



# MALVERN COLLEGE

July 2009

Dear Parents

It is rather liberating to be able to write to you about something other than Swine Flu and to comment on aspects of the endeavours of your sons and daughters over the past few weeks.

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

Our International Baccalaureate students had another excellent year. Our students averaged 36 points per candidate, which is just fractionally below our second best ever score (36.2), and we anticipate that, after remarks, the 2009 results will turn out to be our second best ever performance. Eighteen candidates performed outstandingly, scoring 40 points or more, with two candidates, Treesa Leung and Joanna Smith, achieving 44 points, just one point off the maximum. All but one of our eighty candidates achieved the IB Diploma. Well done to them!

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING PASSPORTS OF EACH AND EVERY PUPIL**

I would appreciate your assistance with two pieces of information that we are now required to provide for the Home Office UK Border Agency. There is the potential of a large fine or even a jail sentence for non-compliance, so please help us!

You might already know that the College is now required to meet strict new criteria with regard to sponsoring pupils from overseas for visa purposes under Tier 4 of the points-based system ([www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)). We are now obliged to keep documentation that shows that a pupil is legally permitted to be resident in the UK. This includes all pupils – even those born in the UK of British parents and who have always resided in the UK! To this end, may I please ask you to provide a photocopy of your son's/daughter's main passport page or, if they have no passport, a copy of their Birth Certificate. Where a pupil is living in the UK as a result of a parent's work, we also require the Residency Permit/Visa of both parents and the child.

**IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE COLLEGE THAT ALL PARENTS SHOULD RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DO THE RELEVANT PHOTOCOPYING BEFORE SENDING THE DOCUMENTATION TO: MRS SHEILA JACKSON, REGISTRAR, MALVERN COLLEGE, COLLEGE ROAD, MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR14 3DF. THANK YOU!**

Other points to mention: a) Guardians are now required to keep our Registry informed of the whereabouts of children throughout holiday periods and leave outs and b) We cannot permit pupils (even those over eighteen) to stay in hotels over leave-outs or half-terms, as they have to be with a nominated guardian, as a result of new Home Office rulings.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

*Debating:* Before the enforced break, ten FY debaters went on a tour of Oxford, visiting the Oxford Union and debating on topics relating to national service and marriage against Magdalen College School and St Edward's School. The squad of Becky Connell, Annabel Gallop, Jo Gibb, Jonathan Killam, Portia Ma, Holly Makin, Alys Marr, Philippa Vandome and Kate Wood impressed the judges with their maturity and articulate interchanges and won two out of their four debates. Well done to them.

*Malvern Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition:* Congratulations to William Law who won the Best Speaker prize in a very strong field; Will was competing mainly against Sixth Form pupils from a range of other schools and, since he is only in the Remove, this is a noteworthy achievement.

*Music:* Three of our premier musicians made their way to the final of the Malvern Festival Young Musician of the Year competition. This took place before a large and appreciative audience The Forum, with six young musicians taking part from the Midlands and London. Andrew McDade (tuba), Bethan Gauci (harp) and George Lacey (piano) all performed to a very high standard and drew considerable applause from the large audience. The competition was narrowly won by a twenty-one year old violinist from The Royal Academy of Music; this places the performance of our own musicians in context.

Andrew, George and others were to the fore in the Concerto Concert on the last Sunday evening of term. This event was simply spectacular and the consummation of much hard work over several years. Scott Mahoney, Helen Pratt, Adam New, George Lacey, Stephanie Schöhl, Simon Eaton, Beth Lloyd, Tony Lo, Anna Wagner, Ivan So, Sarah Kriegbaum, Verity Bramson and Andrew McDade all deserve our congratulations for the lingering impact their solos will have upon the audience.

*Pride and Prejudice:* Congratulations to the cast of *Pride and Prejudice* and its director, Keith Packham, who managed to put behind them the difficulties associated with our enforced break and to produce a play of high calibre. The leading lights in the cast were Georgina Farmer (Elizabeth Bennet), Abi Hefferan (Mrs Bennet), Jamie Nicholls (Mr Darcy), Eleanor Richardson (Jane Bennet) and Will Law (Mr Bingley).

