



Prize Giving at the Abbey

September 2019

Friday the 13th of September saw The Marlborough Science Academy return to St Albans Cathedral for their 6th 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.

We were particularly proud to welcome David Gryn. Hearing David's passion for the arts and his commitment to seeing young people unleash their creative talents was a remarkable highlight of the event.



Treading Water for Mental Health

On Wednesday 17th July 2019, The Marlborough Science Academy held a house competition where the students would raise awareness for mental health through sport.

Here at Marlborough we believe that mental health is extremely important and should be spoken about more. Mental health is part of every individual's life, and as a school, we believe in keeping everyone's mental health positive.

To promote mental health we used 'Treading Water' to symbolise how in life sometimes you can feel like you are just treading water and floating through the days.

There were about six members in each house. The idea was to see which house could tread in water the longest. When the first person eventually got tired, the next person would get into the pool and swap. This was continuous until the whole team had a go.

The results were that Neptune came in 3rd place, Saturn and Mars were joint 2nd place and therefore the winner overall was Mercury. The student who stood out to us the most was Scarlett in Year 7. She trod water so effortlessly and really bagged a win for the team, staying in the pool for almost 30 minutes.

Well done to all students who competed!

Tai Stojanovic 10PA

Thank you to all 27 students who worked outstandingly together and fully supported one another when things got tough and they felt like they were getting nowhere, just wading through treacle. Life can be very unfair at times but knowing the Marlborough community are there to support each other in times of need is fantastic! Well done to each and every student who took part and to the PE Faculty for helping to ensure that things ran smoothly!

Mrs Aylward

Nikhil Patel 8RY

Josh Twining- 10LT

Ryan Voisey- 9LO

Tom Dimbylow-8LM

Anna Visegradi- 9DD

Rosie Vass-8RY

Elsa Leech- 8LM

Nathan Thoree- 9DD

Scarlett Watson- 7AT

Owen Dorrington – 7AT

Lui Page – 7AT

Gunther Huisamen-10RT

Gracie Gibbins- 8RY

Thomas Stewart- 10RT

Evie Devereux-8BA

Rosie Hatherley- 10KS

Olivia Stevenson -10 KS

Harvey Matthewson- 9NS

Serena Chikhliya-10RT

Rhianna Berryman -10RT

Nian Strydom- 7TR

Miles Punter-8LM

Rhianna Patel- 9JI

Tai Stojanovic- 10PA

Josh De Goede- 7TR

Amelie Hallam-10LT

Alex Noon-10 DG



Student Achievement



Congratulations to Josie Greenwood 7ZK who gained her Black Belt in Karate on Sunday 14th July. This is a fantastic achievement, especially with the study and practice involved whilst also sitting her end of year exams at school.

School Parliament

Yesterday's 'Ice Bucket Challenge' raised a fabulous £102.04 for our chosen two charities: Cancer Research UK and Guide Dogs UK.

Many congratulations to Mars house who not only had the heaviest bucket and saw the lovely Miss Shaw getting soaked, but Mars house also raised more money than all the other houses put together.

This year our School Parliament set themselves a huge target of £2,500 and with this Friday's non-school uniform day set to raise even more they are well on their way to hitting this.

On behalf of School Parliament can I thank everybody who has contributed to events over the last year.

Ms Redfern



Sports Day



Well done to Saturn House who won this year's Sports Day. It was a fantastic occasion and it was great to see students and staff supporting each other and cheering their house on. Thank you to Mr Vivian and the PE Faculty for organising such a good event.



The Mo Shone at The Shine School Media Awards

The school magazine, *The Mo*, that is written by the students for the students has been recognised and celebrated by The Shine School Media Awards. Earlier this year *The Mo* went head to head with school publications from across the country and was nominated for: Best Photo for a print by Lucy Unwin; Best Feature Piece for an article written by Ross Andrews on micronations; Most Inspirational Teacher and for Ross Andrews as Student of the Year for his work on the magazine over the last two years.



At the start of July four of the editorial team, accompanied by Ms Redfern, were invited to the award ceremony at Stationers' Hall in London (home to The Stationers' Company a 600-year-old livery for communication and content industries) where we were awarded:

Highly Commended for Best Photograph

Highly Commended for Best Feature

Joint winner for The Harrison Cup for Student of the Year



Ross Andrews 13SL

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to *The Mo* this year – it is a truly outstanding publication. If you have missed any of our editions they can be found on the school website under our news section.

<https://www.themarlboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=4#>

If you want to be involved in future publications our team will be working on the first 2019/20 edition in the new academic year. Just catch one of our current writers or see Ms Redfern who will answer all of your questions.



Lucy Unwin 12NG receiving her award

photo by Jake Brandford of Richard Chapman Studio



Lucy's photograph

County Athletics Day

On Saturday 8th June the annual county athletics championships were held at a wet and windy Jarman Park. We had 7 students who had run/thrown or jumped qualifying times/distances in advance of the day and they gave it everything in their performances and can be proud of their achievements.

The highlights of the day came from Oliver Reed (yr7) who won the 200m in a time of 27.6sec and Lauren Caldwell who agonisingly finished 2nd in the shot putt beaten only on the last throw of the competition by a rival. Other notable results came from Oliver Reed again who finished 5th in the 100m, Rosie Vass (yr8) who finished 5th in the discus and Shion Evans (yr8) who finished 9th in the 100m and 200m. Special mentions should also go to Tia Lorraine (yr8), Sofia

Viera(yr8) and Charlotte Forster (yr8) who also did well.



Hertfordshire Schools
Athletics Association



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Lucy Watts 8JN who has been chosen to represent the UK at the European Scout Jamboree in Polaand this summer. You can see the Herts Advertiser article [here](#)



Well done to Thomas Jobson 10JJ who recently won the Game Stars cookery competition. Tom created an original dish of pan fried duck in red wine with poached pear and pureed celeriac to beat more than 80 students nationally. You can see a report on the Herts Advertiser website [here](#)

Congratulations also go to Ruth Mitchell-Fox who received a certificate of commendation from Cambridge University for her entry in to the Classics and Ancient World Essay Competition. Ruth was given very positive feedback on her essay and invited to meet with the Director of Studies in Classics at Fitzwilliam College to discuss admissions.



Insight into Industry

On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July all Year 9 students took part in our annual Insight into Industry conference. This is an opportunity for students to experience first-hand a variety of potential occupations and develop employability skills. This year included visitors from Deloitte, the NHS, AECOM, The Army, Hertfordshire Police, The University of Hertfordshire and some small businesses. The students had a lot of fun and appreciated the time to consider future careers and job ideas.

Mrs Rutherford



'I have really enjoyed the 'Insight into Industry' days and learning about different careers. My favourite was the NHS because I got to hear about the lady's experiences in a mental hospital.' - **Maddie Prince - 9JI**

'Over the last two days, I have enjoyed looking at different job opportunities because it made me realise my strengths and weaknesses.' - **Nikita Rach 9JI**



'These past two days have been a great experience to explore different fields of jobs.

They have all been fun, informative and interesting. They tested our teamwork ability and how well we can communicate with each other.' -

Tom Brasington 9JI

'Over the past few days, I have learnt all about how companies work. My favourite was the Hertfordshire Police because they were very interesting and informative. I now feel more positively about the direction of my future.' - **Matt Newland 9JI**



Comedy Aces Day

Morecambe and Wise. Monty Python. French and Saunders. Little Britain. Mr Bean. These names, shows and groups have had us laughing for years. Other than being fantastic performers, these men and women are incredible writers. All comedy begins with a blank page; a scribbled idea that through a process of drafting and re-drafting is honed into a finessed script – only then can it be performed.

