

# Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

No doubt you will have noticed the building work that is going on at the front of the school. With governor and DfE support we decided to sell that particular piece of land in a bid to raise some capital to improve our sixth form facilities. With funding cuts to school being as widespread as they are we are very fortunate to be in this position and are very excited about the opportunities the sale of the land will provide us.

So far we have met with a number of architects to help us settle on a final design for the new build and we have further plans to modernise our reception area and two very outdated science labs. I will keep you updated with our projects. As you would expect in terms of health and safety issues as well as safeguarding regarding the current build, everything is in good order. I have been extremely impressed with the care and attention provided by Rockwells and there have been no issues at all.

Moving forward we will be involving students in all aspects of the process, one of our head girls, Abbie Sullivan was involved with the architects' presentations and her input was invaluable!

Marlborough continues to grow and I once again will be delighted to welcome another full cohort of Year 6 students into Year 7 for September 2017 reinforcing our position within the local community and confidence in what we are doing to support young people with their learning and just managing growing up!

Thank you as always for your support and I will, of course keep you regularly updated with our progress.

**Ms A Thomson**  
**Headteacher**

## Year 9 Business Studies

### Rising Above A 'Sticky' Situation

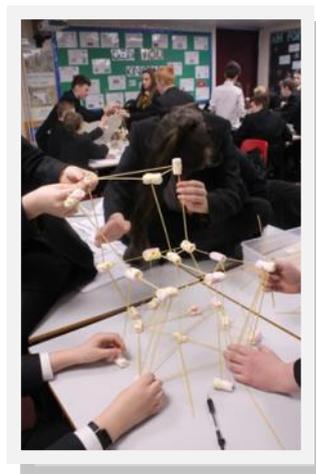
The Spring Term has brought a lot of excitement in learning for Year 9 students in Business Studies. Students were given the opportunity to expand on their knowledge of successful enterprise skills by trying out a team-building exercise. In groups, students brainstormed and brought all their brilliant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

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

Alas, there can only be one winning team!

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

Miss Oosthuizen



## English and Photography ACES Day

'Nature: in all its glory' was the title of the workshop for Year 8 and 9 ACES students last week. The morning was organised by Ms Redfern and Ms Burton who had arranged for Mr Rupert Evershed, a nature writer for the Herts Advertiser, to come in to school and not only talk to the students but help them craft a piece of non-fiction nature writing inspired by the natural landscape of The Marlborough Science Academy.

After a chance meeting with the editor of the Herts Advertiser at a Literary Festival two years ago Mr Evershed mentioned that our local newspaper did not have a nature column like many of the daily newspapers. This was the start of the Nature Notes articles which now appears in the Herts Advertiser. Mr Evershed's articles are always relevant to the local area and are accompanied by an equally insightful photograph. Although Mr Evershed's hobby is bird watching he also has a keen interest in anything to do with nature and the environment around us. He spoke to the students about how we should all observe what nature there is around us, how to employ all of our senses and sometimes even a sixth sense which can be affected by the weather, season or time of day.

The students brief was to go out and take a photo and then write an article about their picture. After being given some photography tips by Ms Burton, about not just getting eye level shots but getting in close and framing their shots the students were able to explore our site in a very different way. Although Storm Doris was threatening, the students captured some amazing photographs and some even caught a glimpse of blue sky before regrouping to write their article. Ms Redfern and Mr Evershed were on hand to help assist and ensure their written pieces were as beautifully crafted as their photographs.

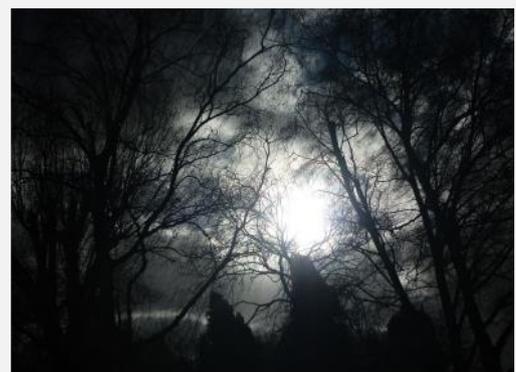
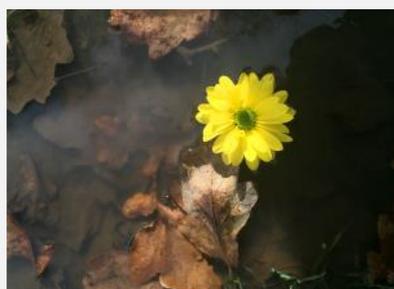
*"It was a thoroughly enjoyable day working with some very capable students. I was very impressed by just how observant the children were as they went out into the school grounds and captured the first signs of spring in the midst of Storm Doris! It was also good to see how well they dealt with the challenges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

