



Insight into Industry

On Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd June Year 9 took part in our Insight in to Industry conference enjoying a variety of presentations and activities related to the world of work. Workshops included teamwork activities, problem solving, exploring employability skills and developing critical thinking with employers such as Herts Fire and Rescue, NHS and Aecom and learning providers University of Hertfordshire and Health and Care Academy.

The feedback from the students, staff and contributors was really positive and we hope that the event will help students start to think about their future career choices.





'The Aecom session with the Lego was fun'



'Aecom was interesting because they told you about the way they build a building and the planning behind it.'



'I really liked the NHS session. I'm interested in the NHS and I love how they help and support people'



'I was most interested in Cyber Choices as I really like computers. It helped me to confirm that I want to be a computer scientist'



'I enjoyed the session on starting a business as I am interested in doing that.'



'The activities with the firefighters were fun'

LRC News

Reading Champions Quiz

On Wednesday 9th June our school took part in the North London heats of the National Reading Champions Quiz. The students spent the morning in the LRC answering questions on a wide range of books and poetry delivered by the madcap question master Mr Dilly, a passionate educational performer, who certainly kept things lively! This is the first National Reading Champions Quiz organised by the National Literacy Trust and the ALCS (Author's Licensing and Collecting Society) due to the current restrictions this took place virtually. There were 41 teams in our heat and our students did themselves proud, placing 10th and 19th overall. The students had a great time and it was lovely to spend the day surrounded by such enthusiastic readers. As the quiz is open to students aged 10-14 the students will have the opportunity to take part again next year and hopefully improve their placing.

Well done to Jacob Jennings 7AP, Marielle Pollard 7RT, Alex Carter 7AP, Nathan Doggett 7DB, Bernard Hornsby 7AP, Melayna Chikhliya 7SL, Ashmi Bhatt 7VL, Isaac Davis 7DB, Ivy Sawyer 7DB and Oliver Tomlins 7VL.

Mrs Nixon



The Big Read

Ms Day's Year 7 Drama classes have been working on a project based on chapters from our Big Read Armistice Runner this half term, on Monday 14th June the first class shared their final performances. There was some very inventive staging, use of sound effects and some strong performances.



You can see some sections of the performances on the LRC Instagram account [here](#)

Maths Challenge

The Hertfordshire Mathematics Challenges took place for both Year 7 and 8 in May. A huge well done to the following students who participated! Both year 7 teams made it through to the final, which took place on Wednesday 9th June after school. They showed great team work and problem solving skills.

Year 7

Daniele Bernardini - 7AP

Alex Carter - 7AP

Nathan Doggett - 7DB

Jude Harrison - 7EM

Jacob Jennings - 7AP

Freddie Law - 7AP

William Pope - 7MM

Dylan Wong - 7MM



Year 8

Oliver Farmer - 8EM

Luke Kehr - 8EM

Seth Ogier - 8TA

Dhruv Sonigra - 8KA



Mrs. Gustafson

This Week's Quote of the Week

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward"

(Seren Kierkegaard)

Word of the Week

Ambiguous (adj.) Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.

The Big Read

Year 8 students did some fantastic work for our Big Read recently in art. Students looked at what makes a good book cover and worked through a prediction worksheet before creating alternative book covers for Armistice Runner. Some of the best examples are shown below and were also published on our social media accounts gaining a well done from the author Tom Palmer.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Over the first weekend of half term, Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th May, 18 Year 11 students completed their qualifying expedition towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. They hiked an average of 9 miles each day, camped in tents overnight, and cooked food over a Trangia camp stove. They did a fantastic job map reading and using a compass to navigate the routes set for them and meeting at the checkpoints over the weekend. The weather was great for the trip and although there were tired bodies and sore feet at the end, the students strengthened friendships and found the motivation needed to tackle such a difficult task, particularly after the events of this past year.

We also had 21 Year 10 students join the trip on the second day for a practice walk to experience carrying a pack loaded with everything they will need for the Year 10 qualifying expedition which will take place on Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th July.

Mrs Gustafson



Year 10 Ignition Workshop

We were delighted to welcome Dr Martijn Van Der Spoel into school on Thursday 20th May to work with our Year 10 students delivering a Ignition Workshop in Da Vinci hall.

The aim of the workshop was to support Year 10 in their preparation and transition into Year 11, focussing on how we learn, memory, preparation, study and revision skills. This provided students with a practical opportunity to engage with study skills and revision techniques.



Some Unexpected Visitors

Miss Fogarty was very surprised to find these two uninvited guests in her classroom on Monday morning. The two peacocks are well known locally and were very reluctant to leave but eventually made their way home.



Farewell to Year 13

On Friday 21st May we said goodbye to our Year 13 students with more fun and fancy dress. We wish them all the best for the future as they move on to university, apprenticeships or employment.



Farewell to Year 11

On Monday 17th May we said goodbye to some of our Year 11 students and celebrated with all Year 11 reflecting on their time at Marlborough. Students continued with the tradition of wearing fancy dress including the Year 11 Form Tutors dressing up as students.



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Home Favourites Recent

Books on the Hill St Albans
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Monday's in a bookshop 📖
💙 ~ you just never know who's going to be stood next to you, browsing the shelves 🤖💙.

