



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,
We'd like to welcome you back to a new half term.

As Chair and Vice Chair of governors at the Marlborough Academy we are proud and privileged to work so closely with some very fine teachers and students every day. Our roles enable us to ensure that the school is continually making progress for all of your children in a climate of increased uncertainty and change, we also play a crucial role ensuring that Marlborough retains it's current standing in the local community and with the recent development regarding the land sale we thought this an opportune time to write and outline current direction of the school from a governors point of view.

The governing body takes an active role in overseeing how the school is managed and the quality of learning it provides. We have had the opportunity to participate in learning walks around the school with the senior staff, ensuring all students are engaged and lessons are challenging.

We meet regularly as different committees to look at different areas of school life. This term the Curriculum committee will be focussing on the new grading systems for exams and their impact on the students and school.

We are fortunate to have governors with a wide range of skills and experience. Our governing body consists of parents, people from the local community e.g. residents recruited through the residents association, staff, and partnership governors with specific much needed skill sets, and the head teacher. We will be advertising for two new parent governors shortly.

Watch this space!

As most of you are aware work has recently begun at the front of the school following our land sale at the end of the year. We are looking to spend some of the revenue from the sale of the land to develop a variety of projects, which will include a new sixth form building, which will provide better learning opportunities for our increasing numbers and some of our science labs will be upgraded to provide an updated learning environment with the best possible resources available.

This term looks like being a busy one at school. As governors we look forward to continue supporting the school.

Warmest regards

Jane Walker-Smith and Nicky Mitchell
Chair of Governors Vice Chair of Governors

Year 7 English

Miss Fogarty was very impressed with the work of her Year 7 English students. They have been studying Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' and were then asked to recreate what they thought 'The Twits' house would look like. There were some very imaginative designs!





DINNER DELIBERATIONS

"How was school? What did you do today?"

If little or no response seems far too common around the dinner table, why not encourage some discussion and debate employing the skills they use every day at school.

As an on-going feature we would love to hear your family collaborations to the question we pose.

We would love to hear your answers, simply email c.burton@marlborough.herts.sch.uk or h.redfern@marlborough.herts.sch.uk. The best responses will be published in the next newsletter and a Pinkie (20 achievement points) will be awarded to the best student and parent answer each time.

Is being a teenager today easier or harder than when your parents were teenagers?

Wanted Finance Governor

The Marlborough Science Academy Board of Governors is recruiting for a person with financial skills to work on the Finance Committee, as a school governor. If you know anyone who would be interested in this rewarding voluntary role then we would love to hear from him or her.

School governors support the school acting as a 'critical friend', bringing their expertise and knowledge to the various committees.

We'd be grateful if you could ask your work colleagues and friends.

Unfortunately this position is not open to parents or guardians of students at the school, as this is not a parent governor position.

For further details please contact Mrs Jane Walker-Smith via Mrs Salvietto, the Head's PA on 01727 731324.

The 6th Annual Schools Art Exhibition will be on

Saturday 28th January 10am-4pm

Sunday 29th January 10-2pm

at the Samuel Ryder Academy, Drakes Drive, St Albans, AL1 5AR.

The Marlborough Science Academy has 3 students exhibiting their work:

Oscar Finnie, Melissa Little and Ella Pitman



Student Achievements

Daniel Martin—9BS

Congratulations to Daniel who recently raced at Herts County Swimming Championships and got a regional time on Sunday of 1.01.91 for the 100m free. This is a massive achievement and his first regional time so he should be very proud of himself.

Maths Stars

Congratulations to the following students

Year 7— Akbar Ali and Lillia da Silva

Year 8 - Mikey Wood, Aaliyah Ballard, Jessica Jacobs, Jamie Yon, Matthew Napier, Lauren Haworth, Ben Goldsmith and Honey Smyth

Year 9 -Katie Cassell, Ruby Browning, Serena Pledger, Thamina Rhoden, Ben Weyman, Isabella Smith, Fred Hartgroves and Ruby Ciric

Year 10 - Alex Walsh, Molly Broekman, Victoria Beavis and Oliver Boughton

Year 11 - James Bennett, Leigh Lamprell and Natasha Khan



Volleyball

The Year 10 boys took part in the district volleyball tournament last Wednesday (18th Jan) held at STAGS. We played Sir John Lawes in our first group games where we were beaten 25-18 despite an excellent performance from Andi Ciocoiu. In the second match we played Townsend school which was an epic battle. Unfortunately we lost 25-23 but the boys were a credit to the school.