On Monday 15th July Year 7 students joined myself and Mr Nash to learn the fundamentals of comedy: how to get laughs; how to find the funny. The morning involved watching an array of sketches, dissecting them to consider how the humour was created. In the afternoon students broke into groups and worked on their sketches, using the legendary ones as inspiration. Gabby Quist, a Year 7 student who participated in the workshop, said: 'We learnt many different comedy techniques which allowed us to make our own scenes.'

By the end of the day students performed their own sketches, which included a parody of a Nobel Peace Prize ceremony; Kim Kardashian in Primark; an unlikely candidate for President; a ballet teacher with a difference; and a news report interrupted by a water pistol. Jez Berry-Potts, another participant, said: 'Throughout the workshop we learnt there are many types of sketch comedy. This allowed us to make our sketches unique.'

Thank you to Mr Nash for his support, and all the students for bringing so much laughter and enthusiasm to the day.



Killigrew Students Making Magic at Marlborough

29 Year 6 students from Killigrew School visited the Science and Technology Faculties on Friday 12th July to take part in a little bit of magic. Students witnessed controlled fire explosions, experimented with chemical reactions and had a go at mixing their own chemistry based spells. A morning of magic would not have been complete without some time spent making their own wands. In true Hogwarts style the wands chose the students before the young magicians spent time decorating and personalising them.



The primary wizards were ably assisted by Mr Hogan and Mr Robertson along with some of our own primary ambassadors.

"It was amazing! I want to come back to school on Monday."

"This school is crazy and I can't wait to come back in September."

"I learnt so much – I'm really pleased I came."



P E News

Tennis

Our tennis teams have been incredibly busy this term in various competitions.

U13 team tennis – The team made up of Mack Dawson 8LL, Josh Kliener-Mann 7ZK, Nathan Kliener-Mann 7ZK and Finn O'Regan 7EF had a mixed season with narrow losses to Roundwood Park, St Albans School and Aldwickbury Park before a superb win away to Parmiters. The team made up mostly of year 7 students is showing a great deal of promise for next year.



U15 team tennis – The team of Sean Neveling 9LO, Matt Sands 9JI, Dominic Hipkin 9DD and Jamie Simmons 9SF played some incredibly good matches with crushing wins against St Cement Danes and Sir John Lawes. A tough defeat against Sandringham denied them a place on finals day however, the whole team will be eligible to play again next year where a chance to play on finals day is a real possibility.

District tennis – our u13 and u15 boys played really well in there league matches which were hugely enjoyable. A huge congratulations should go to all who took part which included Raffi Roberts 10KS, Kyle Allaway 10PA, Alex Noon 10DG, Jamie Simmons 9SF, Louis Hassell 9LO, Nikhil Patel 8RY, James Rumsey 8LL and Jason Brewer 8HF. The tennis was always played in the right spirit with a high level of competition.

Football – County selection

Huge congratulations should go to Billy Mardell-Smith 8LM, Charlotte Forster 8LL and Cain Keller 10LT who have all been selected for their respective age group county football teams for next season. All three had to attend several trials with hundreds of other hopefuls from schools across the county vying to make the 21 player squads. We all wish them the best for the forthcoming football season and know they will represent the school well.



Environmental News

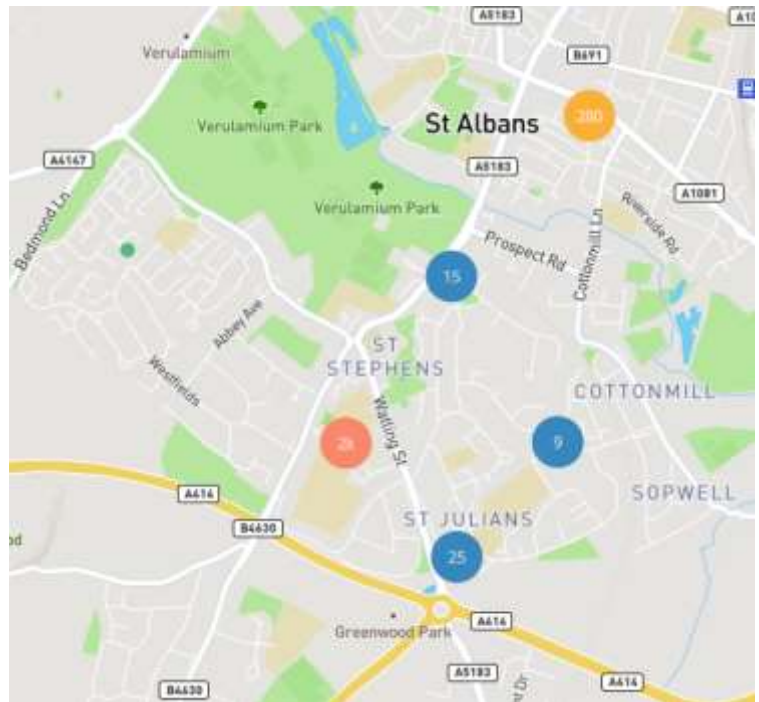
Lucy Hamm, Maha Brennan, Molly Gleeson and Keira Leece Blacket (Year 8) and Alice Ling and Isaac Woolard (Year 7) are currently working with St Albans City Council to produce a film to promote sustainability. The joint project aims to produce a three minute video which the council can use on their website and other local social media platforms to show the issues which can come from littering on a small or large scale.

The Geography department launched the use of the Litterati app in April with our KS3 students and since then we have collected over 2,000 pieces of rubbish on the school site. Students are also using this app outside of school. The app is global but when you zoom into the local area, we really stand out as a hotspot.



Litterati

Jolie Paveley 7ZK - *'Litterati is an app that shows you how much litter you have picked up and where it was. It also shows you what you picked up like plastic or paper. I think this is good because you can see how polluted our country is and you can help save it. You can also compete with your friends! This will help share awareness.'*



Thomas Paveley 7ZK - *'Litterati is a fun and enjoyable app that can help sea-life and rescue our unloved oceans as you discover and explore litter around you in the outside world. You can do this with your friends where you live and in general public areas. You can compete with other people which makes it more enjoyable.'*

The app is available for Android and IOS if you would like to join us in cleaning up your local environment.

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District Athletics Day

The PE department took 65 students to the District athletics day held at Woodside track in Watford on Thursday 13th June. The weather was terrible with almost non stop rain but it didn't dampen the spirits or effect the performances of the students who helped guide Marlborough to their best ever day at the championships. Although we are yet to receive the full results for the overall teams there were numerous medal winners across the year groups which in no particular order included;



Lauren Caldwell – Gold - Year 7 Shot Put and Hurdles

Gabby Quist - Bronze - Year 7 100m

Oliver Reed - Gold - Year 7 200m

Luca Lepley - Bronze - Year 7 800m

Rosie Vass -Gold - Year 8 Discus

Shion Evans - Bronze -Year 8 100m

Ben Hudnott - Bronze - Year 9 Javelin

Tarek El Bzioui - Bronze - Year 9 Relay

Jack Flitton-Weinstein - Bronze -Year 9 Relay

Harry Doyle – Silver - Year 9 200m, Bronze Year 9 Relay

Jasper James – Silver - Year 9 100m , Bronze Year 9 Relay

Lydia Edwards – Gold - Year 10 300m

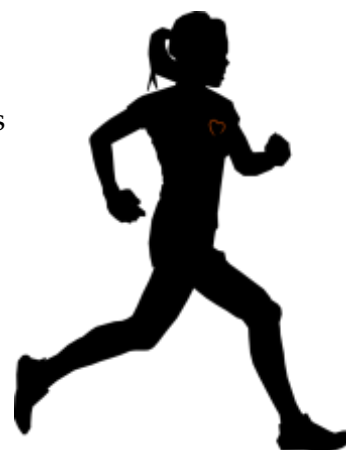


David Agbeni – Silver - Year 10 High Jump

Tyler Cadiou-McCarthy - Silver - Year 10 Javelin

Lily Smith – Gold - Year 10 Discus

The team as a whole performed magnificently with our students qualifying for the finals in the majority of sprint races and relays. Well done to everyone who took part.



