



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a terrific start we have had to the new term. Our new Year 7s have settled in beautifully, looking resplendent in their new uniforms and applying themselves to their learning with total commitment, I am delighted with them as I am with all students, they really have made a most excellent start.

In my assemblies this week I have spoken to the students about Marlborough, it's history and the progress we continue to make. Our students at A Level and GCSE performed outstandingly well in their exams with our GCSE results being our best ever. As always there were some superb individual results at all Key stages richly deserved and testament to excellent teaching and good old fashioned hard work—please click [here](#) to see more details.

We have refurbished two Science labs to modernise them in line with the other labs, reception has been refurbished, a new Graphics room has been fitted with a new suite of computers, classrooms have been enhanced with smartboards and we have just received planning permission to build our new Post 16 block which will provide all our sixth form students with a purpose built learning environment and social area.

Our new staff have settled in and on my walks around school the quality of teaching and learning in all areas has been very pleasing indeed with students taking great pride in their work respectfully and with enthusiasm, it is my privilege to lead such a fine body of professionals and student body, thank you too as parents for all your support with this. It was also lovely to see so many of you at our Awards ceremony last Friday and gratifying to see so much pride in what had been achieved and an occasion I know that will stay with parents and grandparents for many years to come.

Of course I know that things may not always be perfect and as always I would urge you to contact the school directly and talk to us as opposed to using social media, most issues can be sorted through communication with us and there isn't much that can't be easily rectified, can I remind you also that I have a surgery every Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm should you ever wish to see me please contact Mrs Salvietto on 01727 731324.

As a school our foci this year are Resilience and Well-being, we will be working hard to encourage students to take risks with their learning and be unafraid of failure, we want all students to push themselves so that they are encouraged to reach for the highest grades possible for them. As always attendance is a big focus and as previously written about we will be taking a much harder stance on holiday requests which will not be considered during term unless there are exceptional circumstances. As always we will all be doing everything we need to do to make Marlborough a safe and happy learning environment with your children achieving excellent outcomes and insisting on high standards of uniform and behaviour.

So, tremendous start made! Thank you as always for your support, it makes an enormous difference to your child, their school and their success.

Best Wishes

Ms Thomson

Prizegiving at St Albans Abbey



Last Friday saw the Marlborough Science Academy return to St Albans Cathedral for their 5th annual award ceremony. Over 900 people packed the nave to celebrate hard won achievements and well deserved prizes. Nearly 200 hundred trophies, shields and prizes were presented that afternoon. Guest speaker and former MP Kerry Pollard described the event as "very moving and memorable".

The event culminated in awarding Zoe Payne the Eleanor Levens Shield of Excellence for the highest grades at A Level. Zoe achieved an A* in Biology and A* in Maths and an A in Chemistry and has now gone on to study Bio-Chemical Science at Lancaster University.

It was truly a joyous day celebrating achievement and endeavour all across the school.

Mr Atterton



English Stars

Congratulations to the following students who have all made superb progress in English since the beginning of term and have shown enthusiasm and hard work towards their studies.

Lauren Cropper, Raffi Roberts, Xavier Clements-Kelly, Hannah Evershed, Daniel Bedoya, Lillie

Murphy, Ross Andrews, Esther Cropper, Megan Godley, Sophie Ives, Alfie Wilson, Charlie Buss, Amelia Saunders, Hollie Burton, Louis Valentine, Charlotte Joyce, Arafat Shah, Shay Cassidy, Adam Prosser and Ann Williams



World Challenge 2017 Costa Rica and Nicaragua



After 2 solid years of fundraising, the day had finally come for us to say goodbye to England and set off to Costa Rica and Nicaragua on our 24 day expedition. The group consisted of 13 students from Year 11 and 12, Mr Hogan and Miss Wainwright, and our Australian world challenge leader George. After staying the night in the school staff room, we woke up at 1am to get on the minibus to Heathrow airport. Twenty- six hours later we finally arrived in our hostel in the depths of San Jose and it was evident how far away we were from home.