It's Leavers Week and there's certainly a contagious air of celebration around these fabulous wide eyed youngsters.

We were thrilled to welcome this group of young ladies from @themarlboroughscienceacademy .

Happy Monday indeed. And best of luck to all the Leavers 🍀 ~ Clare

#leaversweek #bookshops #indiebookshops #bookshopping #bookshelves #comebrowse #findabook #talkbooks #booksonthehill #stalbanlife #schoolsout #celebratelife #planningsummer #supportyourhighstreet #stalbansschool #hertsschool



House Competition



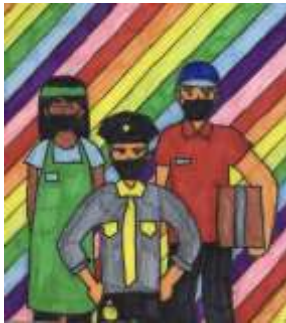
Paddy Morrissey 8TA



Archie Leggat Martin 8EM



Mio Evans 7EM



House Competition

Well done to Archie Leggat Martin 8EM for his winning entry in the Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Mio Evans 7EM came second and Paddy Morrissey 8TA was third. Their entries have been sent on to the Royal Mail to be entered into the national competition. The winning house with the most entries was Saturn followed by Mars, Neptune and Mercury. The standard of the designs was really high so well done to all students who took part. You can see some of the best entries on the next page.

HEROES
STAMP DESIGN
COMPETITION
VOUCHER WINNING ENTRIES

1ST = £50 VOUCHER
2ND = £25 VOUCHER
3RD = £15 VOUCHER

1) ARCHIE LEGGAT- MARTIN
2) MIO EVANS
3) PADDY MORRISSEY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Student Achievement

On Monday 17th May Phoebe Corbett 7EM had a very important hair cut. Phoebe had asked friends and family to sponsor her to raise money for the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. Phoebe aimed to raise £60 for the charity which is close to her heart as she has witnessed the confidence these wigs can provide first hand in one of her friends. Phoebe managed to more than double her donation raising £129 for the charity as well as donating her hair. Well done Phoebe!



Non-uniform Day for India Covid Appeal

Thank you to all students, parents, carers and staff who donated a fantastic £2,735.76 during the Non-uniform day on Thursday 13th May. The school have topped this up to £3000 which has been sent to BAPS to support their India Covid Emergency Appeal. You can find out more about the appeal by clicking on the picture below.

A promotional poster for BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha UK & Europe. The top left corner has the organization's name. The main heading is 'URGENT APPEAL' in large white letters on a green background. Below this, it says 'BAPS India Covid Emergency Appeal' and describes their relief work. A photograph on the right shows a person in a blue protective suit and mask attending to a patient in a hospital bed. At the bottom, there are contact details for online, email, and phone donations, along with a thank you message and logos of the organization's leadership.

BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha
UK & EUROPE

URGENT APPEAL

BAPS India Covid Emergency Appeal

Neasden Temple through its network of temples in India has been active in providing essential relief work, food provisions and medical supplies during Covid-19.

Please play your part and help us deliver critical medical supplies and provisions.

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY

ONLINE: neasdentemple.org/donate
EMAIL: donate@uk.baps.org
CALL: +44 (0)20 8963 2651

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Slootings: His Holiness Pranshukhori Maharaj
Inspiring: His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj
Organized: BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha

Parental Feedback

We have had some amazing feedback and support from parents recently which is greatly appreciated by all staff.

'You have our full support as a family.'

'...as far as I'm concerned, (Marlborough is) the most incredible school I could wish for my daughter to be part of.'

'I want to thank each and every one of you.'

'Thank you for everything you do.'

'I have always and will always speak very highly of the amazing school that you run and the staff that you employ with their great attitude and respect of all.'

'As far as I'm concerned Marlborough is still the best school in this area, and in the words of my daughter "I've never been so happy in my life!" That pretty much sums up what a great job and environment Marlborough is as a school.'

'We just wanted to drop you a line to say a HUGE THANK YOU to you and all your team for all you have done at Marlborough for (our son). He leaves the school today and we just wanted to say what an amazing experience he has had at Marlborough. He's excelled, he's enjoyed school, he's made fantastic friendships and he's got great relationships with your staff as well. You've really set him up for his next exciting journey in his life'

'You have always made the well-being & safety of your students and staff your paramount concern.'

'You're doing an incredible job, Marlborough is such an inclusive school,'

'You and the team have done an amazing job, especially over this past year, we really don't know how you've done it, but a big, big thank you.'

'I trust you and your team know how much they are valued and respected by the majority, especially in these tough times we have endured in the pandemic.'