Food Technology ACES days

On Friday 7th June and Monday 10th June the Food Technology department held their annual ACES days . Thirty four students altogether took part across the two days. Year 7 and 8 developed their skills working with fondant and decorating techniques for cupcakes. They also made an enriched bread product; Pesto Star Bread. The year 9 and 10 students made a Star Bread too, but they also made a highly



skilled Jaconde sponge filled with chocolate mousse and topped with ganache and chocolate shapes. What a fantastic two days we had in the food room and what a bunch of highly talented students we have. Well done all of you! I was so impressed with every single student . We had amazing results... watch out Great British Bake Off you will certainly have competition in the future!



"This is the second year I have taken part in the Food Aces day and I have really enjoyed it. This year we made pesto star bread and decorated cupcakes. I learnt a lot of new skills like using fondant, shaping bread into a star and how to make chocolate shapes. My favourite part of the day was decorating the cupcakes. I learnt how to create animals. I was really happy with my end products, especially the lion and the dog. I found making the dough for the star bread quite hard because it was really sticky and really hard to knead, but I did it ! Overall, I really enjoyed the day because I got the chance to make things we don't normally make in class and I got the chance to bake with some of my friends." **Caitlyn Hardy 8RY**

"I recently took part in the Year 7/8 Food Technology Aces day. I can honestly say, without hesitation, that it was brilliant! I had a great time and really enjoyed what we made which was Pesto and Cheese Star Bread and Animal Cupcakes (the animal faces were made out of fondant). I learnt some great techniques and learnt not only new skills but made new friends as well! "

Matilda Burtenshaw 8LE





"I really enjoyed the Food Tech ACES day as I learnt new skills and I thought the effect of the sponge was really good. My parents really enjoyed the food and thought that it looked really good."

Thomas Jobson 10JJ

"This year in the Food ACES day we made starbread and a chocolate jaconde sponge . We spent the day using a wide variety of skills such as dough making, making a striped sponge , mocha mousse and chocolate decorations. It was a very enjoyable day because I was able to make dishes and use skills that I wouldn't necessarily get to do in class."

Lilly Smith 10KS



Student Achievement

Well done to Harry Turner who has been secured a place at Urdang Academy, Islington. Urdang is an independent performing arts academy providing specialist vocational training in dance and musical theatre. Harry is also performing in his fifth local production this month.



D-Day Remembered

In the lead up to the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the History department have been helping students in years 8,9 and 10 to find out more about the event.

They were lucky enough to view a first hand account from a relative of one of their teachers. Miss Garrett's Great Uncle, Vic Garrett was in the Royal Navy and was involved in delivering tanks and troops to Gold Beach during the landings.



"In year 8 we have been studying D-day. As I am sure you are aware the 75th Anniversary of the landings in Normandy was on Thursday 7th June.

In History, all classes have spent two lessons learning about this historic event. The first lesson we spent watching snippets of films to find the answers to questions which we were set.

In the second lesson we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to see a video of Miss Garrett's

Great Uncle, Vic Garrett, who shared his experience of being in the Navy during World War II with us. It was a very emotional video because of the way he described his experience; it was a very clear description. Vic was 14 when he was evacuated from his home in East London.

We also all had the opportunity to write him a letter."

Matilda Burtenshaw—8LE



Click [here](#) to see some of the letters on our website.

Goodbye Blighty and Bonjour Disneyland Paris.

During the May half term 68 Year 8 students embarked on an amazing trip to France. "After waving goodbye to the white cliffs of Dover we were eager to get on to French soil and start our adventure. The first stop was at the Canadian memorial, Vimy Ridge, where the names of more than 11,000 Canadian soldiers who had fallen in WW1 were engraved in to stone. The monument is a beautiful tribute to the soldiers and a way of remembering the sacrifices they made in war. Walking around the memorial there was



a tranquillity that allowed us all to pay our own respects,

especially as we looked out on a landscape that had been transformed with the explosion of shells and trench warfare.

Our second day in France saw us help celebrate Astérix's 30th birthday with a day in Parc Astérix. The historic comic-based theme park was filled with unique and animated characters who ensured that even as you made your way from one ride to another you were entertained and your imagination captured. There really was something for everyone, with many thrilling rides and activities for the daredevils and some relaxing rides for those who don't enjoy the

adrenaline rush. We all agreed that 'Gaulois-Romains: Le Match', a comedic and acrobatic gladiator show, was strangely amazing. It didn't matter that we weren't fluent in French, the comedy and routines had us all (teachers included) clapping and cheering.



The trip was organised so that we had a mixture of activities, and our third day was spent exploring Château de Fontainebleau. The architecture dates back to the 1500s and the ornately decorated interior was a breath-taking example of French aristocratic history. The Château is a maze of rooms each and every one beautiful in their own way. The rest of the day was spent in the quaint medieval town of Provins. This rural town is home to live jousting, roses and is a walled city.



For many of the students, the highlight of the trip had to be Disneyland. Everybody was extremely excited about the day, particularly Mr Pollecutt who came down to breakfast fully



dressed as Snow-White (much to the amusement of everybody in his group!). The journey to Disney was certainly themed, with Disney songs being sung by each and every one of us. The anticipation was extreme and it wasn't long before we were able to experience the magic of Disney. At the end of the day we were treated to a delicious meal at Planet Hollywood where the restaurant was alive with chatter and stories about our day. To be honest, we didn't think it could get any better... until we were taken back to the park for the Disney illuminations. We would be lying if we said that we weren't all watching, eyes agog, at the fireworks and light spectacle. It was truly amazing.

As we headed back to Calais we stopped at a chocolaterie where we learnt about how chocolate is produced. We learnt how the tree flowers, the pods are harvested, the creation of cocoa and then how chocolate is made! At this point our mouths were watering, so finishing our trip in a chocolate shop was deliciously planned!

We'd like to thank all of the staff, particularly Mr Henshall, who organised such a fantastic and memorable trip."

By Ishika Kumar 8BA and Sabah Toorabally 8LB

Feel Good Friday!

On Friday 24th May Student Parliament held a pampering session in the LRC at lunchtime to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Guide Dogs UK.



There were healthy refreshments, nail painting, hair braiding, glitter tattoos a raffle and much more.

A minimum donation of £1 per treatment was suggested and the event proved really popular raising a fantastic total of £154 in just 30 minutes to support this year's chosen charities.



There were two hampers raffled which were won by Leah Wakeling 8LB and Miss Shaw.

A big thank you to all the students and staff who supported the event.