After a couple of days acclimatising to Costa Rica, booking accommodation and travel for later stages in the expedition; the first of our rest and relaxation activities began – white water rafting! Everyone had an amazing time on the rapids and it was a great way to kick off the expedition. A few days later we jumped on a bus and headed into the tropical dry forest. Here we spent three nights camping in the forest amongst huge iguanas, spiders the size of your hand, scorpions, howler monkeys and flies that just wanted to eat you alive. During the 3 days, we did a couple of hikes through the forest, one of which ended up at an idyllic beach surrounded by palm trees and we all decided to have a swim in the crystal blue water. It wasn't all good however, as two of our team stepped up sea urchins and one ended up having to go to hospital to get the spines removed from his foot.

Once back in civilisation, we spent a few more days in Costa Rica before heading across the busy border to Nicaragua. We began work at a deprived primary school near Granada where we helped to build a new eating area for the children in the morning and then played games with them in the afternoon. This was an extremely humbling part of the trip, just to see how little some of the children had and yet, they were some of the nicest, happiest kids we had ever met.



The final part of our trip was our 5 volcanoes in 5 days trek. Starting on Telica volcano, we summited 5 volcanos, 3 active and 2 dormant, and camped each night with a different local family who cooked dinner and breakfast for us each day. The third day was by far the best as it involved volcano boarding, a sport exclusive to Nicaragua's Cerro Negro volcano. This involved sitting on what was pretty much just a plank of wood and hurtling down the side of a 730m high volcano in roughly 40 seconds! It was an adrenaline junkie (ie Mr Hogan's) dream.

All in all it was a truly magnificent, eye-opening experience that I think everyone should get the chance to do at least once in their lifetime. We started off as 13 individuals from different year groups, not knowing much about each other to finishing as one close-knit family and the experiences we gained out of the trip you wouldn't get any other way.

So whatever year you are in, maybe you might like to start saving now for a trip of a lifetime!

Adam Skinner Year 13



Year 10 Careers Day



Going into your final year at school and not knowing how to make your next move can be really stressful for the majority of people. To remedy this, Marlborough organise an annual Year 10 Careers Day. This is a day solely dedicated to educating our Year 10 students in the timetable set out for their final year in applying for sixth form/college/apprenticeships etc as well as other workshops to help them on the road to making their next career choice. This year was slightly different as the day began with an external speaker, Tom Toumazis MBE who has had a fascinating career path involving lots of different roles including being one of the founding member of the Childline Group; Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Disney-ABC-ESPN Television in charge of programme, new media and channel distribution and his current position as the first non-executive Director of the LADBible Group. The rest of the day involved a carousel of 4 workshops: Career Choices/timeline of academic year (including applications etc); Building a CV; Interview Skills and finally, a Resilience workshop. Hopefully the students went away with a clearer idea of how their final year of compulsory school will unfold.

Mrs Beddall



Belated Eid Celebrations

On Wednesday 27th September the Marlborough Brasserie will be altering its menu to help celebrate a belated Eid.

Students are invited to come along to Da Vinci Hall at lunchtime on the 27th to find out more and to join in with some activities.

Ms Islam

Specialist Community Liasion



Well done to all the Year 7s who took part in the Fun Run last Tuesday. It was a great event with over 40 students representing Marlborough.

Traffic at dropping off and picking up times

We have always encouraged the students to be dropped off near school so as to avoid and reduce any congestion at these times and so thank you for everyone's support with this. However could I request that we also show an awareness of and respect for our neighbours, by not parking inconsiderately in blocking driveways or by carelessly driving in the surrounding roads. Please can I also remind parents not to stop in the turning circle but to proceed to the lower car park to ensure the smooth traffic flow in and out of the school.

Thank you as always for your support.

