



# Marlborough News

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We are delighted to invite all Year 11 students and their parents to our Post 16 courses evening. This is the perfect opportunity to discover more about taking the next steps from GCSE to Post 16 education. We are especially pleased to be able to give you more information about our new Post 16 building project and how that will support the already excellent academic track record of our Post 16 provision. You will be able to hear from current students about how they made the transition to Post 16 as well as former students currently studying Nursing at Birmingham and Physics at Bristol. They will talk Year 11 students through the next steps of their educational journey and what sort of things to consider when making these important choices.

**Mr Atterton**

**Head of Sixth Form**

### Year 8 Workshadowing

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November the whole of Year 8 were involved in our Work Shadowing day. More students than ever managed to secure themselves an external placement, most of them with a parent or carer and there were some really interesting and varied jobs shadowed including quantity surveyor, early years teacher, farm worker, bricklayer and chocolatier. Thanks to Joe Latham who spent the day at Hotel Chocolat and brought in some of their lovely chocolates for the LRC team.

Those unable to find a placement out of school shadowed a member of our staff including the Site Manager, Finance Assistants and Science Technicians.

Year 8 have been thinking about careers in their PSHCEE lessons this term and the feedback from the work shadowing has been really positive.

*'I really enjoyed watching my dad helping his clients. It made me realise how hard he works'* Charlie Busse

*'For my work experience I went to a vegan café and had a great time serving and cooking food. The thing that surprised me the most was that you have to check the fridge every morning for the operating temperature of them which is quite tedious. This is a job which is quite relaxed as it is a little café.'*

**Ryan Voisey**

### My Work Shadowing Experience

*'It was about a 45-minute commute by car from St Albans to my Dad's workplace in Amersham – Halma Plc. Thankfully, the traffic was not too bad and we arrived around 8.45 AM. When we arrived I was surprised that the building looked like a big house rather than an office.*

*The receptionist was a nice lady and greeted us as we went through. I found the building very nice and calm. We went up two flights of stairs and entered the room my dad worked in. It was quiet with two people happily typing away at their desk but would you believe it – everyone had a triple screen setup, including my dad. My dad introduced them to me as Darren (my Dad's boss) and Paula, who managed Graduate Recruitment. He has a nice boss.*

*I watched my dad do some work checking emails and then I sat in a teleconference (a meeting via the phone and laptop) while my Dad discussed the risk and audit software he was implementing for the company. It sounded complicated. I then spoke to two people in the IT department who talked to me about their jobs and what they do. Then Anne talked to me about graduate recruitment and gave me a puzzle given to the graduates. It would normally take them 2 to 3 hours to complete, but I completed it in 45 minutes. Everyone was impressed.*

*My dad took me to a restaurant for lunch and I had pizza and mineral water. When we came back I helped the receptionist to put letters in envelopes. I then watched my dad do some work and he explained more about risk management and audit. He has many different parts to his job. He has to manage audits and business improvements, manage the control certifications and monitor and report on all the risks in the company as well as do fraud investigations. He is also implementing a computer program at the moment. I found some parts of my dad's job straightforward but some of it was very complex. I don't think I want to do this job when I am older but I am happy that I got to see where he works.*

*We talked about the day as we drove back home which took about 50 minutes. I am glad I don't commute that long every day. '*

**Ilyas Monadi**



## Year 7 Home Learning

### Wizard Wonders

Year 7 have been studying Harry Potter as part of their KS3 curriculum and their home learning was to design a Harry Potter shop or place. Miss Fogarty was so impressed with the work submitted and here are just some examples of the amazing projects created.





### Year 12 visit UCFB, Wembley



*'UCFB's visit to The Marlborough Science Academy has not only left me extremely fascinated but has also encouraged me to really chase my dream career path by providing something I didn't think was possible, a clear pathway towards my end goal. UCFB's first visit consisted of a general overview of their university providing us with basic yet enticing information about their courses, talking about a range of courses consisting of pathways as rare to find as 'sports coaching and management' and 'sports law/business'.*

*After the talk those interested approached Jason Thomas (the speaker) who was – from my own experience – very helpful in providing further knowledge of the course each person was interested in.*

*After this the interested students went to visit Wembley to talk to another of UCFB's spokespeople Jordan Hearn who once again provided similar knowledge of the university. This trip allowed us to talk to Jordan Hearn and learn more about the course while visiting a seminar room and also taking a very enjoyable tour of Wembley Stadium itself.*