Maths Tuition

Miss Smith and Mrs Afford have set up a team of year 10 maths tutors who are working with year 8 students during form time twice a week. They are working on basic numeracy, algebra and shape skills as well as developing their confidence with exam style questions.

Both the year 8 and 10 students have benefitted from the tutoring, and they have worked hard to practice their key skills.

We have also used sixth form students to support year 11 students



on the lead up to their GCSEs, working alongside them on exam style questions.

Navil Ahmad – tutor: James Bennett

“The year tens are helping me with my algebra and it’s nice to have someone who is not a teacher to help me. The work is challenging enough to help me learn”

Laura Napier – tutor: Anna Verdier

“The maths tutoring has been helping me a lot in maths and I really enjoy it because I learn new things every day when I come in”.

Ellie-Mae Dunleavy – tutor: Alyssia Bullock

“I enjoy tutoring because I learn a lot and I have improved working questions out. I have been able to answer more questions in class because of the help from Alyssia in the tutoring sessions”.

Stefan Jenkins – tutor: Ben Goldsmith

“I have enjoyed doing the maths because my tutor is helping me a lot and he is really funny and makes the sessions go fast because they are fun”

Ahmad Mohammed – tutor: Daniel Agbeni

“I find tutoring nice because it helps me with my maths and hopefully will help me to pass my GCSE. My tutor is called Daniel and I really like him because he is kind to me and very smart!”.



Goodbye Year 11

The GCSE exams are now well underway. To give the year 11 students a boost before the exams started, Miss Smith arranged for teachers and support staff to write "good luck" messages to students. All students received an envelope of letters from their teachers/members of staff, wishing them the best of luck for their GCSEs.

Thank you to staff for taking the time to write their messages of support, and best of luck to all of year 11 in their GCSEs!



Some of our Year 11 students on their last day in school.



Children's Book Award Discussion Morning

On Monday 13th May we were delighted to host a discussion morning for this year's Children's Book Award. The award which is organised by the Federation of Children's Book Groups is the only award voted for entirely by children.



Our students were joined by fellow book lovers from Sandringham School, Beaumont School and Ridgeway Academy to discuss the three shortlisted books: *The Light Jar* by Lisa Thompson, *Armistice Runner* by Tom Palmer and *The Storm Keeper's Island* by Catherine Doyle.

The students ranked the books in their order of preference and these votes will be added to the other votes submitted to the Hertfordshire testing group and ultimately to the national vote. Our winner was *The Light Jar*.



The students then completed some responses to the books in the form of artwork, poetry and letters which will be included in portfolios given to the authors at the award ceremony on Saturday 8th June.

The morning concluded with a visit from Tamsyn Murray, author of the *Completely Cassidy* series who talked about the writing process and her latest book *Instructions for a Second-hand Heart*.



"I really enjoyed the talk by Tamsyn Murray" - Charlotte Cooper - Year 7

"It was a great opportunity to meet people from other schools and see what they thought of the

books. It was nice that most of us had similar opinions" - Annabel Blackford Year 7

Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands took place on Friday 10th May with some memorable performances from our talented students. Congratulations to the winners who will be entertaining us at the M Festival on 6th July.

The early slot will see performances by L Watts, Arianna Munro, and The Talons (Lyla Gustafson, Callum Howells, Sam Walsh, and Jamie Wlodarczyk) and the later slot will have Noa Kusman and Kick Pistol (Robert Sheppard, Ernie Wybrow, and Neta Shribman) on stage. Thank you to all performers at our Battle of the Bands! It was a fantastic evening!



Pictured clockwise from top left *Blue Hour* (Jevon Langridge, Finnian Harris, Ben Sheppard, Liam Gustafson), *Russel Panes*, *Arianna Munro with Ben Sheppard*, *Millie Braisher with Finnian Harris*, *Violeta Orobityg-Baena*, *Tom Vincent*, *L Watts*, *Kick Pistol* (Robert Sheppard, Ernie Wybrow, Neta Shribman), *Noa Kusman* (with Robert Sheppard, Liam Gustafson, and Ernie Wybrow), *The Talons* (Lyla Gustafson, Callum Howells, Jamie Wlodarczyk, Sam Walsh),

Blue Hour and Kick Pistol will both be performing this Friday (24th May) at Ye Olde Fighting Cocks in St Albans. Please show your support for our talented students.

Student Achievement

Oliver Tarvet 10LT recently qualified for the International Tennis Federation's J4 Tournament in Nottingham.

'Overall I was happy with how the week went and I'm looking forward to playing more tournaments in the future'.



Junior Maths Challenge 2019

We are delighted with the results of our year 7 and 8 top mathematicians. 64 students took part in the 'Junior Maths Challenge' with outstanding results. We are especially proud of Darius Mafi and Miles Punter who were successful in proceeding to the next round of the competition. They have now completed a second challenge with harder questions and puzzles. Well done to everybody who took part!

Miss Afford and Miss Smith

The awards were as follows :



GOLD Darius Mafi 8LE, Miles Punter 8LM



SILVER Xander McMillian 8LE, Freddie Hobbis 8LB, Hollie Thornton 8BA, Alex Clutton 8JN, Euan Hermon 8LL, Sabah Toorabally 8LB, Milic Pavic 7CG, Owen Dorrington 7AT, Julia Galus 7AT, Nathan Kleiner-Mann 7ZK, James Baker 7TR, Jody Neveling 7ZK



BRONZE Ishika Kumar 8BA, Grace Cleaton 8BA, Molly Gleeson 8LL, George Roddam 8BA, Joshua Kleiner-Mann 7ZK, Owen Fitzgerald 7CG, Eleanor McWilliams 7CG, Lui Gomez 7ZK, Holly Vincent 7TR

Culture Day

On Thursday May 2nd Year 8 were taken off time table to take part in workshops and activities as part of a British values culture day. As a school we have a duty to promote the fundamental British values of:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**



There were a variety of activities across the curriculum including debating, a mock trial, traditional pencil and paper games and music and dance workshops.



The students enjoyed the opportunity to take part in different lessons from their usual timetable and the day finished with the whole year group taking part in an activity to highlight mutual respect and individual liberty with Mrs Aylward in Da Vinci hall.



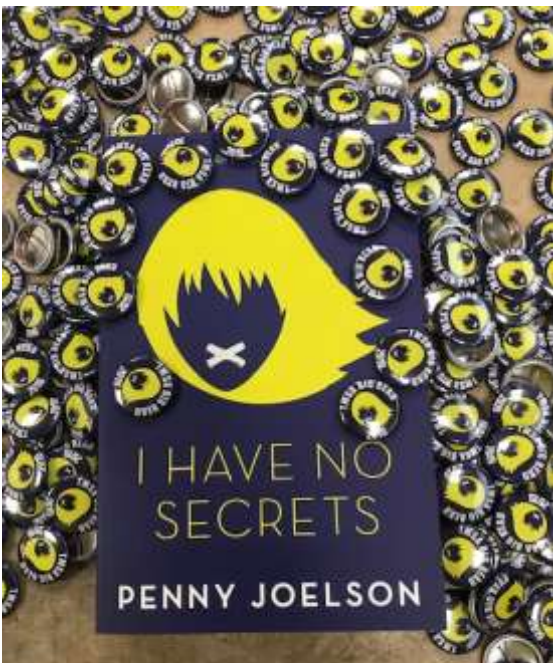
Penny Joelson Visit



Penny Joelson, the author of our Big Read—I Have No Secrets, visited the school on Monday 29th April. Penny spoke to all year 7 and 8 students about how she became a writer and the inspiration for her books. She also talked about the publishing process and showed us how the books are printed.