*Reading Ladder:* The FY Reading Ladder is designed to play a key role in pupils' first year at Malvern. It rewards in three ways: first, it provides a mixture of intellectual challenge and fun to accompany all the other activities undertaken beyond the classroom. Second, it plays a part in generating the pupils' end of year mark in English and, third, there is a pretty substantial prize for the eventual winner. This year we were delighted to announce, at the beginning of this week, that we had two winners of the prize who reached the top of the ladder on exactly the same day. Well done to Emily Gray and Natalia Mladentseva.

## SPORT

*Athletics:* A condensed version of Sports Day took place in the last two weeks of term and a special feature of this event was that no fewer than ten new Sports Day records (two amongst the boys and eight amongst the girls) were equalled or set. It is remarkable that so many new records should have been set in relatively difficult circumstances.

In the senior events, James Eaton (No. 2) broke the Boys' 110m Hurdles record and Hermione Benest (No. 3) did likewise in the Girls' 100m Hurdles and the 100m Sprint, recording 17.40 and 13.20 seconds. Hermione also set a new Girls' Triple Jump record of 10.00m, and now holds an incredible eight school records in the different age groups, despite the fact that she still has one more year at Malvern. In the shotput, Isabel Eichwede (No. 4) equalled the Sports Day record with a throw of 7.11m.

In the intermediates, Toby Hurdle (No. 2) set a new boys' javelin record of 40.23m and Julia James (No. 8) broke the girls' triple jump record, leaping 10.23m and also equalled the high jump record of 1.45m. Kavita Purohit (No. 6) set a new javelin record, throwing 22.9m.

In the juniors, there were records by Vicky Moritz (No. 6) in the Junior Girls' 800m; she ran 2.30.50 which smashed the existing record by over eight seconds! Alys Marr (No. 3) broke the 200m record by nearly two seconds, recording 28.49 which is faster than intermediate and senior records, and Holly Makin (No. 8) threw the javelin 21.00m.

Vicky Moritz must be particularly applauded for her selection to represent the county in the 800m at the English Schools' Athletics Championships Final in Sheffield over the weekend.

Ultimately, in the Boys' competition, No. 5 emerged as winners with No. 2 in second place and No. 1 in third place. In the Girls' competition, No. 6 came third, No. 8 second and the winners were No. 3.

The senior boy athlete of the competition was James Eaton (No. 2), the intermediate boys' winner was Jamie Nicholls (No. 1) and the best overall junior boy was Tom Trotter (No. 1). Amongst the girls, the senior girl athlete accolade went to Hermione Benest (No. 3), the intermediate girls' title to Julia James (No. 8) and the best junior girl was Vicky Moritz (No. 6) with Alys Marr (No. 3) a very close runner-up.

*Girls' Rounders:* The U15A were involved in a really close competition against RGS AO; we lost by 91/2 rounders to 10, with Annie Crowther and Jazmine Williams starring and the Player of the Match being awarded to Poppy Donaldson. Poppy was again to the fore in the match against The King's School, Worcester which we lost 161/2 - 71/2, despite some very good support play by Harriet Shuker and Jess Fletcher.

*Boys' Tennis:* Having lost a number of fixtures to rain this term, it was good for the Junior Boys' A, B and C tennis teams to finish off their season on a high. All recorded comfortable wins over Tewkesbury High School.

In the final of the Remove boys' singles tennis competition Will Vanston beat Paloch Krisanaracha 6-4, 6-1.

In the final of the FY boys' singles, Mark Jefferson beat Nicholas Dent 6-2, 6-1.

*Croquet:* In the Inter-House competition, the No. 2 team of Edward George, Geoffrey Lee, Peter Prest and Thomas Riddell-Webster triumphed.

In the Senior competition, No. 1 and No. 8 fought it out, with the No. 1 team of Sebastian Cheshire, Edward Davenhill, Jack Nicholls and Harry Siviter winning by four hoops to retain their title.

*Girls' Tennis:* Our U15 girls enjoyed a close match against The King's School, Worcester. Julia James and Diana Almazova won both of their matches, 6-3 and 6-1 with some good serving and ground shots and the team drew 2-all. In the U14 matches, King's won 4-2 with our 'Pairings of the Match' award going to Maitie Wright and Hayaka Amada who bounced back from a 1-6 defeat in their opening set to win their second one 6-2.