Mr C Paice

Estates Manager/Health and Safety Manager



Year 7 and 8 Parents

Please come and join our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September in the LRC at 9.30-10.45am.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to one of our new starters, **Nikhil Patel 7RY** who won 1st place for KS2 Outstanding Achievement Award, from Three Rivers & Watford School Sports Partnership.

There were 9 other nominees from all of Hertfordshire and Nikhil got first place. Nikhil has shown great talent and dedication in different sport in particular Taekwondo where this year he has won five Gold medals. Well done Nikhil!

This photo shows Nikhil receiving his award from Maddy Hinch, the GB hockey goalkeeper who won Gold at the RIO Olympics. Nikhil was wearing her Gold Medal and trying it for size !



Last Sunday Nikhil took part in the British National Taekwondo Championship in Manchester. After a 12 hr wait Nikhil finally fought at 19:50 and won a GOLD

medal, beating his opponent by 20 points. Amazing fight for such a long wait when tiredness, boredom and hunger strikes but he persevered and it was worth it in the end. He also met Mahama Cho, the Olympic bronze medallist from the Rio Olympics.



Congratulations to **Maximus Hooper 9AA** who entered the local district ploughing match last weekend. This was his first ploughing match ever entered and he came first in his class and gave the judges a hard time as it appeared that he was a point or two from getting champion Ploughman of the whole day!!

Please click [here](#) for the PE extra-curricular clubs information.

Student Achievements



MALTINGS COMMUNITY HERO

Team Ellie - A group of friends who took part in Pretty Muddy Watford 5K to raise money for Cancer Research UK after their friend Ellie Brewer was diagnosed with leukaemia aged just 13. Olivia Stevenson, Jenna Hutton, Alice Rose, Tai Stojanovic, Kayra Karakus, Amy Narramore, Jade Albert and Abby Simpkin, who are all in Year 8 at Marlborough Science Academy, collected more than £2,000 after completing the obstacle course. Sadly, Ellie later passed away.



Team Ellie were one of 6 nominees for the 'Maltings Hero Award' at the 'The Advertiser Community Awards 2017'. The Awards evening was held on Thursday 7th September at the Maltings Art Theatre in St Albans. We are very proud to announce Team Ellie won their category by unanimous votes! The girls raised just under £10,000 in total with all the different types of fund raising that took place.

Well done girls!

Ellie Brewer
03.01.2004– 08.08.2017



It is with a very heavy heart that we have to announce that we lost our lovely Ellie to her dreadful illness on the 8th August 2017.

We cannot thank enough the school community for coming together and supporting Ellie and her family with all the money raising causes that our students initiated and all our students embraced so generously. We raised a massive £1500 at the end of term non uniform day which helped the family work through Ellie's bucket list of theatre shows and days out and Ellie organised her own school Prom at home with her friends.

Student Achievements

During her summer break in Poland **Weronika Wrzesniak 9AA** made the decision to donate her hair to the charity 'Rak & Roll' who make wigs for teenagers with cancer. She says that she knew it would grow back and has friends and family that have experienced cancer and it was her gesture of a goodbye to her friend Ellie. We are very proud of you Weronika.



