

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MAHARISHI SCHOOL

SALTERS' FESTIVALS OF CHEMISTRY

2004: 46 Festivals were held in 2004 with students from all over the UK & Ireland travelling to their local university to enjoy a fun day of practical Chemistry. Teams from over 700 schools participated in the Festivals. A team of 4 pupils from the Maharishi School in Years 7 and 8 participated and came first in the University Challenge competition.

UK JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE (Aimed at Year 7 & 8 pupils)

May 2006

(241 612 entries nationally. Gold certificates are awarded to the top 6%, Silver 7-14% and Bronze 15-20%.) Year 8 — Silver: Ruth Ingram & Molly Deary / Bronze: Freddie Fuller.

Year 7 — Silver: Jed O'Connor & Jonathon Jedrczak / Bronze: Jennifer White.

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Year 8 — Silver: Christopher Evans (1 mark below a gold award) & Helen Jackson / Bronze: Arthur Mercer

Year 7 — Silver: Ruth Ingram / Bronze: Raphael Burne, Molly Deary & Abraham Rossiter.

April 2004

Year 8 — Gold: Paul Evans / Silver: Lillah Kennedy & Dakshina Scott.

Year 7 — Bronze: Arthur Mercer.

April 2003

Year 8 — Gold: Emily Mercer / Silver: Maud Ashton.

Year 7 — Gold: Paul Evans / Bronze: Dakshina Scott.

UK INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE (aimed at pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11)

February 2007: Maharishi School Maths Successes

In this year's National UK Intermediate Maths Challenge, the Maharishi School students excelled more than ever before: 2 Golds, 3 Silvers & 3 Bronze awards. Dakshina Scott (Year 11) and Paul Evans (Year 11) will both receive Gold Certificates. Lillah Kennedy (Year 11), Rebecca Broome (Year 11) and Arthur Mercer (Year 10) will receive Silver Certificates. Jennifer Hayward (Year 11), Alice Renwick (Year 10) and Kit Harding (Year 11) will receive Bronze Certificates. Congratulations to them all!

But to top even this, Dakshina Scott scored so highly that she has been invited (it's by invitation only!) to attend the next round of competitions. This is a European-wide (25 countries), one-hour exam, scheduled for the 15th March. It's called the 'Pink Kangaroo' and is designed to challenge even the brightest Maths students from Year 10 and 11.

It is difficult for most adults to appreciate the levels of Mathematical ability that all these students have demonstrated.

Therefore, we will soon be publishing this exam on the school's website, and encouraging adults to try it! You will be able to send your answers in for marking - then you'll see!

Over 202,000 students entered the competition this year, and these will have been the best ones out of a student population of more than 3 million (England, Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland, Years

9, 10 & 11). To win a Bronze award you need to be in the top 20% of this lot. To achieve a Silver certificate you have to be in the top 14%, and to receive a Gold you must be in the top 6%. Their achievements are quite exceptional.

February 2006: (200,000 students entered this competition. The top 6% qualify for a Gold Certificate and those in the top 7 to 14% are awarded a Silver Certificate)

Year 11 — Bronze: Emily Mercer & Sam Kerwin.

Year 10 — Gold: Paul Evans / Bronze: Agnès Lambert & Dakshina Scott.

Year 09 — Silver: Arthur Mercer / Bronze: Helen Jackson.

Year 07 — Bronze: Jonathan Jedrczak (note that the competition is not intended for year 7 pupils).

February 2005

Year 11 — Silver: Sophie Renwick.

Year 10 — Silver: Emily Mercer.

Year 09 — Bronze: Paul Evans; Kit Harding; Lillah Kennedy; Agnès Lambert; Dakshina Scott.

TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

March 2005

Last year (our first try) we came just above the bottom in a group of 30+. This year we came 16th, "one below halfway" the organizer said.

POETRY SUCCESSES

December 2006

Hélène Lambert who was invited to London as a 3rd prize winners of the Children's Poetry Bookshelf 'Write-A-Poem' competition. Hélène's winning poem is included in the winners anthology and also on the Children's Poetry website (www.childrenspoetrybookshelf.co.uk)

AUTUMN 2006

Rebecca Broome, Paul Evans & Emily Mercer are among 100 winners of the 2006 Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award organised by the Poetry Society. There were nearly 10 000 entries from students internationally. They have been invited to the prizegiving at the Globe Theatre in London on National Poetry Day, 5 October. Also, Esme Walker, Arthur Mercer, Paul Evans, Rebecca Broome and Dakshina Scott are among the winners of the Manchester Metropolitan University 'All Write' competition. Their work will be published in an anthology available in bookshops.

AUTUMN 2005

Foyle Young Poets Awards (Poetry Society): Kye Dorricott (Year 10) - highly commended; Ruth Yates (former pupil) - highly commended. This 11-18yrs competition is now international, with over 8000 entrants including USA undergraduates in Creative Writing.

Ottakars Poetry Competition (Regional): Kye Dorricott - age category winner; Rebecca Broome (Year 9) - runner-up; Agnes Lambert (Year 9) - highly commended; Esme Walker (Year 9) - highly commended.

