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Prizegiving at the Abbey



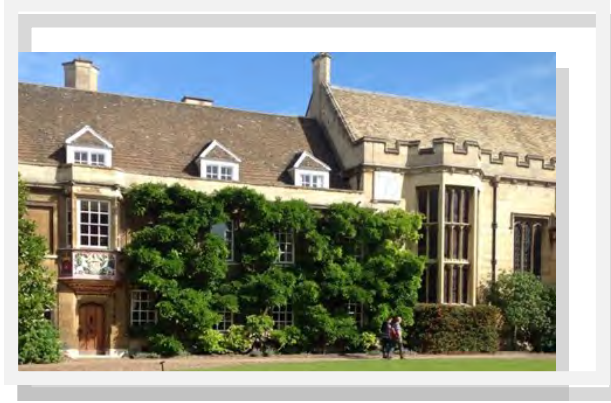
Friday the 15th of September saw The Marlborough Science Academy return to St Albans Cathedral for their 5th annual award ceremony. Over 900 people packed the nave to celebrate hard won achievements and well deserved prizes. Nearly 200 hundred trophies, shields and prizes were presented that afternoon. Guest speaker and former MP Kerry Pollard described the event as "very moving and memorable".

The event culminated in awarding Zoe Payne the Eleanor Levens Shield of Excellence for the highest grades at A Level. Zoe achieved an A* in Biology and A* in Maths and an A in Chemistry and has now gone on to study Bio-Chemical Science at Lancaster University.

It was truly a joyous day celebrating achievement and endeavour all across the school.



Classics Visit to Cambridge



In September, students studying Classics from both Year 10 and 11 were privileged to visit Cambridge University for the day. The wonderful opportunity was in fact initiated by Amy Geelan (Year 11) after she had contacted Mary Beard- a leading classicist and documentary presenter in her field. Although Mary Beard was supposed to appear on the day, unfortunately she was called away on business, despite this, the trip did not disappoint and has really set the students alight.

Our first stop was to the Classical Civilisations department itself. So, from here, we began our day being shown into an array of wonderful rooms- holding copies of many famous Ancient Greek and Roman statues that excited and amused in equal measure. Furthermore, we were given a tour through all of these marvellous statues and told many of their slightly eccentric stories. A personal favourite the group had seemed to be a rather perplexing depiction of a small baby strangling a goose!

From here we walked through the bustling (and bike filled) roads to Christ's College. Not only did we receive a tour of the beautiful college, but lunch was also provided to the delight of most of the students (eton mess seemed to go down well with most.) Within the college, we were lucky enough to see their chapel, gardens, and a lot of grass that we were not allowed to walk on.

After a walk back through the sweet Cambridge streets, we returned once again to the Classics faculty. Here, we were graced with a lecture by Dr Rebecca Laemmle on the Antigone, an Ancient Greek text that Year 11 have been studying. For the majority of us, this was our first lecture and many seemed rather taken by the exciting desks and chairs we were provided with. Many people seemed to really enjoy her lecture and it was hard not to be enthused by her boundless energy.

Everyone I spoke to on and after the day seemed to thoroughly enjoy our trip out, even without Mary Beard. From interesting lectures, to statues and food I can assure you that everyone was worn out that evening, and still very excited about Classics. Thank you very much Miss Garrett and Amy for making the day possible!

Ruth Mitchell-Fox

Adapting Shakespeare for the University of Hertfordshire



Earlier this year a number of English, Drama and Art Gifted and Talented students were invited to work collaboratively on a competition project for The University of Hertfordshire. The task was simple, adapt Shakespeare. The students were given the choice of adapting either *Othello* or *The Tempest* in any way they wished. Over two days Arts and Literature skills were combined to complete two very different pieces of contemporary theatre and two very thorough evaluations.

Aaron, Rowena and Noa worked on adapting 'The Tempest' into a video performance for which they composed the music, created the visuals and did a voiceover. The rest of the students worked on *Othello*, exploring which characters have the power and certainly put an interesting connotation on Shakespeare's play. The students were given feedback on their work and they said how it had been a fun project to get involved with and helped them explore themes of Shakespeare more and gave them a fresh perspective on his plays with their own interpretations.

After a lot of discussion from the University's judging panel I was delighted to learn that both groups had been awarded a runner-up trophy and gift vouchers.

Emily Caddick Bourne and Craig Bourne from the University of Hertfordshire both commented on the students' hard work with the project which was a pilot project this year and impressed by the quality of the work submitted. There were 6 schools involved and both Marlborough's entries were so good they merited runners-up prizes of Love to Shop vouchers and a trophy.

'It was a difficult decision to make with such high quality entries.'

'To win one prize is a great achievement; to win two prizes shows that Marlborough has very creative, self-motivated and imaginative students who are supported incredibly well by their enthusiastic teachers.'

Dr Craig Bourne, Acting Head of Philosophy, School of Humanities, de Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire

We look forward to taking part in the competition again next year.

Miss C Burton, Head of Drama

Our Gifted and Talented students involved were—Katie Little, Emma Noon, Aaron Brooks, Roberto Da Silva, Kim Kusman, Noa Kusman, Mia Arundel, Rowena Harris, Hana Walker, Edwin Murray Melissa Little, Poppy Khanom, Harry Smith, Olivia Shelley, Rhys Wernham, Cerys Wernham and Ruth Mitchell-Fox.

Bletchley Park



A group of Year 9 ACES students had the opportunity to visit Bletchley Park. Home of British codebreaking and a birthplace of modern information technology. It played a major role in World War Two, producing secret intelligence which had a direct and profound influence on the outcome of the conflict. The day was organised for the students to have a guided tour of the park followed by a codes and ciphers workshop. The students were shown how messages sent by the German forces which had been encoded were intercepted and taken to Bletchley Park by motorcycle despatch riders to be decoded by the primarily female workforce. Some of them even got the opportunity to use the Enigma machine to see how the coding worked.

'I learned that the Enigma machine takes a lot of effort to decode. We all had a try.' Hanelle

'I really enjoyed our practical lesson, as you got to see how the workers broke the codes and it was cool that we got to too.' Tom



Year 5 and 6 ACES Maths Challenge

In October, 40 Year 5 and 6 students from Mount Pleasant Lane, St Peters, Mandeville, St Michaels and Killigrew primary schools gathered in Da Vinci Hall to compete in a Maths challenge. The tasks were tough, testing the students on memory, number, and visualisation skills, along with rounds on problem solving and logical thinking. The evening was a great success with the students throwing themselves at the challenges and really giving it their all. At the end of the quiz there was very little difference in the scores with St. Peter's A team coming first with 45 points and Killigrew's B team coming second with 44 points.

The evening was organised by Mr Porter and supported by Mrs Afford, Miss Ballingall, Mr Fitzgibbon, Miss Smith and our Governor, Mr Duncan. We also had some fantastic help from Amelie, Shaun, Emily, Rubina, Tomas, Billy and Cate from Year 8, who were wonderful ambassadors for the school and really helped the event to run smoothly.

Our ambassadors are quoted as saying *'I enjoyed helping the children with the quiz and also the refreshments', 'I enjoyed most seeing my old school friends and helping them and all the other primaries', 'I enjoyed marking the quizzes along with Mrs Afford'*.

Some quotes from our visiting primary students *'It will help my lessons because it has taught me lots of new shapes', 'it will help us in lessons as we can use it to work out further calculation and maths problems', 'our memory will increase because of the memory game', 'I enjoyed the challenging games like the triangles game and the paper tower challenge'*.

'Thank you for running the session. It was a good experience for the kids.' Mandeville



ACES Journalism Workshop 13th October 2016

In October, twenty one lucky Year 7 and 8 students attended a journalism workshop, which was held in the LRC. The workshop was hosted by the Editor of the Herts Advertiser, Mr Matt Adams. Mr Adams led the workshop over two hours, where the students learned about his work experience, the role of a journalist and what writing newspaper articles entails. During the second half of the workshop, the students created their own front cover newspapers, along with a lead story, on the school laptops. Throughout this task, the students were guided by Mr Adams, Mrs Redfern and Ms McCarthy. Unsurprisingly, the topic of clowns was a popular writing choice for the students! Other topics the students covered in their articles included the use of technology in schools and the recent Year 7 PGL trip.

By the end of the workshop, the students grasped the importance of how to structure a newspaper article and how to appeal to their audience. Equally, the students appreciated the significance of team work and team building skills.

Thank you Mr Adams for leading an interesting and engaging workshop.

Ms McCarthy



'It gave me a great idea of how real news reporters think and how to get your audience interested in your piece. I am sure I will be much better at writing articles if the subject ever comes up in English.'

'I enjoyed writing my own newspaper article and learning what jobs there are in journalism.'

'It will help our English by showing us how to write in a persuasive manner.'

Author Visit—G P Taylor

Marlborough had a very interesting visit from the author G P Taylor recently. Mr Taylor is the author of lots of books including the Shadowmancer series. He held talks in Da Vinci Hall for the first part of his visit, regaling Year 7, Year 8 and Year 6 students from Mandeville, with stories from his school days and also shared experiences from his time as an Anglican Priest, a Police Officer and even the time he was a roadie for a Punk Rock group. He finished his presentation with a very spooky story that made even the hardest member of staff jump out of their seat. The second half of the day was a little more sedate with workshops for selected Year 11 students and Year 7 and 8 Rapid Progress groups. His visit was really enjoyable and everybody who was involved gained something positive from the experience.

