

Year 7 House Spelling

On Thursday 10th November, we ran our first House Spelling Competition. Teams took part from all four houses. Mars were represented by Ryan Conway, Chloe Fisher, Erin Burke and Levon Roberts. Mercury by Jasmine Palmer-Brown, Judith McCloy and Amy Bilson. For Neptune were Matthew Ward, Tom Brasington, Daniel Suleimanovic and Evie Summers. In the end the winning house were Saturn with their team composed of: Sean Neveling, Akbar Ali, Esin Uddin and Denise Xhepha. Well done to all who took part; students faced some challenging words like chrysanthemum, pandemonium and procrastinate.

Mrs E Blount

The winning team



Apprenticeship Opportunity at Rotech Machines



On Thursday 10th November Ms Wood, our Apprenticeship Coordinator took eight Year 11 students from the Engineering Group and one student interested in Accounts to Rotech Machines for an Apprenticeship Opportunity.

The students had a tour of the print machines and were given an insight into the business.

The company are looking to employ two Engineering Apprentices and one Accounts Apprentice. Marlborough Science Academy has been given exclusivity to help find these apprentices.

During their time at Rotech Machines they also had a round table discussion and the opportunity to ask questions about the apprenticeship positions.

It was a very successful morning and they have all been invited back for a formal interview in the New Year.

Rotech machines are a small business in WGC that design and manufacture coding machines. They have fifteen staff at present and are planning to double this and grow the company with apprentices in the coming years.

Year 8 Work Shadowing Day

On Wednesday 9th November Year 8 students took part in a Work Shadowing day. The majority of students shadowed one of their parents and jobs ranged from being a driving instructor to a fashion manager in a pop up shop to even a personal boxing trainer. Days were extremely varied including a start time of 5am for one student!

Some students who were unable to find a placement out of school shadowed a member of school staff including site agents, IT technicians and pastoral staff. Josh Byrne even got to be Mr Griggs for the day – complete with waistcoat!

This is a valuable opportunity for our students to give them an insight into the world of work and they have spent time in their PSHCEE lessons discussing their experiences and how these may have differed from their expectations.



Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday Evening four Year 9 students, who study Food Preparation and Nutrition at GCSE took part in the Rotary Young Chef Challenge. Ciara Maloney, Jennifer Pooley, Natasha Marsh and Lily Austwick all competed against other schools in St Albans at Oaklands College.

Their task was to cook a healthy two course meal for two for under £12. All the girls did fantastically well and the competition and meals that all the competitors produced on the evening looked wonderful. Congratulations to Jennifer Pooley who scooped up first place with her winning dishes of butternut squash soup, homemade bread rolls and smoked salmon risotto. It was amazing, well done Jennifer.

Jennifer will now go through to the next round in March competing with other districts in Hertfordshire. Her next challenge is a three course meal. Before then Jennifer has the opportunity of a days work experience with Gopi Chandran, Head Chef at Sopwell House Hotel to have some further advice in preparation for the next round of the competition.

Click [here](#) for the Herts Advertiser article.



PE News



The Year 9 basketball team have made an excellent start to this season. They have played two games so far, winning one and narrowly losing to St Albans School. Both matches have been really exiting, the boys came from behind in the last quarter to beat Samuel Ryder 36-33 which showed excellent character and desire to win. They have a couple more fixtures to play against Townsend and Sir John Lawes and hopefully they can finish the season strongly. Well done so far boys.

Mr Cockram



Year 12 and 13 Sports students visited Wembley UCFB University to find out about the facilities offered in a stadium type environment and the sports degree courses offered including Sports Business, Media and Coaching.

The students also experienced a degree type seminar - working in groups they had to problem solve a high security scenario and present their findings to the whole group.

Students and staff were able to experience The England football team changing room and 'The Tunnel' leading to the pitch.

Mrs M Rutherford



6th Form Information Evening

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our 6th Form Information Evening on **Monday 28th November**. The evening starts at 6.30pm and continues until 9pm. We will be able to outline our diverse Post 16 provision which we are able to offer in conjunction with our partner schools in the Alban Learning Partner group.