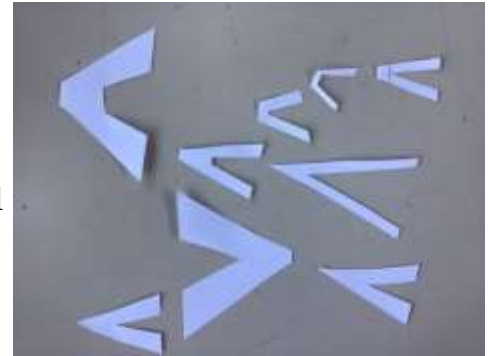
News from the Maths Faculty

Robotics Webinar

We were invited to participate in a webinar delivered by the University of Cambridge last week about The Future of Robotics and seven of our Year 9 students participated. There was a focus on the meaning of intelligence, machine learning and the importance of the design of physical structures. We got to hear from a panel of leading experts and students in the field, and were shown some cutting edge research in robotics and



heard about how robotics can be used to solve the pressing challenges of the future. We had the opportunity at the end to try to “program” paper by cutting it into different shapes, to try to make it fall in certain

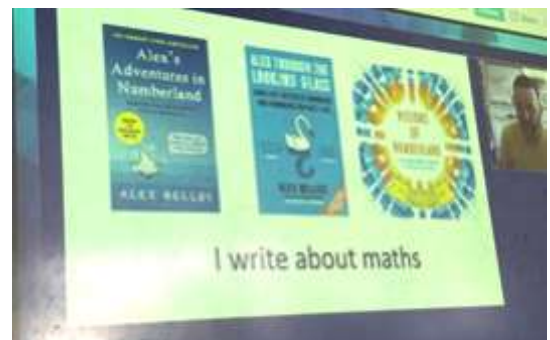


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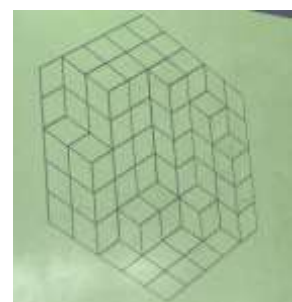
A Level Maths in Action Workshop

A group of A Level Maths students joined in on the Maths in Action Workshop where we heard from several dynamic speakers on important topics relating current events to maths. Sara Jabbari spoke about Fighting Disease with Mathematics and described the way mathematics can be used to understand antibiotic resistance, track the dynamics of bacterial infections and even develop new drugs to tackle disease. Bobby Seagull, Secondary Mathematics teacher and doctoral candidate shared who would make his mathematics dream team for University Challenge. Vicky Neale led an interactive workshop on counting factors where we explored

some questions from the area of maths called number theory. Paul Harrison, better known as The Singing Hedgehog, spoke about preparations for examinations. Alex Bellos, author and broadcaster led a session jam-packed with puzzles, demonstrations and mathematical conundrums. And Michael Blastland wrapped up the day with Bad Stats: What They Don't Tell You on the



News which gave students skills for spotting bad-news and bad-science used by the media.



Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires



All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are enrolled in a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader. Students take a comprehension test to assess their reading ability and this helps to guide them to select appropriate reading material. When students finish a book on the scheme they can take a short online quiz to check their understanding of what they have read. Students earn house points for each quiz that they pass.

We now have 6 new Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires! These students have read over one million words since September.

Here are our top 10 readers so far this year.

Jody Neveling 9AS still tops the leader board with an amazing 4,856,762 words read.

Megan Adams 9AD is now in second place with 3,281,076 words read.

Eleanor McWilliams 9CG is in third place with 2,902,551 words read.

Lewis Cleaton 8EM is in 4th place with 2,179,856 words read.

Marielle Pollard 7RT is in 5th place with 1,872,599 words read.

Jacob Jennings 7AP is in 6th place with 1,733,866 words read.

Oliver Tomlins 7VL is in 7th place with 1,457,813 words read.

Jessica Bonnin 9FD is in 8th place with 1,295,556 words read.

Sarah Kaya 7AP is in 9th place with 1,249,668 words read.

Bernard Hornsby 7AP is in 10th place with 1,233,657 words read.

Don't forget that students can take Accelerated Reader quizzes at home at the moment. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been given the link to access the website by their English teacher and it is also available on the LRC Google Classroom and [here](#). Students should know their username and password but if they have forgotten they can contact me on s.nixon@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



**Mrs Nixon - LRC
Manager**

*Interested in shadowing
the Carnegie Medal
shortlist this year?
Contact Mrs Nixon in the
LRC for more information*



Paper Birds Devising Workshop

A workshop led by the inspirational Georgie Coles of Paper Birds Theatre Company was conducted in Da Vinci Hall for Year 12 A Level Drama and Year 10 GCSE Drama students on Friday 16th April. The students participated in a series of written and practical



work over the course of this term. Students were encouraged to think about the use of the key 'ingredients' of theatre-making for the company, which includes use of verbatim style text delivery, character and narrative, movement, exposing the method and motif. In pairs and groups, students were encouraged to make use of a range of resources, including 'character cards' and their own writing and character

observations of each other, to deliver short, improvised, and devised scenes, movement pieces and narrated text. Apart from the occasional collapse into a fit of giggles, the range of talent and skill on display was both impressive as it was encouraging. All the students gained an immense amount from working with a professional company I look forward to seeing the result of this in their final devised performances towards the end of the term.

Mr Leib



Turning Forms

The familiar shape of the Turning Forms sculpture by Barbara Hepworth has been absent from the front of the school since 31st October last year. The statue, which was commissioned for the Festival of Britain in 1951, has been undergoing some restoration work, organised by Hertfordshire County Council Art Collection, which is now nearly complete and as you can see from the pictures below it has been returned to its former glory.