Ms M Evans

'He was really interesting, I loved the story but it did scare me.' **Ella, Year 7**

Mandeville quotes—*'He was funny, scary and adventurous, I have never heard a ghost story before'. 'inspirational and inspired me to read more books', 'enjoyed listening to him talk about his school days and being rude about teachers and would now like to read some ghost stories', 'really funny and he told a good story.' 'I want to be a police officer and it was interesting to hear about this'.*

'I just wanted to send a huge thanks for inviting us to the author visit yesterday. He was a brilliant speaker and really engaged the children to read. One of my children quoted him to her dad in parents evening yesterday. And, my most disengaged boy has brought in money to buy a book!' **Ms Ellingham—Mandeville**

PGL 2016

PGL was a successful, fun packed weekend for all students and staff who attended. All the students showed great spirit, sportsmanship and commitment to all the activities. And whilst the October weather was lovely no rain to be seen, only rays of sunshine throughout the weekend – many students managed to get very wet, due to the building of certain rafts or just for the pure delight they wanted by falling into the lake. Both the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed this weekend and as Pokémon was our theme this year, congratulations to Olivia Ritchie who won the Pikachu sweatshirt for this amazing detailed account of our weekend. It was a very difficult decision to make as there were some amazing entries.

Miss Pounnas

A man lived in a bungalow. Everything inside was pink. The chairs were pink, the table was pink the sofa was pink. Even the CAT was pink. What colour were the stairs??? This was one of the riddles we tried to figure out while we were waiting for some of the activities at PGL 2016.

Riddles aside, we also had an amazing time at PGL. From the minute we arrived, we were busy and having fun! Once we got off the coach, we split up into our groups. I was really happy because I was with all of my friends.

Our first activity was the trapeze. You had to climb up a ladder then stand on a small box at the top of a pole then jump and grab the bar. It was really fun! When I jumped, it felt as if I was swinging at the treetops!

Next we went on the giant swing (the one I was really looking forward to!). Everyone in the group pulled a rope which lifts you higher and higher in the swing until you tell them to stop or you reach the top. Then you and your partner pull the string behind you which releases the swing. It was amazing! When we first went forward, it was really scary but then after that it was super fun and so fast!! Even Miss Pounnas and our group leader Miss Curtis had a go!

Then we found our rooms put our bags away and went to dinner. After dinner, we went to the camp fire and sang some funny songs. I really enjoyed it because my friends and I got to laugh together and be a bit silly. After the campfire, we went back to our room. We were really hyper and couldn't stop laughing because the day had been so exciting!

The next morning, we woke up to a fire alarm!! Someone accidentally set it off and as you can probably guess, we weren't too happy! After we were ready and had eaten breakfast, we set off on our activities. One of the activities was raft building, we built our first raft but it fell apart so we had to make a new one! It was made from 6 plastic barrels and some long wooden poles held together with rope. We got on and used paddles to get to the middle of the lake then we decided to jump off. But ... I regretted that decision straight away. The water was FREEZING!!!! Everyone was shivering when we got out. We had a shower to warm up and get clean then carried on with our day. For our evening activity, we did wacky races. The PGL staff gave us strange ways to do the races and the group who finished first won. Then at the end they added up the scores and the team with the most points were the overall winners.

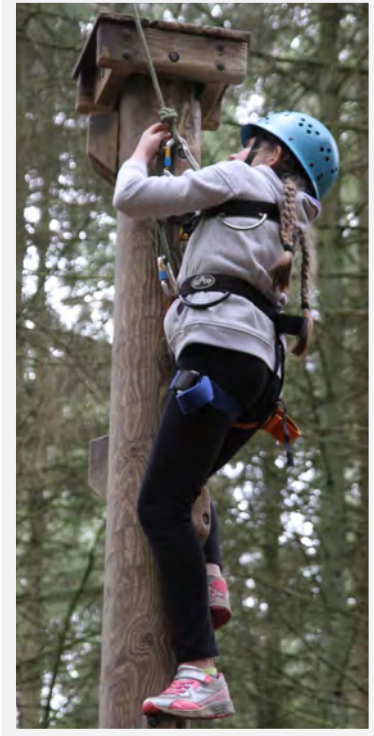
By the end of the second night we were all so tired and went to sleep pretty quickly! On our final day, we did 2 activities. First we went on the zip wire which was really fun. It was a long zip wire so we went really fast. I loved it so much. Our final activity we did abseiling. It was a bit scary leaning back at first but then it was really cool. We had two goes and on our second go we raced our partner down! After that we had to get on the coach and go home. PGL was so much fun and a great way to bond and get closer with my new friends. I wish I could go back and do it again! Oh, and the stairs? No colour silly - bungalows don't have stairs!!

Olivia Ritchie





'PGL was really fun as I got to know more Year 7s and came back with so many more friends and this made it special for me. All the activities were really great and got to take part in lots of things I hadn't tried before.' **Evie Summers**



'I loved it! The coach trip was fun and when we got there it was so exciting. I'm totally afraid of heights and I tried the zip wire and it was fun. The food was great and I shared with four new friends and really enjoyed myself.' **Ryan Conway**

Year 8 and 9 Drama ACES Day

At the end of last half term, Drama ACES from Year 8 and 9 worked with Tip Of The Iceberg Theatre to create some devised performances based around the themes of equality and individuality. The students explored different devising and performance techniques which will support their practical work in lessons and as they progress to GCSE.



'I enjoyed being able to work with people who aren't in my class.' **Maddie Year 8**

'I really enjoyed doing this as it was a perfect opportunity to develop my drama skills beyond my normal lessons and learn new techniques that I will be able to use in class.'

Katy Year 8

Year 8 Alice In Wonderland Drama Challenge

Every Year 8 student got up and performed in front of the rest of the year group on Da Vinci Stage as part of the Year 8 Drama Challenge. Each class has been working on staging the same 15 minute extract of Alice in Wonderland. The students were responsible for learning their lines, knowing their positions and rehearsing their roles over the last half term, many students also took on additional responsibilities for directing sections, running sound, lighting and creating and teaching choreography. The classes all performed on the stage for the judges, and a winning class were selected along with stand out boy and girl in each class. We were so impressed with every single student, for some it was their first time standing on the stage in front of an audience, which can be a very nerve racking experience but everyone made us very proud, the students should also be proud of their hard work.

Miss Burton and Mr Griggs

'I really enjoyed the Alice in Wonderland Performances, it was a great chance for us to do something creative and make it our own. It was a really fun project that really helped practice and improve my drama skills.' **Elise**

'It was fun to do and it was also a chance to perform on the stage. I loved it because it was also an excellent way to learn drama.' **Laura**



Year 7 House Spelling

In November, we ran our first House Spelling Competition. Teams took part from all four houses. Mars were represented by Ryan Conway, Chloe Fisher, Erin Burke and Levon Roberts. Mercury by Jasmine Palmer-Brown, Judith McCloy and Amy Bilson. For Neptune were Matthew Ward, Tom Brasington, Daniel Suleimanovic and Evie Summers. In the end the winning house were Saturn with their team composed of: Sean Neveling, Akbar Ali, Esin Uddin and Denise Xhepha. Well done to all who took part; students faced some challenging words like chrysanthemum, pandemonium and procrastinate.

Mrs E Blount



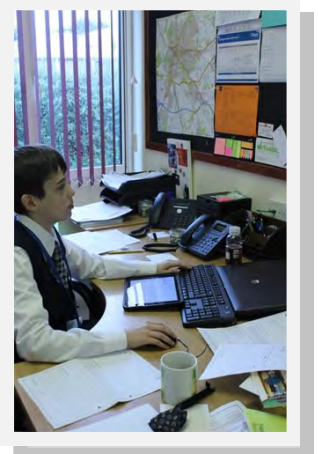
Apprenticeship Opportunity at Rotech Machines

In November Ms Wood, our Apprenticeship Coordinator took eight Year 11 students from the Engineering Group and one student interested in Accounts to Rotech Machines for an Apprenticeship Opportunity. The students had a tour of the print machines and were given an insight into the business. The company are looking to employ two Engineering Apprentices and one Accounts Apprentice. Marlborough Science Academy has been given exclusivity to help find these apprentices. During their time at Rotech Machines they also had a round table discussion and the opportunity to ask questions about the apprenticeship positions. It was a very successful morning and they have all been invited back for a formal interview in the New Year. Rotech machines are a small business in WGC that design and manufacture coding machines. They have fifteen staff at present and are planning to double this and grow the company with apprentices in the coming years.

Year 8 Work Shadowing Day

Also in November Year 8 students took part in a Work Shadowing day. The majority of students shadowed one of their parents and jobs ranged from being a driving instructor to a fashion manager in a pop up shop to even a personal boxing trainer. Days were extremely varied including a start time of 5am for one student! Some students who were unable to find a placement out of school shadowed a member of school staff including site agents, IT technicians and pastoral staff. Josh Byrne even got to be Mr Griggs for the day – complete with waistcoat!

This is a valuable opportunity for our students to give them an insight into the world of work and they have spent time in their PSHCEE lessons discussing their experiences and how these may have differed from their expectations.



Rotary Young Chef Competition

Four Year 9 students, who study Food Preparation and Nutrition at GCSE took part in the Rotary Young Chef Challenge. Ciara Maloney, Jennifer Pooley, Natasha Marsh and Lily Austwick all competed against other schools in St Albans at Oaklands College.

Their task was to cook a healthy two course meal for two for under £12. All the girls did fantastically well and the competition and meals that all the competitors produced on the evening looked wonderful. Congratulations to Jennifer Pooley who scooped up first place with her winning dishes of butternut squash soup, homemade bread rolls and smoked salmon risotto. It was amazing, well done Jennifer.

Jennifer will now go through to the next round in March competing with other districts in Hertfordshire. Her next challenge is a three course meal. Before then Jennifer has the opportunity of a days work experience with Gopi Chandran, Head Chef at Sopwell House Hotel to have some further advice in preparation for the next round of the competition.



Year 12 and 13 Sports students visited Wembley UCFB University to find out about the facilities offered in a stadium type environment and the sports degree courses offered including Sports Business, Media and Coaching.