*The day after this trip Jason Thomas came back to Marlborough to talk about interviews, after providing the whole of Year 12 with some interview tips we went on to carry out some mock interviews with our peers before Jason requested a volunteer (turning out to be myself) to act out an interview with he first as the employer and then Jason as an employer for me. Jason first acted out a bad interview, particularly portraying the things we shouldn't do ourselves in the situation of an interview. After this example he asked me to show the example of a perfect interview, I was interviewing for the business role of a sports coach (very beneficial as the UCFB course I'd like to take is titled 'Sports Coaching and Management') I acted out this interview to the best of my ability after being asked questions like 'why are you leaving your current employer' and 'How well do you work as a team member and how well do you work as an individual' and after the completion of it was congratulated by Jason who seemed more than satisfied with my responses.*

*Overall all visits from UCFB and the visit to Wembley itself have left me more than encouraged and inspired to work as hard as I can to achieve what is necessary to carry out the career path I'd like to travel. I feel like all visits were also extremely helpful in my overview of universities as a whole providing me with general and valuable knowledge that can be used in any future direction I choose to take.'*

**Cameron Ferguson, Year 12**

### Learning Counts

Each week a member of the Senior Leadership Team meets with a small group of students from every year group. This is the opportunity for the staff to find out more about the students' school experiences and for the student to discuss their learning and memorable lessons or activities.

*'Strict but fair', 'Learnt loads already'* **Year 7**

*'Great fun designing phone cases, teacher makes you very excited about the subject'* The teachers tell you 'You can do it.' **Year 8**

*'I'm glad we started our GCSEs in Year 9 and the classes are more in depth', 'Proud of work produced'* **Year 9**

*'Business lessons and finding out about profit'* **Year 11**

### House Pumpkin Carving Competition

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October the annual House Pumpkin Carving Challenge was held in the LRC.

Competition was fierce as usual and staff pulled out all the stops with their creations.

The standard was extremely high and Mr Cockram couldn't separate the top two entries so for the first time ever joint winners were awarded.

Neptune and Mercury came joint first with Mars third and Saturn fourth.

A special mention goes to Ryan Conway Year 8 who brought in his own pumpkin which had been grown in his garden. Ryan carved his pumpkin under careful supervision and was delighted with the results.



### Student Achievements



Albans Boxing Club's Luke Collins celebrates his victory at the Jamie Hulse Tribute Evening.

Picture: HEATHER BROWNING

Well done **Luke Davies Collins** Year 11 who recently won his boxing match at the Jamie Hulse Tribute Evening against a boxer from Hemel Hempstead. The Jamie Hulse Tribute night is a biannual event organised by family and friends to raise much needed funds for St Albans and London Colney ABA boxing club.

### Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November four Marlborough budding chefs competed in the Rotary Young Chef Competition at Oaklands College. The standard of products made by everyone was incredible and it was a really tough contest. However, Thomas Jobson in Year 9 became the star of the evening, winning the event and continuing Marlborough's good fortune for a second year running. Thomas's winning combination was his starter of parmesan crisp cups with fresh figs and a horseradish dressing followed by cod wrapped in pancetta on a bed of rosti and green beans with a white wine reduction.



Congratulations Thomas I look forward to seeing your continued success in the next round at Hitchin College in February next year. Thomas can also look forward to working with Gopi Chandra, Executive Head Chef at Sopwell House Hotel, to gain further experience. He will also have the opportunity to go to Oaklands College Catering department for the day.

Good luck in the next round Thomas and keep on cooking!!  
**Mrs Cuell**



## Student Achievements

**Nikhil Patel 7RY** took part at the Quest Taekwondo competition in Sheffield last Sunday. It was a very early start at 4am to drive to Sheffield. His first fight was at 13:30 which he won convincingly and got him through to the final. In the final he lost out but put up a good fight and won a Silver medal.

His sister, **Rhianna Patel 8PP** also took part in the competition and managed to win a Bronze medal. She fought very well but lost out closely in the last round. She said after the fight " I really enjoyed the fight even though I lost"

Well done to them both ,it has been a great year for both of them especially Nikhil who has picked up many Gold medals this year and may it continue next year.



### **School safety on site**

The restriction on collecting students from school between 1450 hours and 1530 hours each day is working very well, with the safety and the security of our students enhanced through this new process and so can I thank everyone for their co-operation with this and also for your consideration of our neighbours too.