Penny also ran a workshop on 'Writing in other voices' for some of our year 7 students and signed copies of her books in the LRC at lunchtime.

Don't forget, there are exclusive Big Read badges for anyone who completes a short review on I Have No Secrets.



'I enjoyed the visit, particularly because I found out how books are made and about the life of an author' Graham Hall—Year 8

Hall—Year 8

"She was funny and told us lots of interesting things about how books are made and why she became an author" - Evie Thomas—Year 7

Student Achievement

On the 27th of April ,Rhianna Patel 9JI, Nikhil Patel 8RY and Harvey Mathewson 9NS took part in the UTF Taekwondo championship in Edmonton.

Harvey, who recently joined BJA Academy, has worked very hard this year preparing for his first tournament. Harvey reached the semi finals and was delighted to win a bronze medal.

Rhianna also reached the semi finals in her category and gained valuable experience along with her bronze medal.

Nikhil battled his way to the final and earned himself a well deserved silver medal against a skilful opponent.

All three of them continue to work hard and learn from their experience of competition to improve their skills for the next tournament.



Well done to Kade and Sean Neveling, pictured below left, who recently won the Herts Schools Tennis under 18 doubles championship at Welwyn Tennis Club. Also pictured below right are Matthew Sands, Jamie Simmons, Mack Dawson and Dominic Hipkin who were runners up in both the under 14 main competition and the plate competition.



The Creative Showcase

On Wednesday 24th of April, The Marlborough Science Academy hosted its annual Creative Showcase in Da Vinci Hall. The creative showcase started off as a small event that occurred during school hours.

However, as time passed we began to realise that we are extremely lucky to have so many talented students and that they deserved a special evening in which we celebrated creativity and

original work. The Creative Showcase not only includes stories and poems, but also original music and dance.

Creativity is a highly sought after in today's rather uncertain economic climate as well as being a key element within the global workplace. With so many talented students sharing their ideas, it is clear that they will go into the working world fully prepared.

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who came to support our wonderful students and also those who donated money. We raised over £90 for Rennie Grove Hospice Care in St. Albans.

Ms Fogarty



The Young Shakespeare Company

On Thursday 4th April it wasn't in "fair Verona where we lay our scene", but Da Vinci Hall when the English department welcomed in The Young Shakespeare Company to deliver a 90 minute version of 'Romeo and Juliet' with a difference.



The players explored the themes and characters, motivations and plot development before allowing the students to take directorial charge of some of the key scenes. A full range of genres were offered to the cast ranging from the prehistoric to a 'Fortnight' version of elements of the play.

Some students were also invited to participate in the drama of the day too playing key parts and delivering lines. The event proved to be a really enjoyable introduction to 'Romeo and Juliet' for our Year 9 students and a thoroughly useful revision activity for our Year 10s.



Guide Dogs

The guide dog event on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April attracted lots of interest from our students and staff who were queuing up to meet Walter, Jannick, Dave and Ned.



Students were fascinated by the glasses which simulated different eye conditions and had fun trying to identify various tinned foods just by touch and match pairs of socks blindfolded.

Over £100 was taken directly by Guide Dogs UK for the sale of their merchandise and the tombola and another £117 was raised from meeting the puppies and the two stalls organised by parliament students.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Joe D'Arcy, Joe Shade, Farhaan Munir and Emily Cropper who won the advanced category in the Rotary Technology Tournament recently. The tournament aims to inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists. Well done to all those who took part.



Mikie Ridgway, year 9, competed in the English Gymnastic Championships earlier this month for his 4th consecutive year.

He competed in the Under 16 age group for the first time, with five new routines. Mikie placed 21st overall in the all around competition and 9th individually on floor.

We wish Mikie all the best as he now prepares for his next competition, the Pegasus National Open in June.



Apprenticeship Fair

Our annual Apprenticeship Fair on Wednesday 27th March proved a great success. We were delighted with the attendance not only from Marlborough students but students from all over the area.



The students and parents found the exhibitors particularly informative and were able to discuss future plans with Hertfordshire University and YC Hertfordshire (Youth Connexions) as well as looking at apprenticeship opportunities with the participating companies.

Representatives from the National Citizenship Service (NCS Ingeus) were also present and were able to discuss the Summer Outreach Programme with Year 11 students.

Some companies that joined us were Aecom, Rotech, BRE, NHS Trust, Deloitte and Morgan Sindal Properties.

A highlight of the event was the presence of some of Marlborough's ex- students who are currently working for the visiting companies as apprentices themselves. In particular, our former students Brad Slocombe at Dickinsons Accounting and Morgan Mitchell at Amthal Fire Security who was given a special recognition award from Oaklands College by her assessor earlier this year.



Following on from the success of this event, the next Apprenticeship Fair will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020. We would like to grow this event and expand the numbers and variety of exhibitors that attend. We would welcome any apprenticeship opportunities that you are able to suggest through your own work or other potential contacts. If you have any suggestions or feel that you can help, then please initially email m.rutherford@marlborough.herts.sch.uk who will contact you to discuss it further.

Open Mic Night

Friday 22nd March was our Spring Term Open Mic Night hosted by our Rock School and Music Tech Club. It was amazing to see so many students performing on stage building their confidence, the camaraderie and support from other performers and the audience was amazing too, there are certainly some real stars heading for a most successful future!

Students pictured clockwise from the top:

Blue Hour (Liam Gustafson, Jevon Langridge, Finnian Harris, Ben Sheppard), Tabitha Cooper, Lucy Watts, Tom Vincent

Russell Panes, Kick Pistol (Ernie Wybrow, Neta Shribman, Robert Sheppard), Claramae Collins, Lucy Watts,

Violeta Orobitg-Baena, The Talons (Lyla Gustafson, Callum Howells, Sam Walsh, Jamie Wlodarczyk), Noa Kusman



Watch for the Battle of the Bands on Friday 10th May and a big End of School Open Mic Bash in July! Contact Mrs Gustafson at d.gustafson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk for more information on any of these events.

Red Nose Day 2019



Thank you to students, staff, parents and carers for supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Despite the awful weather students and staff completed the fun run and raised over £1800 during the day



Classics ACES Day

On Monday 11th March the ACES students had a great day celebrating how the Greeks have influenced our daily life. Pupils began the day writing their name in Latin on clay tablets and then worked collectively through the activity booklet, exploring and researching subject specific information covering English, Classics, Art, History and Philosophy.



This group of Year 7's were inspiring, dedicated and euphoric and I enjoyed it as it gave me a chance to see what the learners were capable of.
Mrs Metson



Thomas Pauley 7SK
'Today I learnt a lot about Philosophers, Gods and Goddesses back in Ancient Greece. We also had a booklet which we filled several tasks with.'



Lui Page 7AT
'I liked everything that we did especially the pillar drawing and the research.'

Nathan Kleiner-mann 7SZ

'Today we have learnt all about Greek Gods, Philosophy and History. I enjoyed the day.'

Sussanah Grundmann 7FD

'I thought that it was fun. I learnt a lot about the Greeks, different symbols for different Gods and Goddesses. I enjoyed the writing tasks.'



Holly Vincent 7TR

'Today at the Aces day I found it interesting and interactive with the activities. It was really great because we did a range of writing and drawing which was good fun.'