The students also experienced a degree type seminar - working in groups they had to problem solve a high security scenario and present their findings to the whole group.

Students and staff were able to experience The England football team changing room and 'The Tunnel' leading to the pitch.

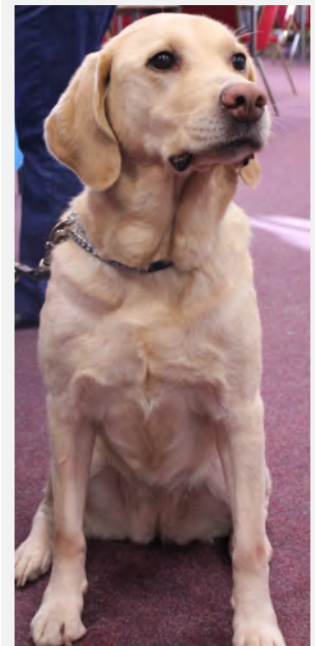
Mrs M Rutherford

Guide Dogs for the Blind

We must thank all the students who came and showed their support to the Guide Dog Charity visitors last week. We welcomed Yassi, Flame and Mist on Tuesday to the LRC with their respective owners. Both students and dogs enjoyed meeting each other, Yassi at 4 months was very playful and the most vocal, Mist was 13 months old and the very next day was off to her new home at the Guide Dog training centre in Euston and Flame was a retired guide dog aged 9.

On Wednesday we welcomed back our favourite guide dog, Meg and her owners Eddie and Fran. She was very patient while being stroked by well over a 100 students, her tail didn't stop wagging. The total raised was **£327.18** which is an amazing amount and is more than last year.

'Thank you for all your help over the last couple of days and for such a warm welcome, from all the staff and pupils at the school'. Jackie Day—Guide Dogs.



A big thank you for all the donations for the St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge. We were able to fill 6 large boxes and bags with some lovely goodies that will make their Christmas that little bit more special.

The Year 7 Team

We at the refuge were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of the year seven pupils. The gifts so kindly given will make such a difference to the families staying with us at Christmas. Well done to all of the pupils and staff involved at this very special time of year. I am sure you are proud of such a caring group of children, they are a real credit to Marlborough school. Thanks to all involved and wishing staff and pupils a happy and joyous Christmas!

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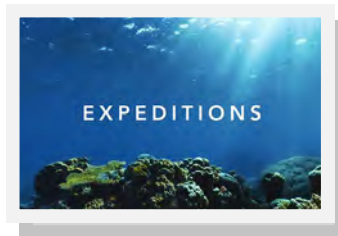


St Albans Camera Club Competition

Well done to all of our students who entered the St Albans Camera Club Competition. Special congratulations to Lara Pledger (Flower field) who came 3rd and Catherine Wells (Drowning) who received a special commendation and also won a day's masterclass with a local professional photographer Donato Cinicolo.

Those students who were awarded above a 17 in the judging had their photographs displayed in an exhibition in the St Albans Abbey.





In December, the Geography department at Marlborough hosted **Google Expeditions**. This was an excellent opportunity for students to see how Google's technologies can bring places to life and deepen their knowledge of the world in a fully interactive way. Some of the students who had a Geography or History lesson on that day got to be involved or were invited to take part in a free after school session.

Google Expeditions came in to try out their new technology in the classroom with us. Students travelled to the Seven New Wonders of the World, Rio in Brazil, Galapagos, and even in to outer space to see the world like they have never seen it before.

'Thank you for organising the Google Expeditions event which took place yesterday. Keeran found it enthralling and talked about the experience for much of the evening. The programme was most successful in developing Keeran's curiosity in Geography and it has motivated him to investigate further the subject of the Sea.'
Mr and Mrs Richardson

Lille December 2016



It was our annual day trip to a Christmas market and again was really successful and thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and students alike. For some students it was their very first trip abroad so was even more special /exciting! It really got us into the Christmas spirit, looking forward already to next year's trip! Keep learning French! **Mrs Morrissey**

'Lille was one of the best experiences I've had, my favourite part was waking up early to go to school.' **Ellie**

'My favourite part of Lille was going around the Christmas Market with my friends, the view from the ferris wheel was amazing.' **Erik**

'My favourite part of Lille was when we went ice-skating, it was so much fun.' **Ethan**



Christmas at Grace Muriel House

After weeks of preparing, on the 19th December our sixth form students got their washing baskets together and packed them full of Christmas surprises for all the residents at the Grace Muriel home for the elderly. After having visited the home since September of last year, Jess, Dina, Abi and Livi decided that they would like to put on some Christmas activities for the residents to brighten up their festive season. With the help of volunteering mentor Miss Rutherford, the girls were able to arrange a whole Christmas party that would occur during their last week of term.

The girls all made big cakes and little chocolate gifts for a rendition of an afternoon tea. Activities such as bingo and a quiz were arranged and were thoroughly enjoyed by the residents (and students alike!). Who said that Christmas is blue? And how many door's on your average Christmas calendar? were just some of the questions asked during the quiz.

Shortly after the games were played, Abi performed a beautiful version of Silent Night that was praised by all the residents and followed with the whole group singing various different carols. The Christmas festivities continued with afternoon tea and the eating of mince pies, Christmas cake and cookies. Finally, presents were given out by the girls containing small chocolates and sweets before one final picture was shared between the girls and the residents.

Jess Forster, Dina Fasakin, Abi Medlycott and Livi Scotter Year 12



Year 8 Maths ACES

To support the transition into Year 7 we held a Maths Master Workshop at Killigrew primary school with some of their Year 6 students. This workshop introduced them to new algebra concepts that they will encounter in Year 7 and helped to connect their prior learning to new teaching. Thanks to Olivia Stevenson, Shaun Hussain, Joe Vahed, Lewis Andrews, Kaylei Callaghan and Abbie Kleiner-Mann who came along with me, and were also alumni from Killigrew to help assist in the workshop.

Mrs Gustafson



'It was fun to go back to our old school to see what has changed. The methods of teaching seemed to really work well.' Joe

'I really enjoyed today! Teaching the children was fun and meeting the old teachers and students was really good.' Olivia

'I really enjoyed going back to primary and seeing familiar faces. I like helping the Year 6s and seeing how much they knew.' Abbie

'The children really enjoyed it, and were engaged throughout. I found it really interesting see the teaching of algebra broken down; it will definitely help in the future....!' Mr Oswin, Killigrew

Apprenticeship Fair

We were delighted with the turnout for the Apprenticeship Fair in February. It was a huge success with a wide variety of companies in attendance including AECOM, British Telecom, Deloitte, EY, Clipso, BAM Construction and MBDA.

'This was a great idea and I now have a better understanding of how apprenticeships work and I have now decided I would like to take this pathway, and I have applied for a degree apprenticeship within Engineering.' Year 13 student

A parent commented how enthusiastic and helpful the exhibitors were at the fair and said *'I had no idea there were such a wide variety of apprenticeships available and at all different levels, there is literally an alternative pathway for every career path, a fantastic insight.'*

British Telecom, that were attending this year for the first time commented on how well organised the fair was and said they had signed up a few interested students for their impressive and sought after apprenticeship schemes.

Both parents and students managed to get a good insight into apprenticeships available and some even managed to get some work experience organised. This will be a regular event and hopefully we will get even more variety of companies in attendance next year.

Each year we strive to extend the variety of industries attending the fair. With the emphasis very much on Apprenticeships at the moment due to the new Apprenticeship Levy commencing in April, we are hoping that next year we will be able to have more exhibitors covering an wider range of industry sectors as this year the fair was heavily dominated by Finance and Engineering.



Rising Above A 'Sticky' Situation

The Spring Term has brought a lot of excitement in learning for Year 9 students in Business Studies. Students were given the opportunity to expand on their knowledge of successful enterprise skills by trying out a team-building exercise. In groups, students brainstormed and brought all their brilliant ideas to life to meet the ultimate challenge – build the STRONGEST and HIGHEST tower using only two resources... marshmallows and spaghetti!

Students had to carefully navigate through all the challenges of working together to achieve a fruitful outcome. There were many discussions and lots of ideas, all with the aim to use team members' crafty strengths and skills for the best outcome.

Alas, there can only be one winning team!

Big congratulations to Team Super 6 for rising above them all! Isabella, Robert, Hannah, Katie, Daniela and Courtney

Miss Oosthuizen

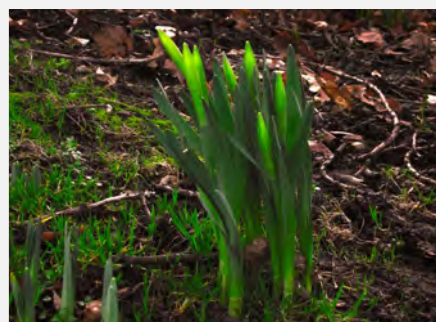
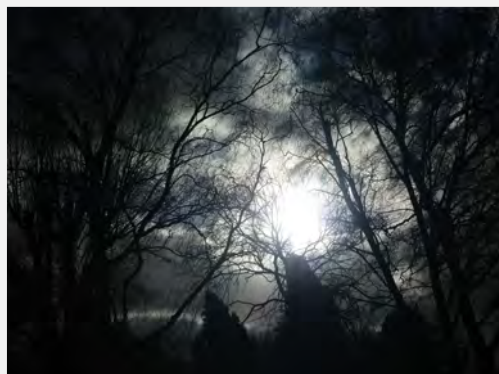
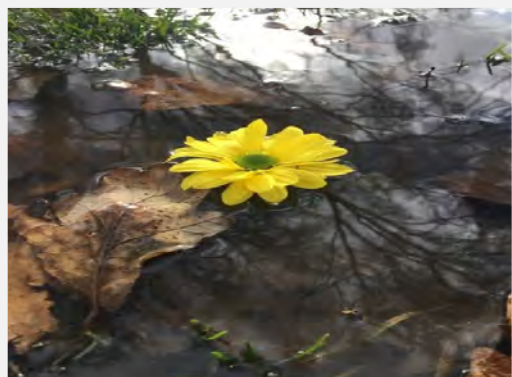
English and Photography ACES Day

'Nature: in all its glory' was the title of the workshop for Year 8 and 9 ACES students in March. The morning was organised by Ms Redfern and Ms Burton who had arranged for Mr Rupert Evershed, a nature writer for the Herts Advertiser, to come in to school and not only talk to the students but help them craft a piece of non-fiction nature writing inspired by the natural landscape of The Marlborough Science Academy. After a chance meeting with the editor of the Herts Advertiser at a Literary Festival two years ago Mr Evershed mentioned that our local newspaper did not have a nature column like many of the daily newspapers. This was the start of the Nature Notes articles which now appears in the Herts Advertiser. Mr Evershed's articles are always relevant to the local area and are accompanied by an equally insightful photograph. Although Mr Evershed's hobby is bird watching he also has a keen interest in anything to do with nature and the environment around us. He spoke to the students about how we should all observe what nature there is around us, how to employ all of our senses and sometimes even a sixth sense which can be affected by the weather, season or time of day.

