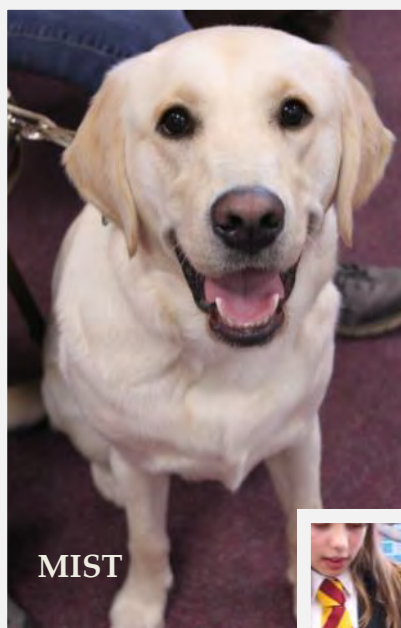


Guide Dogs for the Blind

We must thank all the students who came and showed their support to the Guide Dog Charity visitors last week. We welcomed Yassi, Flame and Mist on Tuesday to the LRC with their respective owners. Both students and dogs enjoyed meeting each other, Yassi at 4 months was very playful and the most vocal, Mist was 13 months old and the very next day was off to her new home at the Guide Dog training centre in Euston and Flame was a retired guide dog aged 9.

On Wednesday we welcomed back our favourite guide dog, Meg and her owners Eddie and Fran. She was very patient while being stroked by well over a 100 students, her tail didn't stop wagging. The total raised was **£327.18** which is an amazing amount and is more than last year.

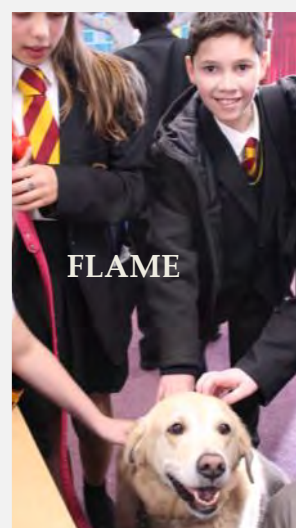
'Thank you for all your help over the last couple of days and for such a warm welcome, from all the staff and pupils at the school'. Jackie Day—Guide Dogs.



MIST



YASSI



FLAME



MEG

Message from the Headteacher

I am writing to remind you as parents/carers that I hold a 'surgery' every Tuesday between 3.30-4.30pm should you wish to air any concerns or indeed just ask for clarification about any issues. Diary permitting can I also remind you that my PA, Mrs Salvietto will try her hardest to get you into see me should there be any reason that you might wish to see me outside of the Tuesday surgery time.

I write this as I am becoming increasingly concerned about the way social media is being used to speak so negatively about our school usually in an inaccurate or unjustified way and in some instances is causing a level of distress that is unacceptable and unavoidable. This method of communication whilst I appreciate the need sometimes to 'vent' does not solve anything, it does not give me as Head an opportunity to put things right and equally importantly it misrepresents our school in a way that saddens me as we work so hard to try to put things right, it also contravenes our home school partnership agreement.

As mentioned I appreciate completely that we may sometimes get it wrong, speaking to me or any other member of staff is the most effective way of resolving whatever issues you may have. And as a further support mechanism for you there is a [general enquiry form](#) on the school website on the 'Contact Us' link where any queries and questions will be answered as soon as possible. There is also a 'Marlborough Thanks' link should any parent or carer wish to send personal thanks to a member of staff.

Thank you
Ms Thomson
Headteacher

Maths Stars

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 7—Josh Sweeting and Milana Semjonova

Year 8—Rhianna Berryman, Jordan Winsor, Alicia Davey Pascoe and Alice Rose

Year 9—Kiera Taylor, Shane Arciaga, Arianna Munro and Arafat Shah

Year 10—Callum Cooper and Tamanna Begum

Year 11—Millie Guest, Naomi Baxendine and Ross Andrews



The 2017 Saatchi Gallery Art Prize for Schools



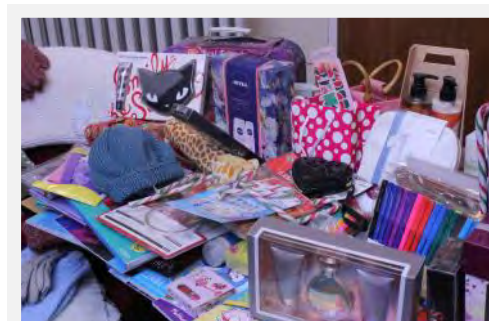
The Saatchi Gallery Art Prize is open to all schools around the world and Marlborough have submitted some amazing artwork, please click [here](#) to see our entries and we wait for the results in the new year. There is no prescribed theme for works entered, nor is there a restriction on media used. The competition is one of the largest international competitions open to schools and has a 30 year long history of supporting emerging artists and bringing contemporary art to as wide an audience as possible. The Saatchi Gallery Art Prize for Schools aims to support and encourage budding young artists by providing them with a platform to showcase their work, and giving them the confidence to continue studying art and to consider a creative career. Well done to all our artists for having their works shown on the Saatchi website gallery.