Autumn 2005: The following pupils are among the 100 winners of the international Foyle Young Poet of the Year Awards organised by the Poetry Society: Rebecca Broome, Paul Evans, Tom Escott, Emily Mercer and Eleana Orr. They were invited to a celebration party in London in the Royal Festival Hall on National Poetry Day, 6th October 2005.

There were over 5000 entries.

Foyle Young Poet of the Year Awards 1998-2005 (formerly known as the Simon Elvin Young Poet of the Year Awards) organised by the Poetry Society. Our pupils are regularly winners and run-

ners-up. In total, we have had twelve winners and forty-six pupils whose poems were highly commended. All winners attended a residential poetry writing course run by the poets who judged the competition, and had their poems published in winners' anthologies by the Poetry Society. Over 7,000 entries from throughout the world. Winners and commended poets attend a prize-giving in the Royal Festival Hall on National Poetry Day.)

Autumn 2005: Rebecca Broome, Paul Evans, Agn s Lambert, Emily Mercer and Eleanor Orr are among the winners of the Creative Writing competition organised by Manchester Metropolitan University. Their poems were published in 'MUSE', the creative writing journal, available from bookshops. The winners were invited to attend a launch of the journal and a workshop with a 'celebrity writer'.

MAHARISHI SCHOOL PRESS

Barometer by Simon Cohen, former Chairman, Maharishi School Council, (ed. Cliff Yates)

from a review in 'Transcendental Meditation News' by Cliff Yates: *Barometer*, by the late Simon Cohen, has been published as a celebration of Simon's life. All the proceeds go to Maharishi School. After he retired from the probation service, Simon was chairman of Maharishi School Council as well as a director of the Maharishi European Sidhaland. *Barometer* is wonderful. There are poems about people, memories, day-to-day life. The poems work also on a larger scale: 'To Jesus' comments on the absence of images, in churches and art galleries, of a laughing Christ, when 'It is your huge laughter / that shakes and breaks down ranged / mountains of misery into fine gravel / to walk on in gardens.' 'Anniversary', celebrating forty years of marriage, is breathtaking: 'Dry puddles of talcum powder on the floor. / Sharing your duffle coat with the silk lining / under a tree on Box Hill.'

Oranges - a collection of poems by pupils of the Maharishi School

MAHARISHI SCHOOL PUPILS GAIN MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED YOUTH.

Five pupils from the Maharishi School have been accepted as members of The National Academy of Gifted and Talented Youth (NAGTY). The Academy has its base at Warwick University and aims to identify the top 5% of students between the ages of 11 and 19. Pupils are identified through high scores in nationally standardised tests of ability or gaining a gold award in the UK Maths Challenge, for example. The remit of NAGTY is to enhance the educational provision for gifted and talented pupils up to the age of 19. The Academy provides a wide range of online learning and services to members together with a programme of outreach events, summer schools and careers advice. A termly magazine called *Aspire* is also produced for members.

2005: Jennifer Hayward attended a 3 week course at the University of Warwick working with the Royal Shakespeare Company to prepare for 2 performances of 'A Comedy of Errors'.

2006: Raphael Burne, Jenny Hayward & Paul Evans attended courses.

Raphael Burne: Course Title—British and American History from Start to Finish. Durham University 6-19 August Dr Aidrian Green and Dr Jonathon Pearson. - 'Its one of the best experiences ever'.

Paul Evans: Invention to Market, Imperial College, Steven Craig and Kate Frost Course Leaders August 13-28. Visited the BBC Proms twice. - 'Fantastic'

Jenny Hayward: Course Title—Key Concepts in Media July 23-Aug12; Warwick University; Tutor Tom Brown; Visited the BBC & the British Library.

OTHER

Years 5 & 6: A cake sale for 'Children in Need' in November 2006 raised £50. Wear you Wellies to School Day in December 2006 raised £30 for Blue Peter's Shoe Biz Appeal.

2005: Amber Walling was a runner up in the Scholastic Magazine's design-a-poster competition. She won £200 of books for the school and a trip to London to visit the children's author P B Kerr.

GCSE RESULTS SINCE 1990

Since the Maharishi School started entering pupils for GCSE examinations in 1990, the following statistics are particularly noteworthy.

The percentage of GCSE passes at grades A or A* at the Maharishi School since 1990 is 39.1%, while nationally the figure is 14% over the same period (for all those years when national figures are available.)

The percentage at grades A-C from pupils at the Maharishi School since 1990 is 87.3%, nationally the figure is 54.2%.

The percentage of pupils at the Maharishi School gaining 5 or more passes at grade C or above since 1990 is 89%, while the figure nationally is 44.6%.

In conclusion, pupils at the Maharishi School pass examinations at grades A or A* at almost 3 times the national rate. Passes at grades A to C are almost 60% higher than the national average while the percentage of pupils passing 5 or more GCSE examinations at grades A*-C is double the national average rate.

In 2006, 100% of pupils gained 5 or more passes at grade C or above with 58% of the passes being at grades A or A*.

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