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There is not a day goes by when as Head of Marlborough I don't feel proud and in many cases humbled by the vibrant school community I am so lucky to lead.

Since taking up headship in 2004 I have continued with determination to lead a school that provides a happy, enriching, secure and inspiring environment in which to learn and grow. My philosophy is very simple, a happy child will learn and with a focus always on the power of fantastic teaching, positive relationships, structure and boundaries I know that we are going to get it right. With children's happiness in the UK being rated below other countries such as Romania and Ethiopia I feel truly passionate that we as teachers not only have a role to educate your children but also in working with you as parents have an equally important role in developing such crucial qualities as resilience, determination, motivation and joy.

Our Ofsted grade in February 2018 re-enforced our spirit of community and ethos in that the warmth of relationships between students and staff are highly positive, having a knock on effect in creating positive attitudes to learning. We want the very best for all our young people whether it be applying for veterinary college, medical school, apprenticeships or employment our mission is to ensure your child has the skills and qualifications needed to fulfil their dreams (click on the link to read our Ofsted report: <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/138042>).

All staff at Marlborough know that your sons and daughters come first and I believe strongly in open and transparent communications with students and their families. I am incredibly lucky to work with staff who continuously go the extra mile, whether it be after school catch up classes, accompanying Duke of Edinburgh camping trips (usually in horrendous weather!), sailing trips, China, Pompeii, Ecuador, Spain or Skiing, all designed to open doors and expand learning. There are an enormous amount of clubs on every week to spark new interest ([click here to see what clubs are on offer for students this year](#)) in an ever changing examination climate we continue in a non-selective comprehensive school to achieve some fantastic results, both at GCSE and A Level ([click here to see our results](#)) and indeed our positive Progress 8 figure reflects added value for all our students in terms of their starting points.

Being graded Good by Ofsted in 2018 was richly deserved and we are always working towards Outstanding. We are a reflective school, we want to work in partnership with parents and above all we want to get it right for all our young people whilst encouraging



high academic standards and all being given as many opportunities as possible to try new things!

Being a totally inclusive school with a strong ethos is supported by a powerful pastoral team and a caring staff. We value our clear behavioural expectations and we work very hard to ensure that no child's learning is hindered by disruption or poor behaviour.

I am proud of my school and the students. I do however appreciate that like any school we are not perfect. One size does not fit all and to get a feel for us and the learning that takes place it would be a great idea if you could join us on a tour – these can be booked by contacting the school on 01727 856874 and they run from 24<sup>th</sup> September, on a Monday and Wednesday, up until October half term.

Our strategic theme for this year sums us up – all students in school, happy and making exceptional progress, that is what we believe in. There has never been a more exciting time to join Marlborough, our results are our best ever at both key stages, we are just about to start work on a new purpose built sixth form block and there is a sense of confidence and family in the school that I believe to be unique, motivating and kind.

**Ms A F Thomson**  
Headteacher

"Excellent transition arrangements, including a summer school for new Year 7 students, ensure that students feel welcome, settle quickly and are confident that the school will provide support if they need it".  
Ofsted 2011

Please see below some feedback from the parents of students who have joined us in Year 7 this September

*'... thank you all for making the transition process seem so effortless for our son, who incidentally came from a very small primary school and was the only child to attend from his school. From that first extra visit you arranged in your school for him to meet other students who were also coming to Marlborough alone, (it) gave him such a sense of relief we cannot thank you all enough. Your summer camp and transition programme has again highlighted Marlborough is a wonderful school to attend. Thank you Miss Pounnas Ben is truly lucky to be part of the school. Mrs C*

*'A message to Miss Pounnas and her Year 7 team for showing us just how much each student is an individual child and taking time to ensure all the worries any child may face whilst transitioning is being dealt with quickly and effortlessly. As new parents to the secondary system we were a little reserved about communication and support at such a large school but all I have to say is well done and thank you!' Joshua's mum*

*Thank you for all your hard work over these first two weeks settling our new year 7 in ... Anna is thrilled to be at Marlborough and is already making so many friends. She is really looking forward to every aspect of school life which has truly confirmed to us the Marlborough was our first and best choice for her Secondary education. Many thanks again, Mrs G*



## Year 13 Student Destinations September 2018

79% of students secured university places.

11% of students continued into further education or apprenticeships.

10% gained employment or job-related training.

A sample of courses and destinations are below:

Birmingham	English and Creative writing
Birmingham	Political Science
Birmingham	Sport and Exercise
Birmingham	Biochemistry
Bristol	Childhood Studies
Bristol	Biology
City, University of London	Aeronautical Engineering
East Anglia	Philosophy and Politics
Exeter	Sports Science
Goldsmiths, University of London	Design
Goldsmiths, University of London	Journalism
London College of Music	Music
London Southbank	Film Practice
Manchester	Politics and French
Nottingham	Politics and Economics
Nottingham Trent	Pharmacology
Queen Mary, University of London	Drama
Rose Bruford College	Acting
Southampton	Geography
Surrey	Physics
Sussex	Psychology



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## Welcome from Our Heads of School



Hello and welcome to The Marlborough Science Academy,

Here at Marlborough, we pride ourselves on being more than a school, we are a community. A community that prides itself on being inclusive, celebrating difference but united by our shared values and ethos. To ensure everyone's voice is heard and represented within the school, we encourage involvement in 'Student Voice'. 'Student Voice' is a network of students elected from each year across the school who meet regularly to discuss upcoming events, acknowledge the hard work of students who deserve praise and suggest and discuss new ideas. As Heads of School, it is our honour to be the bridge between students and staff and to ensure our school continues to be the best version of itself it can be, for everyone.

In our role as Heads of School we are really passionate about increasing awareness of mental health. One in five teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 will suffer from a mental illness at some point, we feel it is our duty as Heads of School to promote and support this important agenda, to make sure students know they are not alone and are greatly valued in our community. We believe everyone should have someone they can go to for help and encouragement, a comfortable place for people to share their feelings and seek advice and any support they might need. We have a number of ideas such as an allotment club, this would be a place where students can go to relax, forget about their troubles and form new friendships whilst developing a new skill. Furthermore we would like to promote positive mental health in assemblies and help educate on the topic and how students can support their friends who may be suffering.

We appreciate how important making choices about secondary school are and how daunting it can be. Our aim as Heads of School is to help promote a unified and compassionate student body. We want to support this through a buddy system, connecting our youngest students with sixth formers to further ease the year 7s through their transition into secondary school. We also want this buddy system to help support any other students throughout the school to ensure no student feels on their own.

The Marlborough Science Academy is a great place to grow and be nurtured and we are all living testimony of this. We want every student to have an enjoyable, fun-filled and rewarding experience at The Marlborough Science Academy where they can achieve more than they ever thought possible in a safe and stimulating environment.

Heads of School: Yasmin Ali      Cameron Clark      Will McManus      Leah Rowson



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## Tours of the School - 2018

9.15am	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
9.15am	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
9.15am	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
9.15am	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
9.15am	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October
9.15am	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
9.15am	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
9.15am	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
9.15am	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
9.15am	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October

Places can be booked by telephone on 01727 856874.

Please be aware that if you do attend a tour most Primary School Headteachers prefer it if you leave your child at school. Please check with your Primary Headteacher before booking.



## Admissions 2019/2020

### **Ethos**

The Marlborough Science Academy is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive Academy committed to an inclusive education for all learners.

### **General**

The Governors will, where considered appropriate, consult with parents about admission arrangements. They will also establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission. Details of admissions and appeals arrangements will be published each year. The County Application form (CAF) and the Academy's Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be returned by the date given in the 'Moving On' booklet for the academic year.

The Governors will annually review their arrangements in discussion with representatives of the Local Authority.

### **In-Year Admissions**

If there are more applications than places, in year admissions will be considered using the admission rules.

### **Year 7 Admission Rules**

Students will be admitted in accordance with our Single Equality Policy.

The admissions number for September 2019 is 212.

If fewer applications are received than places available all applicants will be offered a place. If more applications are received than places available the following oversubscription will be used to prioritise applications.

The Academy will admit any pupils who have a statement of special educational needs or Educational Health Plan that names The Marlborough Science Academy.

### **Order of Priority**

1. Students who are in public care or were previously in public care (children looked after or children previously looked after who ceased to be looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order)<sup>1</sup>
2. Students for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the Academy <sup>2</sup>
3. Students who have a sibling on the roll of the Academy at the time of admission.<sup>3</sup>
4. Children of Staff<sup>4</sup>
5. Students whose permanent address is closest to the Academy address point<sup>5</sup>



## NOTES

- All schools must have oversubscription criteria for each 'relevant age group' and the highest priority must be given, unless otherwise provided in this Code, to looked after children and all after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. Oversubscription criteria must then be applied to all other applicants in the order set out in the arrangements. Residence Orders have been replaced by Child Arrangement Orders.