The students brief was to go out and take a photo and then write an article about their picture. After being given some photography tips by Ms Burton, about not just getting eye level shots but getting in close and framing their shots the students were able to explore our site in a very different way.

Although Storm Doris was threatening, the students captured some amazing photographs and some even caught a glimpse of blue sky before regrouping to write their article. Ms Redfern and Mr Evershed were on hand to help assist and ensure their written pieces were as beautifully crafted as their photographs.

"It was a thoroughly enjoyable day working with some very capable students. I was very impressed by just how observant the children were as they went out into the school grounds and captured the first signs of spring in the midst of Storm Doris! It was also good to see how well they dealt with the challenges of developing their inspiration into a coherent and structured writing piece. Over recent years, nature writing has experienced an extraordinary revival and it's great to see the Marlborough has its finger on the literary pulse!" **Mr Evershed**



"What the students were able to produce in such a short space of time was incredible: artistically and linguistically their efforts show a keen eye and real talent for journalism." **Ms Redfern**

LAMDA Exams

In January some of our Year 12 Drama students entered for their Grade 6 and 7 LAMDA solo acting exams. This required them to learn and perform three different monologues and answer questions on the characters and their role in the play. The students did an amazing job and received their results last week, all the girls passed with merit or distinction grades gaining bronze and silver medals.

A huge achievement!

Congratulations to **Dina Fasakin, Annabel Fabian, Abigail Medlycott, Kate Mercer and Isabel Butt.**



The Year 12 and 13 students have also been busy devising their own pieces of theatre from stimulus for their exams. They performed their pieces on Tuesday night to a packed audience in the Drama studio. All groups really worked hard and it paid off with great performances all round.



AECOM and Hailey VI

Visiting Science and Engineering ambassadors, Tom and Rob came in to talk to Year 12 about projects that Aecom have been involved with and the possible pathways for students thinking of a career in Science or Engineering. Students watched some short videos from the British Antarctic Survey which showed AECOM's award winning design of Hailey VI, the first re-locatable arctic base to be built. Students who wanted to know more about what is involved in pursuing a career in a company like AECOM were invited to stay and find out more from Tom and Rob.



Marlborough winners at the Rotary Technology Tournament

In March the 18th Rotary Technology Tournament was hosted by The Marlborough Science Academy. The schools involved were Heathlands, Roundwood Park, St Albans Girls, Sandringham, Townsend and Marlborough.

The challenge for the students was 'The Pipeline Vehicle' and the task involved the design, construction and testing of a vehicle to travel, and move debris along a pipeline. The complexity of the task increased from Foundation level, through intermediate level to Advanced level. The judging criteria consisted of evidence of planning, analysis of design problems and constraints, development work and communication, realisation and portfolio and final testing performance.

Marlborough had three teams in the competition from Years 9, 10 and 13 and congratulations to the two winning teams

Year 9— **Emily Bourne, Daniel Martin, Kade Neveling and Zehra Saglam**



Year 10— **Finley Thompson, James Sears, Luke Clarke and Evander Port.**



Maths Master Workshop

To support Year 6 transition into Year 7, Mrs Gustafson held a Maths Master Workshop at Bowmansgreen Primary with some of their Year 6 students. The aim of the workshop was to help reinforce reasoning skills in preparation for their upcoming SATS tests and thanks to the following students from Year 7 and 8 who assisted in the workshop -



Jarin Auddity, Daniel Howell, Lauren Cropper, Elise Wylie, Samuel Viccars, Jessica Jacobs, Harry Hallet, Ryan Conway, Sean Neveling, Rhianna Patel, Hema Sujatha and Mathra Kapugama Geeganage.



My favourite part was trying to work out the questions with the Year 6s because it was fun to find so many combinations that did or didn't work.' **Rhianna Patel**

I liked the fact that they were happy to do the work and they seemed to enjoy it.' **Sam Viccars**

Today was fun and the puzzles were interesting.' **Daniel Howell**

I enjoyed talking to the children about the questions and explaining it to them. I also enjoyed seeing how they can explain it.' **Mathra Kapugama Geeganage**

Marlborough students help support community safeguarding



In March twelve Year 10 students helped support Herts, Beds and Cambs Police by acting as a focus group to give constructive feedback to a new app being developed called 'Crossing the line.' The app targeted at 15-25 year olds takes the form of a twitter feed video showing how easily young people can be persuaded to become involved in hate crimes.

Marlborough was one of only six schools nationally who have been involved in the work because we have been extremely proactive in ensuring all our safeguarding procedures and policies are up to date through using external expertise.

The app is being taken to the Home Office and it is hoped to go nationwide with a big media campaign. Our students were commented upon as being a credit to us and giving really insightful feedback. Thank you to **Zara Giwa, Ewan Robinson, Tom Bourner, Daniel Bedoya, Molly Broekman, Ruth Mitchell-Fox, Callum Cooper, Charlotte Woolley, Andi Ciocoiu, Rhys Wernham, Katie Little and Olivia Stuart.**

Aladdin matinee

Thank you to Aboyne Lodge, Abbey Primary and Prae Wood Primary who came to see the matinee performance of our latest production Aladdin Jr . It was lovely to see 180 excited Year 5 and 6 students so entranced with the production, wowed by the special effects of the magic carpet and the energy of the cast.



Zak from Aboyne Lodge particularly wanted his photo taken with Jafaar and the parrot.

Abbey Primary students wrote

'Thank you for inviting us to the mindblowing show. I particularly like Jafar's hilarious laugh and Iago's bright colours. The magic carpet was such a clever idea and the feeling of dry ice. The amazing overall appearance was fantastic.' **Daisy**

'Thank you so much for inviting me to your amazing and incredible performance. I loved it. Firstly I would like to say that the flying carpet was so cool and very clever, the smoke was really effective. Also the hard work that the girls had put into their routines was really good.

The shining lights and amazing music was really getting my attention. The cast remembered their lines like they had all been learning them for years. The actors were really good singers and I enjoyed listening, I loved it!' **Shannon**

'My favourite part (there were more than one) were when the Genie came out and threw the shiny paper everywhere! Or when Iago kept flying around! What about Aladdin and Jasmine when they were riding on the flying carpet, the dry ice was a cool effect. Please invite us to your next performance and thank you.' **Kristian**



Congratulations to **Harry Fisher Year 12** who recently won a national architectural competition held by The Chartered Institute of Building entitled 'My kinda Future' Concept to Construction challenge in London last month. From the 88 applications entered, 4 were shortlisted and Harry won the £100 prize and the opportunity to be mentored by an industry professional.

The challenge involved designing a creative, innovative office design which had to include the office space, meeting room and fun space. Harry's design was focused on being sustainable and offer supportive working conditions.

The day included each group presenting their ideas to the industry professionals, CIOB members, some university representatives and other shortlisted candidates. Other shortlisted candidates included two groups from secondary schools and one university student. The winner was determined by three judges based on the candidates design ideas and presentation skills.

This opportunity has opened many doors through the contacts made on the day and the shadowed opportunity Harry has been offered. It also gave Harry a good understanding of the jobs available to him within this industry.

Heads of School



After a really impressive few weeks of hustings before Easter, we are pleased to congratulate **Sam Parker** and **Kate Mercer** as Head Boy and Head Girl and deputy Head Boy and Head Girl will be **Ross Dommatt** and **Sophie Brown**.

All the candidates were given the brief 'If I ruled the world...' and the staff were very impressed with some of the insightful and thought provoking statements and it was a difficult choice to make. To have so many candidates step forward for the positions just highlighted how proud we are of our Post 16 students and we look forward to seeing our new Heads of School at future school events.

'O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?'



In May the English faculty took sixty Year 9 and Year 10 students to The Globe for a guided tour of theatre, followed by a workshop run by one of The Globe's professional actors (in one of the theatre's private rehearsal spaces no-less!). The tour allowed students the opportunity to question: the scandals behind the original stolen theatre; the use of light, sound and space; the hierarchy and sometimes bawdy nature of Elizabethan audiences and why Shakespeare is still considered essential for the curriculum.

Daniel Peddar stated that he "learned a lot about the actual Globe theatre and Shakespeare".

Following some very insightful questions students then took part in an hour long drama rehearsal working through some of the lines and looking at the idea of body language and stage crafting.

