



Marlborough News

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Prizegiving at the Abbey

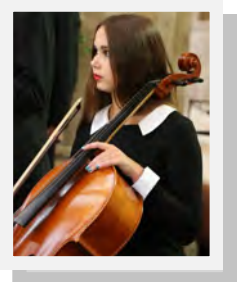


Years 8, 10 and 12 students made their way to the annual prize giving ceremony at St Albans Abbey. Congratulations to all the students who were awarded prizes for their hard work and achievement in subject areas and to all the GCSE and A level students who received their exam certificates. There was a lovely atmosphere in the Abbey with invited parents and Governors celebrating the students achievements and the amazing performance from the school choir and musicians. Prizes were presented by Mrs Walker-Smith, Chair of Governors, and our guest speaker, Mr Phil Williams, eco warrior and friend of the school, who also gave a very inspirational talk about the ecological issues of the modern world reminding all our students that the future is in their hands, he certainly made us think!



Congratulations to Kathleen Mitchell Fox who achieved second place out of 206 in the Robson History prize this week. The Robson History Prize is an annual competition for Year 12 or Lower 6th students. The Prize was established in 2007 in memory of the historian Robert Robson, who was for many years a Fellow and Tutor at Trinity. Kathleen's 4000 word essay examining the contributing factors to the persecution of witches in modern Europe was described by Dr R. W. Serjeantson as intelligent, interesting and well researched.

As well as the academic prestige that accompanies the prize the selected essayist receives £400 in book vouchers. This is a fitting recognition of all the energy, hard work and commitment to her studies that Kathleen has demonstrated over the years.



PGL 2015



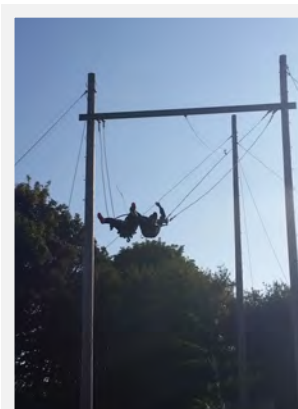
'Year 7 attended PGL last weekend. We completed activities such as the giant swing, trapeze, abseiling, raft building, aeroball and archery. On the giant swing we were in pairs and strapped into harnesses. Everyone that wasn't on the swing would pull a rope that would lift the pair into the sky. When we reached the top, the cord was pulled and the swings would freefall for a second and then swing back and forth. The harnesses were really tight and gave us all huge wedgies. It was nerve racking at first and Chelsea and I felt like we had left our stomachs at the top.'

Ellie



'PGL was really fun.' **Kaylei and Alice**

'At PGL I liked the giant swing because it was refreshing and something different from the other activities.' **Ludwik**



'I loved raftbuilding because our raft capsized in the middle of the lake.'

Daniel



'I got onto the coach buzzing with excitement, I had been on a residential trip to Wales last year with my primary school and I had found that amazing. As soon as we got there we were shown to our cabins and then started doing the activities. These are the activities I did: zip wire, trapeze, abseiling, camp fire and archery, not bad considering I had a fractured elbow from earlier in the week! It was great to meet lots of new people during the weekend too.'

Benjamin S

'PGL Was great! One of my favourite memories was when Ben and I went on the giant swing, it was exciting, exhilarating and breathtaking! Another great memory was when our group went rafting, this was because we had a really good raft that didn't tip over! Another fab memory was when we played aero, it was awesome, bouncing around trying to score a goal! I'd like to thank the teachers for a wonderful, amazing and fabulous trip!'

Raffi



'My favourite part on PGL was the giant swing because I got to do it with my best friend. I shared a room with my friends which brought us closer, PGL was a great experience and I loved it.'

Isabella

'PGL was way fun, we did the high swing, trapeze and The zip wire. I had lots of fun.' Faye



Author Visit—Matt Dickinson

‘Our visiting author last week was **Matt Dickinson**, a film-maker and writer who is best known for his award winning novels and his documentary work for National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel and the BBC. Recently Matt has started writing fiction for teenage readers. His debut thriller series *Mortal Chaos* was well received by critics and readers alike. Matt Dickinson, who has climbed to the top of Mount Everest, has written a dramatic and thoughtful young adult thriller called ‘*The Everest Files*.’ He had a full itinerary at Marlborough starting with Year 7 and visiting Year 6 students from Abbey and How Wood primaries. They were enthralled with his stories of his climbs to Everest and the extreme conditions he endured and they were given the opportunity to ask him questions about his experiences. Then followed a talk with Year 8, Year 9 and a selected group of Year 10 students; a workshop with Year 10 and sixth form Sports students on endurance; a Q&A lunchtime and finally, he finished the day with a literacy workshop for a group of Year 8 students. Students and staff involved all enjoyed the day and we hope that Matt will visit again in the near future.’

‘The author Matt Dickinson was telling us very interesting facts about the trips he has gone on and that he got frostbite and nearly had his fingers chopped off but instead went to hospital but he cannot feel anything with two of his fingers. It took him 3 months to get to the top of the mountain and a week to come down and all you keep seeing sometimes are dead bodies or people very near to death because they are too cold, hungry or running out of oxygen and you don’t know what to do, to help them or meet your dream.’ **Grace Year 7**

‘Listening to Matt Dickinson’s story about his journey to reach the summit of Mount Everest was truly fascinating. It was a great idea to have him come into the school so he could tell us his story. You could only imagine the difficulties he faced and the sense of accomplishment he felt as he reached the summit.’ **Karolina Year 9**



Alban Partners

Outstanding Learning Opportunities

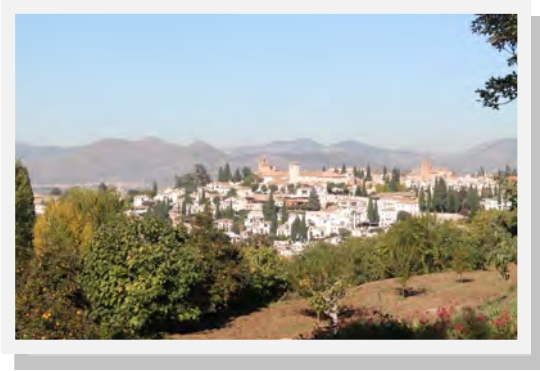
As we enter into the important, exciting and on some occasions stressful times of making choices for Post 16 pathways I am delighted to share with you the outline of upcoming events for all our consortium schools. We are a vibrant and robust group of schools with outstanding track records in progression, attainment, value added and ultimately career progression. As heads we are committed to getting it right for your sons and daughters and I am excited by the opportunities and potential our consortium offers.

Ms Thomson

L-R Margaret Chapman, Head of STAGS, Matt Gauthier, Head of Samuel Ryder, Annie Thomson, Head of Marlborough, Andrew Wellbeloved, Head of Townsend and Mairie Lynch, Head of Loreto

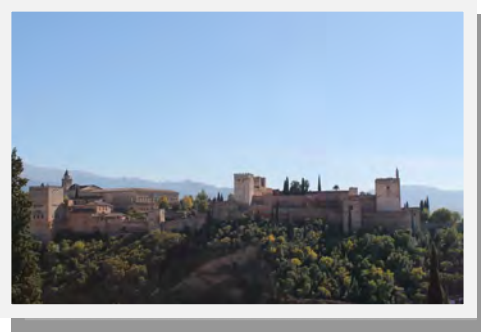
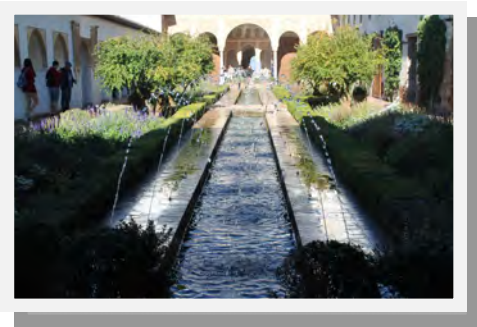


Andalucia 2015



'I really enjoyed the Spain trip to Andalucia as we all experienced lots of Spanish culture. We also got to taste a range of foods, I personally loved the chocolate churros. The sights we visited were amazing especially the Alhambra as we could see for miles. The best part of the trip was making new friends from different year groups.'