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

Please click on the student's name to see their piece of work:

[Alex Noon](#), [Amy Persaud](#), [Daniel Howell](#), [Elise Wylie](#), [Ernie Whybrow](#), [Hannah Evershed](#), [Izzy Ellis](#), [Jamie Yon](#), [Jessica Persaud](#), [Joe Vahed](#), [Kade Neveling](#), [Lauren Cropper](#), [Noah Asbury](#), [Lydia Edwards](#), [Mia Pavic](#), [Rosie Hilton](#) and [Roxanne King](#)

Please click [here](#) to see all of the students' photographs.



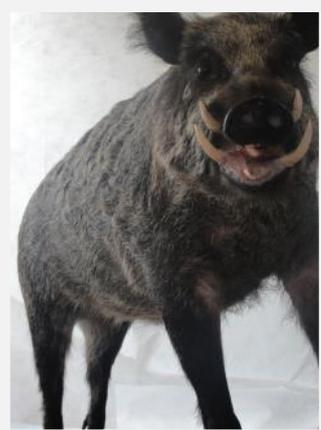
## TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Before half term Year 11 attended a drama presentation entitled 'Exposed' from the award winning theatre group Tip of the Iceberg. The project takes a mature approach to the many attitudes, ideas and pressures experienced by all ages in regards to sex and relationships in today's world whilst exploring complex aspects of sexual relationships, e-safety, alcohol, consent and health. Using the performance as a springboard the follow up sessions in form time allowed the students to examine their own attitudes, ideas and behaviours in relation to the difficult, contentious and sensitive topics. The aims are for students to learn something new about themselves that will make a positive difference to the rest of their lives. We would like to thank the PTA for making this possible by funding the visit of the theatre group.

*'Exposed was very thought provoking and surprising to see what can really happen outside the safety of school and home.'* Carter

*'It taught us a valuable lesson, wish we had done the full workshop and it taught us to be careful.'* Fayeze

*'Eye-opening to the majority of the fellow classmates but otherwise a very informative play.'* Ibrahim



### 'Art Department' House competition

The Art Department has a new addition... kindly donated by the PTA, unfortunately he has no name yet.

We would like you to come up with an original name for him, which might reflect his Art connections.

We will judge the entries on:

- \* Originality and humour
- \* Art connection
- \* Suitability

There will be *one outright winner*, the chosen name will be printed on a wooden plaque and added to his base!

This will be judged by the Art Department team.

Entries to be received by 3pm Friday 17th March.

### Year 11 and 13 Parents

Please be aware that the statement of entry for your son/daughter will be sent out next week via school comms. Please check your emails as this will contain very important information.

If you would like a paper copy please ask your son/daughter to call into the exams office, located in Reception at the end of the school day.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [m.stinson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:m.stinson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you

**Mrs M Stinson**



It's been a busy few weeks in the Drama department. Our production of Aladdin is fast approaching and the students are working incredibly hard learning lines, perfecting their songs and learning their choreography.

It's set to be a magical show, complete with puppets and magic carpets. If you would like to come along, tickets are available via gateway and the school website [here](#) , £8 Adult, £5 student and £20 for a family (2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children).

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

A huge achievement!