This in itself proved to be an amazing experience for the students, but what was (and quite rightly so) the highlight of both days was having the opportunity to watch a performance of the play that both year groups will be studying for their GCSEs. Daniel Kramer's directorial choices may have come in to criticism from reviewers; however, we found his controversial stage-crafting spell-binding. Saffy James declared that it was "a unique version and overall, I enjoyed it!" Kramer's decision to create Verona as the circus of the damned captivated our students and had them engrossed and, for some, tearful at the tragedy of "Juliet and her Romeo." The symmetry between the two households proved just how "alike in dignity" they were and the downfall of both Romeo and Juliet allowed students to trace how they were indeed "fortune's fool". In short our students came away loving, laughing and lamenting... which is what any good production should do!

Ms Redfern

Year 10 GCSE Dance students visit Margaret Wix Primary School



Stella Speck, Tayler Roberts, Scott Mousley-Young, Ella Stanley, Aaliyah Richards and Rachel Innes Year 10 GCSE Dance students took part in leading 4 different dance workshops at Margaret Wix Primary School. The students taught two different routines to the children; a Capoeira routine (a Brazilian martial art form) to the Year 6s and a Bollywood routine to the Year 4s. The children will be performing the routines at their school's Culture Day in May. All the GCSE Dance students were fantastic in the way they introduced the dance style, led warm ups and taught the

dance material to the children, all showing confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism.

A massive well done to all six students!

Miss Fox

Science Museum and Houses of Parliament Visit



In May, 30 students from Years 7 and 8 travelled in to London to take part in a debating day. It all started at the Science Museum where students had to decide on which item they believed to be the most important invention in history. Working in groups the students then spent time debating, defending their choice with well thought out arguments and in depth research. The inventions chosen included the clock, the lathe and Stephenson's Rocket and the debates at times got very lively!

The afternoon was spent at the Houses of Parliament and began with a tour and historic talk about the Palace of Westminster which included some surprising and interesting facts. The students were amazed at how small both the House of Commons and the House of Lords were and found it very difficult to stand in front of the benches knowing that if they followed their instincts and sat down they would be immediately escorted from the premises by security!

The final part of the day involved students participating in a People's Parliament workshop. The workshop took place in the new Education Centre and the students were asked to watch a short film depicting an actual event where a public campaign had led to changes in the law. After a short quiz designed to test their observational skills the students were asked to choose a change in the law they would like to see happen and decide on how they would campaign for that change. The groups presented their ideas and were then asked to vote for the most persuasive campaign. We are happy to report that the campaign for stronger laws on equal pay for women in the workplace won the vote.

'On the 18th May, 30 selected students went on a trip to the Science Museum and Houses of Parliament. It was a good trip, it was a debating day and at the Science Museum we had to choose something and compare it with other groups. When we went to the Houses of Parliament we first had a tour followed by a workshop.'

Matthew Bonnin

'Yesterday was one of the best experiences of my life, I absolutely loved the Houses of Parliament. We were shown around the Queen's part of the Houses of Parliament and I felt very special and important. Before the Houses of Parliament we went to the Science Museum and we had to find an invention and then had a debate about which invention was best.'

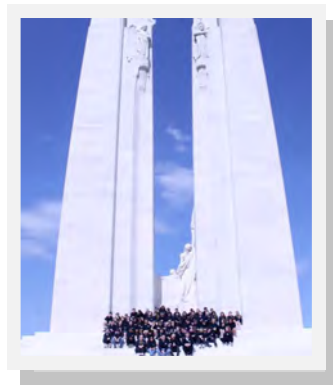
Faye Luckhurst

A Year 8's Tour De France

In May, sixty Year 8 students set off on a five day trip to France. While the dull, grey Saturday morning might have been enough to extinguish most people's hope, the milling Year 8s excitement seemed to grow and expand, much like Mr Henshall's nerves. However, in his capable hands, the students were sure to enjoy their Modern Foreign Languages Trip.

While the students were excited, many parents left the Marlborough Science Academy with damp eyes and a deep sense of wonder as to what the next five days would hold in store for their children – they needn't have worried. Within fifteen minutes of setting off, the students upstairs had begun a... some might say enchanting sing-song (others may lean towards deafening) along with texts, pictures and calls being made to those who hadn't come on the trip.

Before they knew it, the students had arrived at Dover and were ready to board the ferry; the vessel for their adventure. Enamoured with their new found freedom, the students roamed the ship yet, kept within a cautious distance from the staff. However, before they knew it they were loaded upon the coach again and heading towards the Canadian War Memorial. They had made it to France! Hurray!

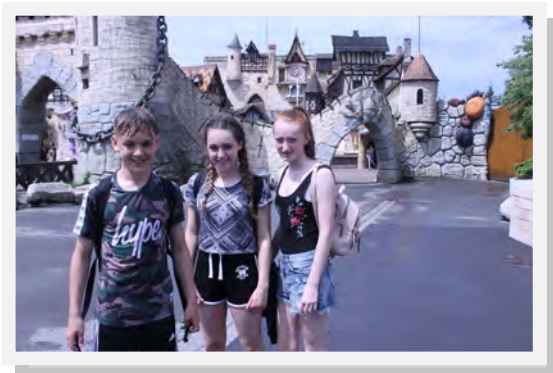


The sights and history students and staff witnessed here were breath-taking and humbling. Walking through the trenches, it was hard not to feel the ghosts of the past and the emotions they would have felt. A sublime and eerie feeling.



As is the nature of such a fun-filled trip, the students (and staff) felt like they were always on the go and before they knew it, they had arrived at Parc Astérix, a wonderfully quaint and French theme park.

Although much smaller than Disneyland, it was the theme park most students seemed to prefer. The day culminated in a wonderful acrobatic show which (although completely done in French) the students truly enjoyed and got heavily involved in roaring and shouting.



Finally, the day had arrived – it was time for Disneyland Paris and the atmosphere was electric. The magic and impossibility of Disney came alive through the wonderful construction of rides and sets. Students had the whole day in Disneyland before meeting up in the evening for a wonderful firework show outside the castle. It was jaw-dropping, a sight that could never be forgotten.



The last leg of the trip saw the students experience France's rich culture and history with trips to: a cheese factory, a medieval town and a chocolate factory. Here, students got to see what France truly has to offer. Students were able to try a range of french cheese and chocolate as well as understanding how a medieval town defended itself and was structured. With all this culture, it seemed only fair we end the trip in a true team building exercise- bowling. In case you are wondering – the girls proved that they were much better than the boys!

Miss Fogarty



Food Aces Day



In June an amazingly talented group of twenty students spend the day creating and developing their skills in Food. Students from Years 7 to 10 made cupcakes which they arranged into a bouquet and the finished results looked amazing. Students also learnt how to create striped meringues which they then sandwiched together with flavoured cream.

All the students who took part should feel incredibly proud of what they made. It was a real pleasure working with them throughout the day. I hope what you made tasted as good as it looked .. I am sure it did! Well done to all of you and thanks to Mrs Gargrave and Mrs Platt for their help throughout the day

Mrs Cuell



'On Food ACES day it was so much fun! It was exciting to create something new and learn new skills. Baking the cupcakes and turning them into flower pots made it too pretty to eat. The meringues were amazing and there was a great feeling of everyone working together.' **Rhianna Patel 7PP**

'I really loved the Food Tech ACES day as I got to work in the atmosphere of a kitchen. I enjoyed the whole day but the one thing that stood out for me was assembling our cupcake bouquet which when finished looked so amazing, it was a pleasure to be part of and I loved every minute of it. Thank you so much.' **Tom Jobson 8JJ**

“Roll up, roll up, read all about it!”

The 'MO', Marlborough's school magazine written by the students, for the students, celebrated its second year of making it through to the national finals of Shine, The School Media Awards.

The School Media Awards is in its 7th year organised by The Stationers' Foundation, the charity arm of the 600 year old The Stationers' Company. Entrants have to impress over 20 high profile industry judges and Marlborough is one of 30 schools to have made it through to the finals which took place on the 19th June at Stationers' Hall in London. The only other local school to make it to the finals was Berkhamsted School. Categories include everything from Best overall Content to Best animation, Best Feature Article to Best Business Strategy. The Mo was competing for Best Front Cover and Best Editorial Content in the magazine category under the watchful eye of Ms Redfern, Natasha Chen, Sophie Brown, Kate Mercer, Candela Orobítg- Baena from the sixth form have driven some powerful changes to the magazine and created something professional and impressive.

The Mo has previously featured interviews with Rio Ferdinand (Footballer), Dearyanne Todd (The Dressing Room) and Teresa Arbuckle (Beco). All past editions can be found on TMSA website under the 'news' section.

Ms Redfern took two of the writing team to the awards where Marlborough had received two nominations for Best Front Cover and Best Editorial Content. Proudly we won Runners Up prize for Best Front Cover losing out to Berkhamsted School. The organisers are quoted as saying ' the competition was incredibly strong this year with over 130 entrants' and judges, included Google, TES, Getty Images and The Telegraph, so it was a wonderful thing to see Marlborough being recognised and winning an award at this national event and the only school in St Albans to be shortlisted and only academy to win an award. The event was hosted by journalist Simon Heffer and Carey Sedgwick from Casella Publishing.



Year 9 Insight into Industry

In July we held our annual Insight Into Industry Conference for all our Year 9 students. The conference is organised with the sole purpose of introducing students to the world of work. Nine different organisations were invited to attend and held workshops that all the students got to attend and experience over the two days.

This year we were lucky to have the following companies involved again:

British Army, Marks & Spencer, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue, Connexions, Hertfordshire University AECOM with the addition of three new organisations: Rotech, Bunnings and Hertfordshire Magistrates.

Activities ranged from interview skills (Marks & Spencer) to team building (British Army) to engineering technology (Rotech) to building benches and learning about construction trades (Bunnings). Hertfordshire Magistrates set up a mock court based on a real case and Connexions got students thinking about which area they would like to focus their career on.

