



# Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another term approaches and once again I can only wonder at where the time has gone. My colleague reflected this morning that it has been seven weeks since our Ofsted, and what a seven weeks it has been, action packed as usual and most certainly productive whatever measure you choose to use. It is fair to say even with two snow days, learning, fun and hard work have never ceased and for our Year 11s and 13s they are facing the home straight now with confidence and resilience having been prepared by all their teachers to shine.

Our fabulous Heads of School Kate, Sam and Sophie step down from post to focus on their forthcoming exams and we begin the next round of recruiting our new post holders. I have delighted in working alongside Kate, Sam and Sophie, truly representative of our school they have shown real leadership and flair in post and have left a strong legacy rooted in care, compassion and commitment, I will most certainly miss them but wish them well as they go on to change the world. I am sure you will also join me in wishing Mr Eve and Ms Bustin a fabulous day on Friday when they get married, we are all delighted for them and hopeful they will have a bright and sunny day.

Moving onto next term I will be working in Adeyfield School, Hemel Hempstead for three days a week to support school improvement as acting Head. I will of course continue to lead Marlborough and with my Chair of Governors confident that Mr Fitzgibbon, Miss Crook and Mrs Dean will carry on with the business of being in charge on the days I am absent. Please be assured that should you need to speak to me urgently my PA, Mrs Salvietto will of course ensure I am made aware. As parents you should know this is a recognition of the work that has been achieved here and of course our most positive Ofsted in a more robust and challenging framework, I am looking forward to the opportunities presented by this request to support Adeyfield and am sure there will also be things to learn.

To conclude may I wish you all a most peaceful and happy holiday weekend with plenty of treats! Good luck too to our Year 11s and 13s who will be doing revision not only in school but at home, putting in the hours now always pays off and your support as parents in helping with their wellbeing, pace and time management is crucial too; thank you.

Best wishes

**Ms Thomson**



## BBC School News Report



'Today I did the BBC School Report which is where you get to write a report and film it. I really liked today because I enjoy acting and filming. When I was recording I found that it was harder than I expected as when you are on camera you often mess up and have to try again, sometimes lots of times! We interviewed Miss Pounnas and my friend Emily and use a green screen for recording, It was really cool!. We also got given special BBC School Report lanyards and pens. I am glad that I took part today as it was very enjoyable and fun.' **By Grace Cleaton 7BA**

'The BBC School Report was really fun yet slightly challenging. I found out the recording had its own challenges, for example thinking the camera was on video when really it was on photo. When I was recording my 60 second challenge, talk about the school in 60 seconds, I had to retry 20 times! Interviewing pupils and teachers was fun too as we got to interview Miss Pounnas which was really funny as we accidentally took a photo instead of a video. The best part was when we got to use the green screen, so it looked like we were in the real studio of the BBC! Overall the whole experience was awesome and good if you want your future job to be a news reporter, journalist or presenter. I will definitely do it next year.**By Lucy Watts 7JN**

Please click [here](#) to see the final BBC School Report





### Beauty and the Beast

Thank you to Prae Wood, Mandeville and Killigrew who came to see the first performance of the show last Wednesday. The visitors were delighted to be met by Lumiere, Gaston and other members of the cast as they sat down excitedly for the show.



*'Thank you so much for the photos and for letting us come along to watch your wonderful performance. It was really professionally done. The children were talking about it all week.'*

#### **Mandeville**

*'They were amazing. I loved how scary the beast was and then how he changed.'*

### Mandeville Year 5 student

### Beauty and the Beast

What to say! Where to start? How to cram all of the emotion, pride and success into one article?! Impossible, but I will try....



Once upon a time (October), in a faraway land (St Albans), a cast of 28 students, 16 dancers, a tech team and some wonderful staff started to rehearse Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Little did they know then, that the road to staging this production would be snowy and challenging but that they would stick together, work as a team and become unified through one focus; to put on the most magical production of Beauty and the Beast.

Every show was spectacular. The singing, the acting and the comic timing ensured the audience were on the edge of their seats throughout and even Mr Salih admitted he cried at the end! The roles of Beauty and the Beast were performed by Arianna Munro and Finnian Harris. Both students gave outstanding vocal and dramatic performances and could easily have passed for experienced West End performers. Youniss Errattab shone brightly as arrogant Gaston and was magnificently supported by Weronika Wrzesniak, playing his side kick Lefou. Mrs Potts was played by the remarkable Kate Mercer, our Head Girl, who also helped to direct the show alongside Abi Medleycott. Members of the castle household gave some stand out performances; Tom Vincent (Lumiere), Ben Isaacs (Cogsworth), Jennifer Pooley (Madame le Grande Bouche), Millie Braisher (Babette) and Keira Watts (Chip). Noa Kusman, Katy Held, Lauren Cropper and Gabi Fernandes consistently set the tone and atmosphere with their story telling as the narrators. Well done to the rest of the cast and dancers who sang and acted their hearts out!! Many thanks and special mention also to Russell Panes who allowed us to set fire to his pants and didn't mind one bit!!!