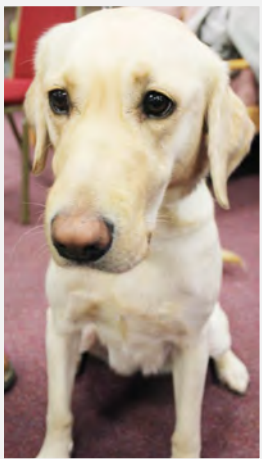
Ellen Tait 10PA



'Over the half term I and a small group of students from Years 9, 10 and 11 went on a school trip to Southern Spain. Our hotel was on a picturesque beach near Malaga. Over the course of the trip we had five hours of Spanish with the language school who helped plan our trip. We also spent a couple of days visiting towns and cities in the local area. My favourite was Granada and its beautiful palaces with the weather to match which made coming back to rainy England that bit harder!'

Madeline 10PA

Guide Dogs for the Blind



Thanks to the generous donations of Marlborough students and staff, the Guide Dogs for the Blind raised **£307.54** at the recent charity stall held in the Learning Research Centre. Main attractions were the two visiting guide dogs Mia and Arthur with their owners Kelvin Sheridan and Peter Waller, Peter was an ex student of the school and also got to have a mini tour of the school grounds. Students enjoyed talking to Kelvin and Peter about the role of a guide dog and were interested to find out more about the training involved. Maggie McAuliffe, Jackie Day and Joyce Johnstone from the charity who came along to man the stall and tombola and would like to thank all the pupils and staff that helped make the event such a success, your support is much appreciated.

Marlborough students involved with Abbey Station community project

Last year a group of Year 9 and 10 ACES students were involved with a design brief from Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership to design new entrance gates for the St Albans Abbey Station. Over two days students collaborated on their designs and with the mix of their artistic and IT talents put together a presentation of their ideas to members from the Community Rail Partnership and Conservation and Design Officer. This has been a mammoth engineering feat for the manufacturers of the gates to incorporate the students' designs whilst at the same time being both functional and durable. The students commented on the teamwork experience and enjoyed getting together with their idea and learnt many new skills. They said the hardest part for them was the pitch to the panel. They had to plan their speech and present their ideas in a very professional format. The students did a lot of research on St Albans for their design ideas and incorporated designs inspired by St Albans Abbey and the stained glass windows and roman influences. Time was a very challenging aspect of the project. The project made them think a lot more about their local environment and they were thrilled to see their designs on the finished gates. Yesterday was the grand unveiling of the gates with members of the Community Rail Partnership, Hertfordshire County Council, local councillors, Groundwork, Murrill Construction and London Midland and of course a very proud Headteacher, parents and staff. Melissa and Kate made short speeches about their involvement with the project. Our congratulations to the students involved who probably didn't realise at the beginning of this project the legacy they were working on, which hopefully will be there for many years to come and something they will be very proud of.



Community Art Schemes Prizewinners

The Marlborough Science Academy has been awarded second prize in the Community Art Schemes which was a Community Rail Award 2015 for the amazing design of the entrance gates to the St Albans Abbey Flyer station. Congratulations once again to the students involved with the Abbey Station community project, Sophie Courtney, Haajira Khan, Rory Sheed Davidson, Megan De Franz, Elly Greenwood, Melissa Little, Ella Pitman, Terri Whitley, Aynesh Akhal, Jade Connolly, Freddie Wernham, Chantel Njuki, Kate Mercer, Georgia Watts, Jack Crick and Jamie Mehta and it wouldn't have happened without Mr Corbett and Mr Theophanous.

Second:

Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership, Marlborough Science Academy, Groundwork Hertfordshire & Campbell Engineering, for The St Albans Abbey Station Gateway

The Abbey Line CRP engaged students from Marlborough Science Academy to design art panels for a new gateway to improve the entrance to St Albans Abbey Station. The aim of this project was to work with young people, harnessing their artistic ideas to help transform an unattractive gateway. This challenging project required art and technology students to work together to a brief and deadline. Creative designs depicting the history of the city and railway were transformed from drawings to the metal ornamentation of the gates. Students developed skills in research, design processes, team working and presentation skills from this project.



Community Art Schemes – Permanent Art Projects

Year 8 Work Shadowing Day - November 2015

Our annual Work Shadowing Day took place last week with the majority of Year 8 students out shadowing a parent or member of their family. The areas that the students shadowed were vast and varied, but all had a great day. One of the purposes of the programme was to show the difference between a typical school day and a normal working day and the demands and responsibilities involved in holding down a job. Some of the students were quite surprised at how long a working day can be, with at least one student having to get up to go to work at 4am! Students had to interview their shadow and feedback what they experienced during their next PCHSEE lesson. Hopefully, this will give the students some food for thought for their future career pathway and how they will go about achieving their goals. I would like to thank all the parents/carers for your support, without which this day would not be possible.

Ms M Evans

Careers Coordinator

'Ishaq was a really keen learner, he asked lots of questions and really got involved with the work that we were doing. He made lots of notes, and was confident – talking to the whole team to really understand what we do. He did a really good job!!'

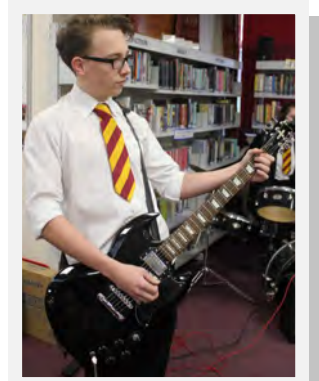
KPMG LLP

School Bands in the LRC

The LRC was rocking on the 18th November, when two student bands took over the venue and performed live for their peers. The students all seemed to enjoy the performances although some of the staff were pleased for the noise level in the LRC to return to normal! Well done to all the students involved.



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In November Year 12, along with a sprinkling of Year 13 students, took off for an afternoon at the annual Skills London Event. Skills London is London's biggest jobs and careers event for young people and takes place at the ExCeL Centre. It is aimed at students to give them a chance to discover careers through interactive, inspirational activities and demonstrations, and help young people visually bridge the gap between what they enjoy doing and what they could potentially do as a career. Our students spent a fun packed 2 hours wandering around the various exhibits and questioning the various employers on what they will need to achieve to enable them to apply for a position in their company. All in all it was a great way to introduce students to the world post-Marlborough and have fun at the same time. We even managed to time our visit to coincide with a visit from Boris Johnson with a few of our students finding themselves appearing on the local news.



"I found it insightful because I don't know what I want to do after sixth form and it gave me more areas to look into that I wasn't aware of before." **Marija**

Lake Garda, Italy

In October half term, twenty Year 10 and 11 Drama students visited Lake Garda, Italy. During the trip the students attended workshops on Commedia del'Arte and Physical theatre to develop their devising skills in preparation for the GCSE exam.

We spent a day in Venice exploring the city taking photos and even had a gondola ride on the canals. In Verona we visited the houses of Romeo and Juliet and the remains of the Roman theatre. The area around Lake Garda was beautiful especially the town of Laziese which was close to our hotel. The students behaved brilliantly and were a pleasure to spend the trip with.

Miss Burton

'Italy was one of the best opportunities I have had the pleasure of experiencing. I learnt so much about the culture, different drama styles and how not to annoy people when in an enclosed space for almost a week. The most enjoyable moment visiting Venice and seeing the birds in St Mark's square.' **Maya**

'I really believe that I changed the perspective I had on Italy, it was so beautiful and everyone we met was so kind. I absorbed so much information and the culture surrounding me was absolutely breathtaking.' **Izzy**

'I really enjoyed the Italy trip and I felt that learnt a lot from it. I thought it was a great experience and I loved all of it. The best part of the trip was the workshops on commedia dell'arte, I felt that I learnt a lot and had a great time doing so.' **Harry**

'It was brilliant going on the Italy trip with the drama students because during the workshops we all bonded through our equal passion of drama. By the end of it we were like a massive family and it was sad to say goodbye.'

Kate

'I thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Italy. It helped me further my knowledge of Commedia del'Arte and physical theatre through the workshops. One of the highlights for me was going to Juliet's balcony in Verona, it was an amazing experience.' **Annabel**



Drama ACES Day

30 Year 7 and 8 Drama ACES spent the day working with 'Tip Of The Iceberg' theatre. They spent some time discussing the issues and concerns around technology and its influence on our day to day lives. They then explored different ways of devising drama using methods of various practitioners and styles. The day finished with the students working in small groups to devise their own performance about technology using the skills they had learnt through the day. The students worked really hard and have learnt a lot from the day, it was great to see them working together using techniques and styles often only used at GCSE and above, the day will have a really positive impact on their drama work.

