



Parent Testimonial 2023

During the 2021 open evening, we were immediately impressed by the extremely warm welcome given to all students and parents by Ms Thomson and her amazing team, as well as the lovely facilities and space available to the students. Two years later and as our daughter is entering Year 8, we feel the same about the Marlborough community today.

September 2022 came and our daughter settled into Year 7 extremely quickly, despite not being able to attend the summer transition days. Transition from primary to secondary education is a huge step, which the amazing transition team know very well. Their responsiveness to any concerns or queries was second to none, and we were certainly not prepared for the vast programme of extra-curricular activities quickly on offer to students at lunchtime and after school – most of which our daughter wanted to try!

At first the size of the school seemed daunting but within weeks the teachers and other students had helped Holly and her friends find their way around. Expectations, routines and academic timetables were firmly established, and lessons delivered with passion and fun. Again, a huge transition from primary in terms of scale alone, but a place where our daughter and her friends embraced their new independence and responsibility.

As you look around the school you realise it clearly celebrates its students. There is fantastic artwork on display across the site, examples of learning and excited students giving class demonstrations. If I had to choose one word to sum up Marlborough it would be 'community' – Ms Thomson and her team do a fantastic job of caring for, educating, protecting and encouraging the students in a challenging and ever-changing world, as well as working hard with parents to create a strong partnership and support network. No mean feat for any large comprehensive school!

Within a few months of starting school students were offered a PGL trip, a day trip to France and various theatre trips, further opportunities to develop friendships, plus the revues and M-Fest. The canteen and 'Marlborough Eats' have also been huge highlights to the school day, with much initial excitement about the biometric payment system!

The sky is the limit for students who wish to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to them at Marlborough. Our daughter has thrived and has thoroughly enjoyed Year 7.

We are very proud to be part of the Marlborough Community.

Year 8 parent



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Last year, I didn't think twice about sending my second child to Marlborough; he had been looking forward to it since Year 3, when he first came to the open evening with his older brother!

After Ms Thomson's talk, he said "I want to come to this school". He spoke of how the head teachers at other schools spoke to the parents about why they should send their children to their school and that, he said was 'boring'. However, Ms Thomson spoke directly to the children about all the reasons why they should come to Marlborough - a very astute observation!

Both my children are very academic and I have been happy with how they have been stretched in their lessons, as well as how they have developed personally. Both have made lovely friends who live locally, and both have benefited from the extra-curricular activities and trips. I also appreciate how nurturing the school is.

All the teachers and Miss Pounnas, the Director of Learning for Year 7, know the children well and care about their well-being. On the rare occasions that I have had an issue, it has been dealt with immediately and effectively. Both my children are thriving at Marlborough, it's quite simply a brilliant school!

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The key thing that stands out in our experience of The Marlborough Science Academy is the focus on creating a safe, happy environment for the children. This starts from their first experience of the school - from the open evening and the initial summer school, and through into Year 7 and beyond. Alongside a strong ethos of caring for the children, clear boundaries and expectations are set, and the children know what is expected of them to advance their education.

We have found this with our youngest child who joined in September 2022 and also our other children who are now in Year 12 and Year 10. The result is that an environment is created where the children are happy, secure, motivated to do their best and, most importantly, enjoy going to school.

Parents to students in Year 12, Year 9 and Year 7



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As parents we naturally strive to achieve the best for our children, always. And, when the time came for our sons to embark on the next chapter of their lives (by joining secondary school), we visited many to find the right one.

Our first impression of Marlborough Science Academy was a school that provides 100% commitment to investing in excellent teaching, time, and care for all students. This impression has stayed with us throughout. The Head Teacher, Ms Thomson, has such passion for the school which is evident in her whole approach to children's education.

The Open Evening provided accurate information ensuring we left the event with a full understanding of the school's ethos and their commitment to learning.

Since our sons joined Marlborough, the support and excellent teaching has gone from strength to strength. The care and attention given to Year 7 pupils is phenomenal, guiding them every step of the way, with the Director of Year 7, Miss Pounnas, being outstanding throughout.

Ms Thomson makes herself readily available to the students and together with her fantastic team ensure that Marlborough achieves the highest standards possible. We are always kept up to date with information regarding our sons' progress and regular updates on school related matters.

Our first visit to Marlborough Science Academy set the bar very high against other secondary schools. We are delighted with the school and how our sons are developing, we couldn't wish for more.

Year 8 and Year 11 parent





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As a parent with a daughter moving onto secondary school, I was a little apprehensive about which school would be the right one for her. I can say Marlborough was the right choice.

For any child (and parent!) Year 7 can be a little daunting but with the supportive staff who are quick to respond to any issues that may arise along the way, school life has been very enjoyable. Ms Pounnas is extremely dedicated and goes above and beyond to ensure each child is happy. Any problems are dealt with promptly with sensitivity and discretion.

I have always found communication between teacher, parent and student to be prompt and informative. As a parent, I have always felt listened to.

Academically I have seen my daughter grow, she is challenged and supported in all aspects of her learning and the House Points system is a great incentive for the students to do well in all aspects of school life.

There are great opportunities to develop new skills and interests with plenty of after school clubs on offer. She gets involved with as much sport as she can fit into her week and is part of Marlborough's very own Acro gymnastics team. She really is living the dream!

As a family we thoroughly enjoyed the school's annual productions, recently there have been 'School of Rock' and, 'Matilda', and the annual M Festival is a great way for children to get involved and perform musically.

The transition days in July are a great way to aid a smooth transition, giving the children the opportunity to get familiar with the site, make new friends and have fun.

If you are looking for a school with dedicated, approachable staff, a caring environment where your child will grow both academically and socially then I can't recommend Marlborough enough.

Year 8 parent