On behalf of everyone involved in the show, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff that have helped us along the way and supported us on the evenings of the shows. Thank you for giving up your time, we are so grateful. A special thank you to Mr Armer who built our stage for us, created 3D costumes out of flower pots and polystyrene, designed the lighting and ran the sound. Thank you so much Sir, you really made the production come alive.

A massive thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, won a free ticket and came to our primary school matinee. Seeing the hall full every night was incredible for our cast and really helped to create an electric atmosphere.

I am so proud of the students and staff that made our production of Beauty and the Beast what it was, I feel so incredibly privileged to have worked with you all. I will always carry with me the memory of our time working on Beauty and the Beast and that is of the most wonderful, thoughtful, talented and team-spirited students and staff. You have been amazing.

**Miss Haines**



### Learning Counts

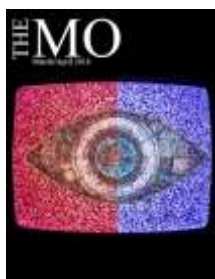
Every Friday tutor time a member of the Senior management team meets with a selection of students from Years 7-11, Ms Thomson meets with Year 7s to ensure transition is successful and other year groups meet with their SLT link. The sole purpose of these meetings is to ensure that students feel they have a voice, that they can talk about anything and that we can understand how their learning is going. We feedback to staff all the positive comments and action any areas of concern. We are rigorous in ensuring students know how to keep themselves safe online.

**Year 7** - Teachers are really nice and understand that we are still Year 7 and give us chances. Marlborough is a friendly school, everyone's kind and helpful. They said they have positive encounters with everybody and they get treated with respect. The rules are fair and everyone is equal. They made special mention to Technology, Art, PSHCE, Drama, PE and Science.

**Year 8** said the school is good and there are no boring lessons and that they enjoy all their lessons. They said they are proud to members of the school. They made special mention to their English and Drama lessons as being memorable and enjoyed the challenge in a recent Science lesson using magnets with Mr Robertson.

**Year 9** said they enjoy coming to school and like the ex-curricular lessons in Engineering and said we are the only school to do this type of lesson.

**Year 10** said their lessons are fun and that staff are helpful and nice and they feel cared for. They made special mention to Science, PE, Performing Arts and Technology



Please click [here](#) to view the March/April edition of the Marlborough Oracle.

### SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural)

All of our staff all use an SMSC grid to log how SMSC and British Values are included and taught in our lessons and events at school.

If you would like to see how this is done please follow these instructions –

Website – [www.gridmaker.net/msa](http://www.gridmaker.net/msa)

Password – msa-guest

This will take you to the main page where you will see a large grid with all the subjects on the left hand side and all the added information in the small boxes.

If you roll you cursor over the small square boxes you will be able to see a sample of how SMSC and British values are included in lessons. Some of the examples will include photos, examples of work or lessons plans.

Click on the small box and this will take you to see exactly which criteria has been included.

Back on the main page is a filter view button – if you click on this you will be able to select just your child's year group or subject area.

We hope you find this interesting.

**Ms L Eastwood**

**SMSC coordinator**



## PE News



Congratulations to **Charlotte Forster, Abbie Bierman, Amy Harrison, Elsa Leech, Hollie Thornton, Rosie Vass, Chloe Emmins and Lucy Watts** for winning the runners up medals in the U12 Level 3 Schools Games Futsal Competition (2nd out of 10). They all played really well.



Last Wednesday we welcomed Lawrence Allen, PGA Professional at Verulam Golf Club to Marlborough. Despite the chill Year 7 and 8s had some golf taster sessions and learnt some trick shots.



*'It was really fun and interesting. I got to learn the difference between irons and woods and it was very inspiring.'*

**Ilyas Monadi Year 8**



### Reminder

All sports fixtures can be found via the website on the schools sports fixture diary. Also please follow us @TMSA\_PE

## PE News

### District Cup football



All the boys' football teams have been busy this half term in District Cup competition. The Year 8s have had the most success winning through to the finals by beating Samuel Ryder 4-1 and Roundwood school 4-1 as well. In the final they played against a strong Sir John Lawes team who ran out worthy 6-3 winners. All the boys played exceptionally well and can be proud of their achievements.