'I've really learnt the true meaning behind technology through drama.' **Victoria Year 8**

'It's been really fun - it was very inspiring!' **Lauren Year 7**

'Lisa from 'Tip Of The Iceberg' has inspired me and everyone in the workshop to develop our own work. She takes all the thoughts and feelings out of your mind, she is amazing!' **Emily Year 7**

'Tip of the Iceberg has really helped me develop my skills and also taught me new Drama techniques.' **Ralph Year 8**

'Today I have enjoyed learning about physical theatre and how I can use it in a performance. I liked the way nobody was judged in the workshop. I felt like I could do anything.' **Alex Year 7**

'I have really enjoyed working with 'Tip Of The Iceberg' because they work really well with us and also include everyone equally in the workshops. I got lots of information about drama and staying safe online.' **Ruby Year 7**

The student's performance pieces were really good and as a result were added to the Performing Arts Evening, where they got a chance to perform for an audience of 300 students and their parents.

'Getting to perform our own work on the stage to a massive audience was scary but exciting as I've never performed to that many people before.' **Tai Year 7**

'When I was waiting to perform my Aces day performance I was very nervous and exited. But once I was on stage I was not scared any more. It was a really great experience to be a part of the performing arts evening and hope to do it again in later years.' **Finnian Year 7**

'It was really fun to perform my own drama piece at the performing arts evening. I was really excited to perform to the big audience. I think it went really well and would definitely do it again.' **Arianna Year 7**



Year 11 CoPE Christmas party at the Grace Muriel Residential home

On Wednesday the Year 11 CoPE class entertained the elderly residents at the Grace Muriel residential home in Tavistock Avenue, St Albans.

The students had been working on arranging the Christmas party as one of their 'Working together' projects for their CoPE course.

After they arrived and set up, the residents started to arrive in the lounge where our students introduced themselves and started up lots of conversations with the ladies and gentlemen. Then once everyone was acquainted the first game of Bingo started up.

Next it was tea and cakes, some of which the students had made themselves for the residents to enjoy.

A big thank you to Christina Watkins (Year 13) who sang a lovely solo of 'Silent Night' and 'O Holy night' which moved many of the residents to tears.

And then entered our very own Father Christmas... who after giving out the Christmas presents that were made by the students, helped out with the second game of Bingo, we do believe that Anthony Cork may have a future as a Bingo calling Santa!!!

It was a lovely afternoon and time went by too quickly. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the residents of the Grace Muriel were sad to see them leave.



Performing Arts Evening

It was the 4th annual Performing Arts Evening, a showcase of students work in Drama, Dance, Music and Gymnastics lessons and extracurricular clubs across the whole school. The evening was a sell out with an audience of over 300 people coming to watch the students perform. It is always fantastic to see the students perform their hard work and watch their confidence grow in front of an audience, which then reflects in their classwork.

'The performing arts show last night was absolutely incredible, I've always enjoyed these events, but this one was particularly fun. I feel proud to be a part of both the music and drama department this year and as my final year, I know it will be one to remember. Singing solo was an honour and I'm glad I can make the music teachers proud.' **Christina Year 13**

'Being selected to compere the show was a great opportunity for Ciara and I, it was a fantastic way to represent the schools performing arts department and showcase the brilliant acts that they have created. It made me very proud as a student of Marlborough to both witness and partake in the various shows and pieces that the school has to offer.' **Ben Year 13**

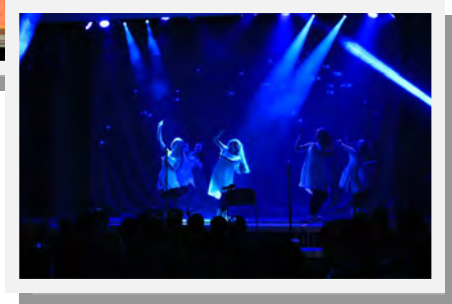
'Performances, for me, have been some of the greatest experiences I have had at Marlborough. At this year's performance evening I played the drums in my band, with the choir and in 'Fat Sam's Grand Slam' from Bugsy Malone. Although, my favourite part of the night was playing trumpet in 'Russians' and 'Feeling Good'. I would strongly encourage anyone interested in the performing arts to get involved. It's great fun.'

Tom Year 11

'Being asked to take part in performance evening was a lovely experience for me. I made friends with a lot of people from different years and was able to build up my confidence performing in front of audiences. I also had the opportunity to stage manage which something I have never had the chance to do. I loved helping out and also performing.' **Jade Year 11**

During the performance Mr Salih said *'An awesome array of talent on display tonight showcasing the broad ranging performing skills of students at Marlborough. Whether its acting, dance or music tonight's performance evening illustrated what makes this school unique and keeps us at the forefront of creative arts in Hertfordshire. Stars were born tonight and a career in the industry beckons.'*

Miss Nelson commented that she *'Loved the comedy timing and use of accents in The 39 Steps.'*



Year 7 News

The Year 7 have settled very well into their role as Marlborough students and have risen to the challenges that the first term has presented them with. From the initial residential experience at PGL Boreatton Park through the rigours of their academic studies and the variety of sporting and extra-curricular activities and trips that they have participated in, they have shown a determined attitude to succeed.

Miss Pounnas

Director of Learning Year 7





A group of students from Years 7–9 had an interesting venture to Sandringham School following the completion of a reading challenge. Before our visit we had to read three books, 'Smart' by Kerri Slater, 'Apple and Rain' by Sarah Crossan and 'Listen to the Moon' by Michael Morpurgo. After deliberating with students from other schools about the books everyone took a vote and the overall consensus for the best book was 'Listen to the Moon'. Talking to the other students was very engaging, to be able to hear the views of others. After the voting the author Steve Tasane spoke to us about the two successful books he has written and his poetry. As well as this, some of the highlights were listening to his amazing poem/raps as well as hearing about his fantastical books. Tabitha Cooper, 9AP said 'it was great to talk to everyone and I really want to read his book 'Blood Donors' because I love horror books!' Overall the morning was very successful and we would suggest these books and the experience to many others. **Ruth Year 9**



Year 7 Maths Challenge

In January a team of 4 Year 7s competed in one of the qualifying heats of the Year 7 Hertfordshire maths challenge. Jarin, Daniel, Joe and Elise performed exceptionally well, coming fourth out of eight, and beating Sandringham, with only 4 points separating the top four teams. The member of staff running the event at St Albans Girls School said the students were a credit to their school.

Mr Porter

'On 26th January, Joe, Daniel, Elise and I went to STAGS to compete in a Year 7 maths competition (Mr Porter was also there). There were 4 rounds in it. The questions were hard. It wasn't easy, but we came 4th with only 4 marks from 1st position! We felt very proud that afternoon and I hope we made Marlborough proud too.'

Jarin 7RT



Congratulations to **Amira Abu-Qalbain, Olivia Casali and Christina Watkins** who had their work exhibited at the 5th Schools Exhibition at Samuel Ryder Academy in January.



5th
Schools Art Exhibition
Sat 23rd January
10am - 4pm
Sun 24th January
10am - 2pm
Samuel Ryder Academy
Drakes Drive,
St Albans, Herts.
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with thanks to
Marc Higgins Sir John Lawes School



Christina's photography entry

Amira's painting of the young girl and Olivia's goldfish can be seen on the poster.

Marlborough Holds It's First Apprenticeship Evening

Marlborough were delighted to host an Apprenticeship Fair last week. It was a huge success with a wide variety of companies in attendance. Unfortunately a couple of the companies that had committed had to drop out on the day due to illness, however, this did not alter the flavour of the evening.

One parent said *'I had no idea of all the different pathways and the amount of Apprenticeship opportunities on offer.'*

Dickinson Accounting said *'I have been so impressed with such keen interest shown from the students and surprised how many have come from Years 9 to 13. We have offered one student a work experience placement; we feel that to offer this to a student helps them to decide what career path to follow. Having attended a number of apprenticeship fairs, this has been one of the best.'*

St Georges' Deputy of 6th form said *'Fabulous event there is such a wide range of apprenticeships and companies and the Exhibitors have been very enthusiastic and helpful.'*

Shorifur Year 11 *'It has a been a very useful evening and I have been talking with AAT accounting which has given me a good insight into what I would like to do when I leave school.'*



The evening was a huge success and it was very busy for the duration of the night. The 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.

Ms Wood

Apprenticeship Co-ordinator

Fire Cadets

The Fire cadets continue to do well with their BTEC course. The cadets were in class learning about 'find and search' procedures within a building and understanding how to use the breathing apparatus. All students were engaging really well with the instructor and asking some interesting and challenging questions. On what was a crisp and chilly evening the course instructor then took the cadets outside to do a practical session and put into practice what they had learnt.