The full legal definition can be found in HCC's definitions available online at [www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf/admissions/defs1718.pdf](http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf/admissions/defs1718.pdf)

- <sup>2</sup> All professional evidence supporting the medical/or social application must be sent to the school.
- <sup>3</sup> Children who have a sibling on role of the school or linked school at the time of admission. The purpose of these rules mean the sister, brother, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, a child looked after or previously looked after, or child of the parent or partner and in every case living permanently in a placement within the home as part of the family from Monday to Friday at the time of this admission. A sibling link will not be recognised for children living temporarily in the same house, for example a child who usually lives with one parent but has temporarily moved or a looked after child in a respite placement or very short term or bridging foster placement."
- <sup>4</sup> Children of members of staff who have been employed at the school on a permanent contract, for two or more years at the time at which the application is made whether full time or part time, teaching or educational support staff. For the purpose to this rule a child of a member of staff is defined as: he or she is the child's natural mother, natural father or has demonstrable legal parental responsibility for which evidence is provided and lives at the same address as the staff member. Children of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is demonstrable shortage
- <sup>5</sup> Distance from The Marlborough Science Academy will be measured using the straight line distance measurement provided by Hertfordshire County Council's GIS System as outlined in the 'Moving On' booklet/Under 11's Publications to the academy address point. Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to two decimal places. The measurement is taken from the Address Base Premium address point of your child's house to the address point of the school. Address Base Premium data is a nationally recognised method of identifying the location of schools and individual residences. \*

### **Tie Break**

In each category, priority will be given to those living nearest the Academy measured in a straight line from the student's permanent home address to the main Academy point\*

The Academy will use these rules in the order they are printed above.

Rule 5 will apply as a tiebreaker for rules 2, 3 & 4.

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. In the case of two applicants with exactly the same priority under the admissions rules, but only one place being available, the Governing Body will offer places to both families.



### **Appeals Process**

All unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal to an independent panel for a place to be made available for their child. Hertfordshire parents wishing to appeal, who applied online, should log onto their online school application and click on the link "register an appeal". If the application was made not using Hertfordshire's online application system parents should contact the Customer Service Centre (0300 123 4043) to request an appeal pack.

Should you wish to appeal, please contact the Academy Admissions Officer on 01727 731375 who will be able to advise you further.

For In Year applications parents should contact the school directly in the first instance. For further advice please contact the Academy's In-Year Admissions Office on 01727 731335 who will be able to advise you further.

### **In Year Admissions**

The school is part of the Hertfordshire County Council's coordinated in year admissions scheme. Applications can be accessed via [www.herts.direct.org/admissions](http://www.herts.direct.org/admissions) or from the customer service centre on 0300 123 4043. Parents should return their form directly to County Council (address details on form).

Places will be allocated in accordance with rules 1-5.

If more children qualify under Rule 5 than places available the tie-break would be those that live closest to the school.

The Marlborough Science Academy cooperates with the Local authorities Fair Access Protocol for the children who are hard to place.

### **Continuing Interest List**

In the event of more applications than available places the governors will maintain a continuing interest list (waiting list)

These and late applications will go onto this list in a position determined by the criteria. If a place becomes available in the school it will be offered to the child that best meets the published admission rules. Parents are requested to inform the governors if they wish their child's name to be removed. This list will be maintained for 6 months for all year groups.

NB: There is scope for children admitted under HCC's Fair Access Protocol to be prioritised before children on CI and can be admitted over PAN in consultation with the Governors.

### **Children educated out of year group**

#### **Admission of children outside their normal age group**

Admission authorities must make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they



have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They must also take into account the views of the head teacher of the school concerned. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the admission authority must set out clearly the reasons for their decision. Applications should be made in the student's correct chronological year group, and the decision is solely the responsibility of the governing body.

### **Sixth Form Admission Rules for The Marlborough Science Academy**

Students will be admitted to Year 12 in accordance with our Single Equality Policy. Admission into the Sixth Form does not guarantee a place on any particular course. The Academy publishes separate course entry requirements. Entry requirements are based on an individual and their desired pathways and can be seen in our post 16 prospectus which is available on our school website.

The admissions number for external students for September 2019 is 15.

### **Order of priority**

1. Students who are looked after or were previously looked after (children looked after or children previously looked after who ceased to be looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
2. Students who were on roll at The Marlborough Science Academy in the Year 11 preceding the admissions year.
3. Students for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the Academy, (evidence must be provided by a professional dealing with the child's case).
4. Students whose permanent address is closest to the Academy address point. A 'straight line' distance measurement is used. Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to two decimal places. The measurement is taken from the Address Base Premium address point of your child's house to the address point of the school. Address Base Premium data is a nationally recognised method of identifying the location of schools and individual reasons.

### **Notes**

The Academy will use these rules in the order they are printed above.

Rule 4 will apply as a tiebreaker for rules 2 and 3.

In each category, priority will be given to those living nearest the Academy measured in a straight line from the student's permanent home address to the main Academy address point.\*

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. In the case of two applicants with exactly the same priority under the admission rules, but only one place being available, the Governing Body will offer places to both families



## Supplementary Information Form Application for Year 7 Entry - September 2019

If you wish to apply for admission to The Marlborough Science Academy for Year 7 in September 2019, you **MUST** submit an application form to Hertfordshire Admissions. You can do this online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) or telephone 0300 123 4043 for a paper application form.

**Please also complete this form and return it to The Marlborough Science Academy, for the attention of the Secondary Transitions Officer by 31st October 2018.**

Child's Forename(s)		
Child's Family Name:		
Date of Birth:		Sex (M/F):
Home Address:		
Current School:		
Parent 1 Forename _____ Surname _____ *Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr. / Other *Relationship to child: Mother / Father / Step Parent / Guardian / Carer / Other Other please state _____ *delete as applicable		
Parent 2 Forename _____ Surname _____ *Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr. / Other *Relationship to child: Mother / Father / Step Parent / Guardian / Carer / Other Other please state _____ *delete as applicable		
Contact Telephone Numbers		
Email Address		

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Please give brief details if your family has or has had any connections with The Marlborough Science Academy (including siblings currently on roll at the Academy).

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Please give your reasons below for registering your interest in a possible place at The Marlborough Science Academy and/or any additional information you would like us to know regarding your application.

Please sign and date this form before returning.

Signed..... Dated .....

**Please send this completed form to:  
The Secondary Transitions Officer,  
The Marlborough Science Academy,  
Watling Street,  
St. Albans  
Herts, AL1 2QA.**

**Please include a stamped, addressed envelope to receive a receipt for this form.**



## Our Team

### Senior Leadership Team

**Headteacher**

Ms A Thomson

**Deputy Headteacher**

Miss D Crook – Curriculum, Raising  
Achievement Key Stage 4  
Mr M Fitzgibbon – Teaching & Learning,  
Behaviour & Attendance, Rewards & Sanctions

**Assistant Headteachers**

Mr R Atterton – Post 16  
Mr D Eve – Head of Science  
Mr J Griggs – Student Welfare, Behaviour and  
Standards  
Mr A Stanton – Data to inform Teaching &  
Learning, Disadvantaged Students

**Associate Leader**

Mr S Salih

**Associate Leader i/c VLE/Home  
Learning/e safety**

Mr J Rutherford

**Associate Leader i/c Literacy**

Mrs E Blount

**Lead Practitioner i/c NQT Training and  
classroom cover**

Ms J Bustin

**Lead Practitioner i/c PSHCEE Years 7, 8  
and 13, Careers and student leadership  
programme**

Mrs M Rutherford

**Lead Practitioner i/c Primary Liaison**

Ms H Redfern

**Director of Finance and Resources**

Mrs D Dean

### Heads of Faculty

**Arts and Technology**

Mr S Salih

**English**

Mrs E Blount

**Humanities**

Mr D Samsami

**ICT**

Mr J Rutherford

**Mathematics**

Miss G Smith

**Modern Languages**

Mr K Henshall

**Physical Education**

Mr C Packard

**Science**

Mr D Eve

**Specialised Learning**

Mrs S Robinson



## Faculty Staff

### Arts and Technology

Mr S Salih – Head of Faculty/Associate Leader  
Ms J Bustin – i/c Art/Lead Practitioner  
Mrs A Cuell – Technology/Director of Learning Year 11  
Mrs A Day – Drama  
Miss D Douglas – Technology  
Mr I Ferguson – Technology  
Mrs C Griggs – i/c Drama/ACES  
Mr J Griggs – Drama/Assistant Headteacher i/c Student Welfare, Behaviour and Standards, Director of Learning Year 10  
Miss L Haines – i/c Music  
Mr D Hogan – Art/Technology  
Miss L Leggatt – Art  
Mr S Lewis – Film Studies/Media Studies  
Miss A Rickman – Art i/c Photography  
Mrs M Rutherford – Art i/c PSHCEE, Careers and student leadership/Lead Practitioner  
Mr P Szabo – Technology  
Mrs S Gargrave – Technology Technician  
Mrs J Smith – Art Technician  
Mr T Smith – Technology Technician  
Mr L Scurr – Music Tutor

### Business Studies

Mrs N Golds – i/c Business Studies

### English

Mrs E Blount – Head of Faculty/Lead Practitioner  
Mrs S Baker – Engagement Curriculum Coordinator  
Miss K Branagan – Trainee Teacher  
Mrs F Duncan  
Miss S Fogarty – Engagement Tutor  
Mrs E Metson  
Miss E Mitchell  
Miss H Murphy – Senior Learning Manager Year 9  
Mr J Nash

### English (contd.)

Ms H Redfern – Lead Practitioner/Head of KS3 and Enrichment in English  
Mr R Thievanmoharan  
Mrs A Buckingham – Assistant Teacher

### Humanities

Mr D Samsami – Head of Faculty  
Mr R Atterton – Assistant Headteacher  
Miss Lisa Eastwood - Humanities  
Miss A Garrett – Classics  
Mr J James – Geography i/c Duke of Edinburgh/World Challenge  
Mrs S James – i/c Geography/Duke Of Edinburgh/World Challenge  
Mr A Pressland – i/c History  
Miss N Rogers – Geography  
Mr J Taylor – Trainee Teacher History  
Miss E Warr – i/c Philosophy and Ethics

### ICT

Mr J Rutherford – Head of Faculty/Associate Leader  
Mrs F Edmunds – i/c KS3 ICT  
Ms A Tozeva