Turning Forms will be moved to The Hepworth Wakefield art gallery for their exhibition Barbara Hepworth: Art & Life, before returning to us in November. You can find out more about the sculpture on our school website [here](#)

The sculpture has been sprayed with Snowcem, an exterior masonry paint, to protect it from the elements and had a new steel plate fixed to the bottom.



Eid al Fitr

Eid al Fitr is the festival that celebrates one's efforts and achievements during the month of Ramadhan - a month of fasting and self-discipline. Eid may fall on the 12th or the 13th of May depending on the arrival of the new moon (confirmation of the day on the eve of the 11th).

Many of our students celebrate this day at home with their family/ community.



Shavuot

Seven weeks after Passover, Shavuot is celebrated to mark the end of the spring festival and the revelation of the Torah. Shavuot remembers the special event when God spoke directly to Moses presenting him with the Ten Commandments and other laws that make up the books of the Torah as we recognize it today.

Many spend the two-day festival staying up reading and learning from the Torah.

Dairy is consumed during this time and wheat to mark the end of the harvest the Kitchen team will be selling a selection of cheesecakes on **Monday the 17th and Tuesday 18th of May.**





Valentine Bake Off



Valentine Bake Off Competition

The standard of entries was amazing, and in my eyes everyone was a winner. The bakes were all so original, and such a lot of thought had gone into them. Marlborough certainly has some very talented bakers. Of course all bakers have earned house points for the interhouse competition, but the following were nominated as the best bakes in each year group.

Year 7

Annie Constable 7RT



Year 7

Sophie Walsh 7SL



Year 8

Katka Punter 8EM



Year 9

Katie Albert 9HA



Year 10



Staff - Mr Eve



**Overall house winners
were:**

First Mars

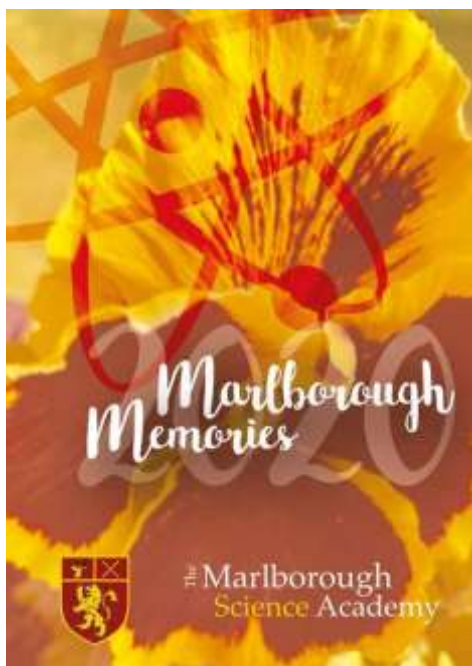
Second Mercury

Third Neptune

Fourth Saturn

You can see more of the fantastic entries on the next page.

Marlborough Memories



There are still a few copies of our Marlborough Memories book available on the School Gateway [here](#) for £10. There is also the option of donating an additional sum. All of the profits will go to support the NHS Charities.

You can see some extracts from the book, which includes items from students, staff and parents written during lockdown, on our website [here](#).



Careers News

Our virtual Apprenticeship, Careers & Higher Education Fair is now live on our website. Click on the image below to be taken to the fair. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Rutherford or Mrs Skirving.

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A.skirving@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



**The Marlborough
Science Academy**
Aspiring Futures

The Marlborough Science Academy
invites you to attend our virtual
**Apprenticeship, Careers &
Higher Education Fair**
on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

*This is an opportunity to find out more about
apprenticeships and what training providers and
companies have on offer.*

Details of the confirmed companies can be found overleaf



Apprenticeships

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Email: admin@marlborough.herts.sch.uk
Website: www.themarboroughscienceacademy.co.uk

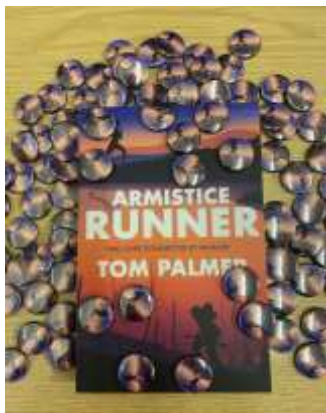
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Amthal	NCS Hertfordshire
Amy Outreach	Oaklands College
AECOM	Premier Foods Ltd
Arts College – London	Royal Mail
Amazon	Specsavers
BAM Construct	Sporting Futures Training
British Airways	Sainsburys
British Gas	Tesco
BPP	The Waterman Group
Boats	TKMaxx
Cyber Prevent	Transport for London
De Vere Hotels	The University of Hertfordshire
GlaxoSmithKline	Toni & Guy
Google	University Campus of Football Business
Herts Social Work	Virgin Media
Herts Fire and Rescue	Warner Media
Jaguar/Landrover	YC Hertfordshire
MBDA	
Morgan Sindall	
MIS	
Marks & Spencer	
Morrisons	
McDonalds	

The Big Read 2021

The Big Read is a scheme which we hope will involve the entire Marlborough community of students, staff, parents, and governors, reading a single book by the end of this school year. This year we are reading *Armistice Runner* by Tom Palmer and you can see a short film that Tom has made for us on the LRC page of the school website [here](#)



We have lots of copies of the book available to borrow from the LRC including two e-book copies. You can reserve your physical copy [here](#) or your e-book copy [here](#) or [here](#) You can also purchase a copy



on the School Gateway [here](#). As we are not able to host an in person visit from the author Tom will sign personalised bookplates to go in the books and we will hold a virtual visit after half term for Year 7 students.