This evening is designed for all of our Year 11 students and parents to attend and also welcome students from other schools that would like the opportunity to study with us. Subject leaders representing the whole curriculum will be attending the evening to provide individual guidance and current students will be available to talk to you about their own experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Maths Stars of the Week

Year 7—Josh Sweeting and Keira Pegg-Edwards

Year 8—Douglas Lote, Chloe Mitchell, Alice Rose and Louis Silva

Year 9—Scott Orchard, Emily Bourne, Ruby Ciric and Molly Burke

Year 10—Tia Slocombe and Lorna May Norris

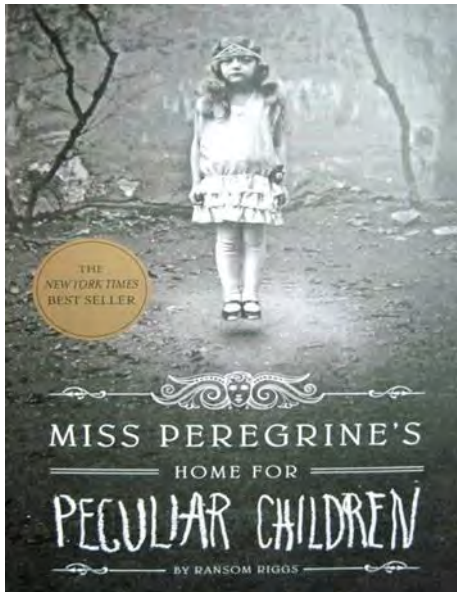
Year 11—Naomi Baxendine and Natasha Khan

Congratulations to you all.

The Maths Department



Staff Book Reviews



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

By Ransom Riggs

An assortment of strange and curious photographs, a murder, a mystery island and a peculiar orphanage for peculiar children. What book could this review be alluding to? Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by acclaimed author Ransom Riggs of course.

Left spinning after witnessing his grandfather's death, sixteen year old Jacob journeys to Wales to visit the orphanage his grandfather spoke of in his youth. However, the island and the orphanage is not what Toby had imagined and its crumbling ruins leave more questions rather than answers. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a

deserted island for good reason. And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows. The novel has many positive aspects including rich imagery which enables the reader to clearly see Jacob and his grandfather. Their relationship is beautiful and his death is particularly poignant. However, while the plot itself may be gripping, it moves rather slowly and at times it appears that the author wrote the book around the photographs. This resulted in the narrative being stodgy which in turn detracted from the eerie atmosphere the author tried to craft. This can be attributed to start-stop rise in tension with weak explanations how of the photographs intertwine with the story. This gives the book a sense of incompleteness and would discourage a reader from wanting to read a sequel.

Miss Fogarty

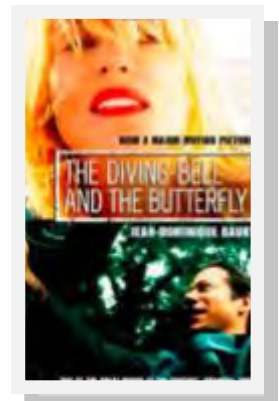
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly by Jean Dominique-Bauby

The true story of Jean-Dominique Bauby who suffers a stroke and several weeks in a coma, and has to live with a paralysed body; the only part not paralysed is his left eye.

He learns that this is called 'locked-in syndrome'. His cognitive (thinking) facilities are fine, yet despite all his issues he was taught a communication system where he spells out words by blinking (he was not able to speak).

Although frustrating, he learns to communicate slowly, but effectively. So much so, with the help of a translator, he wrote this book.

Mrs Rochowski



PSHE at Post 16

As part of the Post 16 PSHE programme Edward Stollwart from Student Finance delivered a presentation to Year 12 and 13 students outlining in detail the facts about Tuition and Maintenance loans as well as budgeting whilst at University. Students found the presentation useful and informative.



Sam Dukelow - Health Officer from St Albans Council delivered a workshop and discussion to Year 12 and 13 students on the theme of 'Alcohol Awareness' during a recent Post 16 PSHE session. As well as providing advice and support in UCAS application and Apprenticeships, students are given the opportunity to understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle and personal safety.