The final session of the two days consisted of a celebration assembly where students who stood out in any way received prizes from the contributors. There were lots of these given out and the prizes were many and varied but congratulations go to **Harvey Karuthasami** and **Ruby Browning** who won prizes for being outstanding throughout both days, and a special shout out to **Gemma Vincent** who won a Kindle Fire from Rotech for outstanding attitude and effort.

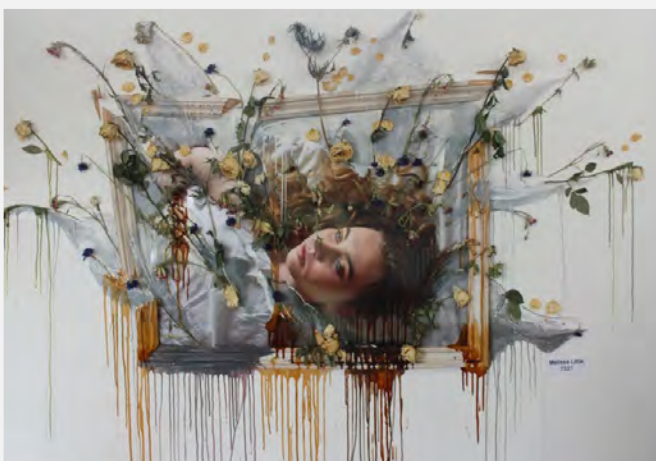
All in all, the two days were definitely a success with staff, students and providers alike and we look forward to next year's conference.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Cuell and her students who organised the wonderful food for the workshop providers over the two days.



Art and Technology Exhibition

At the end of term we were proud to showcase some amazing pieces of work from the Art and Technology department. Yet again our students surpassed themselves with their amazing imagination and talent to produce some amazing works of art.





'A world first in Higher Education, UCFB Wembley offers university degrees in the football business and wider sport and events industries '

The Marlborough Science Academy is celebrating its new partnership with UCFB Wembley to support progression of their Post 16 students. As one of only three schools who have this partnership in England, UCFB have been involved in presentations to 6th form students on business, team building and finance and students have already had the opportunity to sample a degree style session workshop on a recent visit to Wembley Stadium and hope in the future to benefit from work experience opportunities. In July, Claire Fairhurst and Myles Ball, the Media team from UCFB met with Ms Thomson, Mrs Rutherford and Mr Packard at the school for the official contract signing. Thanks to Mrs Rutherford for all her hard work in working with the UCFB to make this partnership possible.

'Being in a partnership will mean that UCFB will be able to offer support through presentations, higher education advice, career events and school visits.' Claire Fairhurst, UCFB

Current Year 12 students Sam Parker, Ross Dommett, Maisie Scott and Lucy Molloy had the opportunity to discuss with Claire and Myles their higher education plans with regard to career pathways in Sport. They had obviously already done a lot of research into their degree choices which included Sports Journalism, Sports Rehabilitation, Sport and Exercise and Sports Business. Claire and Myles explained to the students about the opportunity of Open Days at UCFB, the opportunity to experience life as a student by visiting the auditorium, seminar rooms and taster workshops. Myles also spoke about the many opportunities in the global Sports industry and how UCFB concentrates on the employability of their graduates by offering work experience, short courses, public speaking programme and out of class activities which can include Photography, Spanish and Commentating.



Year 5 Discovery Days at Marlborough

In July we welcomed over 300 Year 5 students from six of our local primary schools for a day of Wizardry related teaching sessions. Students in D&T had the opportunity to make wands, potions were made in Science, look for Fantastic Beasts in Humanities, follow the Yellow Brick Road in Music and other exciting sessions in Maths, Literacy, Computer Studies, French and Art. Thanks must go to our Year 7 ambassadors who stayed with the groups to ensure they didn't get lost and they enjoyed being able to participate in the day.

Park Street **How Wood** **Killigrew**
MPL
Mandeville **Prae Wood**





In July we held our latest M Festival on the school field. An amazing event organised by a small but dedicated team saw another 2,500 festival goers come through the gate and is expected to raise another £15k for the school this year. Most of that money will go towards extras for the new sixth form block which is being built later this year. We also supported two local charities - Youth Talk and Electric Umbrella.

There are many people we need to thank. Firstly we must acknowledge the amazing work by the small core team of 12 who worked throughout the year and over the weekend. It simply wouldn't happen without them. So thank you to Ollie, Jane, Carol, Julie, Bexs, Charlotte, Jo, Angela, Jane B, Vaughan, Trevor and Louise and also to Chris and Steph from the Site team who didn't stop from Friday night through to Sunday afternoon. Special mention to the World Challenge students who helped out across the weekend - in particular the 16 who helped with the clear up on Sunday morning!

Thanks to the SLT who helped all day at the gate and Mr Eve for being such a brilliant presenter (but not on BBC salaries!). The students and staff who performed were all excellent ambassadors of the school and thanks to the parents, staff and students who helped out on stalls including the henna tattoos who were busy from 2pm till 8pm.

We are fortunate to have so many talented people across the school and Mr and Mrs Griggs did a great job on the main stage while Matt Armer did an amazing job with Elaine on sound and lighting for the second stage supported by student James Brewer who was a great support. Thanks to Jill Greenwood on the clip board and our amazing Governors who turned up in number across the weekend. Our Chair of Governors Jane Walker-Smith plus husband Rick and daughter Beth did another amazing shift on the gate and we really appreciate your help.

Finally to the parents, governors and students who came on Sunday morning to help clear up. Thank you. We do need even more volunteers if we are going to hold another M Festival so please do contact us if you are willing to help next year either as a member of the team or over the Festival weekend.

Richard Sullivan

M Festival Team



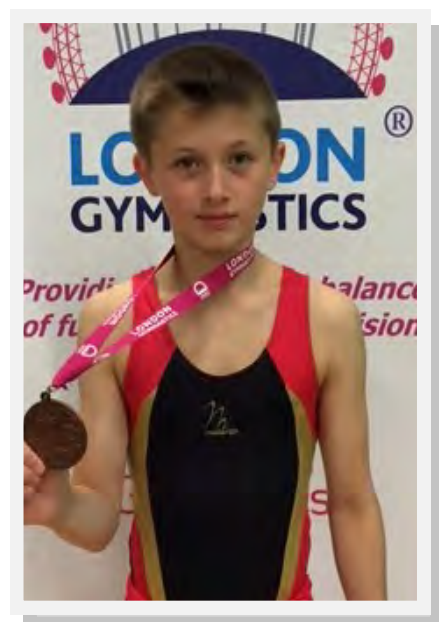
PE News

The Year 7 fun runners took part in their first event for Marlborough school competing over at Sandringham school. The weather was sweltering hot and made conditions hard for the athletes however everyone taking part had fun and tried their hardest in the sunny conditions. Well done to everyone who took part.



Congratulations to **Rhianna Patel (7PP)** who recently competed in the British National Taekwondo competition at the Copper Box Arena. She reached the quarter finals in her first cadet category and narrowly missed out on a bronze medal this time. She is working hard for her next tournament and was lucky enough to meet Lutalo Mohamed, Silver medallist at the Rio Olympics.

Congratulations to **Mikie Ridgway 7RH**, he recently competed in his elite level 4 grades and he was placed 3rd overall. He also placed 1st on vault, parallel bars, high bar and APP, also 2nd on rings and APP and 3rd on floor. While competing at a national competition in London this weekend representing Marriotts gymnastic club, he was placed 10th overall and came 3rd on floor. Some good solid routines hopefully setting him up for national finals in Birmingham later on in the year and we wish him the best of luck.



U12 Mixed final: Winner: Dominic Hipkin



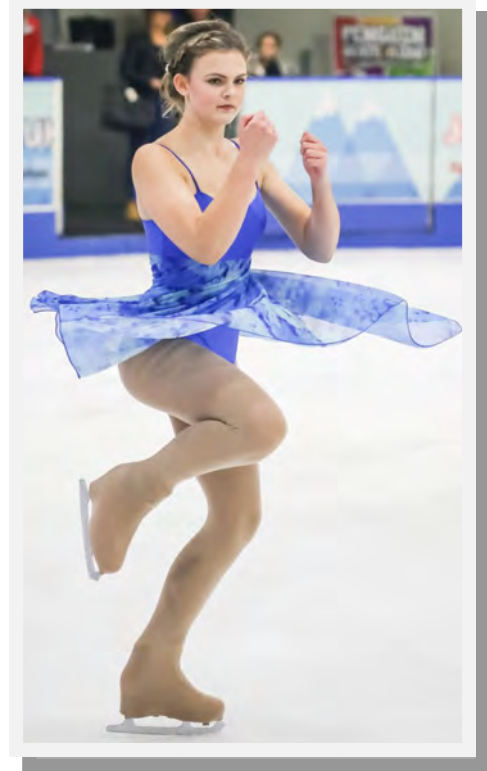
Congratulations to Dominic Hipkin 7DD who won the Greenwood Park Lawn Tennis Club U12 Club Championship at the end of September. It was a knockout tournament played over the summer by a field of 21 players in that age group.

Ice skating champion

In September I took part in an in house ice skating competition at Planet Ice in Hemel Hempstead. A total of 62 competitors took part in the competition and I was in the largest category with 12 of us competing. It was a long day but very exciting, I came 10th and am super proud of my achievement.

I started skating in 2009 and in 2013 I attended my first skating exam and passing this was another great achievement. If you are interested in ice skating you can find out more from Planet Ice, Jarman Square, Jarmans Park, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4JS.