### Mathematics

Miss G Smith – Head of Faculty  
Mrs AM Afford – i/c/ KS4  
Mr P Agbanyo  
Mrs G Brotherston  
Mrs J Greenwood  
Mrs D Gustafson  
Mr A Parker  
Ms J Salt  
Mr A Stanton – Assistant Headteacher  
Miss A Sutton  
Mrs AL Thompson



### **Modern Languages**

Mr K Henshall – Head of Faculty  
Mrs G Jubb  
Mrs M Morrissey  
Miss N Simeone

### **Physical Education**

Mr C Packard – Head of Faculty  
Miss H Arrol  
Miss H Fox  
Mr J Ivory  
Miss K Shaw  
Mr R Vivian – i/c House System

### **Science**

Mr D Eve – Assistant Headteacher/Head of Faculty  
Mr T Akintola  
Mr R Armstrong  
Ms C Curtis – Psychology  
Miss E Frost  
Mrs Z Khan  
Mr J Milne – i/c Biology  
Miss L O'Krafka  
Mr P Riley  
Mr T Robertson  
Mr K Takyi-Amuah  
Miss R Yasin  
Mr S Gordon – Senior Technician  
Mrs T Greenidge – Technician

### **Specialised Learning**

Mrs S Robinson – Head of Faculty  
Ms S Ahmed – Assistant Teacher  
Mrs W Aylward – Intervention and Inclusion Officer

### **Specialised Learning (contd.)**

Mrs A Day – Assistant Teacher - Rapid Progress/SEN  
Mrs L Freeman – Assistant Teacher  
Mrs F Islam – Specialist Community Liaison  
Ms C Lee-Ireland – Assistant Teacher  
Mrs C Platt – Assistant Teacher  
Ms M Pounnas – Teacher/Director of Learning and Transition Year 7  
Mrs T Skeggs – Pastoral Admin Support  
Mrs S Tuffnell – Pastoral Admin Support

### **Learning Supervisors**

Mrs C Little  
Mrs F Westgarth

### **Learning and Research Centre**

Miss L Bradshaw – LRC Assistant/Displays  
Ms N Harper – Reprographics Manager  
Mrs S Nixon – LRC Assistant

### **Home School Attendance Improvement Officer**

Miss A Cripps

### **Pastoral Managers**

Ms M Pounnas – Director of Learning and Transition Key Stage 3  
Miss Murphy – Senior Learning Manager Year 9  
Mr J Griggs – Assistant Headteacher and Director of Learning Year 10  
Mrs A Cuell – Director of Learning Year 11  
Mr R Atterton – Assistant Headteacher/Director of Learning Year 12/13



### **Administration**

Mrs G Battams – Sixth Form Secretary  
Mrs S Blackburn – Trip Administrator/Admin Assistant  
Mrs S Boyce – Receptionist  
Miss L Bullock – Intervention Co-Ordinator  
Mrs A Clegg – Primary Liaison Officer  
Mrs D Dean – Director of Finance and Resources  
Mrs L Eke – School Counsellor  
Miss K Freeman – Lead Pastoral Admin Support/Attendance Assistant  
Mrs C Garman – School Academic Reporting Assistant  
Mrs M Kaur – School Counsellor  
Mrs S Milton – Pastoral Admin Support  
Miss S Roberts – Finance Officer  
Mrs J Salvietto – PA to Headteacher  
Miss S Smith – PA to Deputy Headteachers  
Mrs S Soulby – Administration Assistant  
Mrs M Stinson – Examinations Officer  
Mrs J Sullivan – Receptionist  
Miss S Tunnicliff – Assessment and Data Coordinator  
Mrs A Tyson – Cover Assistant/HR and Admin Assistant  
Mrs S Warren – Lettings Coordinator/Finance Assistant  
Mrs J Whitmore – People Manager  
Mrs J Wiles – Clerk to the Governing Body

### **ICT Support**

Mr J Kavanagh – Network Manager  
Mr D Parmar – IT Technician  
Mr M Lewis – IT Apprentice

### **Site**

Mr C Paice – Estates Manager  
Mr M Armer – Senior Site Agent  
Mr L Ayres – Site Agent  
Mr R Pollecutt – Duty Site Agent  
Mr S Port - Site Agent/Minibus Driver  
Mr L Scott – Site Agent



## Curriculum

The curriculum at Marlborough is designed to be broad and balanced in line with the National Curriculum, legislation on the teaching of Religious Studies, Citizenship and non-statutory guidance on Personal, Social, Health, Careers and Economic Education (PSHCEE). Religious Studies is taught throughout the school using the Hertfordshire County agreed syllabus.

### Curriculum at Key Stage 3 (Years 7-8)

All students follow a curriculum which meets National Curriculum requirements, and leads to end of Key Stage 3 assessment in Year 8. The table below shows the number of lessons spent in each subject area over a two week cycle for the majority of students.

Subject	Number of Lessons	
	Year 7	Year 8
English	7	7
Mathematics	7	7
Science	6	6
Art	3	3
Computer Science	2	2
Drama	2	2
Geography	3	3
History	3	3
Modern Foreign Languages	5	5
Music	2	2
Physical Education	4	4
PSHCEE	1	1
Philosophy and Ethics	1	1
Technology	4	4

We are committed to providing for the individual needs of our students. At Key Stage 3 we have four pathways: the main curriculum that is studied by the majority of students, our "Fast Track" route, Enhanced Learning curriculum and Rapid Progress pathway.

Students who need to develop their literacy and numeracy skills do not follow a language at Key Stage 3 but take part in either the Enhanced Learning curriculum or Rapid Progress pathway. These programmes have been developed to boost students' confidence and ability in literacy and numeracy and include a range of extra-curricular team building sessions.

We also provide "Fast Track" English, Mathematics and Science for the more able and young, gifted and talented students (ACES).

## Curriculum at Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)

All students study the core curriculum. This includes:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science
- Philosophy and Ethics (non-examined)
- PSHCEE/Careers (non-examined, taught through the curriculum and special events)
- Sport (non-examined)

In addition, students follow one of our four pathways:

- Atom
- Electron
- Proton
- Neutron

This enables them then to have a number of optional choices.

Students are allocated a curriculum pathway based on their progress and current levels of attainment in their core subjects, and through discussion with the respective Heads of Faculty to ensure that they have the best opportunity to succeed.



## Curriculum Pathways

### The Atom Curriculum

Students on the **Atom** Curriculum will be studying the core and be able to choose four more subjects including: a Humanities subject, a Language plus two other optional subjects.

Atom			
Core Subjects	Block 1 Choose 1 from	Block 2 Choose 1 from	Block 3 Choose 2 from
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Language and Literature</li><li>• Mathematics</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• PSHCEE/Careers (taught through the curriculum)</li><li>• Sport</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography</li><li>• History</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• French</li><li>• Spanish</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Business Studies</li><li>• Child Development</li><li>• Classical Civilisation</li><li>• Computer Science</li><li>• Dance</li><li>• Drama</li><li>• Engineering</li><li>• Fashion and Textiles</li><li>• Food and Nutrition</li><li>• Graphics - Visual Communication</li><li>• Materials Technology</li><li>• Media Studies</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• Physical Education</li></ul>

This pathway follows the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). This is not an additional qualification but is a suite of courses that are studied to GCSE and must include English, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science, History or Geography and a language. Some universities view the English Baccalaureate as favourable and it may therefore help students when applying to the Russell group of universities in particular.

Students need to have studied Spanish at Key Stage 3 in order to opt for it at Key Stage 4.

Provision may be able to be made for gifted linguists to study a second language outside of the curriculum time as a twilight course.

It may also be possible for students to study two Humanities subjects, for example History and Geography.



## The Electron Curriculum

Students on the **Electron** curriculum will study the core. In addition they will be able to choose one option from Block 1, either a Humanities or Language option, plus two further optional subjects from Block 2.

Electron		
Core Subjects	Block 1 Choose 1 from	Block 2 Choose 2 from
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Language and Literature</li><li>• Mathematics</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• PSHCEE/Careers (taught through the curriculum)</li><li>• Sport</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography</li><li>• History</li><li>• French</li><li>• Spanish</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Business Studies</li><li>• Child Development</li><li>• Computer Science</li><li>• Dance</li><li>• Drama</li><li>• Engineering</li><li>• Fashion and Textiles</li><li>• Food and Nutrition</li><li>• Geography</li><li>• Graphics - Visual Communication</li><li>• History</li><li>• Materials Technology</li><li>• Media Studies</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• Physical Education</li></ul>

It may be possible for students to study two Humanities subjects, for example History and Geography, if you wish to do so please indicate this on your form.

If students wish to study the English Baccalaureate they can choose a Language in block 1 and then a Humanities subject in block 2.



## The Proton Curriculum

Students on the **Proton** curriculum follow the core. In addition they will be able to choose three more subjects including a Humanities subject, plus two other optional subjects.

Proton		
Compulsory Subjects	Block 1 Choose 1 from	Block 2 Choose 2 from
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Language and Literature</li><li>• Mathematics</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• PSHCEE/Careers (taught through the curriculum)</li><li>• Sport</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography</li><li>• History</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Child Development</li><li>• Dance</li><li>• Drama</li><li>• Engineering</li><li>• Fashion and Textiles</li><li>• Food and Nutrition</li><li>• Graphics - Visual Communication</li><li>• ICT</li><li>• Materials Technology</li><li>• Media Studies</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• Physical Education</li></ul>



## The Neutron Curriculum

Students on the **Neutron** curriculum follow the core. In addition they will be able to choose two more subjects from Block 1.