Lara Pledger, Olivia Scotter, Ellie Evershed, Kate Mercer, Olivia Casali, Imogen Hurn, Saba Khan, Maisie Mannering, Hope Blundell, Jessican Hearn, Christina Watkins, Ellie Garner, Megan Braithwaite Long and Amelia Stubbs.



A big thank you for all the donations for the St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge. We were able to fill 6 large boxes and bags with some lovely goodies that will make their Christmas that little bit more special.

The Year 7 Team



'We at the refuge were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of the year seven pupils. The gifts so kindly given will make such a difference to the families staying with us at Christmas. Well done to all of the pupils and staff involved at this very special time of year. I am sure you are proud of such a caring group of children, they are a real credit to Marlborough school. Thanks to all involved and wishing staff and pupils a happy and joyous Christmas!'

SAHWR

English Stars

Congratulations to the following students:



Year 11

George Chaney, Jacob Kocis, Harrison Gates, Polly McCarthy, Albert Smith Davies, Robbie Winks, Tommy Day and Ben Mackenzie

Year 10

Luke Lincoln, Anna Verdier, Kayleigh Day, Tom Bournier and James Adams

Year 9

Woody Woods, Jess Williams, Caitlin Parry, Hannah Storey-Brown, Isabelle Ellis, Brooke Cunningham, Amelia Prentice, Molly Harris, Ethan Atkinson and Issy Ives

Year 8

Mikey Woods, Callum Cooper, Heather McCloy, Chloe Mitchell, Jessica Persaud

Year 7

Corey Donovan, Aaron McClean and Judith McCloy,

Year 12

Megan Godley and Ellie Evershed

Year 13

Amy Chandler, Scarlett Stanley and Rosie Scott

Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Juliet Hughes Bywater** (Year 7) and **Cerys Wernham** (Year 10) who are starring in the latest fantasy film from JK Rowling 'Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them'. As students at Theatrix they have spent the last year working with the cast and crew at Leavesden and Caddington studios. Juliet and Cerys have the roles of children in a crowd scene looking very frightened standing with their onstage family. This was a first appearance in a movie for both of them and hope it will be a career for them to follow.

'I was expecting everyone to be very serious but it was a lot of fun. There were lots of actors on set for the crowd scenes which made it very exciting.' Juliet

'I would love to become an actress, being on set was surreal and great to see a working film set. It has certainly inspired me to follow acting as a career.' Cerys

Credit should also go to ex student Conor Booker who left Marlborough last year, he has the role of a baker in the film.

Congratulations to **Mikie Ridgway** Year 7 who recently competed in the Eastern Region Voluntary competition and was placed 8th overall and came 3rd on floor. The competition level was extremely high and Mikie managed to compete some new skills on high bar and parallel bars.

Post 16 PSHCEE

Ms Evans, Careers Coordinator for the school gave a presentation on the theme of careers, jobs and the future.

Year 12 and 13 students explored different careers pathways and important facts and figures surrounding employment and jobs in particular qualifications and experience required.

'The session gave me useful information about jobs and salaries and what is important when deciding a career.'
Abigail Medlycott Year 12

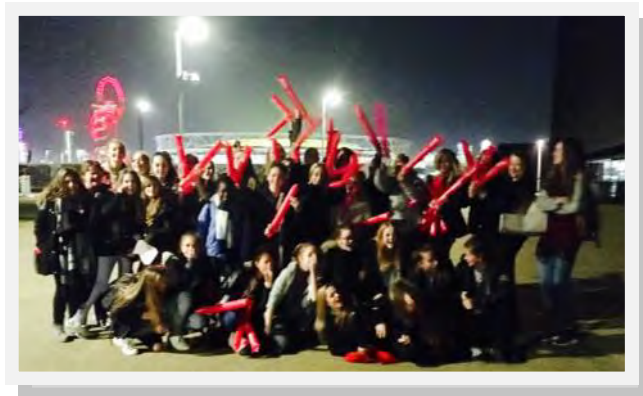


As part of the PSCHEE careers programme Year 13 students had the opportunity to create a personal LinkedIn account. LinkedIn is a social website that is used by business and professional people across the world.