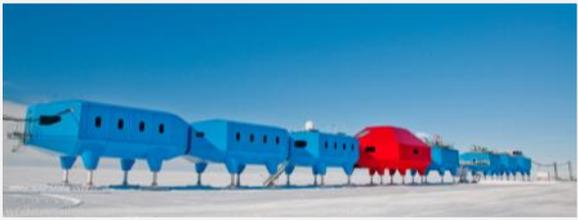
Congratulations to **Dina Fasakin, Annabel Fabian, Abigail Medlycott, Kate Mercer and Isabel Butt.**



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

## Post 16 Enrichment

### AECOM and Hailey VI



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

Year 13 have also had some interesting student finance advice from Mrs Rutherford and there is an interesting article by Martin Lewis, MoneySaving Expert on student finance called **The truth about fees, loans & grants for 2016 starters**, click [here](#).



Post 16 students listened to a presentation by Ellen Ferris from Teenage Cancer Trust last week, they are a national charity dedicated to help young people fight cancer. Teenage Cancer Trust's national Understanding Cancer Education presentation is endorsed by the Government as it raises awareness of cancer which can lead to earlier diagnosis of cancer in the long term.

*'Today's PSHCE session was really informative. A perfect mix of information, appropriate humour and real life stories of cancer patients. An engaging way to discuss cancer as a whole as well as focusing on 13-24 year olds. The PowerPoint was interactive and interesting, whilst Ellen was relatable and fun. It made us all (speaking on behalf of everyone) feel like we should fundraise and help the teenage cancer charity and are already in the process of setting up a bake sale. As well as this, it was good to see where the money raised actually goes.'*

**Abbie Sullivan Year 13**

### **Volunteers sought to support our students in the D&T department.**

- Textiles Technician
- Resistant Materials Technician – Woodwork and Engineering

Could you spare between 5-10 hours a week during the school day?

Do you have D&T knowledge and skills that our young people would benefit from?

For further information please contact Mr Salih on [s.salih@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.salih@marlborough.herts.sch.uk)

### Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Emily Hogg 8LM** who was recently selected to be in a team of 3 from her guide pack to enter the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition, which is a public speaking competition. Her team did really well in the first round held in St Albans a couple of weeks ago. They were up against 8 other teams including teams from Stags, Girls' High School, other guides and Samuel Ryder. They came second and qualified for the regional semi final. This was held in Leighton Buzzard against 8 others teams from Herts, Beds and Bucks. They performed brilliantly and qualified for the regional final in March! We are extremely proud of her achievement.

At a recent boxing match in Tottenham, **Luke Davies Collins 10PC** fighting at 74kg, 3 x 2 minute rounds won with a unanimous verdict. This is another win to add to Luke's boxing career. He has been a member of St Albans and London Colney Amateur Boxing Club for the last 2 years although he has been boxing for 5. Luke trains at the gym three days a week for two hours and as well as enjoying the sport it also maintains his fitness and health. Luke has had the opportunity to meet Anthony Joshua through the club who was trained as an amateur by Sean Murphy whose son Danny Murphy is a coach at The St Albans and London Colney Amateur Boxing Club in Toulmin Drive, St Albans. If you want to find out more about the club please click [here](#).



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



### Swimming

The junior boys swimming team Years 7/8 performed magnificently at the county league finals night on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in a very close competition. The team comprising **Tom Jobson, Darcey Moffat, Zachary Foulkes, Alex Noon, Ronny Sutton, Matthew Martin, Nathan Thoree and Josh Twining** were magnificent in securing our highest ever position. As a result of this we wish **Tom Jobson, Daniel Martin and Joel Green** good luck as they have been selected to represent St Albans at the county swimming championships this Friday.



## Rowing

A strong team of u14 boys and girls and u16 boys took part in the indoor rowing competition held at Roundwood Park school on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. The competition required the teams to row 2000m in total with each rower taking their turn to complete 500m each as well as swapping places as fast as possible to get the quickest time. Our u14 boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with a team of **Tomiwa Oni, Ben Newland, Kasper Domanski and Harvey Karuthasami** narrowly missing qualification for the county finals. The u14 girls and u16 boys teams of **Jess Williams, Kamdi Iweka, Ruby Browning, Hannah Evershed, Bly Wilding, Daniel Bedoya, Luke Clarke and Muhaimin Mohammed** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> which means they will go forward to the finals on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Well done to all those who took part.



