

Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write this to you on one of my favourite days of the academic year, Christmas Fair and the usual carol concerts. Our carol concert this year for the older year groups will be a bit more poignant in that we have invited Mr Williams' family in to make a small presentation to them and remember our friend and colleague.

Thank you for all your children's generosity in supporting the family and we are hoping whilst we know things will be tough our collection will go some small way in maybe easing things a little.

Thank you to you all as parents for your lovely warm words of support this term and the gifts and cards that have been arriving to thank teachers and other colleagues—your appreciation means a great deal and is so lovely at this very special time of year for all creeds and religions.

So, all that remains for me to do is to wish you all safe, happy, peaceful and calm breaks with lots of kindness, care and love.

Best Wishes,
Ms Thomson
Headteacher



Exciting News

Over the past few months, the school has been going through the process of selling off a small section of land at the front of the school, which will provide much needed funds for improvements and innovative projects to further enhance your child(ren)'s learning experience at Marlborough.

I am now pleased to advise you that this land sale has gone through, and so you will see some changes to the front of the school when we return from the Christmas break.

The land in question is where the school houses are currently situated and so this area will have boarding around it and a new entrance to the development site will have been created directly from Watling Street.

The school has worked very closely with the chosen developers, who are a local firm (Rockwell Homes), to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students, staff and visitors to the school during the building process and so any disruption will be reduced to a minimum. The site will take a year to develop and there will be four new houses built there, with the front of the school cleared and subtle and appropriate planting completed as below.



It is a very exciting time for the school and there are a number of projects being discussed as to how to spend the money such as a brand new Post 16 building, 2 newly refurbished Science labs, new Reception area and essential works to be carried out on the swimming pool.

All of these are focused on enhancing our objective to ensure that *'Marlborough students in school are happy, learning and making exceptional progress'*, and I hope that you agree that this is a marvellous opportunity to further improve the school provisions and provide state of the art facilities for all our students.

I hope that you are just as enthusiastic and as thrilled as we are and so if you do have any questions or require any further information, then please feel free to contact me.

Ms A Thomson
Headteacher

St Albans Camera Club Competition

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

Those students who were awarded above a 17 in the judging will have their photographs displayed in the exhibition in the St Albans Abbey from 7th January. Please click on the links and go along and visit the exhibition to view all their work.

THIRD

[Flower Field—Lara Pledger](#)

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

[Drowning -Catherine Wells](#)

IMAGES SCORING 17 OR BETTER

[A Conversation with the Tide- Isabel Butt](#)

[At a Glance—Catherine Wells](#)

Beauty's Sleep—Isabelle Johnson

Clarity - Oscar Finnie

[Crystal of Winter- Georgia Watts](#)

[Dispersion- Charlie Stennett](#)

[Emerge—Melissa Little](#)

[In The Spotlight—Charlie Stennett](#)

[Land of Milk & Honey—Isabel Butt](#)

[Ophelia—Melissa Little](#)

Suffocate—Isabelle Johnson

[Sun Down—Abigail Medlycott](#)

The Speed of Light - Oscar Finnie

[Young Soles - Georgia Watts](#)



Year 11 English PPE superstars

Many of our Year 11 students performed really well in their PPE exams.

English teachers have highlighted the following students for either great results in English Language and/or English Literature, or for achieving the highest marks in their class.

Well done to Ella Chay, Hannah Robins, Jodie Pickard, Chloe-Jay Bryant, Olivia Shelley, Tom Janes, Lee Axworthy, Luke Gymer, Will McManus, Ellen Tait, Ben Mackenzie, Charlotte Lewis, Jakeesha Williams, Luke Rowland, Chloe Sinnott, Ollie Wakeling, Megan Parles, Jakub Kocis, Shafe Rahman, Miguel Mari, Daniel Rosewarn, Tommy Day, Alessia Corchia, Kodi Iweka, Summiya Rahman and Faith Stacey.



Maths Stars

Well done to the following students -

Year 7

Mia Samson, Juliet Hughes-Bywater, Fabbuha Khan and Denisa Xhepa

Year 8

Louis Silva, Honey Smyth, Elise Wylie, Amy Persaud, Lauren Cropper, Samuel Viccars, Mikey Wood, Isla Latham, Isabella Francois and Kayra Karakus

Year 9

Fred Hartgroves, Melissa Howe, Sophie Loversidge-Jenkin, Grace Scott, Nell Delaney, Victoria Brown, Jaabir Khan, Kane Irving, Hannah Rahman, Yasmin Abed Hamdan and Lewis Shamplina-Posner

Year 10

James Adams, Hollie Burton, Zara Giwa, Charlotte Flaherty, Lucy Dinley and Abigail Kniebe

Year 11

Charlotte Lewis, Zuhayr Khan, Megan Parles, Millie Stanley, Alessia Corchia and Trinity Barnes

Year 13

Will Smith, Eli Rees, Lewis Black, Dylan Jethwa, Natasha Chen, Hannah Roberts and Zoe Payne

