



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a splendid start to the academic year we have had! Students look resplendent in their uniforms and have settled really quickly into their learning and enrichment, our awards ceremony was a great success and when our guest speaker, Jordan Beecher, gave his address you could hear a pin drop in the Abbey. Thank you too to all the students who helped at our Open Evening, the school was jam packed with parents and Year 6s visiting us to see what we are about, the atmosphere was electric and as always I was just so proud of everyone!

New staff have all settled in and have been most complimentary about our school and ethos, our focus too for this year is creative teaching and already there have been some outstanding learning experiences taking place that the students are responding most positively to.

Sadly we bid farewell to Mrs Clegg who has been a most loyal and fabulous colleague over the years. Mrs Clegg has been instrumental in improving our social media presence and has worked hard too in making our newsletter packed with relevant and exciting information. The school will miss her for so many reasons as she could turn her hand to everything, I will miss her for being a fantastic colleague and parent as well as a most supportive and loyal member of our school. We wish her lots of luck for an exciting, happy and healthy future.

Here's to a great term, can't believe we're nearly into October, as always time has whizzed by! I look forward to seeing you all, over the year at various school functions.

Best wishes

Ms Thomson



On Site safety

Please can I remind all parents/carers that there is no student collection on the school site between 14.50pm and 15.30pm each day and please make arrangements to collect your child from a safe area away from school.

Some parents/carers have decided to take it upon themselves to park in either our neighbours' driveways, on the verge in Watling Street and also block the entrance to the new development next to the school. All of these are unacceptable and put your child and other children's safety at risk and so you could please therefore make appropriate arrangements to collect your child without compromising yours and their safety.

Thank you

Chris Paice

Estates and H&S

**Year 7 & 8 parents are invited to our Macmillan coffee morning on
Friday 28th September in the LRC from 9.30am – 10.45am**



Year 7 Anti Bullying Poster Competition

Thank you to all the students in Year 7 that entered the poster competition following an anti bullying workshop that they all attended during their very first week here at Marlborough . It wasn't easy to judge as I had many fantastic entries!

The winners are:

Tegan Ridolfi 7AD 1st place awarded 10 house points

Sayidah Shelley 7TR 2nd place award 5 house points

And a joint effort from **Annabel Blackford 7CG** and **Edie Austwick 7AD** awarded 3 house points each.

Well done to everybody.

Mrs Aylward



M Festival



Another great day on the school field with our ninth M Festival at the end of last term. Another record crowd of over 3,000 enjoyed live music across two outdoor stages in the sun and helped raise over £21,000 for the school. Some of these funds are going towards a suite of Mac computers in the new Sixth form centre and also other little extras for our new building for all our students to enjoy.

On the day itself many bands and singers from school performed superbly with special mention to the band **Blue Hour** and singer **Noa Kusman** for taking to the main stage after winning through from Battle of the Bands. It has been great to see **Blue Hour** and **Kick Pistol** kick on and play The Horn since featuring at the Festival. Professional acts like **Hope**, **San Blas**, **Phoenix O'Neill**, **Glitterbomb**, **Six go Mad**, **The Shambles**, **D-Day**, **Alexis Kings** and **Soulfish** all performed brilliantly across the day.

A short video of this year's event can be seen here: <https://themfestival.co.uk/>

We would like to thank everyone in the M Festival team who worked so hard over the year to put on the festival. It simply wouldn't happen without their amazing support. We also want to thank anyone who volunteered to help out over the weekend including staff from almost every area of the school, parents (and ex parents) and many students who all contributed to making the event such a success.

We have had some 4 or 5 new parents join the M Festival team which is great news but we are always looking out for more to help out. Please email info@themfestival.co.uk if you are interested in joining us. The team are already working on next year's tenth anniversary festival which will be on **Saturday July 6th** - with tickets going on sale on February 1st.



On Wednesday 26th September Teaching Personnel, organisers of the National Teaching Assistant Awards will be coming to Marlborough to present our Assistant Teachers with certificates due to the high quality of the nominations they received as part of the National Teaching Assistants competition. Congratulations to Mrs Platt, Mrs Islam, Miss Ahmed, Miss Freeman, Ms Day and Mrs Skeggs and thanks also to Mrs Lee-Ireland who as a new member of staff has recently joined us.

Please click [here](#) to go to our SEND provision page

PE News

Year 7 Fun Run

An incredible 54 Year 7 students took part in the St Albans Schools Year 7 Fun Run on Tuesday 11th September at Sandringham School. Apart from the host school, Marlborough provided the most competitors for what is the first competition that students partake in at secondary school. Everybody performed really well and the sportsmanship of our students was a credit to the school. I look forward to seeing many of these students continue their journey in school sport in years to come.

Mr Packard



Student Achievements

Well done Rhianna! Before the summer break **Rhianna Patel Year 9** had to write a CV to obtain a sports sponsorship. Thanks to Mr Thievamanoharan for helping her write this as she has now received sponsorship from Ki Martial Arts and Tusah Europe. She received a dobok uniform and equipment with her name and sponsors, she will need lots of likes on their website and facebook page for her to continuing getting additional support.



Scottish Taekwondo Tournament

Rhianna and **Nikhil Year 8** attended the Scottish Taekwondo tournament on the 2nd September in Motherwell Scotland. Rhianna met her sponsors who were pleased to see that she was dedicated towards her fighting in Taekwondo tournaments.