Year 7 students were recently selected to take part in the district indoor athletics competition held at the University of Hertfordshire. The whole of Year 7 experienced a range of athletic events during their PE lesson leading up to the event and a team was chosen based on the times and distances recorded.

All schools from the district were there and our students performed extremely well in a range of events such as over and under relays, obstacle relays, javelin, speed bounce and so on. It was a fantastic occasion and all of our students seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

The students involved were – **Gabriella Scalisi, Charlotte Bourne, Scarlet Scott, Amber Page, Denise Xepha, Rihanna Patel, Maddie Lemon, Robyn Murphy, Cahgne Miller, Charlie Buss, Harry Doyle, Ben Hudnott, Mikie Ridgeway, Matthew Sands, Erik Hooper, Darcy Moffat and Jasper James.** Well done everyone.



## 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.



Marlborough  
Science Academy

Disney  
**Aladdin JR.**

WEDNESDAY 15TH  
THURSDAY 16TH  
AND  
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2017  
7.00PM DA VINCI HALL

*Tickets available on  
Gateway or Website*

*Adults £8*

*Children £5*

*Family £20*

*(2x adult & 2x child  
or 1x adult 3 x child)*

*Music by: Alan Menken*

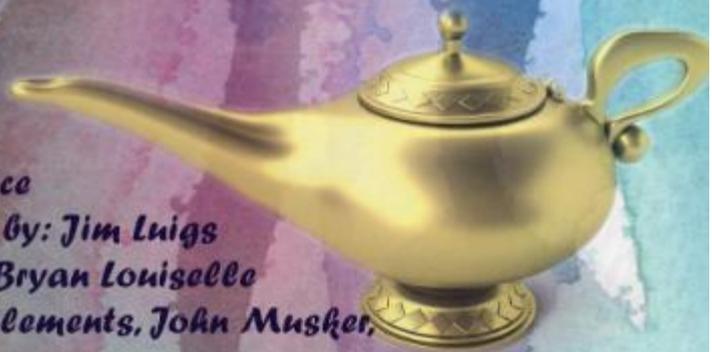
*Lyrics by: Howard Ashman & Tim Rice*

*Book Adapted & Additional Lyrics by: Jim Luigs*

*Music Adapted and Arranged by: Bryan Louiselle*

*Based on the Screenplay by: Ron Clements, John Musker,*

*Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio*



Tickets available to purchase [here](#)



## DINNER DELIBERATIONS

We were delighted to receive this comment from a parent in Year 7 who has clearly enjoyed the rigours of the Dinner Deliberations.

*'I just wanted to write a quick note to say how lovely it was to use the Dinner Deliberations last week when our family visited. The children really engaged in discussion and my brother deliberately picked the counter argument to see just how far my daughter would defend her point. I was really impressed to see her interest and knowledge of the media.'*

What is equally pleasing is that some of our students are grappling and discussing ideas. **Kaylei Callaghan 8JJ** said, *"The media are influential and are able to sway people's opinions. The newspapers that people consider to be respectable seem able to print what they like and people won't always question them because they have a reputation of being 'right'. However, everybody needs to make their own decisions based on what they believe and what they know to be true."*

We would love to hear your family collaborations to the question we pose.

### **If a photograph portrays real life should it be censored by the press?**

We would love to hear your answers, simply email [c.burton@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.burton@marlborough.herts.sch.uk) or [h.redfern@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### **School News App**

We frequently update our school website throughout the school year to bring you the latest school news, events, and important information affecting you. To make it even easier to access this information, we are pleased to announce the launch of a mobile and tablet app, which you can now download for free from the iOS, Windows and Google Play App Stores. To download the app, simply go to the respective app store and search for 'School News'. Once the app has been downloaded, simply enter our school postcode to subscribe to updates and opt into push notifications, allowing you to receive instant updates on important news, such as school closures, exams and sporting events.

Why you need our School News App:

- Get push notifications to your phone as news happens. In the event of a snow day, or unexpected school closure, you'll receive a notification straight to your mobile device explaining what's happening and when we think the school will reopen.
- Quickly check timings for events. Keep up to date with the latest school dates, term times and key events directly from within the app.
- Feel better connected. With galleries, blog posts and news items, our new School News App will help bring you even closer to what's happening at our school.
- Import events in to your device calendar. The new School News App allows you to import events straight into your device calendar so you can check for clashes and set reminders for upcoming important events.
- Contact the school directly through the App. Need to get in touch? You'll find all the details you'll need in the App.