As in previous years we have exclusive pin badges for anyone who reads the book and writes a short review. Well done to James in Year 7 who has completed the first review. He even got a reply from the author on Twitter which you can see [here](#)

Armistice Runner Book Review



Armistice Runner is a great book because it shows you how a talented runner copes with the First World War. It is nice to see how his great, great Granddaughter Lily is interested to find out about his history and to solve the mystery of why he never ran again after the war ended. It also shows that even if someone wants to do something for all the wrong reasons, they still do the right thing in the end. So the story has a very strong moral message about right and wrong and doing the right thing. Ernest and his great, great Granddaughter both have to overcome difficulties but both help people although they are separated by one hundred years. Ernest helps to save the life of a German soldier and Lily helps an injured fell runner. As a keen runner myself, I found the book really interesting and I was compelled to keep reading to find out what happened.

James—Year 7

Please return to the LRC to claim your badge and look out for your review on our Instagram account @marlboroughlrc

Book Week 1st-5th March 2021

Our annual Book Week will of course be virtual this year. There will be competitions, virtual author visits and lots of bookish activities for you to get involved in.



On Tuesday 2nd March Year 8 will have a virtual visit with Sally Gardner, Carnegie Medal winning author of modern classics like *Maggot Moon* and *I Coriander*. Sally is a compelling speaker and will talk about her books, her experiences as a dyslexic pupil at school and how they've shaped her as a writer.

Find out more on her website <https://www.sallygardner.co.uk/>

On Thursday 4th March, World Book Day, Year 7 will enjoy a virtual visit from Robin Stevens, author of the phenomenally successful *Murder Most Unladylike* series. Robin will talk about her books, and in particular the final book in the series, *Death Sets Sail* as well as how she writes, where inspiration comes from and she'll also set a special World Book Day writing challenge.



Find out more on Robin's website <https://robin-stevens.co.uk/>



We end the week with a virtual author visit for Year 9 by Alex Wheatle, the award-winning author of *Straight Outta Crongton* and *Little Bit*. Alex's books are packed with passion and energy, but also wit and a huge amount of empathy for the characters. Alex grew up in care and his turbulent childhood was dramatised in an episode of Steve



McQueen's recent *Small Axe* BBC drama series.

You can find out more about Alex and his books on his website <https://www.alexwheatle.com/>

As usual there is a £1 book token available to all students who would like one and this can be accessed via this [link](#)

You will need to print off the token to use in a participating bookshop or supermarket and it can't be redeemed online. The tokens are valid from Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021 but may be accepted after this date while stocks last..

When we return to school we will also have one of special £1 books as a gift for all Year 7 students.



Christmas House Photography Competition

Well done to Adriana Manby 7RT for her winning entry in the Christmas photography competition. Saturn won the house competition with the most entries, followed by Mars in second place and Mercury and Neptune joint third. Adriana's photo is pictured right and some of the

other entries are pictured below.



Amy Oakley 9CG



Adriana Manby 7RT



Lily Boswell 7AR



Isaac Davies 7DB



Dylan Mongan 7SL




Lucian Stefan 7AR



Cody Clarke 8KB

P E Student of the Month—January

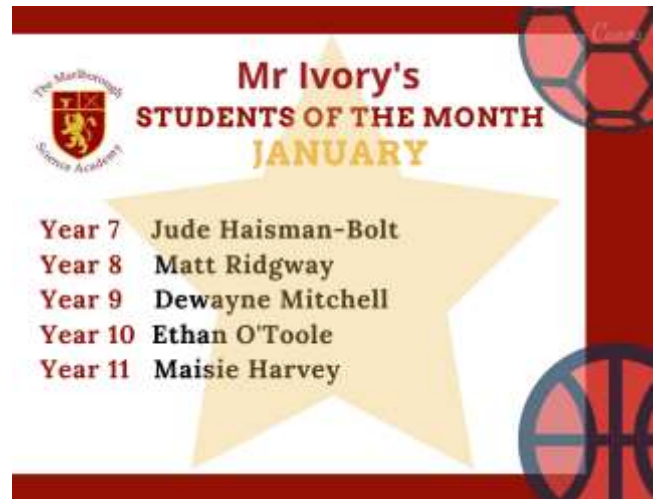
New for 2021! Each of the PE teachers will be nominating a Student of the Month from each year group for excellent attitude and hard work in PE.. Well done to all the students nominated for January.



The poster features a large yellow star in the center. To the left of the star is the school crest, which includes a shield with a lion and a cross, topped with a crown, and the text 'The Marlborough Science Academy' below it. The background is dark red with faint soccer ball and basketball patterns.