After a very long wait she fought her opponent and lost by 1 point and got bronze.

Nikhil also had a very long wait and he went through a tough match and lost, he too received a bronze. They are both in the cadet level and have to work harder and this means 6 weeks of tournaments coming up before they get to the British National Championship in Sheffield. Last weekend after another early start they travelled to Barnsley for Ultimate Taekwondo Championship. After an 8 and a half hour of waiting Rhianna fought in the semi finals. She fought amazingly through three rounds and it was level to 18:18 point, which meant it had to go through another round [Golden round] first fighter to score 2 points wins and Rhianna got through to the finals.

After another long wait, the final was fantastic! She worked her way through 3 rounds and won 19:13. These next few weeks will be the most challenging time for both of them before the big tournament The British Nationals.





What an exciting summer **Max Pearson Year 8** had. He went to St Louis in Missouri this summer to play roller hockey for the UK in the roller hockey world championships 'Statewars'. The UK team was selected from across the UK and they meet once a month in Sheffield, for intensive training, so they had a tough job against teams who were playing with each other every week.

It was extremely intense. Some days they would have games at 7am, which meant being there for 6am, then there would be a competition/photos in the middle of the day and another match in the evening. They would play for 2 days, then the play off's on the 3rd, which would determine if they got to the finals. Max played for 2 UK teams, so was playing for 8 days! The 2004 team where he 'played up' (which means playing with kids older) came 6th and the 2005 team who did really well, but didn't get through the play off's.

Max is now playing for Eastbourne Roller Hockey team and Milton Keynes Storm Ice Hockey team.



Well done to **Elsa Leech Year 8** who ran the 10k St Albans Race for Life in July in 64 minutes and raised £340 for Cancer Research UK.

BEAUTY AND FASHION SHOW

FUNDRAISING AND RAISING AWARENESS
FOR TEENAGE CANCER TRUST IN FOND
MEMORY OF ELLIE BREWER

WHEN: SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER
DOORS OPEN 5.45PM FOR 6.15PM START

WHERE: THE MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE
ACADEMY, WATLING STREET, ST ALBANS, AL1
2QA

ENTRY: £5 INCLUDES A GLASS OF PROSECCO
OR SOFT DRINK AND CATWALK SHOW

WHAT'S ON:

CATWALK, MAKE UP DEMONSTRATIONS, MINI
FACIALS, MINI GEL NAILS, STELLA AND DOT
JEWELLERY, BESPOKE WINE GLASSES,
SKINCARE PRODUCTS, CAKES, RAFFLE, SILENT
AUCTION AND LOTS MORE.

More details from Vicki Paice 07487 699755



Restore the education budget so that all schools are funded fairly

Fair Funding For All Schools is a non-party-political network of parents from schools all over England, that want the government to listen to our concerns about the funding situation facing state schools across the country.

Since starting the campaign in December 2016, the national campaign has built a network of over 55 local campaign groups the length and breadth of the country and have over 50k supporters. The branch in St Albans was started in the autumn of 2017.

What do we want?

We are calling on Anne Main, MP to ask the government to: -

- Reverse cuts to school budgets that have taken place since 2015
- Protect per pupil funding in real terms over the lifetime of this parliament
- Provide the additional funding needed to implement a school funding formula that increases funding for schools in comparatively poorly funded areas of England without cutting funding per pupil for schools in any other part of the country, so that no school loses out.

School budgets are at breaking point. This is placing school leaders, teachers and support staff under significant stress and pressure. It is putting standards at risk and affecting the education and learning experiences of our children.

Please sign this [petition](#) so we can show Anne Main how many of her constituents are concerned by the funding crisis in our schools today.

Working in partnership STAGS, St Albans Plus and DSPL7 would like to invite parents and professionals to.....



The Wellbeing Village

Thursday 18th October 2018 – 2.30pm – 7pm

St Albans Girls' School

A village of professionals dedicated to providing external support to children and families in need of wellbeing/mental health support. Come and talk to the professionals and/or sign up for a specific talk/workshop, led by accredited professionals in the field of mental health and wellbeing.

Step 2, St Albans Plus, Families First, The Ollie Foundation, The Wellbeing Team, Eating Disorders Team, St Albans LGBT, School Health/nursing, YCHerts, Youthtalk, Police, SEN Team, Missing People, ADD-Vance, Mind, Herts Young Homeless, SARC, Educational Psychology, ESMA, Families Feeling Safe, How to Thrive, Families in Focus, and many more...

Please do come along at any time and talk to professionals in the village or to book onto the talks/workshops below please e-mail Sally Molloy at sjm@stags.herts.sch.uk. Workshops/talks will run at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm and run for 45 minutes. Access to the village and all workshops/talks are free of cost. Refreshments will be available to purchase from our Restaurant.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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| WORKSHOPS/TALKS | Dads and Teens | Spot the Signs (Suicide prevention/ awareness) | Risk taking behaviour in Young people - how to spot the signs | Autism and Mental Health |
| | Eating Disorders | The Ollie Foundation | Building Resilience in Young People | Bereavement- Supporting families |
| | Transgender young people | My LGBTQ+ Teen | Strategies to support young people with ADHD | Low Mood in Young People |
| | | Anxiety in Young People | Managing Self Harm | |
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Term Dates

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*

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



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