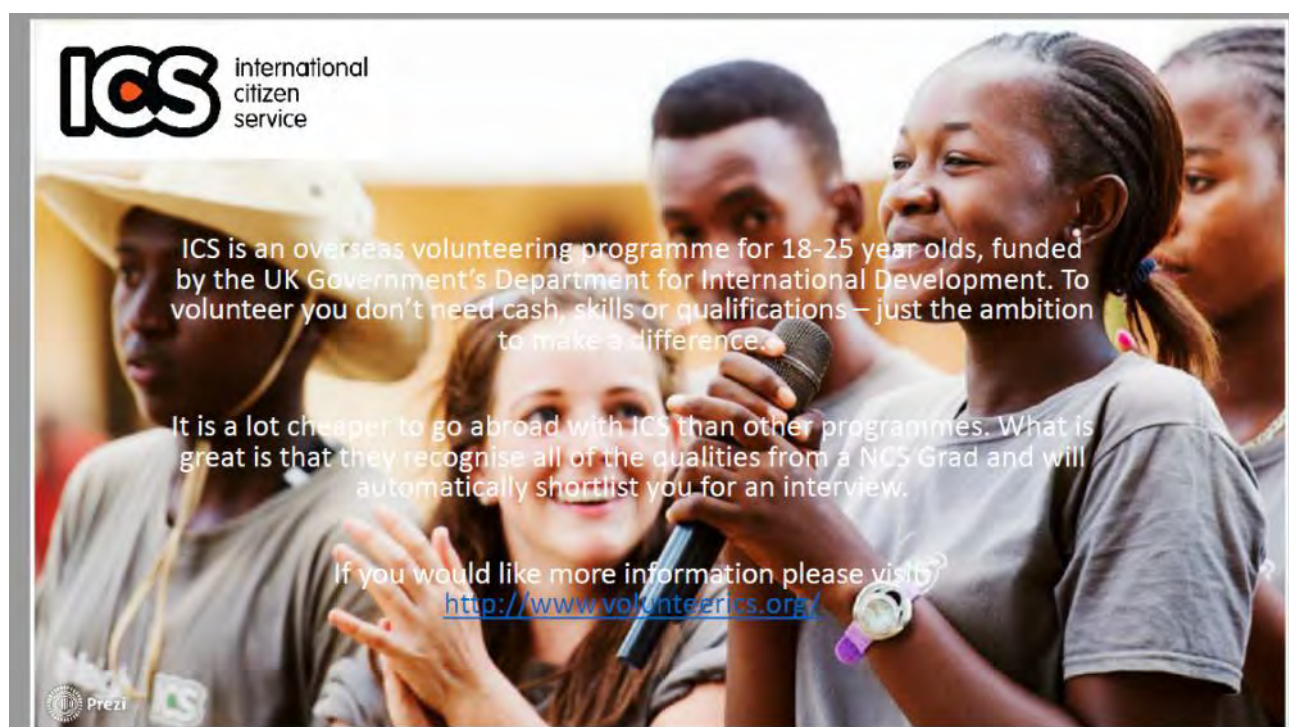
Mrs M Rutherford



NCS is a fantastic opportunity for self-discovery and helps with the transition to further education and employment and a chance to see the world and make a difference in your global community.

'It was a great, helpful session which significantly changed some of my views on my future education'

Omar Abu-Qalbain Year 12

An advertisement for the International Citizen Service (ICS). It features a photograph of a diverse group of young people. Overlaid text provides information about the program. The ICS logo is in the top left corner. A 'Prezi' logo is in the bottom left corner.

ICS international citizen service

ICS is an overseas volunteering programme for 18-25 year olds, funded by the UK Government's Department for International Development. To volunteer you don't need cash, skills or qualifications – just the ambition to make a difference.

It is a lot cheaper to go abroad with ICS than other programmes. What is great is that they recognise all of the qualities from a NCS Grad and will automatically shortlist you for an interview.

If you would like more information please visit <http://www.volunteerscs.org/>



The Marlborough Science Academy Parent Teacher Association



WE NEED YOU!

Marlborough has had a very active PTA for several years due to the commitment of a number of parents who get involved with running the various events we hold throughout the year. We raise funds to buy extras to enhance the school experience all our children have. We have funded a wide variety of things such as picnic benches, GoPro camera, laptops, virtual baby, stage lighting, musical instruments and sports kits for school teams to name a few.

A number of our regular volunteers have stepped down as their children have now moved on to college and university so we need your help more than ever to fill their shoes! Sadly, our recent PTA meeting was very poorly attended. Unfortunately if no more parents come forward to become active members of the PTA, it will mean we will no longer be able to run the events and activities that raise so much for the school.