Neutron	
Core Subjects	Block 1 Choose 2 from
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Language and Literature</li><li>• Mathematics</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• PSHCEE/Careers (taught through the curriculum)</li><li>• Sport</li></ul> <p><b>In addition all students will follow a study support programme to develop their skills and aid them with their learning, also prepare them for their futures.</b></p> <p>They will also take the Certificate of Digital Application (CIDA) course, see page 40. This is a level 2 qualification equivalent to a GCSE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Child Development</li><li>• Dance</li><li>• Drama</li><li>• Engineering</li><li>• Fashion and Textiles</li><li>• Food and Nutrition</li><li>• Graphics - Visual Communication</li><li>• Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy</li><li>• Materials Technology</li><li>• Media Studies</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Philosophy and Ethics</li><li>• Physical Education</li></ul>



## In addition:

### Sport

All students must take Sport for two lessons a week. Students opting for GCSE Physical Education will have an extra five lessons of P.E. per cycle.

### Cadets – this is available for students following any curriculum pathway

Students will have the opportunity to be involved in an Army Combined Cadet Force. We have a Marlborough detachment that meet on a Friday evening, 3.30pm to 6pm at St Albans Boys School.

In an article in the Herts Advertiser St Albans MP Anne Main pressed Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson to encourage the creation of Cadet groups in schools. Following the debate she said that she was glad to have raised the importance of the cadets with the Defence Secretary and was ...."pleased he too appreciates the role they play in a young person's development." She went on to say that she has ..."always respected the teaching, discipline and structure that CCF training can give to young people..." We would totally agree with these sentiments, getting involved with this programme offers fantastic opportunities and develops all those skills I spoke about previously.





## Curriculum at Key Stage 5 (Post 16)

Students can follow a programme of Level 3 study. Courses are offered both at Marlborough and at our learning partners' schools; Loreto, St Albans Girls, Townsend and Samuel Ryder. All students study a core curriculum which includes Games, Careers, PSHCEE and a Leadership for Life programme.

### Advanced level and Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education

Art and Design	English Literature	Music Technology
Biology	Film Studies	Performing Arts
Business Studies	French	Philosophy and Ethics
Chemistry	Geography	Photography
Classics	German	Physics
Computer Science	Government and Politics	Psychology
Design and Technology -	History	Sociology
Product Design	Mathematics	Sport
Drama	Media Studies	Further Mathematics
Economics	Music	



## Art



### Curriculum

The philosophy of the Art Department at The Marlborough Science Academy is to develop students' ability to create, to provide knowledge of techniques and artistic heritage and to inspire confidence in themselves through the subject. We aim to provide a creative and artistic environment so that all students reach their full potential in this subject. We believe Art is fundamental to students' development across the school.



**Organisation of Learning:** The Art and Design area forms part of the Arts and Technology faculty. Learning is project based, allowing a development of ideas and techniques.

Students are taught a range of techniques for drawing and painting, print making and three-dimensional work. Work becomes increasingly challenging as students' progress through the years.

Lessons are firmly linked to the National Curriculum for Art, and assessed against National Curriculum levels. Home Learning is set regularly and is used to practise and reinforce the skills learnt in the classroom.

### Achievements

We have high standards and have achieved some excellent results at GCSE and 'A' level. A number of our students gain places at very prestigious Art Colleges purely on the strengths of their portfolio of artwork. Every year we hold a very successful private view for students' examination work, which is always well supported. We regularly enter competitions, including those run by The Royal Society for Young British Artists and St Albans District Council, and have had several winners.

### Extra-Curricular

We aim to provide stimulating visits and trips where possible which have previously included trips to the Henry Moore Foundation, Natural History Museum at Tring and The Tate. We also run a residential trip to New York with the Photography Department.



We encourage students to spend lunch times in the Art Department where they can further develop their art skills. We also run 'catch-up' sessions for any students wishing to work on coursework out of school hours.

In the past we have also been lucky enough to get a place on the Royal Academy Outreach Programme, thus allowing our students to work with a life model and practising Artists. More recently we encourage students to attend life drawing at Hertfordshire University, and for the last 2 years have attended workshops at the Curwen Print Centre in Cambridge.



## Business Studies



### Curriculum

Edexcel BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise is offered as an option at KS4, encouraging students to consider the practical application of business and economic concepts. The course is assessed through 60% project and 40% external written examinations.

At Post 16, the Business Faculty offers the AQA A level course. Students have the choice of working towards the AS qualification in Year 12, including 2 external assessments, or completing the full A level, consisting of 3 external papers. This course is designed to provide a broad business education as a foundation for employment or access to Higher Education.



### Achievements

Students who have achieved any of the above qualifications in the past, have either continued their education at university, studying a range of courses at Degree level, or moved on to a college of further education or have entered employment in a specific area, such as Accounting or Marketing.

### Gifted and Talented

Annually the Business Faculty run a gifted and talented workshop for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students have the opportunity to develop a number of skills including communication, team work and presentation skills whilst completing a business related task.





## Classical Civilisation



Classical civilisation is an exciting option offered at Key Stage 4 and 5. The curriculum includes the study of Greek and Roman mythology and religion, and an in-depth study of city life in the classical world, with a specific reference to Ancient Rome at GCSE.

### Curriculum

Many students choose Classical Civilisation due to a love of the mythology of the ancient world, and so the Myth and Religion topic at GCSE is extremely engaging and popular with students. Learners study myths regarding the role of the gods and heroes in the founding of Athens and Rome and the importance of Heracles/Hercules to both the Greek and Roman world. These are well known stories that students enjoy engaging with and studying in increased depth. Myth as a symbol of power is also explored in this topic, as well as popular myths about the underworld.

Students also look at the role of religion in the everyday lives of ancient Greeks and Romans. The study of temples, sacrifice, festivals, death and beliefs in the afterlife give a broad overview of religion in the ancient world, and provides opportunity for the study of a wide variety of archaeological remains, including remarkable temples and works of art.

The Roman City Life topic comprises of a study of a variety of aspects of Roman society including housing, education and the lives of young people in the Roman world. The Roman social system was notorious for its intrigues and politics and this, coupled with the study of the spectacle provided by Roman entertainment, provides an exciting and enjoyable course for students.

### Extra-Curricular

Students have an opportunity to study Latin as an extra-curricular subject which compliments their study of Classical Civilisations. Some students have pursued the ancient language further and are able to acquire an additional GCSE in the subject.

The Classics department also run a residential trip to Rome and Pompeii so that the students can experience their studies in classical civilisation first hand. We are also running a trip to Greece this year to compliment the Greek topics for the new GCSE and A Level. We will be visiting sites such as Athens, Olympia and Delphi to name a few.





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## Computer Science and ICT



### Curriculum

Computer Science is a compulsory subject at Key Stage 3 and a popular optional subject at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. At Marlborough we have six designated ICT suites around the school, two of which are to be found in the Business and ICT block.

At Key Stage 3 Computer Science is taught as a discrete subject to Years 7 and 8. Students are taught for two lessons per fortnight. Lessons are planned around the new Computer Science curriculum. By the end of Year 8 the students have developed skills in programming and computational thinking as well as being confident, autonomous users of the school network and of all the standard office applications. In doing so they will have undertaken a range of exciting tasks including learning to solve problems using the python programming language, game creation and app design.

At Key Stage 4 ICT and computing are optional discrete subjects, although they are firmly embedded into the learning within all subject areas. Those opting to study ICT will follow the Certificate in Digital Applications and will develop a range of skills to enable them to successfully use ICT to create a wide range of interactive multimedia products. Students who opt to study Computer Science at Key Stage 4 will develop computer programs to solve problems and will apply creative and technical skills and knowledge in a range of IT contexts.

Staff within the Faculty are experienced and successful in the delivery of Key Stage 5 courses including AS and A2.

All computers at Marlborough are able to access the Internet. This enables students to carry out relevant research for their studies and to present their work to a high standard.

### Achievements

ICT consistently attains some of the best results within the Academy. Many students use their success in this subject as a springboard to further and higher education courses.



## Drama

### Curriculum

The Drama department is a forward thinking area of the Arts and Technology Faculty. It aims to improve student confidence and help them to communicate and co-operate with others as well as teaching key performance skills.

The aim is to provide a safe yet challenging environment, where students feel at ease. They then explore and present a wide range of tasks through a performance medium. This helps enhance students' overall creativity and presentation skills while also training students in the essentials of good acting technique.

### Organisation of Learning

At Key Stage 3 all learning is project based, allowing for a development of ideas and techniques. Students will begin by learning a variety of effective performance strategies and then be confronted with a variety of relevant issues. Students use their own understanding of the topic alongside performance strategy to communicate with their audience. This allows for peer teaching and an environment where everyone has something to offer.

Drama, throughout the school, closely supports National Curriculum guidance laid out by the school's English Faculty. This helps to improve speaking and listening: key skills found on the English course.

At Key Stage 4 and 5 students study the AQA drama specification. At the end of both the GCSE and A level courses students perform to an external examiner allowing for assessment to take place. It is an exciting and dynamic subject, which can give students a real base from which to springboard to any chosen career.

### Achievements

Students achieve well in Drama, this was especially evident at GCSE with the class achieving 100% A\*- C in the examinations this summer. Many of our students have also taken LAMDA exams in Acting and achieved distinction and merit.





### Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular drama is very much encouraged. We hold an annual School Production and in the last few years we have performed 'Aladdin', 'Bugsy Malone', 'We Will Rock You', 'Sweeney Todd', 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'Beauty and the Beast'. The productions are a popular part of school life and allow students to make friendships across the year groups. We have a Year 7 to Year 9 Drama club and also offer LAMDA examinations to selected students at KS4 and 5, in which students have achieved merit and distinction grades.