School of Rock

Well done to all students and staff involved in the school production of School of Rock. It was a fantastic production to showcase the talent among our students.



Another brilliant show from Marlborough! What a dedicated and talented team - students and staff alike. Thank you to all involved - we loved it



It was brilliant!



Robotics Club

Robotics club is well in its 4th week now. The club is led by students in year 9 and 10 and it is targeted at year 8 students, who are taking Computer Science as one of their GCSE options.

Students are building two robots out of Lego (Mindstorms) and then they are going to program them. In the final days of the club students will have a competition between the two robots (Truck3r and Spik3r).

Later on in the year, the club will be open to year 7 students too.



This June Mr James will be attempting to take his fitness challenges to a new level by taking part in the Mont Blanc Marathon, a 26.2 mile uphill run in Chamonix (French Alps). Mr James will be raising money for Breast Cancer Care, a charity which he feels is very important, especially surrounding our Marlborough family over the last few years.

If you would like to help raise money for this great cause by donating directly to his fundraising page - https://www.justgiving.com/Jacobjames?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Jacobjames&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=N3EeQKXdD.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Breast Cancer Care and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!



Student Achievement

On Thursday 7th March ten of our dancers took part in The Hertfordshire Schools County Dance Festival. Over 20 Primary and Secondary Schools took part in the two day event to celebrate the wide range of dance we have on offer in our schools in Hertfordshire. The theme for the festival this year was 'Art in Action'. We took inspiration from the famous painting 'The Persistence of Memory' by Salvador Dali and based our dance on the theme of 'Time', specifically looking at the different speeds of time in our lives through memories, flashbacks and dreams. Our students performed their routine in both the afternoon and evening performance at The Alban Arena along with all the other schools – all the performances were amazing! A massive well done to our students who acted so professionally throughout the whole day and have worked extremely hard to rehearse their performance ready for the event. Thank you for all your hard work – Miss Fox.

'Seeing other schools perform was really fun as you got to see different talents. Performing on stage in front of other schools inspired me to dance my hardest. It was really inspiring dancing at The Alban Arena and all of the schools were so supportive!' Amy Narramore 10RT

Students involved: Aya Abu-Qalbain 11HA, Lily Austwick 11LB, Estelle Basse 8HF, Zoe Decruz 8LE, Nour El Gharib 8RY, Caitlyn Hardy 8RY, Amy Harrison 8JN, Amy Narramore 10RT, Amelia Prentice 10RT and Anna Verdier 10AA.



LRC NEWS

Book Week 2019

Next week is our annual book week and we will be launching our first ever Big Read. We are encouraging as many students., staff, parents and carers as possible to read 'I Have No Secrets' by Penny Joelson. Penny is our 'Author of the Month' and will be visiting the school on Tuesday 5th March to talk to all year 7 & 8 students.



BBC Young Reporter 2019

BBC School News Report has been relaunched this year as BBC Young Reporter. A group of year 7 and 8 students took part in the day, finding original stories, researching them and writing them up. They then filmed and edited their work.



'I completed a news report on street crime amongst the young and how this affects young people in society. I enjoyed it as it gave me a chance to see what it is like to be a reporter. The recording of the story went very well. One thing I did learn is that I must research the topic in more depth.'

Luke Yon 7FD

'I enjoyed interviewing people for my story. I learnt that when I work to a deadline I must organise my time better. I also learnt that when working in a group I must listen to others.'

**Issy Chambers
7AT**



The day was very successful and the students gained a great deal from the experience.

Mrs Baker

Blue Hour – the band who stole ‘Battle of the Bands.’

Music. What is it? Can it be defined in such a way that fully explains the joy and rapture it induces in its eager audience?

Oscar Wilde once declared that: “music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory”. However, being neither musical or talented I think it perhaps best that we look to our accomplished cohort of students – most notably *Blue Hour* – for an explanation on what music really means.



Why?

What many of us mightn’t know is that: Jevon Langridge, Ben Shepherd, Finnan Harris and Liam Gustafson formed their own band in October 2017. The name itself is drenched in music as it is a tribute to a band that they feel has inspired them – *Green Day*.

Over the last few months, the band have been working extremely hard on getting their name and original music out there – apparently shouting your name isn’t as effective as you may think...

With determination and a desire to succeed, *Blue Hour* entered Battle of the Bands which took place in The Horn, St. Albans on the 19th of March in the hope of progressing to the next round. Although the competition was steep (there was a saxophone and all!), *Blue Hour* emerged successful and won their round crushing the hopes and aspirations of their competitors.



Kick Pistol (another awesome band within the Marlborough umbrella) will be competing in their semi-final on the **5th of June, 2019** while *Blue Hour* will be playing in their **semi-final** on the **19th of June, 2019**.

The only question that remains is, where will you be?

I know I’ll be there cheering on our gifted students and hopefully see them emerge victorious with the ‘pick of destiny’. Or, if you want to relive your youth and possibly dislocate various body parts, you can partake in the very lively mosh pit that I witnessed. Either way, you need to be there.

Put in your calendar –**the 19th of June, The Horn, St. Albans**. Well done *Blue Hour* – you have done the rusty spoons proud.

Miss Fogarty

Student Achievement

Josie Greenwood 7ZK has been producing beautiful water colour quotes and has recently started selling her art via social media .

It is hoped that Josie's creations will soon be available in Raindrops on Roses in St Albans with proceeds going to charity.



Congratulations to Callum Maloney 8RY, who was lucky enough to be the Watford FC mascot for their match against Liverpool at Anfield recently.

Careers News and Information



Year 12 PE students visited Wembley UCFB to experience the university first hand and gain experience of degree courses and career opportunities in Sport, Business, Psychology and Media. The students were also given a tour around the stadium and as luck would have it were escorted by an ex student and Head Boy Sam Parker who is on his 2nd year studying Media and Business at UCFB.

"Most of us were not aware that Wembley Stadium had UCFB located inside it. The trip gave us an insight into the wide range of jobs you can get into involving sport. It gave us an insight into Uni Life. Overall a really informative day" Izzy