### County Level 3 Finals

On Tuesday 20th March our Year 10 dodgeball and Year 8 handball teams competed at the level 3 county finals held at Wodson Park, Ware. The dodgeball team played against 5 other school qualifiers from around Hertfordshire. They managed to win 2, lose 2 and draw 1 game, which resulted in a fourth place finish overall just missing out on a bronze medal.

The Year 8 handball team played 3 matches against tough opposition. They enjoyed the competition and the opportunity to play against some of the best within the county.

### Rowing

Congratulation **Rosie Vass** on her 1st place in the U12 Girls 200m singles race.



Well done **Maximus Hooper** who achieved 2nd place in the U14 Boys 200m singles race.



**Team rowing results were**  
U12 Girls 5<sup>th</sup>, U12 Boys 5<sup>th</sup>, U14 Girls 6<sup>th</sup>  
and U14 Boys 5<sup>th</sup>.

# The Great Marlborough Bake Off



**Are you a Star Baker?**

**Design and make 6 identical decorated cupcakes of your choice.**

Hand in your designs to Mrs Cuell on A4 paper on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

They will be judged and 6 people from each year will be asked to cook them after school over the following weeks.

There will be one winner from each year who will compete against each other in the Bake Off Final.

House points and Prizes to be won!

**Get Baking!**



## Internet Safety and Awareness



More useful tips for parents and carers on social media [here](#)

## Staying Safe Online

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

**Starting to apply for jobs, college or university?**

**[Online reputation](#) – taking care of your digital footprint, advice for young people**

### Revision Tips

As Year 11 and Post 16 students are now working towards their final exams here are some more useful revision and exam tips.

#### Look after yourself

Eat well, exercise, get enough sleep and leave time for activities that help you relax



#### Read the exam paper carefully

Read the questions slowly and carefully. This ensures that you see the question that is there, not one you might have been expecting on the paper.

#### Revision aids

Use diagrams, colour, bullet points, numbering and key words to make your notes clear, accessible and more motivating to revise from.



#### Put your phone away

This should be an obvious one, but for many it isn't. Phones can be distracting; they are linked to fomo (fear of missing out), and evidence shows that students who spend more time texting and using social media get lower grades. In another fascinating study, researchers found that the mere sight of a phone was enough to reduce a person's ability to focus. The implication couldn't be clearer: out of sight really is out of mind.

**GCSE Level revision site—**<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>

**A Level revision site—**<https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision>

(these are not endorsed by Marlborough)

### Feelgood Friday

All years are welcome to the LRC Friday lunchtimes for some mindfulness colouring, relaxing music and general information on how to look after yourselves at this particularly stressful time. You can sample some refreshing herbal teas and alternative healthy snacks.



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# STUDENT FINANCE PARENTS' EVENING

**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL**  
**19:30 - 21:00**

de Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire AL10 9EU

We appreciate that student finance is an area that parents may find challenging. We have joined forces with our finance team to deliver this free informative briefing over cheese and wine.

**The event will cover:**

- The student finance application process
- What funding is available?
- Budgeting advice and tips

Admission: **FREE**

Contact: Education Liaison Team  
[educationliaison@herts.ac.uk](mailto:educationliaison@herts.ac.uk) or 01707 284947

To book your place, go to:  
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## Rocket to the Future

Have you looked into the apprenticeships available to Year 11, 12 and 13 leavers?

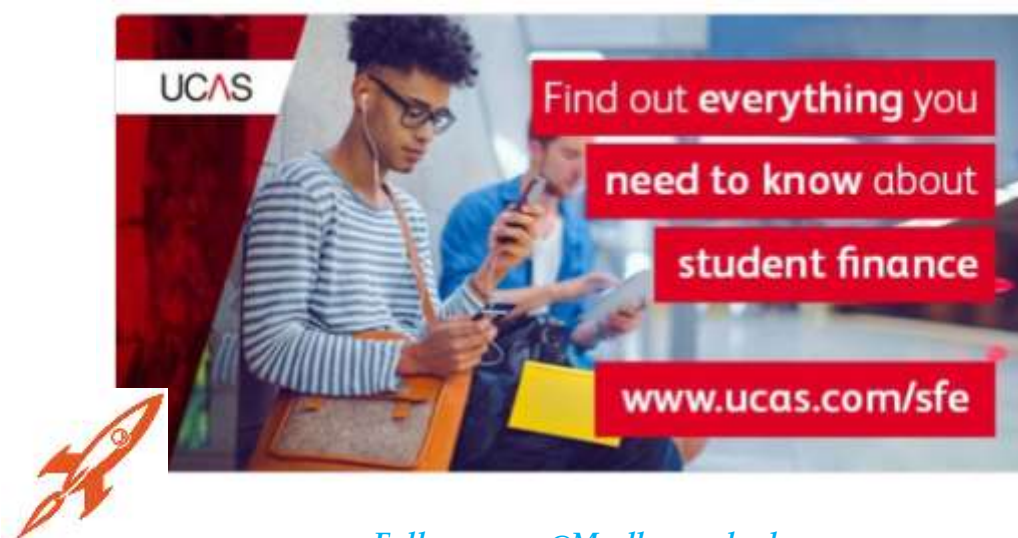
There are some amazing career opportunities in various fields of business offering entry level apprenticeships, higher level and degree level apprenticeships.