Miss Fox's
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY

Year 7 Charlotte Harcastle
Year 8 Emily Harris
Year 9 Megan Adams
Year 10 Amy Harrison
Year 11 Charlotte Bourne & Matthew Sands



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Mr Ivory's
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY

Year 7 Jude Haisman-Bolt
Year 8 Matt Ridgway
Year 9 Dewayne Mitchell
Year 10 Ethan O'Toole
Year 11 Maisie Harvey



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Mr Vivian's
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY

Year 7 Luke Bunting
Year 8 William Young
Year 9 Callum Howells & Izzy Chambers
Year 10 Miles Punter & Nikhil Patel
Year 11 Harry Daw



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Miss Shaw's
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY

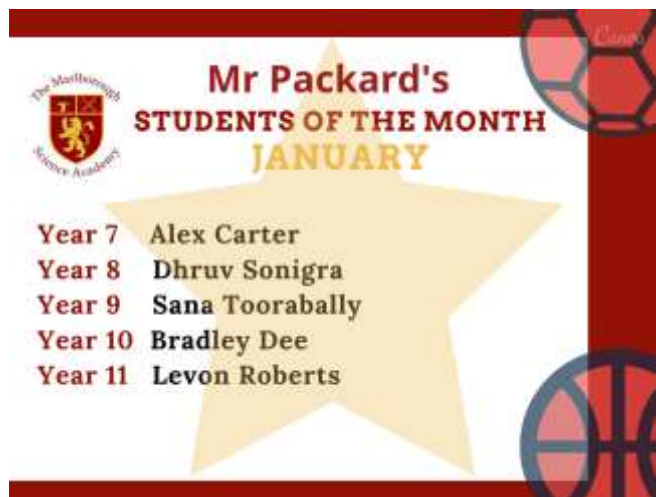
Year 7 Chloe Nuttall
Year 8 Maddison Dixon
Year 9 Evie Cutmore
Year 10 Alice Bernardini



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Miss Arrol's
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY

Year 7 Emily Constable
Year 8 Lois Punter
Year 9 Lauren Caldwell
Year 10 Hollie Thornton
Year 11 May Shade



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Mr Packard's
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY

Year 7 Alex Carter
Year 8 Dhruv Sonigra
Year 9 Sana Toorabally
Year 10 Bradley Dee
Year 11 Levon Roberts

Student Achievement



Congratulations to Jenna Hutton 12CJ who has earned herself a partial scholarship for a summer school at either Oxford or Cambridge University. Jenna entered the annual essay competition run by Immerse Education which is open to students of all nationalities aged 16-18.



Entrants are asked to write an essay which answers a pre-set question relating to their chosen subject. Jenna chose to answer the law related question and now has the opportunity to attend a two week Summer School which includes lectures, academic sessions, accommodation at the university and extra activities such as punting and croquet. This will be a valuable experience for Jenna who is planning to study either Law or English at university.

Well done to Billy Mardell-Smith 10EM who was selected for a talent identification camp with the England Under 15 squad in December. Billy, who plays at Watford FC Academy, spent three days at St George's Park the home of England's national football teams.

Armand Kavaja, the Lead Phase Coach for the Under-15s and 16s at Watford, described Billy as an intelligent player with a great attitude who is really focused and works hard.



You can read more on the Watford FC website [here](#)

TMSA HOUSE NEWS

FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM
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VALENTINES BAKE OFF COMPETITION -
SEE EDULINK EMAIL 2/2/21 FOR INFO



GW19 WINNER

JOE LATHAM



COMPETITION EXTENDED -
STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO GET
ACTIVE. STEP / RUN FOR YOUR
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COMPETITION



Student Achievement

My Year 10 food group made these amazing gateaux for Christmas. The pace in the lesson was incredible. Every student absolutely worked to their potential and beyond. They all had the basic sponge ingredients listed, and each student could decorate the top and coat the sides as they liked. I was so impressed at the end of the lesson. Well done all of you ... you should be proud of yourselves!



Aodhfin McInally 6586



Luis Pereira 6614



Callum Moore 6595



Akosua Aboagye 6449



Isabella Wileman 6661



Charlotte Joyce 6559



Abbie Bierman 6458



Matilda Burtenshaw 6478



Katelyn Wright 6666



Jessica Hardcastle 6539



Jay Murphy-Serpina 6599



John Robert Paguyo 6608



Lily May 6584



Harley Osmer 6485



Amy Harrison 6541



Charlotte Forster 6521



Annabel Little 6572



Bradley Masiero 6580



Gracie Day 6498



Nihayika J. Jodri 6466



Libby Key 6562



Lucas Nardy 6540



Student Achievement

Year 10 students produced some fantastic work at home recently whilst completing their remote learning.



Estelle Basse 10HF



Annabel Little 10EM



Emily Payne 10AK

English Stars of the Month for October

The following students have been recognised by their English teacher for their hard work, consistent effort and pleasing work in October.