Brewer, Liberty

Douglas Tomsett and

Danielle Rowson –

Year 12

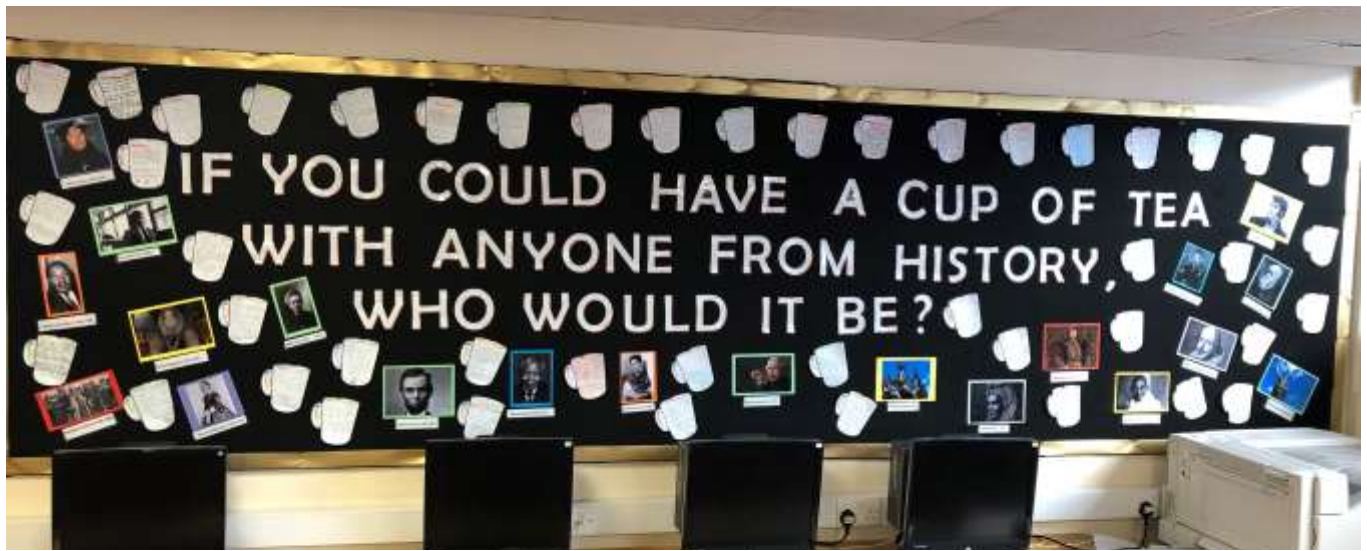


The Great Marlborough Bake Off

The first round of the Year 8 Bake off took place in January and we had some truly fantastic results. The task was "to make a biscuit which says something about you," what a great evening we had! All the biscuits tasted lovely and the effort that went into the baking by each contestant was superb. Well done all of you, I am looking forward to seeing the results in the next round " The Technical challenge"

Mrs Cuell





This is the question that all year 7 students were asked during a history or humanities lesson this month. The students were shown some of the fantastic resources available in the LRC and were asked to research someone from history and think about what questions they might ask them if they could join them for a cuppa. This was a great introduction to using books for research in an age when most people's first port of call is the internet.

Students were encouraged to choose people that were less well known or even a generic character such as a Roman soldier or a slave who helped to build the Pyramids. Some of the best answers are now displayed in the LRC and in the main reception area.



Student Achievement

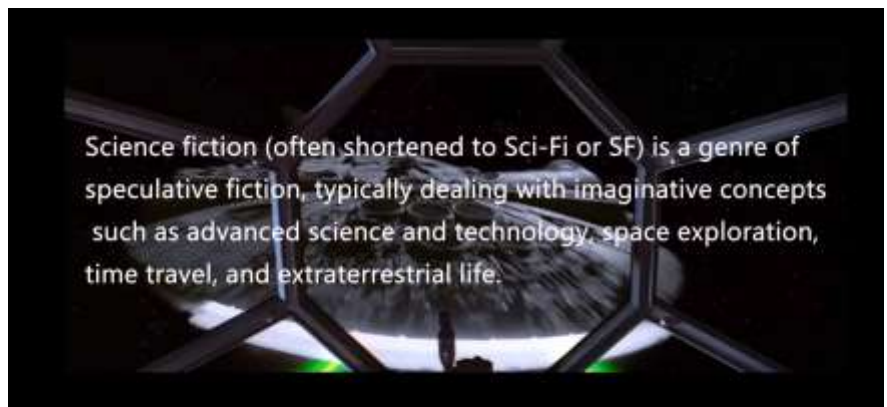
Miss Fogarty's year 8 English students have produced some outstanding home learning this term. The class were given a list of tasks in the style of a take away menu and encouraged to choose the 'dishes' they wanted to complete.

Some particularly outstanding examples included Kai Watts' 1984 cake to represent a favourite aspect of science fiction.



Miles Punter produced a stop animation film using Lego of The Red Room by H G Wells as a revision aid.

Xander McMillan also produced a film about science fiction which was his favourite topic covered this year.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to year 11 students Neta, Ernie and Robert who together form band Kick Pistol. The band play gigs locally and have just received their first fantastic review on their self titled EP which you can read [here](#)



Well done to Chloe Field, Ceitidh Clarke, Freddie Hobbis and Alex Clutton who took part in the North London Heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz on Wednesday 28th November at Queenswood School, Hatfield



Amy Narramore is a principle dancer in the pantomime 'Aladdin' at The Radlett Theatre. She has been working extremely hard fitting in lots of rehearsals, shows for Primary Schools and performing evening shows. We wish her the best of luck for her remaining performances which go right up until the 2nd of January!
Miss Fox



Lille Christmas Market 2018



And so another December comes around and it's off to the Lille Christmas market in France. Up at 3 o'clock in the morning and a long, fun-filled day ahead of us. Some students were expecting to see fish out of the train window in the tunnel but thankfully we didn't!

As usual the ice skating, ferris wheel and market all

'The Christmas market was really exciting, I was able to get presents for my family. The view from the ferris wheel was really pretty.' Crystal Hibbitt 7AT

delighted the students. The famous flams went down a treat and the new white chocolate and raspberry dessert flam proved a spectacular hit.

On behalf of myself and the trip I would like to thank all the students who impressed us so much with their enthusiasm and sense of fun. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and a real joy to be with.

'I really enjoyed ice-skating and lunch was amazing. The Christmas market was great for practising French' Sam Prestianni 7TR

'It was the best school trip ever!' Megan Ypey 7FD



We wish you and your families a wonderful festive season.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année à tout le monde !

Monsieur Henshall

'This trip was so much fun! It's a great way of testing your French skills.' Sana Toorabally 7ZK



House Christmas Hamper and Mobile Competition



Well done to Mercury who won both the hamper and the mobile competition last Friday. There was a great atmosphere in the LRC while staff and students worked on their creations and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who brought in food for the hampers which will help to make Christmas easier for families in need.



William Hussey Author Visit

Year 7 & 8 students took part in 'The Witchfinder Experience' on Monday 10th December with author William Hussey. This was definitely not for the squeamish as it included a recreation of a 17th Century Witch Trial, vivid descriptions of torture and even the execution

of a student!. William also ran workshops in creative writing for groups of year 8 & 9 students and finished the day with an intimate evening of ghost stories in Pascal hall to which parents were invited. The students and parents were all very enthusiastic about the visit.



'I found the author visit very informative and fun because he told us things from English to History. My favourite part was when he got three students to get up on stage and act. I hope to read lots of his books in the future'

Keira Leece Blackett 8HF



'I just wanted to say thank for organising yesterday's author visit and for inviting parents to come to the evening ghost stories. Grace and I loved it and went away wondering how hard it would be to write a story that didn't make complete sense until the very last word! Very inspiring and atmospheric - I now want to bring alive the ancient art of storytelling with family and friends too!'

Emily Cleaton

The Merlin Centre



The Merlin Centre, named after Merlin Williams, a much loved and highly respected colleague, who passed away two years ago was officially opened by Merlin's son Adam on Monday 26th November.

Speaking at the official opening, headteacher Annie Thomson said: *"We are delighted with our new modern building designed not only to enhance our students' learning, but also to allow us*

to accommodate our growing number of post-16 students comfortably. In addition, we are sure our new state-of-the-art music facilities will continue to reflect our commitment to the arts and creativity."

Guests at the opening included members of staff, past and present, governors, and representatives from Elbourn Architects and Aldwicks Building Company who designed and constructed the new block which will be used to accommodate the school's increasing number of post 16 students.

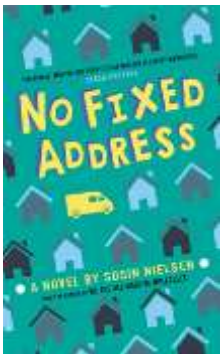


Student Achievement



Well done to Rhianna Berryman who came 32nd out of 60 dancers in her first Regional Irish dance competition. It was a fantastic achievement to even be selected for this level of competition and we wish Rhianna every success in future contests.