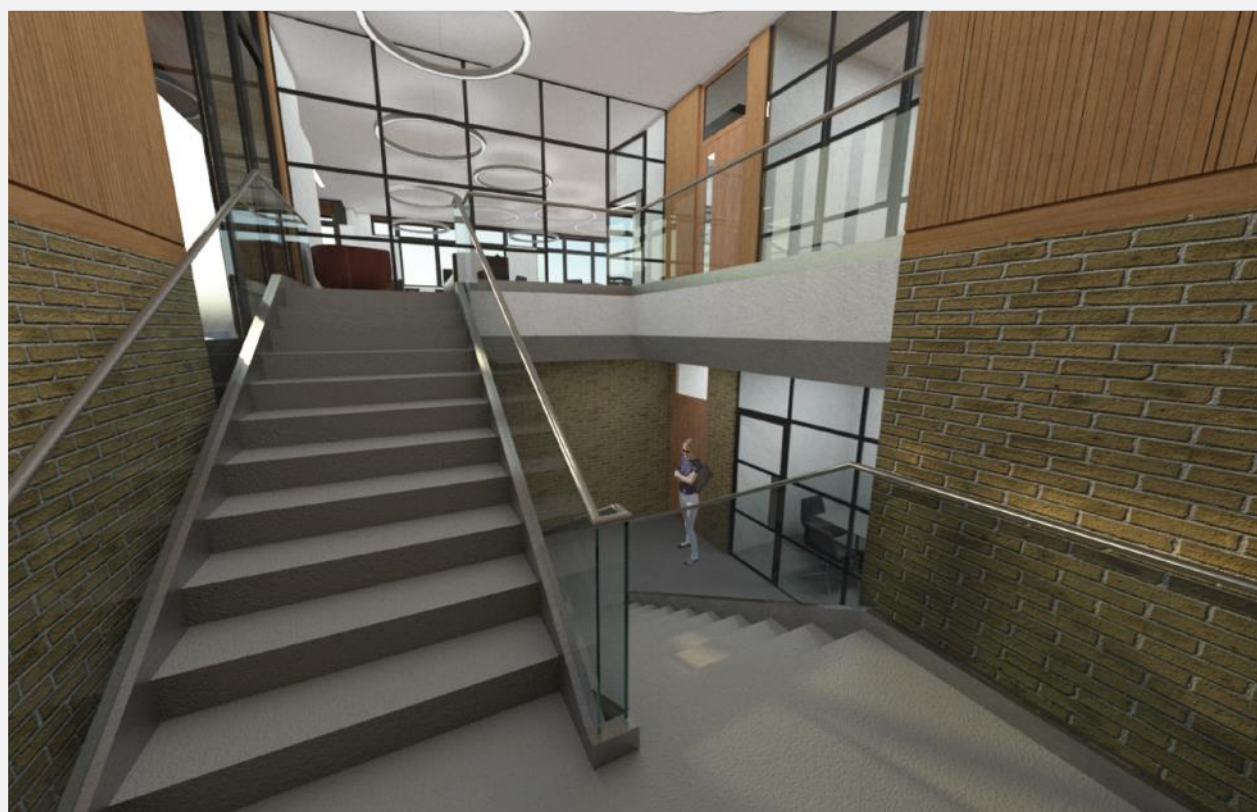
Congratulations to one of our ex students Phoebe Shergold- Willis who left Marlborough in 2015 for winning an award at the recent Herts Advertiser Community Awards 2017, please see article below.



ROLE MODEL OF THE YEAR

Phoebe Shergold-Willis - A dynamic young person with drive and motivation that should be recognised as an inspiration to her peers. Dedicating her time to volunteering weekly at Age Concern, setting up her own franchise business with Forever Young, and investing her profits into setting up the St Albans School of Acting (SASA), Phoebe has consistently exceeded expectations in her extra curricular pursuits.

Images of new Sixth form and Music block



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Marlborough Science Academy Saturday 18th Nov



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2 7"x5" £49

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2 7"x5"
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for private sittings the portrait price list will apply. Canvases are also available

Please let family and friends know about this offer—if they would like to take up the opportunity
of these preferential prices and photographs will be ready in time for Christmas.

Rocket to the Future



6 & 7 October 2017 / London

Calling all 15-19 year olds!

The **What Career Live?** show takes place at London Olympia on 6 & 7 October, and will help school leavers decide what to do next, whether it's an apprenticeship, training programme or heading to university after A Levels.

Click [here](#) for more information



What University Live? takes place on 6 & 7 October 2017 at London, Olympia and is an **essential event** for anyone considering which university to attend after leaving school.

A range of institutions will showcase their degree courses, opportunities and campuses - and visitors will be able to quiz them on their employability rates, engagement with industry and lecturers whilst at university, student satisfaction and student fees.