Team – **George Davies, Andi Ciocoiu, Evan Robinson, Ben Taylor, Aidan Rama, Louis Shaw.**

Swimming

The county league swimming matches have recently finished and as we await the final results I would like to congratulate all those students who have represented the school team this year.

Particular congratulations need to go to Joel Green and Daniel Martin for their leadership at each event. As things stand we are also awaiting to see if our junior boys team will qualify as one of the top 8 teams in the county to reach the finals night. Heading into the last gala the team were in 4th place and well set for qualification. Special mentions should go to **Matt Martin, Zachary Foulkes,**

Alex Noon, Ronny Sutton, Nathan Thoree, Tom Jobson, Darcy Moffat, Josh Twining, Rhianna Patel and Nikita Rach for their excellent



Eat well, move well, live well

It's that time of year again when we ask for your support in collecting the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. Please also let your family and friends know and students can hand the vouchers in at Reception.

Thank you

School Access

Early Students

If you drop off your child early in the morning, could you do so at the Canteen (in the lower car park) please, as all students should remain there until at least 8am. This is especially important in poor weather conditions and when the site is covered in either snow or ice, as it gives the site team a chance to clear the area and make it safe for the students to use. It also avoids unnecessary concern when we complete a Fire Alarm Bell test early in the mornings.

Traffic on School site during the development works

As you have seen, the new development has started and so there is now hoarding erected around the site. This has reduced the visibility from the lower car park and so has caused a number of traffic difficulties at the end of the school day. Therefore if at all possible, please arrange to collect your child off school site so as to ensure the safety of all who use this area and to keep the congestion to a minimum.

Thank you for your understanding with both of these matters.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather conditions the school will notify you of a closure by sending a schoolcomms text message and email. There will also be messages on the school answering machine and on the school website <http://www.themarlboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/>

Announcements will be made on Heart 96.6FM and BBC Three Counties radio stations.

Mr Paice

Estates Manager/Health and Safety Manager

If you have any questions and not sure who to ask
please click here for the
[general enquiry form](#)



The Marlborough
Science Academy
'shaping futures'

The Marlborough Science Academy

invites you to attend an

Apprenticeship Fair

on Wednesday 1st February

from 5 – 8pm

*This is an opportunity to come along and find out
more about apprenticeships and what training
providers and companies have on offer.*

Details of the confirmed exhibitors can be found overleaf



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Years 10 –13

Confirmed Exhibitors include: Barclays Bank, Raynor Essex, Bretherton Law, Debenhams Ottoway, Taylor Walton, St Albans City Council, Building Research Establishment, Clipso, First Rung, Oaklands College, Leonardo, CITB, BAM Construction, Aecom, Solveway, John Laing Training, Dickinson Accounting, Keits, Parenta, UK Training and Development, Aldi, Deloitte Finance, GSK, MBDA, British Telecom –Wholesale, Skillnet, Connexions and EY. Com.

Visit the stands and explore the opportunities available.

We look forward to seeing you.



Build your future... leave your mark on the local skyline!

Year 10 students!
31 July to 4 August 2017

Make the very most of your school holidays this summer by joining BAM, one of the leading construction companies in the UK, and gain a CREST Bronze Award in Sustainable Communities.

As a construction contractor, BAM manages many prestigious projects, including the construction of Pancras Square at King's Cross.

By taking part in the
Challenge CREST Award you will:

- Visit a live construction site
- Undertake research
- Plan a project
- Design a project
- Present your proposal

The successful candidates will develop:

- Communication and organisational skills
- Time management skills
- Problem solving
- Working to deadlines
- Attention to detail

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This is your chance to learn about the country's largest industry and gain work experience relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

To find out more and apply, please contact: June Wilkinson – SummerSchool@bam.co.uk
Closing date for applications: 31 March 2017

Term Dates

Spring Term 2017

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

Half Term *Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February*

Friday 7 th April	Last day of term
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Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 th April	Beginning of term
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday (May Day)

Half Term *Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June*

Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
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Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September to Tuesday 19th December

Half term *Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October*

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January to Thursday 29th March

Half Term *Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February*

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July

Half Term *Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June*

INSET days and the Occasional day are yet to be confirmed for 2017/2018 term



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