Megan Parles 11LB



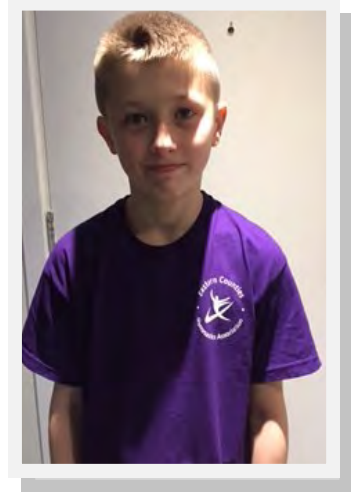
Iggy and Toby Jacob



In September Iggy (Year 8) and Toby Jacob (Year 9) were both selected to represent Hertfordshire for U13 and U14 rugby, Toby having also represented his county last year. Hertfordshire rugby is run by Saracens and requires the squad to train half a dozen times a year and play three to four tournaments against Kent and Essex. Toby and Iggy also play rugby for Marlborough and with two clubs Old Albanians in St Albans and Old Patesians in Cheltenham, both are top teams in their respective counties. Toby represented Old Patesians in the Gloucestershire County Cup final at the end of last season at Hartpury College, a

specialist Equine and rugby college, where they were narrowly beaten by Tetbury. Aside from rugby Toby recently finished his third park run in 23 minutes, Iggy is a keen footballer both in the play ground, for the school team and for Charlton Rovers.

Congratulations to **Mikie Ridgeway** Year 7 who competed at the level 4 elite grades at National team gymnastic finals in Birmingham. In a particularly difficult competition he helped his Eastern region team to 4th place with all scores on 8 pieces counting to the final score.



Netball trip to England vs Jamaica Vitality International Series at the Copper Box Arena, Stratford, London.



Netball players who represent the school, took a trip to see the England Netball team perform in their international series vs Jamaica. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to see how Netball is played at a high level, and also be able to inspire their performance when they compete against other schools. The students behaved beautifully and I was extremely proud of their conduct, considering it was a very busy venue with lots going on! Thank you to all involved and a special mention for Miss Arrol and Miss Crook for giving up their evening and assisting me with this trip.

"Last week we went to the England vs Jamaica Netball game at the Olympic Park. We found watching the match exciting and inspiring, we hope it will be beneficial to our personal performances when playing Netball for the school team. It was an amazing experience to go to such a great venue and see the London skyline all lit up at night, we would love to go again! Thank you Miss Edwards!"

Abby Simpkin, Jenna Hutton, Ellie Brewer and Heather McCloy (Year 8)

Sean Neveling 7MK

Sean is a national tennis player for his age group and attends regional and national training camps. During the winter 2015/16 season he finished No 2 in the country on the national leader board and is based at Batchwood Tennis Academy. He has won a number of U14/U16 county events last term as well as coming runner up in a few regional events. He qualified for his first boys U12 national event in December and won his 2nd boys U14 grade 4 county event in Southampton.

Sean most recently won a regional boys U12 Grade 3 event in Essex just after Christmas – and also participated in the national boys U12 Grade 2 just after Christmas – here he won his 2 matches in his qualification round and progressed to the main draw of 32. He won his first round but was knocked out in the 2nd round. This is a great achievement considering this is only his 2nd season at U12 and most boys at this level are a year older in their last season. These two events helped him to move up on the national boys U12 rankings table and should also enable him to qualify for the next national G2 to be played in Bath.



Oliver Tarvet 8AG

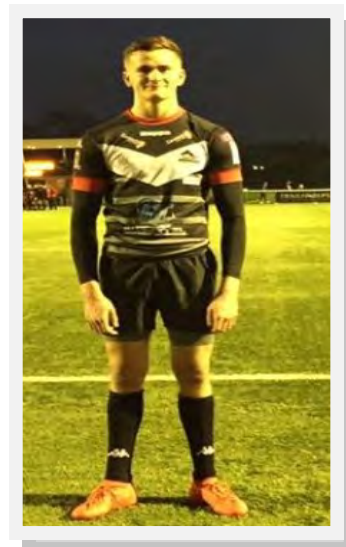


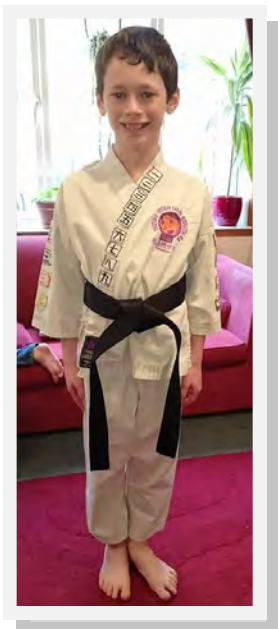
Oliver also attends the Batchwood Tennis Academy and trains 16 hours a week. Oliver had a successful training camp in Roehampton last week with the national squad and received very positive feedback regarding his attitude and progression.

The LTA have given Oliver a wild card for a Grade One Tennis Europe event in Bolton this week. This is the biggest international event on the British calendar and will give him the opportunity to compete with top European players in the U14 age group.

Alfie Edwards 12TR

Congratulations must go to Alfie who has just signed as an academy player for London Broncos. As well as studying full time he trains three times a week with the rugby team and plays either as a winger or centre in the National League for the U19s Academy. His first match was against the British Army and London Broncos won 54-8. We wish him all the best and we are sure he will reach his goal of a professional contract with the London Broncos.





Ryan Conway 7DH

Ryan is the youngest black belt for the Active Herts Club in Shotokan Karate. He started Karate at the age of 5, achieving his black belt at 10 after 5 hours of physical karate, training course, written essays, health and safety knowledge and even having to learn Japanese including counting up to 100! He trains one or twice a week and also teaches children in the lower grades and competes in inter county competitions. He is currently training for higher level black belts which can take about 2 years.

Swimming

Congratulations to **Daniel Martin 9BS** who has achieved a regional time of 4:45.52 in the 400m free in the last weekend of Herts Counties. This is an amazing achievement as he now has 3 regional times and there are more competitions to come. He has been selected to represent the St Albans District team in the Hertfordshire Secondary Schools Inter-District Championships in March for the Intermediate Boys category (Years 9 and 10).



Congratulations to **Rhianna Patel 7PP** who won a Gold medal at a Taekwondo tournament in Bristol.



Rowing

A strong team of u14 boys and girls and u16 boys took part in the indoor rowing competition held at Roundwood Park school in February. The competition required the teams to row 2000m in total with each rower taking their turn to complete 500m each as well as swapping places as fast as possible to get the quickest time. Our u14 boys finished 3rd with a team of **Tomiwa Oni, Ben Newland, Kasper Domanski and Harvey Karuthasami** narrowly missing qualification for the county finals. The u14 girls and u16 boys teams of **Jess Williams, Kamdi Iweka, Ruby Browning, Hannah Evershed, Bly Wilding, Daniel Bedoya, Luke Clarke and Muhaimin Mohammed** finished 2nd which means they will go forward to the finals in March. Well done to all those who took part.

Most improved swimming team in the Hertfordshire league – The Marlborough Science Academy



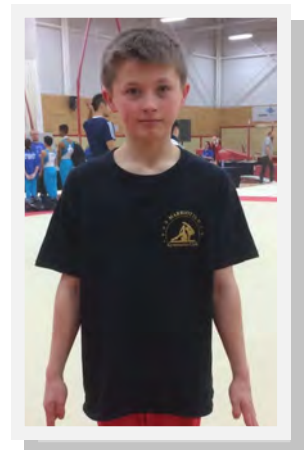
Congratulations to Daniel Martin, Joel Green, Rihanna Patel, Nikita Rach, Tom Jobson, Darcey Moffat, Zachary Foulkes, Alex Noon, Ronny Sutton, Matthew Martin, Nathan Thoree and Josh Twining .



Amazing success by **Tom Jobson** on winning a Silver medal in the 50m fly and Gold in 50m Relay swimming for St Albans District team.

Congratulations to **Mikie Ridgway 7NS** who competed in the British championships, on a new much harder scoring system in the country since the 2016 Olympics, and hit a score of 62.80.

This is an excellent performance ahead of the English championships in April. Mikie performed some new harder skills for the first time with success.





Thanks to Antonio Borriello from the Phoenix Dance Theatre, our Year 9 GCSE Dance students had the opportunity to spend a morning studying one of the dance pieces 'Shadows' from their GCSE course. The girls spent three hours with Antonio going through the repertoire and learning about the importance of the interpretation of music to help with the choreographic intent and smooth movement.

'It was an amazing experience to be taught by a professional dancer. I learnt a lot and it was really enjoyable!' **Ruby Browning**

'It was awesome! Antonio was an amazing dancer and it was great to see how they work in professional dance companies.' **Emelia Saunders**

'It has inspired us to be powerful in dance. It has widened our use of different movements and helped with our technique. It will definitely help us when learning about the dance work 'Shadows' for our GCSE.' **Skye Cook**

'It was a great experience for the students to be taught one of the set professional works we will be studying in the new GCSE Dance specification. Antonio was absolutely fantastic and really engaged the students who responded brilliantly to him. The student's performance and technique is constantly improving and today really showed this – well done!' **Miss Fox**

'It was very inspiring to meet such well trained, focused and positive students. The class were very welcoming and co-operative and showed some amazing skills.' **Antonio Borriello**





Ten students from Year 7 along with students from Sir John Lawes visited the Centurion Golf Club for the Golf Sixes Academy. They had the opportunity for some tuition from the club's resident golf pro and play a 6 hole competition. Half way round at the third hole the students met with four golf professionals, Sam Brazel and Scott Hend from Team Australia and Thorbjorn Olesen and Lucas Bjerregaard from Team Denmark (who were the eventual winners of the Golf Sixes tournament on Sunday). The golf professionals were happy to meet with the students, sign autographs and even took their shots! The students also had the opportunity to use the American Golf simulator and watch the professionals on the practice ground. Congratulations to **Felix Stanley** for being an individual prize winner.