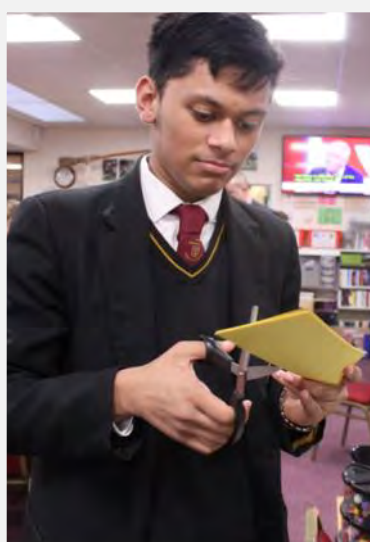


House Christmas Mobile Competition

Tinsel, glue, and ribbons galore adorned the LRC on Thursday lunchtime for the annual Christmas mobile competition. Staff and students from each house had to use all their ingenuity and creative skills to produce a mobile on the theme of 'The Best Present' using only the materials provided. It was a very close competition with only 1 point between each place.

Saturn house were the winners with 57 points – well done to Miss Arrol and her team.

Neptune were 2nd, Mars 3rd and Mercury came in 4th place.



Christmas Karaoke

Thank you to Mr Billington for compering again this year. His enthusiasm was infectious and we heard many Christmas hits from staff and students. The star of the show this year was definitely Ryan Conway in Year 7 for his duets with both Mr Billington and Mr Paice and the memory of Year 9 students Harvey and Joe 'singing' Silent Night will take a long time to fade!



Jack and the Beanstalk

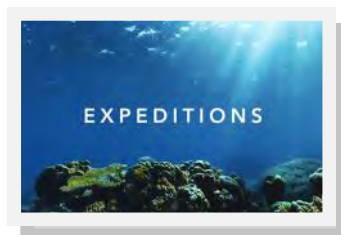


On Friday 9th December Year 7 were entertained by the visiting theatre group Gary Starr Productions. They were the audience to a fast paced and highly entertaining version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The shrieks and squeals of the students could be heard around the school as they got fully involved with the show. It was a truly exciting hour for all the Year 7 students who found the show so entertaining and fully participated as they should in a panto show! It was joy to be with the year group and I was so pleased that they all thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were singing along and getting involved.

A thoroughly, highly entertaining hour for the wonderful Year 7 group.

Miss Pounnas

'Jack and Jill and the Beanstalk' was a delightful classic pantomime. However, I felt that the final twist to the fairy tale was a little bit too much for my liking. Having a vegetarian ogre who owns a petting zoo instead of the Englishman-eating giant nearly ruined it for me. But having said this, overall, the pantomime had many laugh-out-loud moments that entertained all Year 7.' **Ilyas Monadi**



On **Monday 12th December**, the Geography department at Marlborough hosted **Google Expeditions**. This was an excellent opportunity for students to see how Google's technologies can bring places to life and deepen their knowledge of the world in a fully interactive way. Some of the students who had a Geography or History lesson on that day got to be involved or were invited to take part in a free after school session.

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

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

Mr and Mrs Richardson

Marlborough Brasserie

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to advise you that from January 2017 our caterers, Edwards & Blake, are going to be implementing some small price increases to some of the ranges offered in the canteen. Not all items will be affected, and wherever possible we have worked with E & B to keep the increases to a minimum. To support this, I have also included a copy of a statement that E & B have issued regarding this.

We work closely with our caterers to try to ensure that the service offered is of a consistently high standard, and any concerns/issues raised with us regarding our catering provision are discussed directly by myself either with the Chef Manager on site or the Area Manager. Please do not therefore hesitate to contact me should you have any feedback regarding our service/provision at any time.

Mrs Dean

Director of Finances & Resources

To whom it may concern:

Tariff increases in 2017

We are experiencing a lot of uncertainty regarding food costs from our suppliers since the Brexit announcement and the plunge in the value of the pound. A lot of suppliers are uneasy about fixing any prices for us long term and we have experienced price increases for many commodities. In particular, the dairy, fish and pork markets are unstable for us. As a result of this we have absorbed as many of these costs ourselves as possible, however unfortunately it has come to a point where there is a requirement to pass some of these costs onto our clients.

**Edwards
& Blake**

At the heart of every meal

Year 11 Prom – Friday 7th July 2017

The Prom deposit payment is now available on the school gateway.

In order to help with our planning we are collecting a £20 non-refundable deposit for the ticket to be paid by Tuesday 31st January 2017. The deposit will be deducted from the final price. The remaining balance will need to be paid by 31st March 2017.

Thank you

Ms Bazell



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016

Wednesday 21st December Last day of term—12pm Finish

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January Beginning of term for staff and students

Friday 10th February INSET Day

Half Term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Friday 7th April Last day of term

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April Beginning of term

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday (May Day)

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Friday 21st July Last day of term

Please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)



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