The Inter-House Competition was won by No. 3; congratulations to their star-studded team.

*Swimming:* The girls' swimming squad took part in the Worcestershire County Meeting and Daphne Li and Tabitha Griffiths gained selection for the Worcestershire Schools' Senior Team, whilst Amy Cooke was selected for the Worcestershire Schools' Intermediate Girls' Team. Warm congratulations to all three swimmers.

*Cricket:* There have been many outstanding performances recently, both at 1st XI level and also amongst our junior teams - the U15 A and B and the U14 A and B. Briefly, against RGS AO, Worcester, our 1st XI posted 306/8 (Odge Davey 82, Jonty Hylands 68) whilst RGS made 224 in reply, Will Meredith

taking four wickets in our big 82 run victory. Against Thomas More College (South Africa) we made 232/6 declared (Jonty Hylands 97, Simon Harwood 94) and had our visitors holding on at 135/9 at the close of the drawn match. We then lost in the Chesterton Cup Final to Cheltenham College who chased down our 205 and, therefore, won by seven wickets before two thrilling games against Clifton and Harrow: Clifton's tail held out to win by two wickets and, in our match against Harrow, an excellent innings of 123 by Jonty Hylands was not enough to secure a win in a very exciting finish. A loss to Bromsgrove by six wickets was followed by a six wicket win over Blundell's in which Will Meredith took 5/37 and Ode Davey made 122. Finally, the 1st XI tied with Durham School. Our U15As produced their best performance of the season to beat a strong team from Old Swinford Hospital, Jack Inchmore (3/24) and Arthur Jones (3/17) taking key wickets in a clear-cut victory.

The U14As played Merchiston Castle School and won by eight wickets. Pick of the bowlers were Chris Harwood (2/17), James Philip (3/16) and James Medcalf (2/23). Francis Burke (48) and Chris Harwood (54 not out) were the chief run-getters in our eight-wicket victory. The team then won against KES, Birmingham, by six wickets, with Mark Jefferson being Man of the Match for his 64 and 2/13. We ended the season with a good win over Bradfield College, making 236/9 in response to their 235 all out. The U14Bs beat The Elms by eight wickets, Tom Trotter scoring 35 not out and Nicholas Dent 41 not out.

*Sports Colours for the Summer Term:* There are three levels of Colours – Junior Colours, Half Colours and Full Colours – represented by ties for boys and badges for girls. In addition, there is a 'Team Award' for pupils in the Remove or Foundation Year.

A 'Team Award' may be awarded to any pupil in the Remove or Foundation Year who has made a sustained contribution to the A team in a particular sport. The recipient will have played in at least two-thirds of the matches.

Junior Colours may be awarded to any pupil in the Remove or Foundation Year who has made an outstanding contribution to a particular sport.

Half Colours may be awarded to any pupil in the Upper or Lower Sixth and Hundred who has made an outstanding contribution to a particular sport or to any member of the Upper Sixth who has made a sustained contribution to a particular sport whilst at College.

Full Colours may be awarded to any pupil throughout the College who has made an exceptional contribution to a particular sport and achieved a representative level of skill.

Boys are awarded ties and girls' lapel badges, which are stocked by Schooltogs.

## **THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN APPLAUDED ON THEIR AWARDS**

### **Tennis (Girls and Boys)**

*Full Colours:* Jackie Sze, Antonia Gold, Ludovica Parenti, Charlotte Rugeroni and Chiara Podbielski, Miguel Indekeu, Frederik Muelke, Ben Wehling and Harry Zinopoulos.

*Junior Colours:* Julia James, Diana Almazova, Tara Van Gruisen, Flora Paterson, Ella Cripwell and Jessica Sims, Paloch Krisanacha, Will Wright, Will Vanston, Guillermo Azcoiti, Pongsapak Chantrasmi, Stan Shirokiy, Matthew Saxton and Jamie Nicholls.

*Team Award:* Isabella Petzinka, Eleanor Hobson, Augusta Wakeford, Rebecca Connell, Daisy Powles, Maitie Wright, Vicky James, Hayaka Amada, Harriet Matthews and Henrietta Ross, Oliver Gardner, Tobi Matsuura, Max Wong and Tim Brook.

