum-horror show with a Motown and Blues score. Set in 1960s downtown New York, it follows the antics of Seymour, a florist's assistant, who discovers a rather unusual plant with a craving for - blood! A cult film, and one of the longest running off-Broadway shows of all time.

We plan to stage the production in our brand new, 200 seat drama studio. It's set to run for 3 nights in March, and the cast and crew are working their socks off.

With the main roles cast in November - Joe Wing, Year 12, plays Seymour the male lead, and Heather Staples, Year 11, the female lead, Audrey - rehearsals are well underway: 3 nights a week and all day on occasional Sundays. Students

in all year groups are also actively involved behind-the-scenes with set design, lighting, costume making and musical accompaniment.

Performances are on the evenings of 11, 12 and 13 March at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now from West Wing reception: £7 for adults, £5 for concessions and a family ticket £20 (2 adults plus 2 children). We look forward to sell-out performances on every night. Help us make that happen!



Cast Joe Wing and Heather Staples holding Eleanor Green's winning poster for the show

# PATHWAY TO PLAYING FOR ENGLAND

**Five talented students from Malton School have been selected to join the prestigious England Netball Performance Pathway programme.**

Niamh Creber, Maddie Craggs and Lauren Gregory have been selected to join the Pathway's Satellite Academy, while Olive Ferguson and Neve Leggett have been moved up and into the Pathway's County Academy.

The girls attended a trials day in York and had to be pre-selected to attend via a nomination from either their club or their school. All the girls train with Malton Netball Club with coaches Alison Sellars and Tricia Martin.

The trial was attended by around 230 girls. This year the county academy has only taken 40 girls from across the whole of North Yorkshire.

Steph Hopkin, PE teacher, said: "It is a mark of the girls' dedication, commitment and talent that they have achieved these heights. It is a fantastic opportunity as they will receive year round training and participate in lots of competitions and formal match play."

In addition to this recent success, Olive, Neve and Niamh have all been playing in the North Yorkshire county clubs' netball league where they have qualified to progress through to the

regional rounds to play teams from across Yorkshire: Olive in the Under 16's; Neve and Niamh in the Under 14's.

The main aim of the England Performance Pathway is to ensure there is an increased number of better quality athletes progressing into the England High Performance programme. The Pathway will act as a conveyor belt for high quality English athletes, taking players from 11-12 years old, all the way through to Senior National team.



Maddie Craggs, Neve Leggett, Olive Ferguson, Niamh Creber and Lauren Gregory

## STUDENT PROFILE - HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

**Two 17 year old students thinking about their futures and preparing for their next steps, are Maisie Thomson and Emily Leeson. These Year 13 students study Health and Social Care and have a wide range of careers open to them: from nursing to teaching to youth work.**

Maisie and Emily have enjoyed the course and found it met their needs and expectations: they complete assignments over the two years, with no end-of-year exams, and explore subjects that are topical and work-based. Emily says: "I've learnt so much on the course. What you learn is practical, useful and interesting. So we've just been learning about child abuse and how it's dealt with and who gets involved. I know much more about social workers and what a hard job they have. When I was on my work placement I saw first-hand how much effort, time and energy teachers put in every day".

And the highlight of the course, for both students, is the 3 week work experience they had in Year 12. They organised their placements in local primary schools. According to Maisie, who was at Weaverthorpe Primary in the nursery and Years 1 and 2: "It made me realise working with children is what I

want to do. It makes me really happy and is so rewarding. It was lovely when they all called me by my name."

So looking to the future - Maisie is pursuing apprenticeships in childcare and Emily is weighing up her options, but definitely wants to work in a job that was as rewarding as her work experience.



## HIGH ACHIEVERS - ERIN CHAN

**Erin has excelled this year with her 'loan' horse Toffee whilst her own pony has been injured. Within three weeks of taking over the ride, Erin has won individually at Area dressage, obtaining the only 70% plus of the day.**

This qualified Erin's team into the British Riding Club National championships in September. Malton Riding Club went on to become National Champions in the riding test and 5th in dressage, with Erin achieving an outstanding 85% and individual 4th and 8th with over 100 plus in each class. Erin works really hard with her ponies even when faced with difficult times through injury. She now hopes to compete at British Eventing in 2015 and has already qualified for the Intermediate dressage championships at Buckinghamshire in April.