**INVESTMENT** 20/20  
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If your interested in a career in finance, business or investment management follow [@Investment\\_2020](#) on twitter where there are regularly opportunities posted from some of the big financial institutions like Rothschild, M&G and Aviva.

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Don't forget to support your local team. St Albans City FC have generously given free tickets to U16 Marlborough students. If you would like to make use of this offer please print off and take the voucher to the match.







## OPEN CASTING CALL!

Modest! Management, the team behind acts such as One Direction, Little Mix, JLS, and 5 Seconds of Summer are holding open auditions for singers OR songwriters to be part of an exciting new project launching in 2018. We are seeking males and females aged between 14-18.

**WHAT TO DO NEXT:**

Simply film a video of yourself\* singing and upload it to YouTube.  
Snap a selfie (headshot) and email it along with a link to your video to:

**talent@modestmanagement.com**  
(Include your full name and D.O.B and contact info)

\*If you are solely a songwriter, please feel free to send audio only.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES  
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### New Sixth Form build



Please click on our Sixth Form Build [link](#) to see our regularly updated photo gallery of the progress of the new build.

### Post 16 students—are you looking for summer work?



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## Venue Hire

**Did you know that Marlborough has several venues available to hire at evenings and weekends.**

### Pascal Hall

This is our second function hall and can seat up to 200 people. It has a small stage, polished wooden flooring and adjoins the canteen which can seat over 100 people. This venue is particularly well liked for events that benefit from having separate but linked areas such as weddings. Ideal space for children's parties with entertainment.

This hall also has a motorised projector screen, digital projector and sound system for presentations. There is more availability for Sunday mornings and during school holidays.

### Dance / Drama Studio

Our recently refurbished Marlborough Suite is a drama / dance studio with a dance floor area measuring 5.5m x 9m. One wall is fully mirrored (but can be covered with the black curtain) and fitted with a wooden ballet barre making it ideal for dance and fitness classes, including Yoga and Pilates, as well as small Performing Art groups and small baby or toddler classes.

This fantastic space is also fitted with a 50" LED TV with VGA/HDMI connectivity. The room boasts a sound system and LED stage lighting rig with simple control desk.

There is more availability for Sunday mornings and during school holidays.



For further details, including prices, and to find out what discounts are available for local community groups wishing to hire our facilities, please [contact](#) Mrs Warren on **01727 731388**, or email [s.warren@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.warren@marlborough.herts.sch.uk)

# SUSTAINABLE STALBANS WEEK

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## Saturday 21st April LAUNCH EVENT

Rothamsted Research, Harpenden AL5 2JQ

1.30pm - 7pm (followed by reception)

### *Our Planet – Our Future* *Inspiring Action*



Get inspired, get involved during an afternoon of short talks in three acts, from seriously sustainable speakers, with Ver Poets.



**Act 1:** The power of the pound. Learning with nature. Homes for the future.



**Act 2:** Money matters. Investing in solutions. The art of the matter. Water! Saving the planet one month at a time.



**Act 3:** How many? Edible insects. Low carbon woman. Active travel. Inspiring action – you can!

Tickets include an evening reception:

- meet the speakers
- continue the discussion
- enjoy local produce.

Tickets £15. Concessions available.

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**Sunday 6th May  
12pm - 4.00pm**

Watford FC CSE Trust are working with Herts Disability Sports Hub, London Titans and Aspire PFC to offer 8 years+ the opportunity to try out different sports including:

**Wheelchair Basketball      Wheelchair Athletics      Wheelchair Football**  
**Archery                      Easyrider Cycling**

If you would like to attend please follow the link:  
<https://www.watfordfccsetrust.com/courses>

If you would like further information please contact Karen Stephanou,  
Disability Football Development Manager on  
[karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com](mailto:karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com) or call **07841028229**.



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## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2018

**Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th March (school ends at 3.10pm)**

**Thursday 29th 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 5th September to Friday 21st December 2018**

*Half Term Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018*

### Spring Term 2019

**Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April 2019**

*Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019*

**Friday 15th February—Inset Day**

### Summer Term 2019

**Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July 2019**

*Half Term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019*



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