Students are also encouraged to take part in internal concerts, stage musicals and charity revue variety shows. In December we have an annual performance evening to showcase the work going on in lessons as well as extra-curricular clubs.





## English



'Attainment in English at  
KS4 is well above average and  
continues to be a major strength  
of the Academy'  
(Ofsted 2014)

### Achievements

Some achievements are traditional and measurable: for example we have a 100% pass rate at A level and this year more than 96% of English Literature A level students met or exceeded their target grade. At GCSE 82% of students achieved grades 9 - 4 in English Language/Literature and 66% achieved a grade 9 - 5, which is our best ever achievement. Our improved results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and students. The Faculty encourage students to develop their English skills and use these in the 'real' world: poems published in anthologies, letters written to the local press and creative stories entered for national competitions. We believe we play a significant part in helping Marlborough students leave school as confident, qualified and optimistic young people.

### Curriculum

The English curriculum in Years 7 and 8 is designed to meet the National Curriculum and focuses on the four areas assessed under English: reading, writing, speaking and listening. Following the Cognitive Ability Tests at the start of Year 7 students are grouped according to ability for English. This continues throughout Year 8 although groupings are regularly reviewed. Assessment is through both an end of year exam and half termly tasks such as: writing a newspaper article, story, essay or review. Students also complete speaking and listening assessments such as individual and group presentations, role play and group discussions.



### Year 7 Curriculum

- Study of a novel such as 'Skellig', 'Millions' 'Holes', 'Two Weeks with the Queen' or 'Oliver Twist' resulting in a piece of creative writing and independent research on the novel's author.
- Marvellous Media: Advertising. Students explore the language of advertising and join forces to create a campaign of their own.
- Starting Shakespeare: a 'taster' of a variety of aspects of Shakespeare culminating in an analytical exploration of the play 'The Tempest'.



- Poetry: Global Voices, selections of poems which explore different cultures are studied in this scheme of work. Students are also asked to consider their own cultural identity and the society they live in.
- Detective fiction: a study of the detective genre including Sherlock Holmes.

We believe our students are fully supported in English, and the Faculty are proud of the Enhanced Learning programme in place for those students needing additional support in English.

At GCSE we use the popular AQA examination board, which allows us to offer both English Language and English Literature to the majority of students. At GCSE we use ability groupings, which are designed to get the best from our students. These courses incorporate a range of exam-assessed material based on the study of literary texts including Shakespeare, pre 1900 texts and poetry.

At Post 16 we offer AQA's English Literature A level specification. This provides a cohesive study of English Literature at an advanced level and is an excellent foundation for a multitude of higher education courses.

We believe that students will only reach their full potential if they enjoy and actively participate in lessons. Discussion and role-play are used to explore ideas and to develop creative expression. Home Learning is set weekly; tasks are varied, build on skills, prepare or consolidate learning and are related to the scheme being studied at the time. Home learning tasks may even include: model making and set design; designing advertising campaigns; preparing presentations; writing stories; creating theatre programmes as well as spellings and literacy based tasks.

Organisations thrive on the quality of their staff. The English Faculty at Marlborough is fully staffed by subject specialists who work very closely as a team, thus helping to ensure individual attention to students' needs.

### **Extra-Curricular**

We aim to bring writers, poets and theatre-in-education groups into school to enhance students' understanding and enjoyment of literature. This year visits are planned from the Redheart theatre company to dramatise Gothic stories for Year 8 and a trip to the Globe Theatre for Year 9. GCSE students will have the opportunity to visit the theatre to see the popular play 'The Woman in Black'.

There is also a range of activities on offer including book clubs, creative writing competitions, creative writing clubs, the prize winning school newspaper 'The Mo' and the BBC News Report Challenge.

During the last academic year some of our students have; entered the Radio 500 word short story competition, become published poets, written creative blogs, visited the West End, worked with published authors, been shortlisted for national writing competitions, taken part in performance poetry competitions and seen their work in print.



## Humanities



Marlborough historians meet Holocaust survivor, Kitty Hart-Moxon.

### Curriculum

The Humanities curriculum tries to give students a sense of place, time and purpose. It seeks to allow students to ask more embracing and vibrant questions of who they are and how they can make sense of the diverse and confusing world in which they live. Students are asked to compare and evaluate their views in contrast to the perspectives of others. Often they must justify these emerging views and so a sense of enquiry and independent thinking is instilled in our students from the very beginning.

The curriculum is divided into the following areas:

#### Key Stage 3

- Geography
- History
- Philosophy and Ethics

#### Key Stage 4

- Classics
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy and Ethics

#### Key Stage 5

- Classics
- Geography
- Government and Politics
- History

The curriculum is supported by regular assessment for students that are conducted by teachers in class. These are formative and are designed to develop deeper, conceptual learning in students, therefore themes such as enquiry, source handling, data analysis and morality are visited and revisited to enable young minds to evolve.



Year 8 students on a visit to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford

### Year 7 Curriculum and Key Stage 3

This is the foundation year of the three subjects and allows students to use the skills, terminology and areas of study in the discrete areas of Geography, History and Philosophy and Ethics. These areas are developed during the Key Stage 3 curriculum in order to enable students to understand the world around them – historical, political, physical and cultural



issues which help them appreciate the current state of the world and therefore to be able to appreciate the challenges it faces.

In **Geography** learning is always topical and refers to current news events such as flooding, hazards and climate change. We cover a broad range of physical, social and political Geography topics at KS3 which ensures all students will find something of interest.

In **History** the focus is on the study of significant turning points, including the Battle of Hastings, signing of the Magna Carta, England's break from Rome, all of which shaped the Britain we live in today. A chronological approach is used across KS3 as students learn about the medieval, Tudor and Stuart eras, through to the Industrial Revolution and the 20<sup>th</sup> century world. Students are taught a range of skills which transcend the history classroom including; assessing evidence, evaluating interpretations, assessing the causes of events and judging their significance.

In **Philosophy and Ethics** learning revolves around the nature of belief and whether or not a faith is required to live a moral life. Students then go on to study the six main world faiths to help them understand different beliefs that they will encounter through their lives. As students' progress through their academic career, more ethical and philosophical topics are studied such as good and evil, life and death, and poverty and wealth.

### **GCSE and A Level Studies**

At Key Stage 4, Geography and History form part of the English Baccalaureate and therefore the majority of students are required to select one of them for GCSE. Geographers study physical processes including rivers, coasts and ecosystems and human topics including urbanisation, developments and the UK economy. The History course includes studies of Health in Britain since the medieval period, Elizabethan England, the USA from 1920-1973 and inter-war international relations 1919-39. In Classics, students study Greek and Roman myths and religions, as well as Rome and city life.

At A level, Geography includes studies of dynamic landscapes and dynamic places. History students study the Tudors, the Cold War and South Africa in the apartheid era. Government and Politics involves a range of UK and US topics linking to current issues wherever possible. Classics encompasses the study of Greek art and ancient literature.

### **Achievements**

Humanities subjects at Marlborough are broadly in line with national expectations at all levels of examinations. The proportion of students reaching the top A\*-A grades remains within the national standard in most subjects.

Students apply to a range of universities including the most prestigious institutions such as Cambridge and more local ones such as Hertfordshire to continue their humanities education in Geography, History and Politics. The Faculty is also dedicated to raising achievement through the use of challenge days for the gifted and talented such as in debating.



Year 9 and 10 students at  
Sanctuary Wood Trench Museum



### Extra-Curricular

With such a diverse and fascinating range of subject areas, we are committed to offering students an extensive and varied programme of visits to places of educational interest and importance. Every year we visit a range of different destinations.



Year 9 and 10 students at the Thiepval Memorial

Recent trips in the UK have included annual visits to the Houses of Parliament, trips to Duxford Imperial War Museum and the Globe Theatre. GCSE Geography students visit Walton-on-the-Naze for fieldwork while the A level students travel to the Yorkshire Dales to complete their studies.

Further afield, there have been trips to China in 2016 and 2018. World Challenge expeditions to Honduras (2013), Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (2015) and Costa Rica (2017) were a fantastic experience, and next is Laos, Thailand and Vietnam in 2019. GCSE students went on a tour of the WW1 battlefields in Belgium and France, and there were very successful visits to Rome and Pompeii in 2017 and 2018. Next year students are going to visit Athens, Delphi and other ancient sites in Greece. A trip to Berlin is also planned for the future.

The faculty is also very proud to offer extra-curricular opportunities in school, including Latin, History and Current Affairs clubs which students are welcome to attend and contribute to.



Year 10 and 11 students in Pompeii



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## Mathematics



### Curriculum

#### Key Stage 3

All students follow the National Curriculum and are taught in the group most suited to their needs and ability. Sets are created during the first week in Year 7 and movement between sets happens throughout the year where appropriate for the students. Gifted and Talented Mathematicians at Key Stage 3 can join our "Fast Track" group which adds stretch and challenge to the students. Similarly students who need more help with maths are enrolled onto a support programme.

#### Key Stage 4

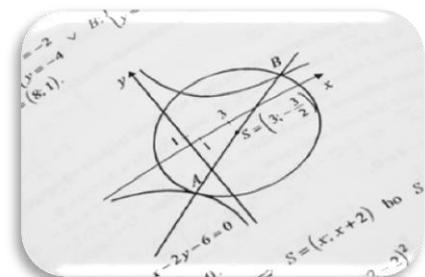
It is our aim that all students leave Marlborough with a GCSE in Mathematics, and a love of learning and solving mathematical problems. Students who need more support to reach their full potential are timetabled additional mathematics lessons to help them prepare fully for their examinations.