World Book Day Guinness World Record Attempt

183 Year 7 students took part in 'The Bumper Book Quiz' organised by the people at World Book Day as part of an attempt to break a Guinness World Record for most people participating in a simultaneous book quiz. The current record is 2679 people so fingers crossed that we along with schools and libraries up and down the country have broken the record.



On World Book Day it was confirmed that the record for most people participating in simultaneous book quizzes was broken. The new record stands at 6079 and we would like to congratulate all our year 7s who took part.



Author visit—Marcus Alexander

Years 7-10 were enthralled to hear about Marcus' adventures and experiences, all of which he draws on to write his fantasy novels. As well as workshops with selected students, students were able to see his presentation and hear him talk about his love of writing and the creativity of his life. He talked to the students about the characters in his books 'Keeper of the Realms' and told them that the beauty of his travel experiences widened his horizons and gave him many inspirational ideas for his stories. He also talked about the importance of being creative, thinking outside the box and pursuing their dreams. The students were very keen to hear about his time visiting other countries and trying many new challenges which included boxing in Thailand, skydiving, sandboarding in the Sahara, parkour and climbing Everest.

'I thought he was good and entertaining.' **Jimmy D**

'Inspiring voice.' **Dylan L**

'It was very open minded and he wasn't quiet but loud, in a good way. Changed my idea of what an author is like and I want to read his books.' **Lewis S**



Folgaria 2016



'I had an amazing time on the skiing trip, it was an amazing experience and advise anyone to go if they have a chance.' **Ryan Year 11**

'I had a brilliant time on the ski trip and my highlight was beating James and Luis on the slalom.' **Jack Year 11**

'The ski trip is one of the best experiences, the best bit was that every day Mr Packard and I would have a race to the bottom of the slope.' **James Year 11**

'Skiing was one of the best experiences that I have had so far in my life. I got close to so many people, it is like we were one big family. We now call everyone we went on the trip with 'pals'. Folgaria was lovely, the views amazing and I would love to go skiing again next year.' **Ella Year 10**



'I've never been skiing before but I really enjoyed the trip and would love to go again. I loved skiing and got to make lots of new friends. The coach journey was long but with sleep, films and good company they went by very fast. The pasta was great and I can't wait to go again next year.'

Bethany Year 10

Rotary Technology Tournament

Marlborough were proud winners of the **Rotary Technology Tournament Advanced task**. Students involved in the success were Year 12 **Jessica Broekman, Louise Bateman and Tiffany Duran**.



The Technology Tournaments held annually, are a day out for teams of students with an interest in engineering, design, technology and science, to design and build a solution to an unseen technical task within a specific time frame. The teams need to have good communication skills, be well organised and able to show the stages of development of their task solution in a design portfolio. Each team's solution as a working model is competitively tested and assessed by a team of judges. Recognition is given to the winning teams in each of three age categories. Well done to our Year 9 and 10 teams who were also involved.

Berlin Trip

'The Berlin trip was by far and away the best school trip I've been on in my life. Having a great interest in films helped since we visited film museums, exhibitions and even the Berlin Film Festival. We also visited many iconic sites in Berlin which were both moving and thought-provoking. Being so rich in culture and history, Berlin intrigued me hugely and I thoroughly enjoyed learning about what it has to offer, as well as experiencing the nature of the city, with particular reference to the food, because who doesn't love trying something new? Let me tell you it wasn't the *wurst* food I've ever had. Sorry about the pun.'

Ben Year 13

'As we come to the end of our last year at Marlborough, it was nice to have the opportunity to go away with a group of friends one last time. After an extremely early flight from Luton Airport, we landed in a cold, windy Berlin.. There was no waiting around though; as soon as we arrived we headed straight into the capital of one of the world's most culturally-rich cities. My favourite part was the Hamburger Bahnhof Gallery and I was taken by the art from famous pop artist, Andy Warhol, as well as many interesting installation pieces.'

Amelia Year 13

'Berlin was the last school trip for most of us, and definitely one of the best. It was a great opportunity to see such a culturally rich and significant place that you might not travel to otherwise. Every day was packed with loads of interesting things to do, from the art gallery on the first day which had some of the wackiest and most interesting art I've ever seen, to seeing the classic landmarks of the city such as the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie which were both amazing to see in person. On top of this it was just good fun to spend a few days away with our friends one last time as a year group before we all leave school in the summer.'

Max Boy Year 13

'I couldn't have asked for a better group of students to take to Berlin. It is one of the most interesting cities in the world and that was not wasted on our group, who tackled difficult stories and challenging art with maturity and humility.'

Mr Corbett Head of Film and Media Studies.



Year 7 Puzzle Day

Year 7 were involved with an hour of mind challenging, sometimes frustrating but fun puzzles and challenges. By working in teams they had to solve balancing all the penguins on a wobbly iceberg, building a road with all the roads joined together and no dead ends, tubes to be assembled together to make one big pipe.

'It was incredibly rewarding to watch students all working co-operatively and conquering real challenges whilst having so much fun.' **Miss Pounnas**



'It was fun, entertaining, good to think about challenges and work with our friends who we don't always see in lessons. Think it will help us with mental challenges in Maths.' **Matthew, Mitchell, James and Maximus.**

'Really fun time, it developed team building skills between us and helped us to get to know each other. The road track was the extremely frustrating as there were so many different layouts.' **Kyle**



'I really enjoyed Puzzle Day because I was able to use different skills and knowledge to complete each task. I learnt how to co-operate with people I wouldn't normally work with. I enjoyed each activity and it showed in each one that there is more than one way to complete it. I hope we can have another Puzzle Day!' **Shumaiyah**

Bugsy Malone



This year's production of Bugsy Malone featured nearly 120 students from Years 7-13, across the cast, band and crew. So many talented students turned up the auditions we decided to double cast all the main roles and have two teams of dancers, creating Team Bugsy and Team Malone, who performed in two evening shows and a matinee each. Primary students from How Wood, Mandeville, Prae Wood and Abbey came to the two matinee performances.

Comments from Years 5 and 6 How Wood Primary –

"Thank you for sharing your amazing performance with us"

"Brilliant singing"

"I enjoyed watching the hoodlums splatter people with the splurge guns"

'I enjoyed watching the play, listening to the songs and laughing at the funny people'

"I had a wonderful time. You have so much talent."

"What a fantastic way to spend my Tuesday morning. The cast of Bugsy Malone are a supremely talented bunch. They should be incredibly proud of all their performances.'

'The best play I've seen in years. 5 stars!'" - Ms Nixon, Year 5 teacher

'amazing, exhilarating a delight to experience!' Mrs Osborne



The week of performances were a huge success with 600 people coming along to watch and Friday night's performance even received a standing ovation from the sell out crowd. The show itself was great fun to produce, the rehearsal process is hard work but also great fun, especially when we started working with the splurge guns and custard pies. All the students involved in the cast, band and crew worked incredibly hard, showing huge levels of talent and commitment to the production alongside their normal studies and home learning. I am proud of each and every one of them.

Miss Burton

'I really loved the acting, dancing and singing. We all came together to make the show run smoothly and I met, and made a lot of new friends in the other year groups and not just my own. The rehearsals were most weeks and as the show came closer they occurred daily. We didn't mind giving up our lunch times as we all had fun and it was worth all the practice as the show was a great success!' Ellie Year 7 – Dancer

'Performing in Bugsy Malone was a great experience, the teachers supported us and the cast had a great family atmosphere backstage. I loved being involved and thank you to everyone who helped create such a great production!'

Oliver Year 9 – Bugsy Malone

'Bugsy Malone was brilliant and I loved every little bit about it. It wasn't just the play which was amazing, it was the teachers who put so much effort into it too. I loved meeting older students which I wouldn't have, if I hadn't been in the play. Even just the word 'Bugsy Malone' would instantly put a smile on my face. It gave me courage and I could do anything if Miss Burton said I could. I loved Bugsy Malone and it was a great experience.'

Emily Year 7 – Fizzy

'Everybody performed so well and put a lot of effort into the show. I thoroughly enjoyed watching and I hope next year's is just as good.' **A proud parent**

District Gymnastic Gala

In March The Marlborough Science Academy once again hosted the bi annual District Gymnastic Day and Gala with seven local schools Marlborough, Sandringham, Loreto, Nicholas Breakspear, Sir John Lawes, Roundwood Park and St Albans High School and over 180 students involved.

The day started early with all the schools arriving and spending the day practicing and working on their performances that they would show later that evening at the Gala.