If you require any more information, please get in touch, or visit our school website.



# Next PTA Meeting

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm**

**in the Boardroom.**

**All welcome to attend**

*Back by popular demand!*

## QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 3rd March  
From 7.30pm  
in Da Vinci Hall**

**Tickets:**

**Adults - £5**

**Students - £3**

- Licensed bar including soft drinks and snacks
  - Make your own team (Maximum 8) or we can find a friendly team for you to join
  - Students welcome although this is primarily an event for adults
  - Tickets available on School Gateway
- Contact [pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk) for more details

Limited tickets for the quiz will be available on the door.

If you are planning to attend this evening but have not purchased your tickets yet please email us with how many places you require so we know numbers.

[pta@marlborough.herts.sch](mailto:pta@marlborough.herts.sch)

## HELP NEEDED

**Year 7 & 8 Disco, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30-8.30pm**

**The Year 7&8 Disco has been rescheduled to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

We need adults to help supervise the disco and help with refreshments to ensure this event can go ahead as planned.

If you are able to help out in any way, please email us putting 'Year 7&8 disco help' as the subject of the email.



## Families in Focus CIC *Handling Anger in Your Family for parents caring for children with Autism and/or ADHD*

Proven anger management techniques for *all* the family



This very popular & award winning course offers:

- Understanding of triggers
- Healthy Anger Management strategies for *parents* and *children*
- Calming Techniques
- Creative ways to support children to 'let go' of anger safely
- Effective ways to become a Calm and Assertive Parent
- and much, much more ...

*"Understanding more about why my child with Autism and I get angry and then learning what we can both do to reduce our anger has made such a huge, positive difference to our relationship."*

Fully funded places available by DSPL 7 so FREE for parents caring for children under 11 years old with Autism and/or ADHD and living in DSPL7 areas of St Albans, Harpenden & Villages

Where:

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

When:

**Tuesdays  
from 6.45pm to 8.45pm**

**April 25th,**

**May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.**

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**Places are limited and must be booked by contacting  
Lesley & Francine:  
Email [info@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:info@familiesinfocus.co.uk)  
Phone and leave a message: 01442 219720**

DRAMA SINGING DANCE

# Easter workshop

10 - 13 APRIL

THE MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY  
ST ALBANS

3-16 years



# Summer School

LORETO COLLEGE  
ST ALBANS

7 - 11 AUGUST



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Jigsaw Performing Arts

# DRAMA SINGING DANCE



Jigsaw holiday workshops are designed to provide enjoyable and stimulating performing arts activities for students during school holidays. Students are divided into appropriate age groups and take part in drama, dance and singing classes. Each workshop has a theme with a performance on the final day. Family and friends will be invited to watch.

All teachers are DBS checked.

### 3 to 5 years: 9.30am to 11.30am

These sessions are full of fun-packed, exciting performing arts activities based around the theme. They offer a taster of the full day program and lead to a mini performance. Perfect for building confidence, making new friends and keeping your child busy during the school holidays.

### 6 to 16 years: 9.00am to 3.30pm

Each day will begin with a physical and vocal warm up with the choreographer and musical director. Students will then work in smaller groups taking classes in script, improvisation and vocal work, jazz dance and singing technique. Later in the week the show is pieced together and students will be given a rehearsal schedule. On the final day, we will add sound and lighting to the production for a technical and dress rehearsal in preparation for the performance that afternoon

\* Jigsaw members are those students currently attending our weekend schools.