However there are still some parents/carers who are now either dropping off or picking up their child actually in the fast moving traffic along Watling Street. Please could I ask that this practice ceases as it causes both a danger to yourselves, your child and the other road users as you unexpectedly stop in what is a very busy road.

Thank you again for your assistance in this and in the continuing success of the new initiative at the end of school.

**Mr C Paice**

**Estates Manager/Health and Safety Manager**

### **PTA Request**

The PTA are running their ever popular soft toy tombola at the Christmas Fair this year which is being held on Tuesday December 19th.



They are looking for donations of second hand teddies and other soft toys.

Please consider having a clear out and bringing any soft toys you no longer need into school and leave at Reception.

Many thanks for your support!

**Marlborough PTA**

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We have a strong team of Governors working together to help the school. We now have a vacancy for two Parent Governors which is a great opportunity to make a positive contribution to the school and the community we serve. As the school is an academy, all governors are also directors of the academy trust and your name will be registered at companies house. If you are interested I would encourage you to talk to one of the Governors before putting yourselves forward. That way you will understand more about what the Governors do at Marlborough and the commitment required to be effective in the role. Feel free to contact me via the school and I can put you in touch with one of the team.

Please find attached the relevant form which needs to be returned by midday on **Monday 27th November.**

**Jane Walker-Smith**  
**Chair of Governors**





Check out these new health websites for children and young people!

Holly Rubens from 'Herts Health NHS as one' spoke to Year 12 and 13 students about good mental health and the services provided to support young people.

Outlining how:

- low mood, depression effects 1 in 4 people in the UK.
- 1 in 5 young people between ages 16 and 24 develop psychological problems and 50% develop these issues from the age of 14.
- 80% of young people believe mental health problem could lead to discrimination.

Mental health issues including depression, anxiety, low self esteem, panic attacks, anger difficulties and sleep difficulties. The Wellbeing team include Psychological Well Being Practitioners and high intensity CBT therapists and Silver Cloud.

Organisations that support young people are Mind, Kooth, Samaritans, Youth Connexions , Young Minds, Mental Health Helpline - [www.talkwellbeing.com](http://www.talkwellbeing.com).

**Mrs Rutherford**



**Chess club** on Tuesday lunchtimes in B7 (woodwork room). All welcome from those that can play to beginners. Students can eat packed lunches while they play or get a lunch pass to go into lunch early. Students also get a membership card and compete in mini tournaments.

**Mr Szabo**

### **Textile Club**

Are you having a clear out for the holidays? The Textiles Dept would really appreciate some fabric/ trimmings etc. Any old bedding, curtains etc will do and the students will put the resources to good use.

Thank you

**Ms Douglas**

## **Vacancies at Marlborough**

### **Higher Level Assistant Teacher**

We are looking for a higher Level Assistant Teacher to work as part of our Specialised Learning Faculty and line manage our team of Assistant Teachers. We are looking for an individual with outstanding classroom skills and SEN experience and knowledge, who can support, motivate and inspire students who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning in a main stream educational setting. You will need to be a team player but also be able to work independently, show great flexibility, creativity and have outstanding communication and organisation skills. Ideally the successful candidate will be a qualified HLTA or have a comparative level 4 qualification or be working towards this.

**HLTA vacancy information, please click [here](#)**

### **Assistant Teacher**

We are looking for a Level 3 (qualified or working towards) Assistant Teacher to work as part of our Specialised Learning Faculty to support our Rapid Progress Intervention Program and to lead advice and support in an area of SEN Specialism. We are looking for an individual with strong classroom skills and SEN experience and knowledge, who can support, motivate and inspire students who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning in a main stream educational setting. You will need to be a team player but also be able to work independently, show great flexibility, creativity and have outstanding communication and organisation skills.

**Assistant Teacher information, please click [here](#)**

Closing date for applications Friday 1st December 2017 at 9am. please send completed application forms and person spec form to Ann Tyson [a.tyson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:a.tyson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk).

We reserve the right to review applications upon receipt and therefore may appoint before the closing date

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



## Rocket to the Future



### **ExCeL LONDON, 24 & 25 November 2017, 9.30am - 4pm**

Brought to you by London First and delivered with Prospects, Skills London is the UK's biggest jobs and careers event for 15-24 year olds and their families taking place on 24-25 November at ExCeL London.