Later that evening as the doors opened, the spectators started to arrive and with all the gymnasts putting the final touches together and warming up in the gym the atmosphere was amazing.

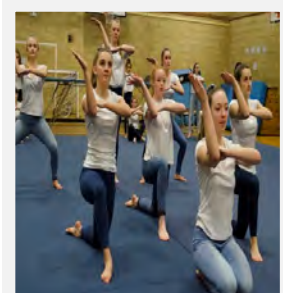
With over 250 spectators in the audience the first team took to the floor and the show started.

It was a fantastic evening of gymnastics and trampolining with the standard improving year after year. The team from Marlborough took the evening by storm, performing three of their routines to perfection. In the first half their first routine was Moulin Rouge, where they showed grace and style and performed a very emotional routine.



In the second half Marlborough performed two routines, the first one to the music from Footloose where the team got the crowd clapping along to the music with their skilled and up beat routine.

The Marlborough Acro team then closed the show with their newest routine, which showed new skills and even more spectacular acrobatic lifts and tumbles.



The Marlborough Acro team included –

Scarlett Stanley, Elly Greenwood, Marija Radisic, Maisie Scott Morriss, Imogen Speck, Silva Casey, Lucy Hilton, Lucy Courtney, Michaela Buer, Ruby Hibbitt, Darcey Stachini, Saima Parbin, Olivia Bull, Izzy Brewer, Stella Speck, Courtney Warren, Caitlin Glasgow, Emily Bourne, Izzy Ives, Charlotte Dodds, Izzy Ellis, Alice Rose and Isabella Francois.

To say this is a wonderful team of gymnasts that I am incredibly proud of, would be an understatement, thank you all so much for your hard work and commitment – and here's to the next one!!!

Miss Eastwood



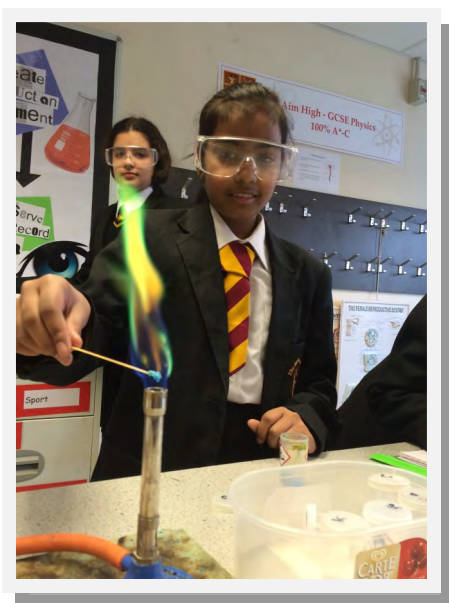
Science Week
14 – 18 March 2016



This year for Science week Year 7 and 8 students participated in lessons across the school with a Science theme to show them that “Science is Everywhere”.

In their Science lessons pupils investigated how fireworks work and what makes the different colours by carrying out flame tests. In English, they used the ideas of fireworks and the keywords from their science lessons and made some excellent poems. In Maths students looked at how Science and Maths are linked by looking at the periodic table of elements, trying to memorise where different elements are on the periodic table, as well as calculating the atomic masses of some familiar compounds, like sugar, vitamin C and caffeine. In Humanities, Year 7s looked at scientific revolution in their history lessons, while Year 8s in Philosophy and Ethics looked at evolution as part of the Creation stories/belief topic. Design and Technology also got stuck in with some planet cookies being made in Food Technology, and also looked at photosynthesis and tree rings in Engineering. The pupils in Year 7 were also lucky enough to have a talk from Graham Bridge about how computer science is used for coding in Minecraft. Overall it was an enjoyable experience for all involved. Many thanks to all the staff and students who participated and made it a success.

Miss Parks



‘It was great setting things on fire in Science, and we learnt which chemicals burn in different colours.’

Jamie Year 7



BBC School Report March 2016



It is safe to say that our BBC Schools Report Day this year was arguably very 'chaotic'. However, considering all the technical difficulties we had concerning corrupted files and loss of audio, we did amazingly well. It is thanks to our editor, Rhys Wernham, that our final product is what it is. Evidently the job of the editor is one that entails high levels of stress, being forced to make some very pragmatic decisions, often following the disappointment of some involved in the day. We made an effort in our report to cover a range of topics including politics and those important to our school. Some of the stories we covered included Buggy Malone production, the Gym and Dance showcase, Ultimate Frisbee, the EU Referendum and the weather. It was a productive day for all of us involved and it gave us an insight to the industry. Talking to others throughout the course of the day we could see the progress and enjoyment they had despite the stress. As stated by Cerys Wernham *'Today I have thoroughly enjoyed writing and presenting our news stories and working with the rest of the team.'*

The whole day was an insight for all involved from Years 7 to 10 and it was quite remarkable to see many students come into their own and showing many surprising talents. The whole team was incredibly grateful to James Brewer for his skills in audio, cameras and editing. We hope you all enjoy watching our finished production and I am certain all involved were exhausted from their efforts. Hopefully next year's BBC Schools Report day will be just as positive and we encourage many more people to get involved. Even if you don't enjoy being filmed or writing there are plenty of ways to get involved such as editing, video/audio or even being behind the camera.

Ruth M-F Year 9



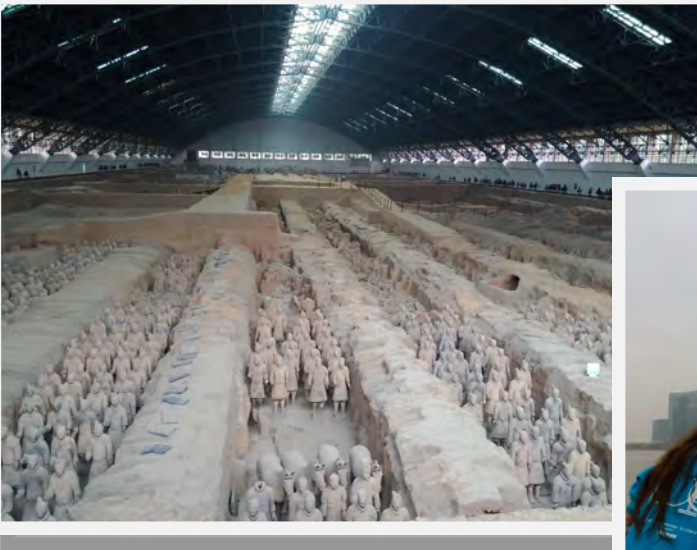
Take any opportunity in life

Today has been one of the best days of my life (besides getting to hold three constricting snakes). I have taken part in the BBC Schools Report day. I was a journalist for the day which involved finding interviewees, booking appointments, arranging film crews and working to a deadline. I have learnt so much such as you must rehearse or you have to take make a lot of retakes, there is lots of editing involved and you have to book appointments to interview someone (I found out that the hard way).

There has been lots of technical problems which including losing some audio and video and also everyone has to be ready with new batteries for the camera and you need lots and lots of cameras. I was lucky enough to interview Alfie Edwards Year 11 who has been picked to play for the GB Frisbee team.

Corin M Year 7

China Trip



We had a fantastic time in China, the students were a delight and a pleasure to take on the trip. I would like to thank parents for their support and kind messages to myself and the staff that helped run the trip and make it a massive success. It was great to see so much enthusiasm from the students towards embracing themselves in the culture of the country and especially the food.



Visit from David Dein



We recently welcomed David Dein as a guest speaker to talk to our Year 10 students. He joined the Arsenal Board in 1983 and was made Vice-Chairman in the same year. He also rose to Vice-Chairman of the Football Association and has served on numerous UEFA and FIFA Committees.

David was an early proponent of women's football having been President of the hugely successful Arsenal Ladies Team. He was the man who had the foresight to bring Arsene Wenger to Arsenal in 1996. During David's reign, the Club won: The League x 5, The FA Cup x 5, The UEFA Cup Winners Cup x 1, The League Cup x 2 and The Community Shield x 5. A total of 18 trophies!

David was a prime mover when the Premier League was launched in 1992. As Greg Dyke the current Chairman of the FA told the Financial Times last year *"David Dein was the most revolutionary bloke I've met in football. David Dein created the Premier League, it was his idea."*

The Daily Mail recently published a list of the 50 most influential people in the history of the Premier League and David Dein was in the top ten with people like Sir Alex Ferguson. These days David spends much of his time speaking in schools & prisons as well as businesses – he recently spoke to students of the world renowned Harvard Business School in Boston.