LRC News



Ms Duncan's year 8 English class were invited to St Columba's College to hear author Susin Nielsen talk about her new book No Fixed Address and share how she became a writer. The students all enjoyed the visit and were a credit to the school.



Year 7 & 8 students will be taking part in The Witchfinder Experience on 10th December with author William Hussey. This Horrible Histories-style event includes a recreation of a 17th Century Witch Trial in which students play major roles.

<https://williamhussey.co.uk/>



Good luck to Chloe Field, Ceitidh Clarke, Freddie Hobbs and Alex Clutton who will be representing Marlborough at the North London Heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz on Wednesday 28th November at Queenswood School, Hatfield.



Remembrance at Marlborough



This year's Remembrance was special as it marked the centenary of the Armistice. Year 8 students have started learning about the Great War earlier than usual and below are some articles about what they have been learning. We are delighted the poppy garden project encouraged over eighty students to engage with their ancestry and find out more about their relatives who fell in past conflicts.

Sylvie Parfitt 7AT found out about her great, great uncle Tom Stot (pictured right) and Kiera Leece Blackett 8HF researched her great, great grandma's brother Harold Travers Dore.



Charlotte Joyce 8LM and Gracie Gibbins 8RY have written about the causes of 'The war to end all wars'. Click [here](#) to see their work on our website.

Year 8 work in St Stephen's church on Watling Street for their Great War history exhibition.



Year 8 Work Shadowing

Year 8 Students took part in a Work Shadowing Day on 8th November. They found out about careers, health and safety as well as finding out first - hand what it is like to work for a whole day.

Mrs Rutherford



The lads that we had on station were a credit to the school and as far as I'm aware had a good day – albeit I think the physical activity session was a bit of a shock to them all!

Coral Jobson
Youth Engagement Officer
Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service



Jason Brewer spent the day at Watford FC. Read his interview with Craig Cathcart [here](#)

House Pumpkin Carving Competition



Well done to Saturn House for winning this years competition. The Saturn Science teachers created some wonderful 'brain juice' which the photo doesn't really do justice to!



2nd Mars



3rd Mercury



4th Neptune

The Great Marlborough Bake Off

Year 9 had some tremendous entrants into the Bake off and some great fun baking! Over three weeks students had to make cupcakes that reflected something about, a technical challenge where they had to make cheesy bread rolls, and a showstopper round which was their own interpretation of a Bakewell tart . There were some fabulous products made by everyone which meant judging to find a winner was so difficult.

Star Baker for the cupcake round was **Anna Visegradi** with some amazing sesame street character cupcakes. The technical challenge was won by **Marthra Kapugama Geeganage** and the Showstopper was won by **Mitchell Robson**.



Our overall winner of the Year 9 Bake off was **Anna Visegrad** followed very closely by **Evie Summers**. Evie and Anna will now compete in the grand final against other years and the staff later on in the year. Well done to everyone!

Year 8 Drama and Music Enrichment Day

In October a group of 30 year 8 students spent the day creating movie trailers in a genre of their choice. They started the day by storyboarding their ideas and looking at camera angles and then went around the school site to



film clips and edit them together. The students also created their soundtrack from scratch using a variety of instruments and techniques.



Drama and Music

enrichment day was an exciting experience, which gave me, and the others who participated, a chance to develop our performing, leadership and cooperation skills. The element that made the day especially exciting, was the fact that we, as students were given the freedom to work with whoever we wanted. The majority of us chose to create a horror-style trailer. I found the day was made interesting and everyone was enthusiastic thank you to Miss Haines and Mrs Griggs who helped us through the day I really feel I have grown in confidence, and in skills that will help me in my lessons. - Sabah Torabally



I have learnt how to transpose different instruments which are in different keys. for example; the clarinet is two semitones above the piano. Also I now know how long it must take to make the movie in comparison to the trailer. It would be easier to make the film and take spinets from the films for the trailer rather than do the trailer from scratch. - Miles Punter



MFL en Tour - Normandie, France Octobre 2018

On the 27th of October 2018 Mr Henshall, Miss Simeone and Mrs Platt took 19 Year 9 and 10s on an unforgettable trip to Normandy in France. Having arose in the early hours of the morning, we were raring to go. On the six-hour ferry journey from Portsmouth we had plenty of things to do with a private cinema, an arcade and multiple shops and restaurants. In the evening, we finally arrived at the Château de la Baudonnière, our home for the next five days. The whole philosophy of the Château is a complete immersion in the French language and culture and it was full on right from the very start..



"La fabrication du pain était hyper-amusante" - Heather McCloy 10DG

On day two the real experience began. It started off with a breakfast of authentic pain au chocolats, croissants and brioche. Our

first activity of the day was 'fabrication du pain', otherwise known as bread-making, which we later ate for lunch! We all agreed that it was the most delicious bread we'd ever had. After lunch, we had a very chilled out French lesson

which just consisted of talking to a French lady. Later we did archery.

After dinner, we took part in a French quiz. Finally, we collapsed in bed after an exhausting day.

By the time day three rolled around, we were all already speaking and understanding

"This was the best trip abroad I've ever been on. Everything we did was great fun. I would love to do it again – Benjamin Isaacs 10JJ

more French. First stop was the D-Day Landing Museum in Arromanches, with the Battle of Normandy being the key point of focus. As the museum is built on the site of the artificial harbour, we could see the vestiges of it in the sea and imagine the story the guide was telling us. Then we went to a 360° cinema where we watched a film in

"I really enjoyed the trip as I got to see THE Mont St Michel and I got to eat snails too!!" - Clara Squire 10PA

memory of all those lost during World War 2.



"...a great trip.. learned a lot.. met some great people" - Molly Whiffin 10AA

"...amazing...loads of unforgettable experiences" – Raffi Roberts.

Next, we had a picnic. Afterwards, we visited an American war cemetery and memorial. The eerie beauty, size and respect of it all were incredibly overwhelming and humbling.



In the evening, when we returned to the Château, we had a talent and costume competition with another school from Wales, followed by a disco. We danced and sang for hours.

Now the day we had been waiting for had finally arrived – the French market and Mont St Michel! At the French market, we took the opportunity to stuff our faces with crêpes and macaroons. Then we

had another picnic. Next, we visited the Mont St Michel (the number 1 tourist attraction in France outside Paris) . For the rest of the day we explored the little island, which is topped with a beautiful medieval monastery. The breath-taking location inspired awe within all of us. Legend has it that the Archangel Michael himself insisted on the abbey being built. At

"C'était mega cool" - Joe Gentleman

"I enjoyed every minute of it, especially the talent show and our entries!" – Thomas

the end of the day we participated in 'le Grand Trouvaille' or the Treasure Hunt, pushing our imagination and making us find the most random things.

Day five arrived sooner than any of us expected. We had to



say goodbye to our temporary home and get ready to start speaking in English. On the way back to the ferry we had the opportunity to see the exquisite Tapisserie de Bayeux , which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England concerning William, Duke of Normandy and later the Battle of Hastings.

Sadly, our amazing trip had to come to an end.

Weronika Wrzesniak

"It was the best trip I have been on – so many amazing memories.. we created one big family" – Jade Albert

"20+ years of running trips and this has to rank as one of the very best! Incroyable! Inoubliable! Mille fois merci a tout le monde." Monsieur H