



# Marlborough News

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## 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**



### 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

On Friday before half term, 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**



### Maths Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following students -

#### Year 7

Negar Shah Ali, Oliver Dell, Ryley Chambers, Tilly Craze, Sam Hawkey, Alex Stefanoaia, Macey Dutton, Charlie Mennie, Ryan Conway, Mathra Kapugama Geeganage, Leonardo Corchia, Eloise Sheppard, Matthew Ward, Daniel Suleimanov and Reilly Richards

#### Year 8

Mikey Woods, Jamie Harbron, Sai'Mah Ali, Wojciech Laskowski, Amy Narramore, Joe Gentleman, Maximus Hooper, Sophia Michael, Harry Bateman, Shumaiyah Chowdhury, Alexander Shelley, Holly Russell, Shamika Arciaga and Marcey Pateman

#### Year 9

Eva Birch, Joe Briscoe, Katie Cassell, Kane Irving, Sam Williams, Zehra Saglam, Ethan Atkinson, Timmy Hibbitt, Caitlin Glasgow, Charlotte Dodd, Fred Hartgroves, Isabelle Ellis, Nathan Fowler, Tilly Mackechnie, Thamina Rhoden and Harvey Powell

#### Year 10

Neha Shah, Katie Little, Abigail Pearce, Cerys Wernham, Carine Chew, Lillie Murphy, Farhaan Munir, Scott Mousley-Young, Zoe Michael, Sam Janes and Jack Micklewright

#### Year 11

Brett Parkins, Daniel Napier, Deeshan Ali, Ben Mackenzie, Mariam Hassaan, Imogen Tearle, Cameron Clark, Emily Cassell, Jakub Kocis, Jhaied Miah, Leigh Lamprell and Tasnim Chowdhury



### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The evening starts at 6.30pm and continues until 9pm. We will be able to outline our diverse Post 16 provision which we are able to offer in conjunction with our partner schools in the Alban Learning Partner group.

This evening is designed for all of our Year 11 students and parents to attend and also welcome students from other schools that would like the opportunity to study with us. Subject leaders representing the whole curriculum will be attending the evening to provide individual guidance and current students will be available to talk to you about their own experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you.

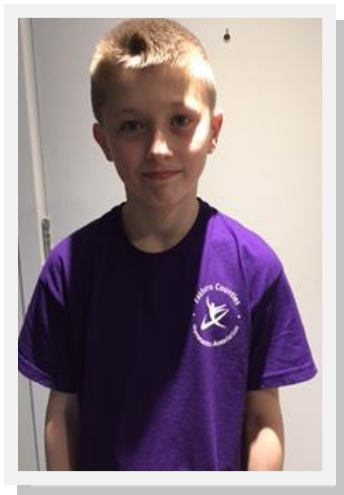




### Student Achievements Iggy and Toby Jacob



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 this weekend 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.

### Latest netball news

Well done to all the girls, Year 9 Won 4-3 vs STAGS and Year 8 Lost 12-4 STAGs  
Excellent effort by all involved!

**Miss C Edwards**  
Teacher of PE



### Football

All the boys year group teams have been in action recently in either the national cup or the county cup with some outstanding performances from both teams and individuals. The students have represented the school with honesty, sportsmanship and hard work which has been a pleasure to observe and we look forward to continuing our fixture in the new year.

We are also really proud of Bryn Wilson, David Emiloju, Josh Forster, Tomiwa Oni Year 9 and Cain Keller Year 8 who have been representing the St Albans schools district team in the inter county league. The Year 9 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league and the Year 8 team were 5<sup>th</sup>. We are also really proud of Millie Guest who has been selected for the Hertfordshire u16 girls football team after the recent trials.

### Rugby

We are wishing Alfie Edwards Year 12 good luck as he starts a month long trial with the London Broncos rugby league team. We hope to have positive news to feedback in the near future.

### Swimming

Congratulations also need to be made to Charlotte Filmore Year 13 who last week finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the British masters swimming championships 100m backstroke.

**Mr Packard**

**Head of Boys' PE**

### **Attendance Matters**

Unbelievably we have quickly passed the first half term for this academic year. Our current attendance stands at over 95% but we need to improve this so that our attendance is consistently over our target of 96%.

We are a school that sets ourselves high expectations in all areas and attendance is no exception. Attending school is extremely important for children's social, emotional and educational development and children who miss a lot of time at school can suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. We need your support to ensure that children's education is not affected through missing time from school.

I therefore would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers of the following:

- Registration begins at 8.40am prompt. We ask that all students arrive at 8.30am to avoid them being late.
- Please leave a message on each day of absence. It is for school to decide if an absence is authorised or unauthorised.
- Please phone daily unless you have made arrangements with your child's Director of Learning or the Attendance Officer. We do not know if you have sent your child to school and need to know this in order to keep them safe. If we receive no message we will endeavour to contact you but we must have at least two up-to-date emergency contact numbers on record to be able to do this.

### **Impact of absence on achievement**

**90% attendance equals 1/2 day missed every week**

**1 school year at 90% attendance equals 4 whole weeks of lessons missed**

**Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year equals 1 GCSE level drop in achievement**

**A huge congratulations to all these students who made it into the 100% club for attendance during the first half term**

**Year 11 – 62 students**

**Year 10 – 49 students**

**Year 9 – 85 students**

**Year 8 – 106 students**

**Year 7 – 120 students**

**Mr M Fitzgibbon  
Deputy Headteacher**

### **Headteacher's Detention (Fridays)**

Please be aware that students who miss headteacher's detention will automatically spend the following Monday in isolation in our inclusion room, work will be provided.

