



14th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carers, Year 12 Students

RE: Student Leadership Conference – Thursday 23rd April 2026

I am excited to invite you to take part in an inspiring student-led conference hosted by the six consortium Alban Learning Partner Schools (Marlborough, STAGS, Townsend, Samuel Ryder, Nicholas Breakspeare and Loreto), taking place on Thursday 23rd April 2026 from 9am – 2.15pm.

This event has largely been organised by student leaders across the consortium and centres on the thought-provoking theme of *Escaping Reality*. The day is led entirely by student leaders, with each school bringing 60 Year 12 students to participate in workshops, make connections and grapple with what the theme means for young adults in our local communities and beyond. It will be a day where like-minded young adults learn from and inspire one another.

The day will start with an inspirational keynote speaker who will share her journey into academia and the STEM profession, offering valuable insight into ambition, resilience, and opportunity. Students will have the chance to attend two interactive workshops (full details to follow), including a session led by our own student leaders exploring how to escape the reality of a life lived through mobile devices and a drama-based workshop led by alumni student, Phoebe Shergold Willis, Founder & Managing Director of SSAS.

The conference will take place at the Verso Vineyard Church, St Albans. You will need to arrange your own travel to and from the venue. Please bring your own packed lunch (a pizza truck will also be available if you wish to purchase food). If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided from the canteen.

School trips are a tremendous privilege and an important part of our wider curriculum. In order for these experiences to run smoothly and safely, we must have the utmost confidence in the exemplary behaviour of all participating students. The school therefore reserves the right to decline a student's place on a trip, or to withdraw a place already offered, if behaviour or attitude gives cause for concern or is deemed likely to place the success or safety of the trip at risk.

Further details, including the final schedule and workshop selection process will be shared closer to the event.

There is no cost for this event, however, consent is required and this will need to be given online using the School Gateway website (see details attached), this will become available on school gateway on **Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 9.00am.**



If you choose not to participate in this exciting opportunity, lessons at Marlborough will run as normal and attendance in school is compulsory.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect, reflect, and learn alongside peers from across the consortium. I hope you will take full advantage of it.

Kind regards

Miss H. Arrol

Log on to: www.schoolgateway.com

Select: **Student Leadership Conference**

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

We will gain the following information for your child from School Gateway:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)

No further information or comment is required.

It is important that we have this information for the trip leader in case of an emergency and for Health & Safety reasons.