Charlotte Hardcastle, Jenan Sakkejha, Katie Storey-Brown, Reece Diri, Molly Randle, Kayra Oney, Joshua De Goede, Molly Chaney, Amy Bilson, Xavier Bedford, Ashley Chalk, Theo Hicks, Sam Toomey, Sam Constable, Sabiha Jahan, Luke Mathews, Athena Stylianou, Devlan Spooner, Victoria Brown, Doug Peachman, Morgan Francis, Sara Urdaneta, Archie Hobbs, Mathra Kapugama Geeganage, Yaaseen Khan, Thomas Moffitt, Jennah Whettam, Ashley Jakeman, Muskan Zaman, Beaux Scott, Esme Dickson, Anjum Hussain, Gracie Gibbins, Billy Collins, Bailey Mileham, Mariya Begum, Tom Jobson, Molly Burke, Josh Seeby, Kofi Kyei-Boadu, Ava Hinds, Lauren Cropper, Nell Delaney, Nio Afilaka, Bibi Aumeerally, Olivia Harrison, Scarlett Swainsbury, Ruby Maryniok



Celebrating Hanukkah at Marlborough

Hanukkah will be celebrated from Thursday 10th—Friday 18th December and once again Miss Begum has created a display in the Marlborough Brasserie for students to learn about this important Jewish festival. There will also be Hanukkah inspired dishes on sale in the Brasserie



Celebrating Diwali at Marlborough

This year Diwali will be celebrated on Saturday 14th November by thousands of Hindus and Sikhs across the world.

Diwali, also known as **Deepavali**, originated in India and is celebrated with great enthusiasm as it symbolises the victory of good over evil.

The celebrations last for 5 days and include prayers, use of lights and colours and feasting.



At Marlborough we will be highlighting Diwali in assembly and decorating the school with lights. Also, our talented catering manager has devised a special menu for the week leading up to Diwali.



Student Achievement

These concertina sketchbooks were created by year 12 students in response to topical issues they were interested in exploring. These included the lockdown, Covid, isolation, mental health, BLM and protests, Donald Trump and the government.



Student Achievement

As well as playing for the school netball team, Sofia Summer 8KB plays for Kardale Netball Club, training weekly and playing matches at weekends. As with most team sports this stopped during lockdown.

England Netball worked hard to introduce changes to make the game "Covid safe" including further spacing for marking and regular ball sanitisation.

In August, the netball club started individual fitness training outdoors. This was followed by the resumption of proper (outdoor) training sessions in September.

Sofia was then put forward by her Netball coach to try out for the Hertfordshire U13 Team.

There were separate trials for attacking positions, central positions and defence positions and Sofia, who usually plays GD (Goal Defence) for the school and club, went to the defence trial on Tuesday 13th October.

This was followed by a further "final" trial on Tuesday 20th October and Sofia was then selected for the Hertfordshire County U13 squad.

The team met once prior to this recent lockdown but Sofia has taken part in weekly online strength and conditioning fitness sessions in preparation for play to resume soon.

Well done Sofia! Your enthusiasm and dedication to sport in both PE lessons and extra-curricular is excellent – keep up the fantastic work.



This Week's Quote of the Week

"Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much"

(Blaise Pascal)

Word of the Week

Apricity (noun) The warmth of the sun on a chilly day.

Classics Corner



Welcome to the first instalment of Classics Corner!

Greece Trip, February 2020

Although it seems like such a long time ago now, it was only in February that we were lucky enough to spend six days touring Greece with our Year 9 and 13 Classicists. We started our tour in **Athens**, viewing awe-inspiring sites such as the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum.



We then ventured to the more mountainous region of ancient **Delphi**, which the ancient Greeks considered to be the centre of the world and the home of the oracle. Another highlight was visiting **Olympia**, where the original Olympic Games originated. Our students embraced their competitive streak by racing each other across the length of the ancient stadium, just like the athletes would have done over two thousand years ago!

What made this trip for me was the enthusiasm of our students and the way they embraced the culture and traditions of both modern and ancient Greece. In the current climate, we certainly feel privileged to have had the opportunity to travel around such a beautiful country, and we certainly hope to return in the future!



Miss Garrett

Latest news

Our new **Year 9** cohort have started their GCSE course learning the different roles and responsibilities of the Olympian gods.



Year 10 have been very busy consolidating all the topics they completed during the lockdown period, and are excited to start learning about life in Roman towns such as Pompeii, Herculaneum and of course, Rome.

(Left, the goddess Athene)

Year 12 have made a fantastic start to their A Level topic entitled 'The World of the Hero'. They are reading Homer's *Odyssey* which is often regarded as the greatest work of literature of all time. Click the link below to see what all the fuss is about!

<https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20180521-the-greatest-tale-ever-told> (Natalie

Haynes)

Well done to all our students!

Miss Morrice



Classics in the news!