'I found the experience of David Dein visiting our school very enjoyable as not only was he talking about football, he also gave tips about general life and how to succeed. He told us quite a few stories about his time in football but I also learnt a few life skills and tips. He was very entertaining as he told some funny jokes and I enjoyed his visit.' **Luke Year 10**

University of Bedfordshire Trip



A 100 Year 9 students went off to the University of Bedfordshire to have a look around and get a taste of university life. They were greeted at the entrance of the Bedfordshire campus by some very welcoming members of university staff and students and spent the day attending workshops, a taster session and a tour of the campus which including a look at where students live during their first year.

The taster session was based on Law and delivered by a Law Graduate. Students were encouraged to come up with ideas on what they would ban in the UK should they make it to Parliament. The scope of ideas was very wide and varied, including banning the use of grades for exams, reducing the age limit for learning to drive and putting a curfew on children under the age of 14! Their arguments to back up their proposals were well thought out and I am sure that there are a lot of budding politicians within the group.

Unfortunately, the day ended way too quickly for everyone's liking but I know that they came back full of enthusiasm about their future prospects and where life can take them.



Visit from Michelle Farrer, Director of Operations for the FA

The PE ACES and Year 9 GCSE students had the opportunity to attend a presentation from Michelle Farrer on Friday 29th April. Michelle is responsible for booking all the accommodation, travel, logistics as well as many other things for the England Football team. The students were enthralled by her story of how she came to be in the job and the interactions she has had with the players and managers over the last 30 years as well as providing ideas for careers in sport. We were very lucky for this opportunity and are very grateful for Michelle coming into school in what is a busy time leading up to the European Championships.

'I had a great time when Michelle Farrer came in, her speech has now made me look at a wider range of job opportunities and it has also inspired me to do whatever I want as long as I try.' **Evander Year 9**

'The talk was very inspiring. How hard she had to try to get into her job, her career seemed amazing, meeting all the players from the England team. She talked about how she entered her career and it was inspiring to hear how hard it is going into a male dominated sport. Her stories were really interesting, listening to her talking about how the managers all had different personalities. Overall the talk was inspiring, interesting and was a joy to listen to.'

Will Year 9

Maths Challenge Winners

Recently, Katie Little Year 9 achieved a fantastic accomplishment for herself and our Maths department. After a number of students took the first part of this Maths Challenge, Katie was successful in moving on to the next round, where she achieved a fantastic 105/135 marks, putting her in the top 25% nationally. The top mark in the whole country was 129. Furthermore, this means Katie has achieved a merit, we are all very proud and congratulate her on all her hard work.

The LiFE Project



This Year's LiFE Project was held on the 18th April at St Albans Fire Station. Students were selected from Years 8, 9, and 10 to join the St Albans Fire Service for the week. The aims of the LiFE project are to develop life skills enabling students adopt personal values, understand the consequences of antisocial behaviour and to experience team building. The LiFE project is delivered by specially trained fire fighters; it is based on an intensive five day work experience course in a disciplined and well-focused environment.

During the week the students' attitude and behaviour is challenged by the instructors with the intention of getting them to adopt a new set of values and understand the consequences of their behaviour and the choices they make in everyday situations.

By the end of the week the students had gained resilience, self-esteem, confidence and an ability to improve on their life skills. All our students successfully completed the course and received a certificate from ACO Steve Holton at an official Passing out Parade attended by the Deputy Mayor of St Albans, Councillor Gill Clark, parents, carers and family of the students.

Sky Living for Sport



As part of the 'Sky Living for Sport' project we welcomed Mike Mullen, World Champion BMX rider to meet with some of our students.

Speaking on his role as an Athlete Mentor, Mike comments: *"Sky Sports Living for Sport gives young people the chance to channel any problems or struggles they may have through sport in order to better themselves. They get the opportunity to learn new skills and disciplines that they can use both in and out of school. By focusing your efforts on what you want to achieve and ignoring any negativity, you can succeed and be whatever you want to be. It's great to be involved in such a big nationwide initiative that gives so much back to the young people of the UK. My role as a National Athlete Mentor is a dream job. I get the chance to share my sport, my story and in class, run personal development sessions to inspire young people to make positive changes in their own lives."*

Year 9 Dance



The Year 9 GCSE Dance students were lucky enough to be involved in a workshop learning repertoire from the professional work 'A Linha Curva' by the dance company Rambert. It is one of the six professional works the students study within GCSE Dance. The dance piece is filled with rhythmic pulses, samba-inspired lines and curves, blended with a Brazilian style and contemporary dance technique. The workshop enabled the students to engage with the different styles of the dance which will help them with both the practical and theory elements of the course.

'Today was a memorable experience that will help me within GCSE Dance. I have discovered lots of new movements that were exciting and different that I can use for my own choreography and performance.' **Ella**

'I really enjoyed the workshop! Katie was friendly and I liked learning a different style of dance. I would definitely do it again!' **Aaliyah**

Year 8 Paris Trip

During the half term holidays Year 8 went to Paris for a five day adventure taking in the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge, Parc Asterix, The Palace of Versailles, Disneyland Paris, France Miniature and a traditional chocolate factory. Although the weather was not as kind as it might have been our spirits were not dampened and it was a wonderful 5 days. The students delighted in the thrills of the rollercoasters, the history of Vimy Ridge and splendour of Versailles. Despite the rain, the fireworks at Disneyland were magnificent and fewer people in the park meant shorter queues allowing students to ride the rollercoasters many times! Seeing the entire chocolate making process from Cocoa bean to intricate chocolate sculptures was interesting and the results were delicious! All in all this was a trip to be remembered for staff and students and a wonderful time was had by all.

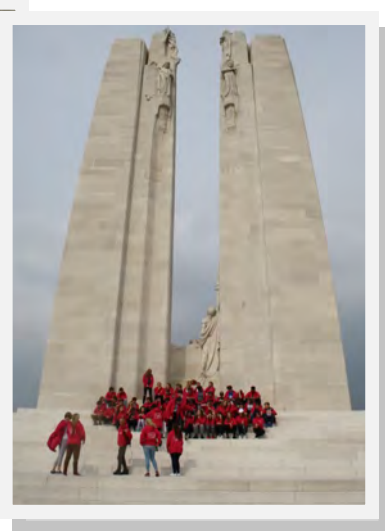
Ms Kinnear

'In Paris we went to Parc Asterix which I thought was the best day because the rides were crazy, the shows were cool and generally it was a really good time.' **Daniel**

'In Paris it was really fun especially Parc Asterix, the rides were amazing. On the last day we went to the chocolate factory which was really fun and cool.' **Ben**

'The Paris trip was great fun! It was a great experience and I loved every minute of it. My favourite place we went to visit was Disneyland because of the fireworks in the evening and the rides I went on. I loved every minute of it.' **Lily**

'The Year 8 Paris trip was really good and I really enjoyed myself. I recommend going on the Paris trip as it is both fun and educational and gives you an opportunity to practise your French.' **Robyn**



Chess Tournament



The Chess club students went to St Columba's to play a chess match. Despite being defeated overall by our opponents, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we received very warm feedback saying that our students were a pleasure to host. Special mention to James Fuller Year 10 who was voted Player of the Match after he defeated a difficult opponent.

A strong relationship has now been formed with St Columba's, and we look forward to hosting a return match in the near future. It has also been planned that St Columba's will host ourselves and other schools in a number of chess tutoring sessions. We are hoping that this relationship will help to promote chess to secondary school students throughout St Albans.

'The chess was tough but was a very enjoyable experience for us all' James Year 7

Visit to the Tate Modern and Houses of Parliament

Some Year 7 and 8 students spent an enjoyable day visiting two of London's most impressive buildings. After being given their debating statements 'Installation Art is relevant outside of Art Galleries, The Government should spend more money on supporting modern art, Tate Modern is a shining example of what art is today, Tate Modern should always be free for everyone, anyone can be an artist and the cost of the exhibits in Tate Modern is justifiably high, they made their way around the new extension Tate Modern Switch House that only opened last weekend. With very mixed opinions they enjoyed their lunch outside the Tate whilst debating their 'fors' and 'against'. This was followed by a visit to the Houses of Parliament where they enjoyed a tour including the opportunity to go into both the House of Lords and House of Commons. Some of the students were amazed with the intricate details carved into the walls, beautiful stained windows and the amount of gold leaf used in the designs.



'The Tate Modern + Houses of Parliament = The Art of Debating.'