The event attracts over 30,000 visitors and 200 exhibitors including top employers, colleges, training providers and advisers. This two day event provides visitors with the opportunity to discover careers through interactive, inspirational activities and demonstrations, and helps young people visually bridge the gap between what they enjoy doing and what they could potentially do as a career.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Apprenticeships**

If students are considering an apprenticeship after their exams next summer now is the time to start looking. Many companies start the application process in December and January for a summer start.

Here are some useful links

[notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://notgoingtouni.co.uk)

[Getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://Getmyfirstjob.co.uk)

[allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/jobs](http://allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/jobs)

It is also important to look at company websites for details of any apprenticeship schemes they may run, here are just a few examples available

[Atkins Global](#)

[Deloitte](#)

[PWC](#)

[BT](#)

[Rotech Machines](#)







# Help out when you check out this Christmas

Collect FREE donations for **The Marlborough Science Academy** with all your online Christmas shopping!



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Collect free donations every time you shop the easyfundraising way,  
So far over £1225 has been raised for the school using easy fundraising.



**GUIDE DOGS MERCHANDISE FOR SALE  
PLUS VISITING GUIDE DOG PUPPIES!!**

**In The LRC at lunchtime**

**On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2017**



## **A better Abbey Line for everyone**

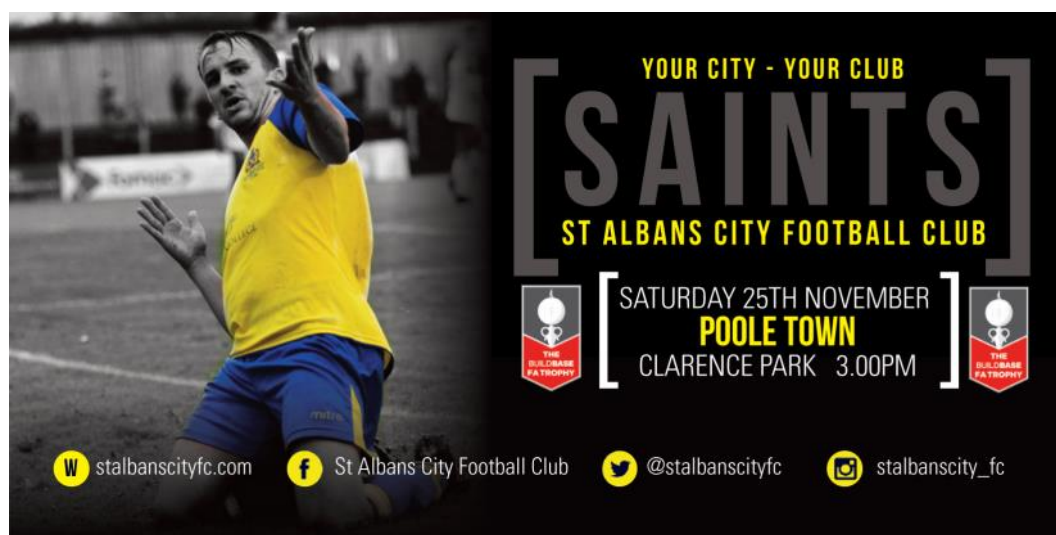
Abbey Flyer Users' Group is currently crowdfunding for a feasibility study into expanding the train service

Lets show how great the Abbey Line could be!! Great for commutes, family leisure explorations and as a gateway to Hertfordshire. A great community railway for the community!!

We want to show why it is important for there to be investment in the Abbey Line, initially with the addition of a passing loop. This would enable two trains to operate on the line and allow for a doubling of the current train frequency. To do this we need to commission a study to identify the benefits from increased revenue, reduction in car use, more efficient and quicker journeys, reduced overcrowding on the Thameslink route, improved reliability etc. Additionally we need to understand the costs of the passing-loop and the running costs of a second train. Once we have the benefits and the costs we can then present these to the council so that they can consider investing and realising the vision.

Please click [here](#) to find out more

Pledges will only be charged if the project hits its funding goal of £6,397 by 04 Dec 2017





# NEW ZUMBA CLASS

with Jemma Smith

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Marlborough School St Albans

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[jemmasmithfitness@hotmail.com](mailto:jemmasmithfitness@hotmail.com)

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2017

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September—INSET Days**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September—Start of term for all students**

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

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November—Occasional Day**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm —End of term**

### Spring Term 2018

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March—INSET Day**

*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*

### Autumn Term 2018

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

*Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018*

### Spring Term 2019

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

*Half Term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February—Inset Day**

### Summer Term 2019

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

*Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*



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