Should your child be off school for genuine reasons on the day of the initial detention it is important that you contact the headteacher's PA Mrs Salvietto to inform us of the reasons why. The detention will be rolled over to the following week only, if missed again it will also result in an internal exclusion.

Thank you for your support.

**Behaviour and Attendance team.**

### Guide Dogs Pupdate

Most of you will remember that as a school we raised enough funds through charity collections to sponsor some guide dog puppies through their first year of training. We have recently received these updates regarding Isaac and Ivy.

Ivy began her journey with a puppy walker in Hertford and quickly settled in to family life, she excelled at her puppy classes and learned all the basic skills, getting used to noises, using public transport and retrieving things. She moved on to live with her trainer and settled in with two other dogs and progressed to advanced training and qualified very quickly and has now been paired with Emma, a mother of two. Emma has Retinitis Pigmentosa, leaving her with just light and dark perception in her right eye. Ivy has settled in so quickly and is treasured by the whole family, Ivy has made a wonderful difference in Emma's life.



Isaac is now in advanced training with his trainer Adrian. Isaac isn't fazed by any of the training and is using all his skills that he has learnt. He loves people and is great in any situation and the exciting news is that Isaac has been matched and will begin his partnership training very soon.

It is thanks to the generosity of the Marlborough students we have been able to help make a difference.





The programme of events has just been published.

Please use the link to find out what is happening in your area from **19th-26th November**.

<https://sustainablestalbans.org/>



CommunitySport.club

We give people access to the social aspect of playing in teams for **the joy of being together...** free from the pressure to win... free from the pressure to meet the expectations of others.

## Community basketball @ Westminster Lodge

### Disability Basketball

Disabled, special needs, siblings, parents, and anyone else who wants to join in and have fun

**Starts**  
**Wednesday 2nd of November**  
**5 - 6pm**

For more information,  
Please email [moirahutton@everyoneactive.com](mailto:moirahutton@everyoneactive.com)  
Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre 01727 736080



We're supporting



### Guide Dogs Charity Sale

It's getting to that time of year again and we are pleased to say that we are welcoming the Guide Dogs back for their charity Christmas sale. They will be here on Tuesday 29th November and Wednesday 30th November at lunchtime in the LRC. All students are invited to come along, say hello and of course there may be one or two doggy visitors and maybe find something to buy for themselves or as Christmas gifts. We raised over £300 last year for the charity and let's see if we can do that again.



**FREE ENTRY**

## THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP



**CENTRAL**

**A R E N A M K**

**13-14  
MARCH  
2017**

**Over 100 stands offering thousands  
of apprenticeship opportunities**

**Free careers advice workshops**

**Free entry**

**Evening session for parents and carers  
(Monday 5pm-7.30pm)**

For more information or to register to visit  
[www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/midlands](http://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/midlands)



## Natural Flair Coaching Limited

### *Understanding and Supporting a Child With Anxiety*

#### ***Saturday Parent Masterclass***

- Does your child experience anxiety?
- Worried about how to support them?
- Want to learn ways to support your child?
- Dealing with anxiety - The How To!

This bespoke and inspiring parenting masterclass session is delivered by Sharon Lawton, an award winning parent coach and Gaynor Dawson, an award winning therapeutic coach. It will develop your confidence in understanding anxiety and discusses how to explain the process to children, reduce a child's stress levels and help children recognise their body's early warning signs whilst developing safe ways to deal with their anxiety. You will also get the opportunity to practise strategies to help children manage anxiety and develop good emotional wellbeing.

#### **Benefits to you:**

- Understand what anxiety is and what causes it
- How to recognise and understand different types of anxiety
- How anxiety and stress are linked
- What happens when anxiety overwhelms someone
- Learn practical and powerful tools to support your young person to handle anxiety

**Price:** Only £45 per person - price includes refreshments and all handouts

**Places are limited book now:** [bookings@natural-flair.co.uk](mailto:bookings@natural-flair.co.uk)

**Date:** Saturday 4th February 2017 from 9.30am to 12.30pm (registration 9.15am)

#### **Venue:**

The Members Lounge,  
University of Hertfordshire Sports Village  
de Havilland Campus,  
Hatfield. AL10 9EU

Come along and network with other parents whilst enjoying a masterclass designed to enable you to discover and implement parenting skills leading you to become the parent you want to be.

**Spaces are limited: to book your place please reply to:**

**Email:** [bookings@natural-flair.co.uk](mailto:bookings@natural-flair.co.uk)

**Web:** [www.natural-flair.co.uk](http://www.natural-flair.co.uk)

## *'Forum for parents and carers of students with SEND'*

**Please join us at our next parents and carers forum.  
Come and meet members of the DSPL7 SEND Team**



**You are warmly invited to come, share your views, ask  
questions and hear about the work we are doing.**

What is your vision for your child in DSPL7?

What is DSPL7, how does it work, what are we planning?

What would you like us to know?

What would you like to know?

Meet with other parents/carers to share experiences.



**Please join us for coffee from 9.30, the Forum will run from  
9.45am-11.00am.**

**You are welcome to park in the school car park.**

**Please let us know whether you are coming, by phone 01727  
853134 or email [admin@dspl7.org.uk](mailto:admin@dspl7.org.uk)**

**Website : [www.dspl7.org.uk](http://www.dspl7.org.uk)**

**Venue: St Albans Girls' School  
Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB**

**Dates: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**



## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2016

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November      Occasional Day – School closed for all  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December      Last day of term

### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January      Beginning of term for staff and students  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February      INSET Day

*Half Term      Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April      Last day of term

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April      Beginning of term  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May      Bank Holiday (May Day)

*Half Term      Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July      Last day of term



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