### **Athletics (Girls and Boys)**

*Full Colours:* Hermione Benest, Victoria Moritz, Sam Baylis, Alex Betteridge and James Eaton.

*Half Colours:* Imogen Bexfield, Maria Schacker, Tabitha Griffiths, Ayobami Afolabi, Godwin Lui, Alex Magee, Mobolaji Odojukan, Tobi Ofili, Jamie Paterson and Lanre Vigo.

*Junior Colours:* Amy Cooke, Abigail Hefferan, Susannah Hunt, Kirsty Imm, Julia James, Tara Margulies, Alys Marr, Rebecca Raby-Smith, Naomi Sharpe, Jonathan Betteridge, Charles Buiskool, Miles Burke, Barnaby Davies, John Guilbert, Toby Hurdle, Jamie Nicholls and Tom Trotter.

*Team Award:* Zainab Adewusi, Jessica Coulman, Amelia Freeman, Claire Fung, Joanna Gibb, Jaala Kenchington, Emily Maggs, Holly Makin, Natalia Mladentseva, Alex Perry, Alice Pinfield, Kavita Purohit, Lydia Sharpe, Portia Velarde, Kate Wood, George Bowden, George Dale, Godfrey Lui and Oluloademilade Onabowale.

## **Cricket**

*Full Colours:* Charlie Lacey, Archie Velarde and Will Jones, in addition to current holders of Colours.

*Half Colours:* Will Bishop, Kit Lister and Andrew Mullins

*Junior Colours:* Jack Barnett, Arthur Jones, Bar Bartlett, Giles Gregory, Jack Inchmore, Will Wright, Francis Burke, Mark Jefferson, Chris Harwood, Dan Garnett, James Medcalf, Charlie Plummer, James Philip and Matt Ramsay.

*Team Award:* Rory Jones, Josh Mansell, Oliver Gardner, Hugo Andrews, Liam Charlton, Jake Cripwell, Henry Salmon, Dan Williams, Ben Rhodes, Tom Riddell-Webster, Tobin Bishop, Luke Smith, Nick Dent and Will Fox.

## **Some Announcements for Next Year**

*Captain of Rugby:* Congratulations to George Davies on his appointment as Captain of Rugby for 2009-10.

*Captain of Rackets:* Fred Gardner has been appointed as Captain of Rackets for 2009-10 and, similarly, we congratulate him.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

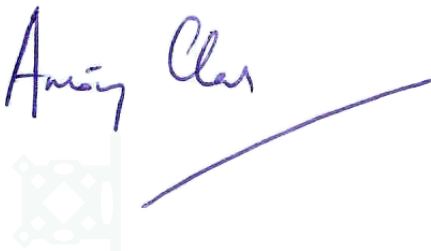
*Catering:* At a meeting with the Parents' Forum on 30 June, the College's Senior Management Team and representatives of our caterers, Avenance, presented and agreed the details of the new catering operation scheduled to commence in September. In essence, this involves the preparation of the main House meals (i.e. lunches and suppers) using the latest food production technologies in the new "state-of-the-art" kitchen adjoining the Entertainment Suite in the new Sports Complex. I would like to emphasise that House dining will remain as a central and very important aspect of our pastoral care and a good deal of food will continue to be provided from the House kitchens. The element of individual choice for Houses will also certainly not diminish. We all look forward to an even higher standard of catering from next term.

*Sports Complex:* Our new and very impressive Sports Complex is currently due to open on 21 September, though the official opening will take place on the weekend of 16-18 October. I know the whole Malvern College community is looking forward to using its wide range of facilities. We are close to finalising the timetabling for the Sports Complex for the Autumn Term and, of course, the pupils' needs and requirements will be comprehensively addressed as part of the overall operational plan for the Complex, particularly since we will have a 'settling in' phase in which the pupils' use of the facilities will be tracked prior to the Complex being used by the broader community.

## CONCLUSION

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and let's hope we have the long, hot summer we were promised a month ago. My best wishes go to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antony Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a long, thin horizontal line.

**Antony Clark**  
**Headmaster**