Rudy Year 8



Food ACES Day

A group of talented “foodies” from Years 7-10 spent the day making gravity defying cakes and home-made croissants. Whilst the hot weather didn’t make things easy for us, the students made delicious chocolate cakes coated in chocolate icing and topped with their favourite chocolate sweets which when presented at the end of the day looked amazing, and smelt delicious. The hot buttery croissants were really impressive and a real challenge to make, but the results too were gorgeous!

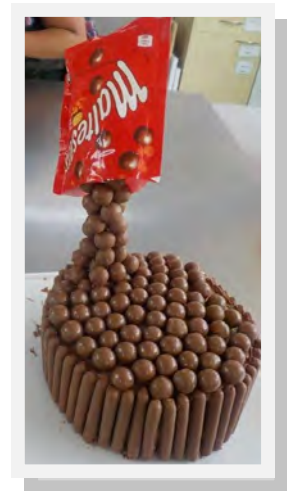
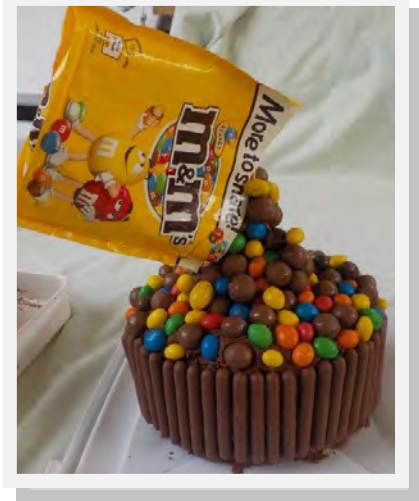
It was a fantastic day which produced amazing results from all the students. Watch out Mary Berry and the Great British Bake off!

‘The Food ACES day was an amazing experience. I learnt lots of new skills and met lots of new people from different year groups. We made croissants and a gravity defying cake. I will never look at a croissant in the same way again, the amount of work it takes to prepare them! Overall it was a great day and I would love to do it again.’

Ellie Simpkin

‘I really enjoyed my day, it was fun and a good experience. We made croissants and a gravity defying sweet cake. It improved my skills in cooking because it was a more complicated task that I have done before because we had all day to cook. ACES day is a great thing to do and everyone should do it.’

Jagoda Laskowska



A grand event at Stationer's Hall: Kathleen Mitchell Fox received Highly Commended

It was the finals of the annual 'Shine School Media Awards 2016', this the sixth year of the competition which is run in connection with The Stationers' Company. The national competition is open to all schools who publish school newspapers or magazines, like our very own The Mo.

The nominated grammar, independent and academy schools were welcomed to Stationers Hall

Where workshops in print, magazine and copyright were offered to the young journalists, as well as lunch, refreshments and goody bags! Categories included: Best Newspaper Cover; Best Illustration and Artwork; Young Journalist Showing Exceptional Promise; Best Overall Editorial Content and Best Feature Article - the category Kathleen Mitchell-Fox was nominated in.

Kathleen's feature article, 'You are better than no man and no man is better than you', was awarded Highly Commended by the panel's twenty-two judges. They stated that her piece was "perceptive and focuses on the human condition of hope, self-belief and determination". However, I think the true smile on Kathleen's face came when one of the judges sought her out to praise her piece, enquire about her university choices and to wish her well. Indeed, wishing Kathleen well in the future is a song sung by every member of The Mo team.

Insight into Industry 6th and 7th July

Our annual Insight Into Industry Conference this year was, once again, a great success. Representatives from various local, national and international organisations ran a variety of interesting activities involving all Year 9 students. The aim of the event was to give the students the experience of working with people from different sectors of industry and business developing the key skills necessary for the entering the world of work. We would like to thank AECOM, Marks & Spencer, Youth Connexions, University of Hertfordshire, Army, St Albans Fire and Rescue, Step and, last but not least, our very own Mr Paice, who is an ex-Metropolitan Police Inspector. All the sessions were really informative and the students enjoyed all the workshops in particular being able to participate in the army's inflatable assault course and the Fire Service who created some examples of fire blasts within the classroom using a safety chamber. Herts University helped the students to work on their presentational skills and Mr Scarisbrook from Marks & Spencer gave them very helpful interview tips. With Youth connexions, students logged onto the Kudos website and, following the need to answer a series of pertinent questions, were given career paths that were tailored around their likes and dislikes.

Students worked in teams with AECOM to build a lego tower block to certain specifications, with Ms Evans they had to create a business complete with mission statement and logo and with Step they looked at what charities were and also had the task of creating a charitable event complete with poster advertising. A special thanks must go to Mrs Cuell and her Year 8 students who catered for our visitors with freshly made scones at break and a buffet lunch on both days. Unsurprisingly, all the visitors remarked on how impressed they were with the food.



More Mathematics Marvels in Year 7

Once again our budding mathematicians have been making their mark for Marlborough in the Maths Challenges. Elise 7JJ went through the next round of the Junior Maths Challenge into the Grey Kangaroo and sat this at 7.45am on the same day as she went to Whipsnade Zoo trip with the Science department. She achieved a merit certificate with a score of 106. The highest possible score was 135 and Elise was in the top 25% in the country. Well done Elise.

Adapting Shakespeare for the University of Hertfordshire

Earlier this term a number of English, Drama and Art Gifted and Talented students were invited to work collaboratively on a 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. After a lot of discussion from the University's judging panel I was delighted to learn that both groups have been awarded a runner-up trophy, which will be awarded to the students in the new academic year.

'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**

PE News

Student Achievements

We would like to wish **Daniel Year 8** best of luck as he competes in Herts County Championships swimming galas over the next two weekends. As a member of the COSTA swimming club, he will be competing in 9 races which is a massive achievement and he is already in the top 24 in Hertfordshire for his age group.

Congratulations to **Samantha Year 8** who has been selected to play football at County level. After two trials from girls put forward across the county, then over 50 girls down to the second selection to be part of a squad of 25. She is now part of the Hertfordshire County Squad U14's playing up a year as her age group for her Harvesters team is U13. She has played two games so far, a draw against Cambridgeshire and a 5 - 0 win last weekend against Yorkshire which has put the Herts team into the semi finals of the county cup against Lincolnshire in February.

Congratulations to **Amira , Oscar , Melissa , Sophie and Christina** who have had their photos chosen to go in the **St. Albans Camera Club Annual exhibition in conjunction with St. Albans Museums and Galleries Trust**, which is on now until 31st January 10am-3pm at the St. Albans Town Hall.



Well done to the Year 8 Girls Futsal team who came third in the district tournament.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Futsal team who won their tournament and are now through to the county Futsal finals, representing the St Albans and Harpenden district!

Great work from all the girls involved. Fantastic effort by all girls involved on a very cold evening!

Over the Christmas break **Oliver Year 7** won Boys U12 National Tour three day event at Bolton Arena where he beat 4 of the top 10 tennis players in Great Britain in a row. Oliver has already amassed sufficient ranking points to secure his place at the invitational Winter National Junior Championships. The event will take place at the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton in March, where the top 16 boys in the country will battle it out. We are all delighted with Oliver's development and Oliver's family would like to thank the school for its fantastic support.

Swimming

There have been some brilliant performances by the school team during our recent swimming galas. Each of the team have represented the school with determination and skill, however special recognition should go to Caroline, Lucy, Joel, Sam, Craig, Daniel, James, Alex, Zachary and Lilly for their outstanding performances.

Rugby

A special mention should go to the Year 8 rugby team who recorded a superb 35-0 win against Chancellors School this week. There were a number of good individual performances ably led by captain Toby.



The year 8 boys were in action against Townsend school on Thursday 25th February with Marlborough running out 8-0 winners. They went on to play Sir John Lawes in the 2nd round of the district cup last Saturday. They were involved in a very tense and closely fought match. Having taken a 2-0 lead through an og and Josh Forster the 8s were pegged back by two quick second half goals by Sir John Lawes. A brilliant winning goal from Josh won the match which also doubled up as the district quarter final game as well.

The Year 9s put in a strong performance and went into the last 3 minutes trailing 2-1 before finishing the game 4-1 losers.

Year 10 had another close game coming back twice from behind to draw 2-2. Goals were scored by Luke and Che.

Well done to the year 7 and 8 girls involved in the county cup and national cup football competitions this year. We reached the semi-final of the county cup on Wednesday March 2nd where we played Queens' School at home. After leading the game 1-0, Queens' scored a last minute goal to draw the game. After extra time the game remained 1-1 which meant the result was to be decided by penalties. Queens' executed their penalties with confidence and precision and as a result we narrowly lost out to a place in the final, losing 3-1 in the end. The girls were extremely disappointed and it was clear how much this competition meant to the team. They finally have found the self-belief we've been searching for all season, well done girls.