#### Key Stage 5

We follow the OCR specification, which enables students to look at Pure Mathematics, Mechanics and Statistics.

### Staffing and Facilities

The faculty consists of ten specialist teachers based in seven specialist teaching rooms. All of these rooms are equipped with multi-media facilities including, data projector, video, audio facilities and an interactive whiteboard. We also use the "mymaths" virtual learning website both in lessons and out of school to support learning.





### Results in 2018

A level: 58% A\* - B grades  
100% A\* - E grades

GCSE: 13% Grade 9 to 7  
80% Grade 9 to 4  
58% Grade 9 to 5

### Extra-Curricular

Top set students are able to participate in the National Junior Mathematics challenge in Years 7 and 8 and the Intermediate Challenge in Years 9, 10 and 11. We are inviting Gifted and Talented students from local feeder schools in for a Maths challenge in October, and Year 8 students will be helping to organise and run the quiz. We also run a trip to Bletchley Park with year 9 students, where they attend code breaking sessions and discover more about the work undertaken at Bletchley Park during the Second World War.





## Media

### Curriculum

GCSE Media at The Marlborough Science Academy gives students the chance to develop a critical understanding of the role of the media in daily life. It encourages an understanding of how to use key media concepts to analyse media products and the opportunity for hands-on practical work.



### Organisation of Learning

The Media department forms part of the Arts and Technology faculty. The GCSE comprises three components. For all three components pre-production and production skills are fully integrated into both the Controlled Assessments and the External Assessments. Controlled Assessments make up 30% of each award and the External Assessments count for 70%.

This qualification lays an appropriate foundation for further study of Media Studies or related subjects. It encourages the development of critical understanding of the impact of mass media and its technologies on contemporary society.

The key concepts, media forms and platforms, skills, assessment objectives and expected learning outcomes are common across all components.

### Achievements

We have high standards and have achieved excellent results at GCSE and A level. A number of our students have gained places at University, pursuing a career in both film and print production. Every year we hold a very successful private view for students' examination work, which is always well supported.

### Extra-Curricular

We encourage students to spend time after school where they can further develop their ICT design skills. We also run 'catch-up' sessions for any students wishing to work on coursework out of school hours.





## Modern Foreign Languages



### Curriculum

The Modern Languages Faculty at Marlborough offers a variety of courses, but they all have some common aims:

- language learning should be enjoyable, stimulating and achievable
- the language should be useful in the real world and leisure activities
- most teaching should be carried out in the foreign language
- all students should have the opportunity of contact with native speakers
- students should develop an awareness of different cultures



**Year 7** – Most students study French. Some will study both French and Spanish following the dual linguist option.

**Year 8** – Students will study French or continue with the dual linguist French and Spanish option. In the summer term students study the language(s) they have chosen for GCSE.



**Year 9** – Most students will begin their three year French or Spanish GCSE course. Dual linguists can choose to study French and Spanish although the second language is run as a twilight course after school. During this year they will take the FCSE (Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education). This is an interim qualification based on continuous assessment and prepares students for their GCSE Pre Public Examinations.

**Years 10 and 11** – Students continue with the GCSE course.

**Sixth Form** – AS and A2 Levels are available in French





We believe that language is all about communication. All students are encouraged to use the foreign language in lessons and there is an increasing emphasis on having a thorough grounding in the grammar. This is essential for success in the new 9 to 1 GCSE.

Online and independent learning has become more important than ever and our home learning package, ACTIVELEARN, is something all students work with from year 7 onwards, providing opportunities to improve listening, reading, vocabulary and grammar. This package supports, reinforces and extends classroom learning.

All Key Stage 4 students have the opportunity to participate in a study trip abroad to their target language country. This involves structured lessons in the morning delivered by native speakers followed by cultural activities in the afternoons and evenings. Students experience full immersion in the foreign language.



### Extra-Curricular

The Faculty is very active and aims to offer extra-curricular opportunities for all year groups and for all languages. These may include:-

Residential Trips Abroad to Europe

Day Trips

Pen Friend Schemes - connecting classrooms

GCSE/A level Lectures/Conferences

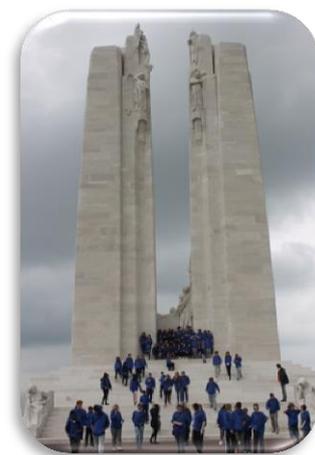
Theatre visits.

### Current trips:

Year 7 Christmas market to Lille in France

Year 8 Paris Disneyland

Key Stage 4 study trip to Andalucia in Spain and Normandy in France





## Music



### Curriculum

Music is taught within a creative and fun atmosphere where students are encouraged to fulfil their potential in performing, listening and composing. The subject is part of the Arts Faculty.

Teaching space includes the use of two music rooms and three practice rooms. The school has two grand pianos, two clavinovas, 30 guitars, 30 ukuleles, three upright pianos, a superb stock of electronic keyboards in each classroom, a modest stock of orchestral instruments, classroom percussion, excellent provision for aspiring rock musicians and fifteen music computers with sequencing and notation software.

Year 7 and 8 students each receive two sixty minute lessons per fortnight covering the National Curriculum for Music at Key Stage 3. Thereafter, music is optional at GCSE level. Students are given the opportunity to continue with, or take up instrumental or vocal lessons. Currently we offer instrumental and vocal lessons in:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum- kit, Percussion, Voice, Keyboard and Piano.

All instrumental and vocal lessons take place during the school day and timetabling priority is given to senior examination students. Fees for instrumental and vocal lessons are set by our local music hub the Hertfordshire Music Service.

### Achievements

Our take up for GCSE music has risen remarkably in the last 2 years. The range of instrumental and vocal tuition on offer has increased and more students are taking an active part in a variety of performing opportunities. Our recent production of "Beauty and the Beast" was stunning! We even have our own music festival each Summer- M Festival, which is a fantastic platform to showcase our students. We have a vast array of music extra-curricular groups, with something for everyone!

To keep up to date with developments in the Music Department please follow us on twitter @MASmusicdep



## Physical Education



### Curriculum

We provide all students with a wide range of experiences in Physical Education enabling them to achieve their potential whilst gaining enjoyment and satisfaction from their performances.

At Key Stage 3 all students participate in four hours of PE over a two week period. During this time students are taught a range of sports which include; gymnastics, netball, football, rugby, dance, swimming, basketball, volleyball, athletics, rounders, tennis, cricket, table tennis, softball and trampolining.



At Key Stage 4 students take part in a number of modules that meet their individual needs within P.E. These include:

- Fitness – Students develop and test their individual levels of fitness
- Advanced sports performance - Students take part in sports that follow on from Key Stage 3 e.g. netball, trampolining, football and try new activities such as golf, waterpolo, handball
- Leadership - Students learn how to coach sports sessions and use these skills to lead primary age students. They learn the importance of communication and organisation and put these ideas into practice.
- Outdoor and Adventurous activities- students take part in a variety of activities that may include team building games, indoor caving and orienteering.

At Key Stage 4 students can choose to study GCSE PE or GCSE Dance. This involves the study of both practical and theoretical elements of each subject. At Key Stage 5 students can choose to study A Level Dance and/or a BTEC National Diploma in Sport.



### **Achievements**

The BTEC Diploma in Sport had fantastic results at Key Stage 5 with students achieving a 100% pass rate. 80% of our students have chosen to go on to university to study sport in a number of different areas.

Team successes this year have been the:

- u14 county tennis doubles champions
- u13 boys district football runners up
- u13 girls made it to the last 4 in the county football cup

Individual successes last year were:

- Rosie Vass was the Year 7 county discus champion
- Oliver Tarvet is ranked in the top 5 in the country in the under 15 age group
- Ben Weyman was selected for the Herts Schools football team
- Mikie Ridgway achieved numerous successes throughout the year in gymnastics

### **Extra-Curricular**

Extra-curricular sport includes inter-schools and inter-house matches in netball, football, rugby, badminton, basketball, tennis, cricket, rounders, athletics, cross-country and swimming. Clubs are run each week in all team sports as well as gym, dance and trampolining. We enter district and county competitions in all sports and some students go on to District, County and National Trials.

## Post 16 Learning



Post 16 learning at The Marlborough Science Academy offers a unique opportunity for all of its members. Our thriving Sixth Form allows students to make the journey from studying GCSE level towards achieving A levels or BTEC Level 3 courses. Making a smooth transition to a higher level of study followed by success in higher education and employment is our goal and we attract a large number of students from other schools.

We work with each student individually to achieve this. Plenty of guidance and support is provided on a planned and regular basis through tutorial groups and PSHCEE. Post 16 students from Marlborough are now studying at universities countrywide, at Bristol, Cambridge, UCL, Birmingham, London, Sheffield, Southampton and Exeter to name but a few places. Budding industrial chemists, psychologists, engineers, software designers, linguists and translators, vets, teachers, accountants, physiotherapists, historians and many more have progressed on from Post 16 learning. We are rightly proud of the care we take to match students with courses, and are delighted to say that many of them return to their roots from time to time to speak to current students! Our latest Ofsted inspection commented that our Post 16 students “speak very positively about the support that they are given, explaining that their work is interesting and challenging. They say that they are keen to reach their target grades, and know how to do so. This was evident during inspectors’ observations of their learning. Students appreciate the guidance about applying to university, entering the workplace or securing high-level apprenticeships; they say it is useful and motivates them.”