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## EASTER WORKSHOP

The Marlborough  
Science Academy  
Watling Street,  
St albans, AL12QA

**10th – 13th April**  
**CHARLIE AND THE**  
**CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

### Fees

3 - 5 years

£60 Full fee

£50 Jigsaw members \*

£55 siblings

6 - 16 years

£120 Full fee

£100 Jigsaw members \*

£105 siblings

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Loreto College  
Upper Lattimore Road  
St Albans, AL1 3RQ

**7th – 11th August**  
**THE LION KING**

### Fees

3 - 5 years

£75 Full fee

£60 Jigsaw members \*

£65 siblings

6 - 16 years

£150 Full fee

£125 Jigsaw members \*

£130 siblings



Jigsaw Performing Arts

TEL: 01727 836053

WEB: [www.jigsaw-arts.co.uk](http://www.jigsaw-arts.co.uk)

## Job Vacancies

### Finance Assistant

Grade H6 £21852 - £23982 (as of 01/04/2017) per annum pro rata for 37 hours a week and 41 weeks a year (term time plus inset plus 10 days)  
Permanent vacancy (subject to 6 month probationary period) starting ASAP  
Hours Mon to Fri 8.30 - 4.30 or similar (30 min lunch)

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our oversubscribed and recently rated “good” academy for students from 11 to 19 years of age, for a Finance Assistant to work as part of the Finance team.

You will assist with the operation and maintenance of the school’s manual and computerised financial control and information systems, updating financial records and assisting in the production of financial information and reports as required. This is a varied role working in a challenging environment that requires a “can do” attitude, high levels of flexibility, good teamwork skills, confident and accurate numeracy and IT skills using a financial management system and Microsoft products particularly Excel. Although experience of working in a school environment would be desirable, it is not essential.

The successful candidate would need to demonstrate the ability to work confidentially with highly sensitive data and information. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate financial competency and experience, including specifically accounts and invoice processing.

Salary grade is H6 £21852 - £23982 per annum (appointment at the bottom of this scale) pro rata for 37 hours a week (excluding lunch breaks); 41 weeks working per annum (term time only plus inset plus 10 days). This equates to £11.33 - £12.43 per hour paid.

The school supports and promotes the safeguarding of children and is an equal opportunities employer. References will be sought prior to interview. This vacancy will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Candidates will be required to provide evidence of the right to work in the UK.

For further details and an application form please download from school web site <http://themarlbroughscienceacademy.co.uk/home/> and follow link for job opportunities or contact Mrs Diana Dean Director of Finance and Resources [d.dean@marlbrough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:d.dean@marlbrough.herts.sch.uk). The deadline for applications for this vacancy is Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9am with interview date Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Teacher of English

**£23,547 to £39,331 depending on experience**

We have an exciting opportunity for a Teacher of English to start or develop their career at our oversubscribed school. Please click [here](#) for more information

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



## Join the Volunteer Police Cadets

Find out more about volunteering as a police cadet at our  
St Albans & Harpenden Recruitment Event

Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm  
at Harpenden Fire Station, Leyton Road, Harpenden

Open to anyone aged 14 to 18

Please confirm your attendance by email to: [steven.alison@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.alison@herts.pnn.police.uk)

Visit: [www.herts.police.uk/cadets](http://www.herts.police.uk/cadets) for more information. [@StAlbansVPC](https://twitter.com/StAlbansVPC)



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HERTFORDSHIRE  
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David Lloyd  
Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
for Hertfordshire



## 'Inspired to Work'

**Free workshops for parents and carers of young people with SEND  
(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) aged 14 (Yr9) to 25**



### Who is it for?

Parent carers of young people aged 14 (year 9) up to 25 who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities).

### What is it about?

Providing information about recent initiatives to encourage people with SEND into employment.

What we mean by employment and examples of what young people have achieved.

What some of the barriers are and how you can help your child/young person.

### When and where?

There are two events with 40 places available to book at each one.