For more information on What University Live [click here >>](#)

Book your free tickets [here](#)



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

We look forward to seeing how Chantal and Dominic Codougan fare on The Big Family Cooking Showdown. Both Chantal and Dominic are ex students of Marlborough and their episode was on last night. Good luck to the Codougans!

The Big Family Cooking Showdown

A major new competitive food show that celebrates favourite family recipes

The Codougans vs The Kings (heat six)

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In heat six, the Codougan family from Northamptonshire take on the King family from Lincolnshire

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The Codougan family



"For us it's always a party in the kitchen. We like to make it as fun and Caribbean as we can. Hopefully they're ready for us!"

Jacqueline (45), her daughter Chantal (24) and son Dom (23) live together in Kettering, Northamptonshire. Jacqueline, one of seven children, was born on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent. Jacqueline is very close to her mother and spent a lot of her time in the kitchen. Many of Jacqueline's recipes and ingredients are influenced by recipes handed down from generation to generation.

Chantal has worked as a portrait artist and Dom is a mobile barber. He describes his family as "a pack of lions" - each being strong-minded and fierce but having their own roles. Jacqueline is the chief cook; Chantal is in charge of seasoning; and Dom is the practical one. They love nothing more than dancing around the kitchen together.

The Codougan family ▼
The King family ▼

Introduction

Meet the Presenters

Meet the Judges

The Charles vs The Marks

The Dawes vs The Karims

The Hilliards vs The Pigotts

The Gangotras vs The Mass

The Ayoubis vs The Herber

The Codougans vs The King

The Bellamores vs The Bell

The Boyes vs The Rignalls

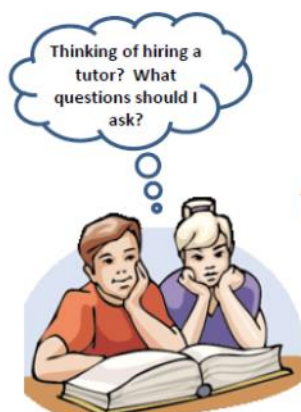
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WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Following the success of our 10 week Parenting Programmes we are now running a series of workshops on topics identified by Parents.

Fully funded by St Albans District Council!

Morning workshops 9.30am-12pm

@ Trinity Church, 1 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans AL1 3RD

Thursday 5th October SEN Managing the impact on siblings and relationships

Family life is all about relationships and communication. SEN can bring communication challenges affecting every relationship. How can we balance the needs of all family members?

Thursday 12th October Keeping It Cool© Managing behavior and anger

Everyone experiences anger sometimes. Managing anger more effectively can strengthen our relationships but what happens when a person struggles to verbalise these emotions? How can we respond when mood shifts happen so quickly that there is little time to seek a positive outlet.

Evening workshops 6.30pm-9pm

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

Wednesday 27th September The journey of grief and loss – adjusting to the new normal ©

An opportunity to explore our unique and unplanned journey and the emotions it can bring. Understanding the stages we go through to find our new "normal"

Wednesday 4th October SEN – Managing the impact on siblings and relationships

Family life is all about relationships and communication. SEN can bring communication challenges affecting every relationship. How can we balance the needs of all family members?



Places are FREE!

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Contactline 2017/18



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If you would like to discuss an issue or query about a child or young person's development, learning or emotional wellbeing, or if you just want to find out more about the way we work, please call.

During school term-time Contactline will run 2 days a week (days and times given below). During school holidays Contactline will run on Wednesdays only.

DAY	TIME
TUESDAY	2:00 – 4:30
WEDNESDAY	2:00 – 4:30

Contactline is now in its fourth year of offering early access and support to service users including parents, educational settings and other professionals.

Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer for
services for children/young people with SEND



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September—INSET Days

Wednesday 6th September—Start of term for all students

Half term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Friday 24th November—Occasional Day

Wednesday 20th December—End of term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th March

Thursday 29th March—INSET Day

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



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