We work within a consortium of St Alban’s Schools called the Alban Learning Partnership comprising of STAGs, Loreto, Townsend and Samuel Ryder. This enables us to offer our students a large choice of subjects leading to qualifications in a varied range of subjects, some familiar and some new.

Around the school, our Post 16 students provide valuable community help, supporting teachers in different classes or with sports activities. Many younger students receive help during our after-school home learning club or in paired reading sessions. This year Post 16 students are involved in projects linked to Vinspired, Leadership 4 Life and the National Citizen Service. These programmes are designed to provide students with valuable life skills whilst encouraging volunteer work in the local community. This year we are pleased



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to build on other programmes to enrich our students' learning including Arts Award Gold, Sports Leadership and the Extended Project Qualification.

In recent years there have been a number of residential trips to support the learning in subjects for example Media and Photography students travelled to New York, Film students to Berlin and our World Challenge programme is well established recently visiting South India, Costa Rica, Honduras and Ecuador and the Galapagos. Time out prepares students for the independence of university life as well as the challenges of full employment. Preparing students for their future is a real privilege and we pride ourselves in the job that we do.

Our brand new Post 16 Centre, the design of which was determined in consultation with our student parliament, has a dedicated computer suite and will provide an excellent study facility for home learning and preparation for examinations as well as a teaching space for sixth form classes, and a social area with a café.





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## Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCEE)



### Curriculum

PSHCEE is taught at The Marlborough Science Academy through discrete lessons at Key Stage 3 where they follow the Penn Resilience Programme. At Key Stages 4 and 5 the curriculum is delivered through whole day workshops and presentations from outside agencies.

PSHCEE aims to equip students with the knowledge and resilience needed to deal with and overcome any problems they may face in school or later on in life. We endeavour to give students the skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, to learn things for themselves and know how to manage issues such as: dealing with financial matters, coping with relationships and understanding the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Throughout the course students take part in school and community based activities, demonstrating personal and group responsibility in their attitudes to themselves and others. Regular visits from guest speakers and theatre groups enrich this learning experience, ensuring a fresh and dynamic approach towards PSHCEE.

Our goal is for all students to be fully prepared for any of lifes' challenges.

### Achievements

At the end of each year students are graded as working towards, at or beyond based on their knowledge and understanding of the rights, responsibilities and duties of citizens; the role of the voluntary sector; forms of government; provision of public services; and the criminal and legal systems. As well as this, students are formatively assessed throughout the year by their subject teachers.

By the end of Key Stage 3 (Year 8) over 80% of our students are working 'at' or above the required level and by the end of Key Stage 4 (Year 11) 95% of our students are working 'at'



or above the required level, because of this, we believe that PSHCEE plays a significant role in ensuring all our students are confident, self-aware and well-rounded citizens.

### **Leadership 4 Life**

A new addition to the PSHCEE curriculum is the Leadership 4 Life programme, launched last academic year for students in Year's 12 and 13. Vinspired, Whatsuni and NCS (National Citizen Service) are just a few of the charities and organisations that have contributed to the programme. Students have designated lessons and regularly attend workshops and presentations delivered by outside speakers. In addition to this students also take part in First Aid, safeguarding, teaching assistant and health and safety training. There is an expectation that all Post 16 students contribute to the school and/or local community through volunteering and leadership roles. All volunteering hours are logged into students' personal accounts and V10 (volunteered for 10 hours), V50 and V100 certificates are awarded accordingly. These certificates are also recognised by UCAS.

Several of last year's Year 13 students delivered outreach projects to local primary schools and an old peoples' home. We are proud of our runners up position in the Vinspired National Volunteering awards in 2016 and extremely proud of Jack Bourner who was awarded volunteer of the month in May 2015.



## Science



### The Faculty

The Science Faculty is staffed by eleven passionate and specialist teachers who contribute a vast range of experience to the education of our students. The Faculty contains seven well equipped laboratories; one ICT suite, one A-level teaching room and two extremely well resourced Prep Rooms. Two of these rooms were refurbished last summer to produce state of the art science teaching spaces. We have two technicians who contribute to the practical and experimental Science which all students will undertake from Year 7 to ensure learning with us is as hands on and experience based as possible.

The Science Faculty includes separate Heads of Biology, Chemistry and Physics dedicated to the success of all students in each of the three disciplines. We continually review our practice in Science, share teaching ideas and develop the curriculum to increase the amount of practical activities students receive in lessons to enhance content learning. Through the variety of delivery and the consistency of expectations we can make the learning of Science stimulating and rewarding.



### Curriculum

Through our study of Science we learn to understand the world around us, quench our curiosity about the universe and learn to think logically and methodically. Science is of vital importance to all students at all stages of their schooling and in preparing them for their choices at Post 16.

At **Key Stage 3**, we teach the National Curriculum through a variety of practical based topics, allowing students to develop both scientific and mathematical skills and recognise Science as a way of thinking, as well as developing an understanding of facts and principles. Year 7 and 8 students follow a skills based course that is designed to build and develop knowledge for their GCSE exams and to complete the National Curriculum Programmes of Study for Key Stage 3 Science in two years.



As a Science Academy we have taken the decision that **Key Stage 4** begins in Year 9 with students in Science following the new AQA GCSE Science courses. All KS4 students are taught in separate Science classes, with our most able and dedicated going on to complete Single Science GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and leave with three GCSE Science grades. The majority of students follow the AQA Combined Science (Trilogy) specification, leaving with two GCSE grades in Year 11. The Combined Science (Trilogy) Award is offered at a Higher and Foundation level and therefore caters for all abilities to ensure that every student gets the very



best out of their Science learning. Both Combined and Single Science routes provide a firm foundation to study Science at A level Post 16.

At **Key Stage 5** Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology are all offered for A level study, completed through linear courses that enable students to develop a deep and broad understanding of their chosen disciplines, whilst also preparing them for University, through modular courses which enable students to monitor their own achievements closely. The growing popularity of these subjects demonstrates the quality of teaching and learning that has gone before.

The Faculty offers a STEM club for Key Stage 3 students each week to encourage and develop students' interest in science and its applications. Students who attend this club experiment further with content studied in lessons as well as exploring topics of their own choice.

Drop in sessions for students who need help with home and class learning along with yearlong revision classes in the three sciences at Key Stage 4 are also offered. Students are encouraged to investigate science further, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Gifted and talented students are encouraged to take full advantage of as many opportunities as possible regarding their science learning and in recent years a number of Year 12 students have attended courses at Cambridge University through the Nuffield Bursary Scheme. In 2016 our gifted and talented Year 7 and 8 students won first place at the Salters Chemistry Festival in Bedford.





## Specialised Learning

"...all arrangements have been efficiently made and individual students, as well as their parents have been appropriately involved. You have a range of interventions in place for students and when we discuss individuals with learning needs you show detailed knowledge of them." **Educational Psychologist 2017**

The role of the Faculty for Specialised Learning is:

- to understand and assess students' academic and pastoral needs in line with the Code of Practice following the principles of The Graduated Approach - Assess, Plan, Do, Review
- to work with subject staff to help students access the curriculum
- to work with staff, parents and careers to ensure appropriate emotional support
- to help students succeed in achieving their full potential

Much emphasis is put on raising levels of literacy:

- student progress is monitored
- teaching is matched to the learning needs of the student
- the desired outcomes for the student are the priority



Assistant Teachers provide support to students during some lessons. There are also support groups to target students' specific social and emotional, speech and language, or other needs, as they arise, and these are evaluated with the students to ensure objectives are met, in addition to on-going observation and monitoring. Students continue to be supported in the sixth form and are encouraged, where appropriate, to consider a higher education course at either college or university.

There is liaison between subject teachers and the Specialised Learning Department about the best methods to employ when teaching students with additional needs; SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) requirements, emotional or social difficulties as well as Mental Health and everyone is responsible for working with students to allow them to achieve, with Quality First Teaching at the heart of everything we do.

Specialised Learning works closely with parents and external professionals, e.g. Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Psychologists and Occupational Therapists to help students with their individual needs.

The Specialised Learning Team is closely involved with the Librarian in the Home Learning Club. This provides an ideal opportunity to support students with home learning assignments and encourage students to revise for examinations.

### **Students for whom English is an Additional Language**

Marlborough is representative of the multicultural society in which we live and has a small number of students for whom English is their second language. The role of the multi-lingual Specialist Language Worker, who works closely with the Head of Specialised Learning, is to help raise the achievement of ethnic minority students. Liaison with parents is an important part of the work and the bilingual member of our team is able to access the means to communicate with many parents in their home language and can offer support at consultation evenings.



## Technology



### Curriculum

The Key Stage 3 curriculum in Design and Technology aims to build on previous knowledge, aptitude and natural enthusiasm to develop a student's Design and Technology capability through a variety of activities. Focussed practical tasks give students the opportunity to learn and practise particular skills and knowledge. Design and making assignments provide students with the opportunity to use their capability to develop products which meet the needs of a given design situation. Product Analysis tasks enable students to investigate existing products and use their findings to improve their own repertoire of skills, knowledge and understanding. The method of delivery is intensely practical and based on the belief that students learn most effectively by doing: producing practical solutions to design problems. Consequently our schemes of work, particularly at Key Stage 3, are aimed towards the realisation of quality products that students are proud to take home.



At **Key Stage 3** students work in ability based groups of an average size of 21 students. As students' progress from Year 7 to 8 they experience the full range of Design and Technology disciplines in modules of approximately 18 hours. Resistant Materials, Food Technology, Graphic Media and Textiles Technology form the heart of the curriculum at Key Stage 3 and provide the stepping stone to progress to Key Stage 4.