**Friday 10th March 10am to 1pm**  
Holiday Inn, Breakspear Way,  
Hemel Hempstead HP2 4UA

**Saturday 18th March 10am to 1pm**  
Ramada Hatfield, St Albans Road West,  
Hatfield AL10 9RH

To book a place go to:

[www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/events/](http://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/events/)  
OR text your name and preferred event date to:  
07840 360245



Preparing for  
**Adulthood**



### Speakers

Ellen Atkinson - Eastern Region lead for Preparing for Adulthood  
Tracy Noble - Youth Connexions LDD Team Manager

**SEND Strategy**  
Shaping the Future of  
SEND in Hertfordshire

**DSPL** | Delivering Special  
Provision Locally  
Achieving quality outcomes



## Speech, Language and Communication Needs in Hertfordshire: Shaping Future Provision

**What:** Workshop

**When:** Friday 24 March 2017: 10.00 am until 12.00 pm

**Who for:** Parents and professionals from all education settings

Over recent years, there has been a recognition of the importance of developing language and communication skills as integral to all aspects of learning and the curriculum. As part of the overall SEND strategy review, the Local Authority is reviewing the current arrangements in Hertfordshire for meeting speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). A workstream has been set up with representation from schools, parents and specialist staff to review the range of support and provision required to help achieve the best outcomes for children and young people with SLCN.

The next step in Shaping Future Provision for SLCN is to ask parents and professionals what they think.

**Why:** The purpose of the workshop is for workstream representatives to present some of the issues and thinking so far and to ask for your views to help shape future provision for SLCN.

*The desired outcome for the workshop is to gain your perspective as key stakeholders on:*

- ♦ *the underpinning principles which should inform the work of all involved in providing for SLCN*
- ♦ *the support and training required to help educational settings to develop additional skills and expertise in this area*
- ♦ *the provision which needs to be in place to meet a range of needs*

### Venue Details

Longdean School

Peascroft Road Hemel Hempstead  
HERTS HP3 8ES

### Places are limited

To book a place email: [Debbie.Williams@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Williams@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

or telephone: 01442 454 160

## Informal STREET PARTY Information sessions



*Big Lunch Street Parties will be taking place across the country in June 2017.*

*If you've thought about holding a street party but don't know where to start, here is the chance for an informal chat with some people who have done it before. Discussions will include consulting your neighbours, filling in forms and how to physically close a road. Why not come with a neighbour?*

### **St Albans on Monday 6th March at 8pm**

8.00 – 9.00 pm (includes free hot drinks and nibbles)  
Beech House, 81 St Peter's Street,  
St Albans, AL1 3EG

### **Harpenden on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15am**

10.15 - 11.15 am  
Strada (upstairs), Amenbury Lane,  
Harpenden, AL5 2BT

*We will also discuss how to build on the community cohesion a street party brings, including the concept of Playing Out, where the residents of a street decide as a community to apply to close their own road to through traffic more regularly to allow children to play out in the street. Although not yet possible in Herts, over 500 streets nationwide regularly play out and members of the Herts Playing Out team will be at the session.*

**Contact: [nicola@ourstreetparty.org](mailto:nicola@ourstreetparty.org) for an information pack.  
[www.ourstreetparty.org/](http://www.ourstreetparty.org/) | [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com) | [www.playingout.net](http://www.playingout.net)**



# FAMILY LINKS: PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL OR SPECIAL NEEDS



A free, 10 week parenting course run by the St Albans Educational Partnership aimed at Parents and Carers of children with additional and special needs. Parenting Puzzle is a popular, award winning parenting course, with two experienced and qualified facilitators, Nikki Howes and Sarah Ellis, one of whom also parents a young person with Autism and challenging behaviour. Ten sessions of two hours sharing tried and tested techniques and strategies to effectively parent children with a range of additional needs. Topics include:

- The four constructs for successful relationships and confident parenting
- Positive discipline
- Praising effectively
- Helping our children grow and develop
- The effect of labelling
- Giving appropriate choices and consequences
- How to help our children stay safe
- Which behaviour can we ignore



Both courses begin on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

followed by

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-12am**

**(free crèche provided – please book)**

**@ Fleetville Infants School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW**

**6.30pm-8.30pm**

**@ St Albans Girls School, Sandridgebury Lane, AL3 6DB**

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



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**10 weeks**

**Morning and Evening sessions so that both parents can attend**

**Free crèche provided in the morning by DSPL7**

**Free parenting book to take away**

**Peer support**

**To book a FREE place**

**contact Liz King**

**01727 853134**

**or**

**stalbanseps@gmail.com**



## Term Dates

### 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

### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*Half term*                                      *Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*

### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*Half Term*                                      *Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February*

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

*Half Term*                                      *Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

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



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