Congratulations to the year 7 and 8 girls who took part in the Premier League Schools Football Tournament. As a result of beating Queens' School in the final, 2-1, we have progressed into the Premier League for schools football! Marlborough now represent the Premier League team 'Watford' against 19 other schools/Premier League teams. The girls will be heading up to Everton's ground, Goodison Park, to be treated like professional footballers. They will experience an overnight stay in a hotel, food throughout the day, the opportunity to play at Goodison Park, have a stadium tour and walk through the tunnel just as the Evertonians do! Well done girls, I look forward to our trip to Liverpool!

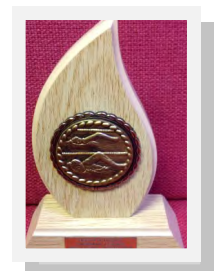


Tournament organiser, Ayesha Lorde-Dunn of Watford FC's CSE Trust, said of the event:

"It was a fantastic day for all the schools, it was great to see the high standard set by the girls and, most importantly, that everyone enjoyed themselves. The Trust wishes Marlborough Science Academy good luck at Goodison Park."

Swimming

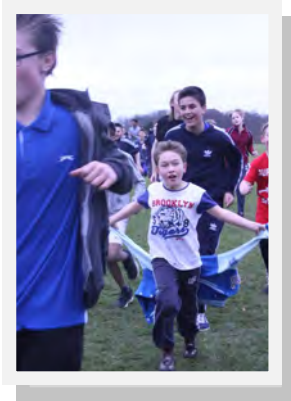
A huge well done to the junior boys swimming team who won an improvers award at the recent swimming AGM. The team comprising of **Tom, Alex Zachary, James, Daniel and Rudy.**



The Year 7 boys and girls recently competed in the St Albans and Harpenden district Indoor Athletics tournament held at the Sports village in Hatfield. The teams comprised of **Shay, Iggy, James, David, Tyler, Jake, Oliver, Isabella, Ruby, Jessica, Kayra, Alicia, Mahira and Lydia,** they finished 5th in the boys event, 7th in the girls event and 4th in the combined competition. Well done to everyone who took part.

Sport Relief at Marlborough

A massive well done to all the staff and students who took part in raising money last Friday for Sport Relief. The day was a great success with students in PE participating in the 'worlds strongest person' competition, all students and staff wearing sports clothes for the day and the Year 7 and 8 fun run and we raised the grand total of **£741.05**. A huge thank you must go to the PE team for their efforts in making the day so much fun.



The Marlborough Student of Steel

For Sport Relief, the PE department decided to hold some fitness challenges for the students to come and test themselves and have some competition between one another. We had 4 individual challenges and they were, maximum number of strict pull up, maximum handstand hold against the wall, 30 Burpees in the fastest time possible and 40 air squats in the fastest time possible.

Notable performances from **Maisie** Year 11 with a handstand hold of 2 minutes 1 Second and **Chris** Year 10) 21 strict pull ups.

We also ran a team event where teams of 4 students could complete the challenge in the fastest time possible. The challenge was to complete 100 sit ups, 100 push ups, 100 air squats and 200 skips (skipping rope) and pleasingly all that took part in the challenge completed it.

Notable performances from Year 11 boys— **Luis Danton, Olamide Emiloju, Adam Henley and Sam Parker**, Year 8 girls - **Jess Williams, Tatum Confrey, Kamdi Iweka and Ruby Browning**.

Congratulations to **Eleanor Year 11** who has been successful in joining the National Performance Academy for Netball and is on the England pathway, which we hope will lead to her playing for England. She is still training with Mavericks Youth and is in a National Competition at half term. Good luck Eleanor, we are very proud of your achievement.



Congratulations to **Rhianna Year 7** who took part in a Irish Dancing competition last weekend and came first in the horn pipe routine, 2nd in the Reel and 2nd in the Slip Jig routine. These amazing results have earned her a place in the intermediate competitions for 4 of her 6 dances. We are all very proud of her achievements.

County Indoor Rowing Championships



A team of Year 9 boys and girls represented St Albans at the County indoor rowing championships at Wodson Park, Ware. First up was the team competition where the students had to row 2000m as a team as fast as possible, making sure to switch rower every 500m. The Year 9 girls went first and finished 2nd in their heat which qualified them 5th overall. The boys were next up and they finished 2nd in their heat and 4th overall which meant they missed a medal by only 3 seconds.

After the team competitions finished we moved on to the individual championships. **Molly** rowed for Marlborough and finished an excellent 4th place just 8 secs behind the winner. The boys rowed next and **Bly** pushed himself through the pain barrier to finish first and win the title with **Daniel** finishing 2nd and **Oliver** 4th.

A great day was experienced by all involved with the students representing the school and district of St Albans with distinction. Well done to **Katherine, Molly Emily, Ellie, Evander, Daniel, Bly** and **Oliver**.





After having won the local football tournament at Queens' School, the U13 ladies football team from The Marlborough Science Academy were invited to Harefield Academy, where the Watford youth and emerging sides train. Not only did the girls experience a training session led by one of the Watford coaches, but also had the opportunity to meet and talk to Watford footballer, Troy Deeney! The girls are now getting prepared for the forthcoming tournament up at Everton's Goodison Park on May 17th where they will represent the premier league side, Watford FC.

At Goodison Park





Congratulations to Katie Year 7 who won U12's Player of the Season, this is an amazing achievement. She has been playing football for 3 years for St Albans City.

District Athletics

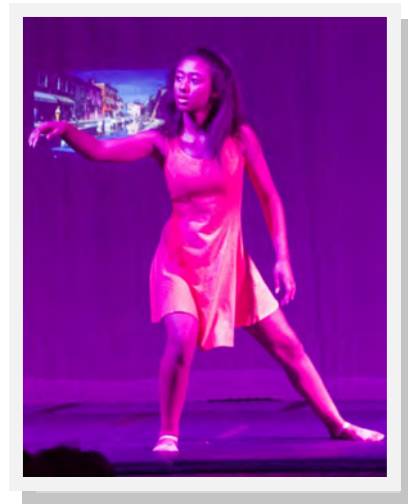
There were some tremendous performances at the District Athletics event in June at Woodside Athletics track, Watford. We crowned several district champions on the day with Kayra (Year 7) winning the Javelin and Emily and Bly (Year 9) winning the Discus. We also had 2nd place in the Boys Year 8 Relay, Emily (Year 9) in the Shot Putt, Tyler (Year 7) in the Javelin, third place for Harry in the Year 8 Boys High Jump and 2nd place to Oliver in the Year 7 Boys' 800m. All the students who participated on the day were a credit to the school.



Gym and Dance Show

This year's Gym and Dance Show, which took place on the evening of Wednesday 6th July, was based on the theme of 'Around the world in 80 days'. There were 17 performances which were based on the different countries visited by Phileas Fogg from the Jules Verne novel. The audience were taken around the world in 80 minutes with fantastic performances from the Marlborough Gymnasts, Year 7 and 8 dance club, Year 9 GCSE Dance group and Year 10 GCSE Dance group. It was a fantastic evening of celebrating all the hard work the students had put in over the past couple of months. The evening finished with a performance 'Rocking all over the world' with all the different flags on stage.

Miss Fox and Miss Eastwood would like to thank all the students involved for their hard work and commitment this year – you were fantastic!



BTec PE Students help Prae Wood race to victory

On the 15th July eight Year 12 Btec sports students joined the staff at Prae Wood Primary school to help adjudicate a variety of sporting events being held at Westminster Lodge. From wheelbarrow races to the egg and spoon, and from balancing circuits to buddy-runs, our students helped out every inch of the way. Erin Mitchell said that "the children were so well behaved and enthusiastic". She went on to explain that it was a really good experience and that it was a fun chance to develop her own leadership skills. Nodding in agreement Abbie Sullivan beamed when she recollected helping out, saying that it was a really good warm up to our own sports day.

Sandringham Dance in Education Showcase

Seven Year 10 GCSE Dance students performed their 'Japanese Gardens' piece at the Sandringham Dance in Education Showcase which took place on Wednesday 13th July. The showcase involved a celebration of dance from different primary and secondary schools within Hertfordshire and also Middlesex and Bedfordshire University. It was a great opportunity for the girls to perform to another audience and showcase their talent. A massive well done to those involved – your performance and choreography was fantastic.

Miss Fox