At **Key Stage 4** students have the opportunity to develop their Design and Technology capability by following a full GCSE course. We offer Child Development, Food and Nutrition, Graphics, Resistant Materials, Engineering and Textiles courses. All the courses contain a high degree of non-exam assessment and students concentrate on focussed design and make tasks that enable them to practise and master the range of processes and knowledge demanded by the syllabus.





At **Key Stage 5** (AS/A level) students follow the AQA Product Design course with the option to specialise in 3D Product Design.

### **Achievements**

The students at Marlborough continue to produce excellent results in their Design and Technology studies and consistently perform above national expectations. The numbers of students choosing to continue their Design and Technology studies through to A level continue to rise steadily. Results have been good and many students use their success in this subject as a springboard to further and higher education courses.



### **Extra-Curriculum**

Within Design and Technology extra-curricular opportunities are numerous and varied. Students have benefited from curriculum trips to Inspired by Design, Thorpe Park, The Good Food Show and the Clothes Show. They have built pedal cars, go carts and hovercraft and annually compete in the Rotary Club Technology Challenge for Food and Engineering. Students have been very successful, representing their school with pride and gaining many first places.



## Summary of Student Attainment 2018

There are many indicators of the success of a school; the most publicised being examination results. We are very proud of the successes of all our students and the following pages show their successes in the many different subjects we offer.

### Key Stage 5 Results Summary

We were delighted with the A level results in 2018. The results show continued improvement in many areas. All students have gone onto study the courses of their choice or employment.

### Point Scores

	2017	2018
A-level	26.96 (C-)	28.91 (C)
Academic	26.96 (C)	28.98 (C)
Applied General	34.74 (Distinction)	34.76 (Distinction)

### Year 13 A2 (percentage at each grade)

	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Art & Design	1	0	0	100	0	0	0
Biology	27	0	7	15	7	22	37
Business Studies	19	0	5	16	21	42	11
Chemistry	14	0	14	14	21	14	21
Classical Civilisation	1	0	0	100	0	0	0
D&T Product Design	1	0	0	100	0	0	0
Drama	6	0	0	33	33	17	17
Economics	3	0	0	33	0	67	0
English Literature	18	6	6	6	33	39	6
Film Studies	9	0	0	56	22	11	11
Fine Art	12	25	42	33	0	0	0
Geography	15	0	7	53	13	20	7
History	7	0	14	0	14	29	43
Information Technology	11	0	0	9	55	18	18
Mathematics	12	8	25	25	33	8	0
Media	16	0	6	19	38	19	19
Music	2	0	0	0	100	0	0
Photography	14	7	14	43	14	14	0
Physics	5	0	0	20	40	20	20
Politics	10	10	10	20	20	20	20
Psychology	29	7	3	10	21	28	28
Religious Studies	1	0	100	0	0	0	0
Sociology	2	0	0	50	0	50	0
Spanish	1	100	0	0	0	0	0
Extended Project	4	0	50	25	25	0	0



**Year 13 BTEC (percentage at each grade)**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Entries</b>	<b>D*</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>
Sport	23	48	12	17	22

NB: BTEC grading is as follows:

D\* = Distinction\*

D = Distinction

M = Merit

P = Pass



## Key Stage 4 Results Summary

	2016	2017	2018
Basics 4+ ( <i>Standard Pass</i> )	59%	67%	75%
Basics 5+ ( <i>Strong Pass</i> )		43%	49%
Attainment 8	42.52	46.02	47.18
% Grades at 9-7/A*-A	15%	19%	19%

## Year 11 GCSE (percentage at each grade)

Subject	No.	9-7	9-5	9-4	9-1
Art and Design	15	87	100	100	100
Biology	57	35	74	91	100
Chemistry	57	28	61	88	100
Dance	16	13	31	44	94
English Language	145	15	58	78	99
English Literature	145	14	55	76	99
Food Technology	14	36	86	86	100
French	53	21	49	70	100
Geography	72	14	42	53	99
History	59	27	64	76	100
Maths	145	13	58	80	99
Music Studies	4	50	75	75	100
Drama	20	15	55	90	100
Physics	57	30	53	77	100
Religious Studies	8	38	63	63	100
Spanish	17	29	53	82	100
Sports Studies	29	3	28	41	100
Science Double Award	88	1	26	53	99

	No.	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C	A*-G
Business Studies	53	30	58	75	100
Classical Civilisation	17	41	65	88	100
Computer Technology	56	41	55	75	100
Resistant Materials	15	7	27	60	100
Mathematics Further	2	100	100	100	100
Media Studies	27	22	70	93	100

	No.	D*-D	D*-L2P	D*-L1P
Engineering BTEC	8	0	63	100
Childcare Skills CNAT	4	0	50	100

NB: BTEC grading is as follows:

D\* = Distinction\*

L2P = Level 2 Pass

D = Distinction

L1P = Level 1 Pass

M = Merit



## Travel to School

There are a number of ways in which you can travel to school; walking, public transport, cycling or by car.

### **Cycling**

For those of you who wish to cycle, the school has a 60 bicycle capacity shelter where bicycles can be stored during the school day. Please ensure that your bicycle is securely chained as the school cannot take responsibility for theft or any damage. As we are a busy site, please do not cycle on school premises and walk your bicycle to the shelter. We recommend that students wear a cycle helmet and use high visibility clothing and cycle lights, especially when light levels are low.

### **Cars**

If you get a lift to school please ensure that you are dropped off/collected in Watling Street or in Watford Road. We ask that parent vehicles do not enter the school premises at the beginning or end of the school day as this causes vehicular congestion and creates safety issues for our pedestrians.

### **Public Transport**

There are a number of local bus routes that go past the school as well as the Abbey Flyer which stops at St Albans Abbey station, the nearest train station to the school. There is also school transport available to students living in Abbots Langley, for more information about the route and costs please contact the school on 01727 856874.

We expect all students to conduct themselves with dignity and courtesy at all times, it is of particular importance when representing our school in the local community.

# EDWARDS & BLAKE CATERING

E&B ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT GREAT QUALITY FOOD, LOCAL SOURCING, EXCELLENT SERVICE, DRIVING INNOVATION AND DELIVERING GREAT VALUE TO OUR CUSTOMERS. OUR FOOD IS FRESHLY COOKED EVERY DAY IN THE KITCHENS IN WHICH WE OPERATE AND WE STRIVE TO MAKE EVERY MEALTIME EXPERIENCE DELICIOUS, NUTRITIOUS AND FUN!



OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE THE STUDENTS OF MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL CATERING EXPERIENCE AND TO EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS WHILST MAINTAINING OUR HIGH STANDARDS. WE WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS SO PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF OUR CATERING DEPARTMENT WITH YOUR IDEAS. OUR MENUS ARE ALL NUTRITIONALLY ANALYSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHOOLS FOOD TRUST STANDARDS.

# our SAMPLE MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Soup of the Day  
£1.17

Main Meal Option  
£1.94

Vegetarian Option  
£1.94

Street Food  
1

Street Food  
2

Street Food  
3

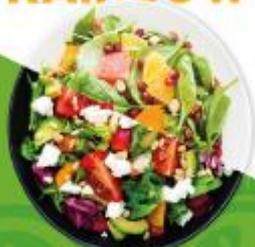
Street Food  
4

Hot Dessert of the Day  
£0.82

Soup of the Day served with Freshly Baked Bread	Soup of the Day served with Freshly Baked Bread	Soup of the Day served with Freshly Baked Bread	Soup of the Day served with Freshly Baked Bread	Soup of the Day served with Freshly Baked Bread
Sausage and Mash served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Chick n Mix served with Various Sides	Honey Roasted Gammon served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and a Rich Gravy	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread and Side Salad	Hand Battered Fish and Chips served with Peas, Tartar Sauce and a Slice of Lemon
Roasted Vegetable Wraps topped with Tomato Sauce and Grated Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Green Thai Curry served with Rice and Pickles	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne served with Garlic Bread and Side Salad	Homemade Vegetable Burger served in a Floured Bun with Salad and Mayonnaise	Roasted Leek and Cheese Quiche served with Chips
Thai Vegetable Noodles	Chicken Chorizo Pasta	Meatball Pasta	Thai Chicken Pasta	Chicken and Chips
Hot Dog	Spiced Sweet Potato and Red Pepper Flatbread	Chorizo and Sweetcorn Flatbread	Mini Meatball Melt	Sweet and Sour Chicken Bites and Chips
Chicken Tikka and Spinach Flatbread	Chicken and Bacon Wrap	BBQ Sausage and Cheese Wrap	Sweet Chilli Vegetables and Rice Wrap	Fish Fingers and Chips
	Tuna and Cheese Sub	Chicken Burger	Tomato, Mozzarella and Pesto Sub	Battered Sausage and Chips
Sticky Toffee Pudding	Apple and Sultana Sponge	Apricot and Pear Crumble	Chocolate Orange Cake	Pineapple Upside Down Cake

## COMING SOON...

THEME DAYS GIVEAWAYS  
SEP-DEC POP UP'S  
**MAKE WAY FOR**  
YOU SAID WE DID FOOD SAMPLING OFFERS & DEALS  
PUPIL SURVEYS THEME WEEKS  
MAKE

**EAT A RAINBOW** HEALTHY CHOICE  
  
WHY NOT TRY ONE OF OUR DELICIOUS SALADS TO HELP YOU GET 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY.  
MAKE

**FIGHT FOR FISH**  
  
By eating sustainably sourced fish, we are helping protect the health of our oceans and the fish that live there.  
MAKE