Scientists find intact brain cells in skull of man killed in Vesuvius eruption nearly 2,000 years ago

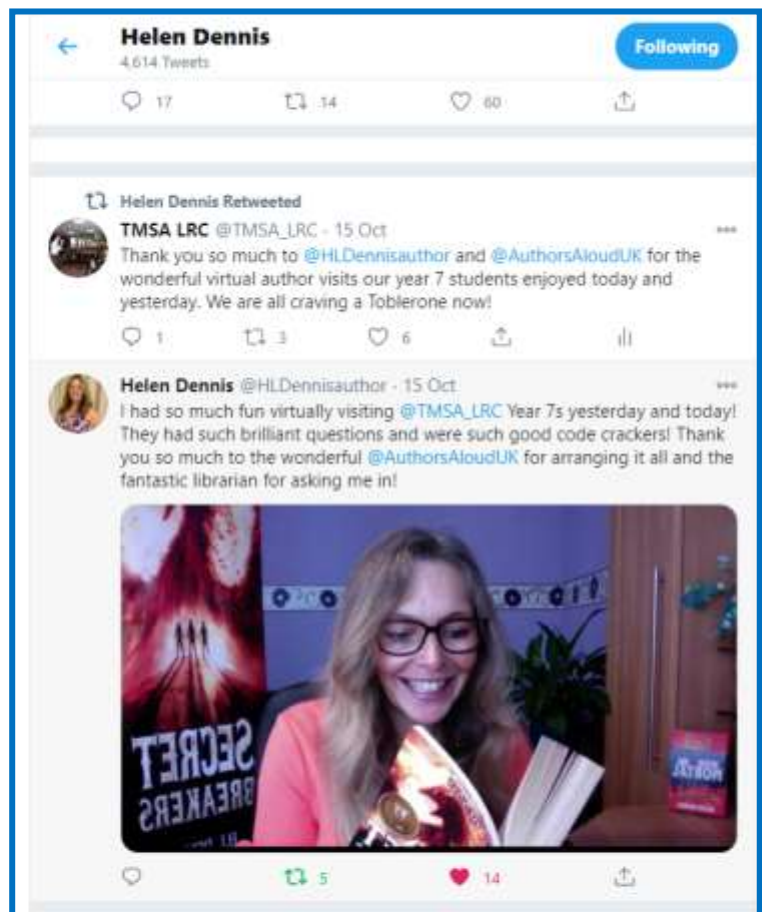
Some of our older students may remember visiting Herculaneum on our last Italy trip where we were able to see the famous skeletons in the boat-houses. New discoveries have been un-earthed! Click the link to read the full article: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/07/well-preserved-2000-year-old-brain-cells-found-in-vesuvius-victim>

LRC News

We were also lucky enough to win free virtual author visits from Helen Dennis for all Year 7 students. These took place on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October. Helen is the author of The Secret Breakers series and the River of Ink series and talked to students about how she became a writer and the inspiration for her books. The students also had a chance to crack some codes themselves.



You can find out more about Helen and her books on her website helendennisbooks.com



LRC News

Children's Book Award 2020



Every year The Federation of Children's Book Groups hold the Children's Book Award. This is the only national award that is voted for entirely by children from start to finish. In previous years our students have taken part in discussion days with other schools, whilst we were not able to meet up with other schools this year some of our students helped to produce short videos for 6 of the shortlisted books which can be viewed from the FCBG website [here](#)

The award ceremony took place online on Saturday 10th October and can be viewed [here](#)

The overall winner was D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer

'Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question. Finding comfort only in the presence of his loyal dog, Finn, Jack is drawn to the heart-wrenching true story of one particular D-Day paratrooper. On 6 June 1944, Emile Corteil parachuted into France with his dog, Glen - and Jack is determined to discover their fate ...'



If any student who has read any of the shortlisted books for the award would like to do a piece of artwork, a review or a poem inspired by the book these will be compiled and sent to the authors. Please hand these in at the LRC or email them to s.nixon@marlborough.herts.sch.uk by Monday 2nd November at the latest.

The shortlisted books in Category 2, 3 and 4 are as follows;

Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson

Maker of Monsters by Lorraine Gregory

Mutant Zombies Cursed my School Trip by Matt Brown

D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer

Wildspark by Vashti Hardy

A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Becoming Dinah by Kit de Waal

Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen McManus



Celebrating Black History Month

We asked staff to choose a Black hero that they would like to share tea and cake with and what they would talk to them about. We had a fantastic range of nominations including actors, popstars, activists and athletes. The board is on display in Pascal Hall where all students are able to see it.



Mrs Wood also produced this [Sway](#) explaining the origins of Black History Month and providing some links to other websites with further information

CELEBRATING
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Celebrating Black History Month

As part of our celebrations for Black History Month we have been recommending a book by a Black author everyday in October on our social media platforms. We have had a fantastic response to our posts including some from the authors themselves.



There is something for everyone from picture books to poetry, biographies, non-fiction books exploring race and identity and of course some fantastic fiction for all ages. You can find a list of the recommended books on our new LRC web page [here](#) in the Quick Lists section.



Virtual Sports Day 2020

The Marlborough Science Academy house system was thrilled to have been able to run a virtual sports day in July for our students and staff. Over 100 competitors took part from both the student body and the staff. Here are just a few examples of the entries that went towards a fantastic competition and week of physical activity in the midst of lockdown.





The latest edition of the MO is out now. Click on the image to be taken to the link.

Cultural Capital

What is Cultural Capital?

Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a student can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients a student will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work.

With the current restrictions on trips and some clubs and extra curricular activities it is more important than ever to give students the opportunity to widen their experience through a range of activities. We are developing a new section on the school website [here](#) where students can access resources to expand their cultural capital including virtual tours and exhibitions, films, research opportunities and enrichment activities. These will be added to regularly so please do check back to see what is available. Any completed activities will be recognised and feedback provided.