'I won the golf prize for achieving the lowest score of 26. It was great to meet the professional golfers, getting their autographs and being awarded a prize at the mini ceremony. I enjoyed the day which was really well planned and it was a once in a lifetime experience.' **Felix**





As part of the Sky Sports Living for Sport programme Marlborough were lucky enough to be visited by Lesley Owusu, who is one of the mentors on the scheme. Lesley is a British sprint champion competing at top level and spoke to Year 9 during the morning assembly about her journey into sport and how sport can empower them in different ways. A group of Year 9 girls spent the rest of the day with Lesley working on the keys to success, they worked on group tasks discussing what they believed to be the essential ingredients to have in order to be successful in life and sport. The six keys to success were discussed—mental toughness, hunger to achieve, people skills, life and sports knowledge, breaking barriers and planning for success.



'It was very inspiring and she is a role model to many. She has accomplished so much and made me want to achieve as much as she has.' **Sam Farrer**



Congratulations to **Oliver Tarvet Year 7** who during the Easter break reached his first Tennis Europe final in the 14U boys Nike International Tour event at Nottingham. He served up some fantastic tennis on Court No 1 in front of a large crowd and whilst Oliver (on the right in the photo) battled hard and crafted many good opportunities during the match he was unable to capitalise at key moment and the other player ran out the winner 6-4 6-1 in just over one and a half hours.

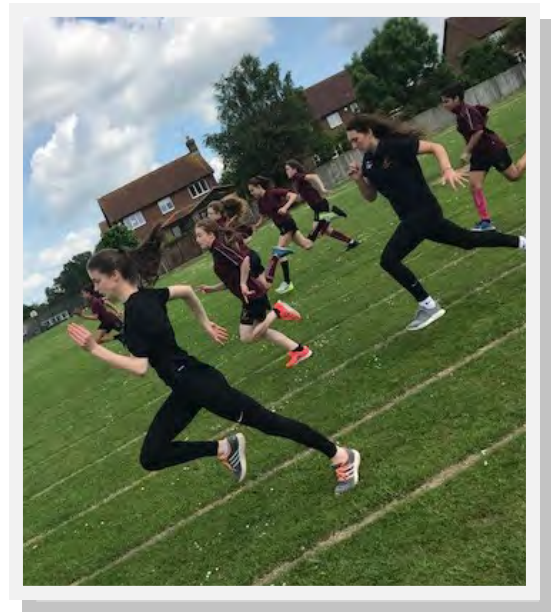
We look forward to hearing about his trip to Spain with the LTA for a 14&U National Junior Camp following which selection will be made to represent GB in the Summer Cup and European Championships.

Lesley Owusu Visit



The girls athletic team (Years 7-10) had a 3 hour training session with World Champion Lesley Owusu to work on their performance when participating in running competitions. The girls started off by working on their balance, coordination and reaction times to a variety of new drills which they hadn't experienced before. They then moved onto some cardio relays which involved some strength exercises, whilst some were repetitive, Lesley encouraged the students to have focus and wanted their exercises to be of a high quality to get the best results. The final part of the session, involved the girls to get into teams and practice their relays. They refined their skills carefully through coaching, practice and feedback, which saw them having some excellent high quality races with smooth changeovers. The students did me proud and worked very hard, they showed a very welcoming and enthusiastic attitude towards our guest which made the day even better. Well done to all those involved.

Miss Edwards



Congratulations to **Rhianna Patel 7PP** who took part in the Children's Taekwondo Competition in Stuttgart, Germany last weekend . She reached the semi finals, fighting a girl from Germany but lost by a point getting a bronze medal. This is a fantastic achievement for her.

After a successful screening day on Saturday 3rd June **Charlotte Woolley 10CE** has been selected into the Herts County Netball Academy. Congratulations Charlotte, best of luck in your upcoming training and fixtures!
Miss Edwards



An impressive performance from **Kyle Allaway 8PP** meant he achieved a Team Gold medal in Karate and a 3rd place in Kumite (fighting). Kyle won his team event fighting at brown belt/red stripe grade up to age 15 category with the St Albans Karate Club. His last 5 years of thrice weekly training has certainly paid off and he is now attempting to get a black belt.

Congratulations to **Tomiwa Oni 9AS** who won first place at the County Athletics championships in the Junior boys high jump competition. He jumped 1.72m which was 12cm further than any other competitor in the competition and more than enough to be the champion.

Well done to the Pretty Muddy Team who have now raised over £4000 for Cancer Research and have just found out they have won The Maltings Community Heroes Award for June.



Jade Albert, Olivia Stevenson, Tai Stojanovic, Alice Rose, Amy Narramore, Abby Simpkin, Jenna Hutton and Kayra Karakus.

Gym and Dance Display



In July 55 students took part in the annual Gymnastic and Dance show “West End Musicals”. All the gymnasts and dancers trained for weeks using every available free minute to perfect their pieces that they would perform on the night.

From Billy Elliot to the Lion King, from Blood Brothers to Thriller and Oliver! to Wicked, to name just a few, the gymnasts and dancers performed their sock off. It was an amazing night and the audience enjoyed all of it.

A massive thank you to all our fantastic students who took part and worked so hard to make the evening a very special one.

Until the next on everyone.....

We are very proud of you all.

Miss Eastwood (Gymnastics coach) and Miss Fox (Dance teacher)

Dancers

Charlotte Bourne, Ellie Bedell, Martha Cooper, Becky Bateson, Anna Visegradi, Denise Xhepa, Eloise Sheppard, Chloe Walsh, Tegan Kotula, Amy Narramore, Kaylei Callaghan, Amelia Prentice Milena Port, Millie Pinner, Mia Pavic, Rhianna Berryman, Rebecca Seary, Anna Verdier, Lily Austwick, Emelia Saunders, Phoebe Joyner, Skye Cook, Izzy Ellis, Issy Ives, Charlotte Dodd, Emily Bourne, Scott Mousley-Young, Millie Axford, Carine Chew, Rachel Innes, Katie Little, Aaliyah Richards, Katherine Towndrow and Ella Stanley.

Gymnasts

Maisie Scott, Immy Speck, Michella Buer, Lucy Courtney, Emma Noon, Izzy Brewer, Stella Speck, Caitlin Glasgow, Courtney Warren, Emily Bourne, Izzy Ellis, Issy Ives, Charlotte Dodd, Isabella Francois, Gabriella Fernandes, Olivia Foulkes, Amy Bilson, Lily Oates, Becky Bateson, Lily Hill, Amy Benn, Charlotte Bourne, Nathan Thoree, Shauna Kennedy-Millar, Micaela Casiero, Robyn Murphy and Olivia Ritchie.



U15 Girls Cricket Team



The U15 Girls Cricket Team recently entered the Calypso Cricket Tournament against several local schools. They played really well and got through the group stages and into the quarter finals but narrowly lost out to a semi final spot.

Player of the tournament – Hannah Evershed.

Erik Hooper and Jamie Simmons Year 7

Erik and Jamie took part in the Golf Sixes at the recent Herts Youth Games. They won the Respect award as well as a bronze medal. It was a fun and sporty day for them and they enjoyed being part of a team.



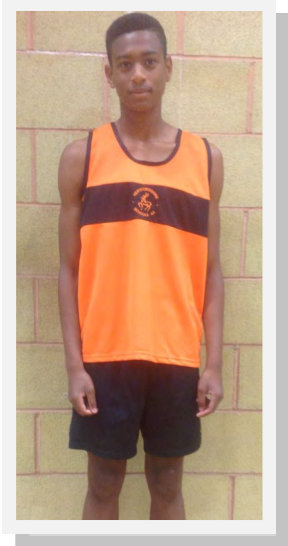
Felix Stanley Year 7

Felix also played in the Golf Sixes and played so well he won an award for being passionate about playing and trying his best. He played golf against 2 opponents and the team came 3rd.



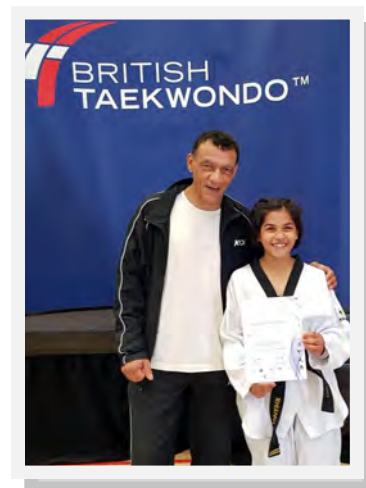
Bronze Medal Winners
Jamie Simmons, Darcy Moffatt,
Matthew Sands, Ben Wright, Felix
Stanley and Erik Hooper.





Congratulations to **Tomiwa Oni, Year 9** who competed in the National Championships in Birmingham last weekend. In the Year 9 category for High Jump he competed against 17 others and came 11th with his jump of 1.69m, although not quite his personal best of 1.72m this was a great achievement. He is now looking to compete in the Year 10 category which could lead to winning a space in the England team.

'The atmosphere was amazing, I never expected it to be such a big deal. The event was held in a massive stadium with a big crowd. I like the atmosphere which gave me the adrenaline to jump high.'



Rhianna Patel, Year 7 attended the GB Taekwondo European Cadet Selection competition on Sunday 9th July at the Doncaster Dome. She reached the quarter finals and lost by 4 points. In the 1st round she gave away points due to changes in competition rules but she fought to recover a 10 point lead. She started to come back in the 2nd and 3rd round but unfortunately ran out of time and lost by 4 points. Her coach Grand Master Johnson (pictured) said, "*She fought very well gaining valuable experience and I am very proud of her*".

Rhianna will be returning to this competition next year with her brother who will also be joining Marlborough this September.

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