Our Treasurer has had to step down due to work commitments and so we are urgently looking for a new treasurer. It is a role that does not necessarily need attendance at every meeting. If this is something you may be interested in please get in touch ASAP.

We have planned a number of forthcoming events which will only go ahead if we have more support. Even an hour of your time helps enormously towards our fundraising to buy items that enhance the school experience for all *OUR* children. If you are able to help with any of the following please contact PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk stating the times you are able to help, please also include a contact telephone number.

Year 7&8 Winter Wonderland Disco – Friday 9th December, 6.30 - 8.30 pm.

This fun social event for years 7 and 8 needs a few parents to help set up the hall from 5pm, sell refreshments between 6.30 and 8.30pm and clear up after 8.30pm

Teddy Tombola – Tuesday 20th December (pm)

The PTA will be running our popular pre-loved teddy tombola at the students Christmas fair. We need helpers to set up and run the stall. Times TBC but will be during school hours.

Quiz Night – Friday 3rd March, 8pm

We need volunteers to set up the hall, run the bar, help with quiz marking and clear up afterwards.

I look forward to meeting you soon at one of our events or meetings.

Charlotte Little

PTA Chair



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Next Events

**Years 7&8 Winter
Wonderland Disco**

**Friday 9th Dec 2016
6.30-8.30pm**

Toy Tombola

**Tuesday
20th Dec 2016**

**Second Hand Uniform
Sale**

**Saturday
14th Jan 2017
10.30-11.30am**

Quiz Night

**Friday
3rd March 2016**

Next Meeting

**Wednesday 18th
January 2017
7.30pm in the
Boardroom**



Wanted Teddies & Soft Toys

If you have any unwanted soft toys that you wish to donate to our soft toy tombola, please bring them to Reception by Friday 16th December

PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Saturday 14th January 10.30-11.30am

(Sales are held in the Boardroom)

Large selection of winter coats at £3, new school ties and good quality second hand uniform for sale.

Donations can be left at school reception or can be collected in St Albans area. Email pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk with the subject 'Uniform'



Friday March 3rd 2017



Put the date in your diary now for our popular Fun Quiz night. You can enter as a team or just come along and join in with others.

Christmas charities at Marlborough

We are always proud of how our school community rallies around at this time of year and please find below the three charities we are supporting this year. Thanks in advance for any donations that are made.



Year 7 are helping our local Women's Refuge provide Christmas gifts for their families. Thank you for the donations received so far. We are still short of suitable gifts for young children including pens and pencils, books, hair accessories, Christmas sweets and art/craft sets. Please bring in any donations by Friday 2nd December to the Learning Sanctuary, Miss Pounnas or the Year 7 Office



Years 8-13 are invited to bring in non perishable food donations (please check the best by date) for the St Albans and District foodbank. This is running as a house competition to be judged on the quantity brought in by each house and also the best designed hamper. Please can all donations be brought in by Friday 9th December and taken to the Learning Sanctuary.



Guide Dogs Charity Sale

Guide Dogs for the Blind will be in for their charity Christmas sale on **Tuesday 29th November and Wednesday 30th November** at lunchtime in the LRC. All students are invited to come along, say hello and of course there may be one or two doggy visitors and maybe find something to buy for themselves or as Christmas gifts. We raised over £300 last year for the charity and let's see if we can do that again.



Help out when you check out this Christmas

Collect FREE donations for **The Marlborough Science Academy (The Big Splash)** with all your online Christmas shopping!



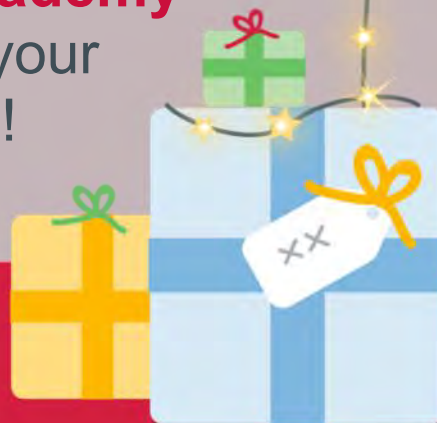
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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016

Friday 25th November Occasional Day – School closed for all
 Wednesday 21st December Last day of term

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January Beginning of term for staff and students
 Friday 10th February INSET Day

Half Term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Friday 7th April Last day of term

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April Beginning of term
 Monday 1st May Bank Holiday (May Day)

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
 Friday 21st July Last day of term



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