Steve Roy, a First Aid trainer from STEP, delivered a session on ' Keeping yourself safe' to Year 12 and 13 students during PSCHEE. Year 13 students discussed scenarios and difficult situations and how to prevent dangerous situations when going out for the evening. Year 12 students were taught how to put somebody in a recovery position.



Netball trip to England vs Jamaica Vitality International Series at the Copper Box Arena, Stratford, London.



Netball players who represent the school, took a trip to see the England Netball team perform in their international series vs Jamaica. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to see how Netball is played at a high level, and also be able to inspire their performance when they compete against other schools. The students behaved beautifully and I was extremely proud of their conduct, considering it was a very busy venue with lots going on! Thank you to all involved and a special mention for Miss Arrol and Miss Crook for giving up their evening and assisting me with this trip.

"Last week we went to the England vs Jamaica Netball game at the Olympic Park. We found watching the match exciting and inspiring, we hope it will be beneficial to our personal performances when playing Netball for the school team. It was an amazing experience to go to such a great venue and see the London skyline all lit up at night, we would love to go again! Thank you Miss Edwards!"

Abby Simpkin, Jenna Hutton, Ellie Brewer and Heather McCloy (Year 8)



We have a cupboard full of unnamed uniform including coats, blazers and jumpers.

If you or your son or daughter is missing any items of clothing/glasses please ask them to come to Student Services to check in the cupboard.

Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Thank you

Reception

Accelerated Reader 100% Club

The following students have read more than two books this month and scored 100% on all their quizzes. Well done!

Carry on reading





Christmas

LUNCH MENU

Tuesday 20th December

Main

Slow Roasted Turkey with Bacon Wrapped Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Rich Gravy or

Caramelised Roasted Vegetable & Cheese Tartlet

Accompanied by

Roasted Rosemary Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Honey Roasted Parsnips, Buttered Carrots

Plus

Fresh Fruit Jelly, 'Hot Chocolate' Dessert Pot, Christmas Chocolate Log & Cream, Christmas Pudding with Custard

*You can pay for your ticket(s) online via School Gateway or in person at the Finance Office (cash or cheque only).
All tickets need to be purchased by Wednesday 14th December*

Students
£2.50



Staff
£3.00



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!



Join easyfundraising



Shop online



Raise free donations



Join here today:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/themarboroughsa





Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership **campaign about not using your mobile phone while driving.**

We are also asking schools and individuals if they are able to join the upcoming thunderclap (on Friday 9 December) with their twitter and Facebook accounts. We all get fed up seeing drivers distracted by using their handheld mobile phones while driving and endangering others as well as themselves. Join the thunderclap by signing up here: <http://thndr.me/OJyqND> and support the #putitaway campaign. Please click on this link for more information on the campaign www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway

The thunderclap utilises the school **twitter** and **Facebook** accounts **on this one occasion** and sends out a single message from the accounts of all those who have signed up, so that it rises above the noise of social networks. By boosting the signal at the same time, Thunderclap creates action and change like never before. The message will go out on Friday 9 December at 7pm. Sign up at: <http://thndr.me/OJyqND>

We would be delighted if you were able to be involved and support the campaign – **thank you.**

Best wishes

Katherine Ware

Officer – Road Safety Partnership

Transport, Access & Road Safety Unit

Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8DN

Postal Point CHN101



Funded Parenting Courses and Workshops Spring Term 2017

Spring Term 2017 - Date and Venue to be Confirmed (Daytime Course)

Confident Fathers Programme

Broxbourne Area

Spring Term 2017 - Date and Venue to be Confirmed (Evening Course)

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

Watford Area

Mon 16th January at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

Beechfield Children's Centre, Gammons Lane, Watford, WD24 5TY

Bookings: bookings@natural-flair.co.uk or Tel: 01992 446 051

Note: There is no session during half term week

Mon 16th January at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

Hitchin Youth Trust, 111 Walsworth Rd, Hitchin SG4 9SP

Bookings: bookings@natural-flair.co.uk Tel: 01992 446051

Note: There is no session during half term week.

Weds 18th January at 10:00 to 12:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

South Oxhey Childrens Centre, Northwick Road, South Oxhey, Watford, Herts WD19 6NL

Bookings: 020 8428 3591

Note: There is no session during half term week.

Mon 23rd January at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

Knights Templar School, Park St, Baldock SG7 6DZ

Bookings: bookings@natural-flair.co.uk or Tel: 01992 446 051

Note: There is no session during half term week

Weds 25th January at 18:30 to 20:30 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

Sir Frederic Osborn School, Herts Lane, Welwyn Garden City AL7 2AF,

Bookings: bookings@natural-flair.co.uk or Tel 01992 446 051

Note: There is no session during half term week.

Weds 25th January at 19:30 to 21:30 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

St Albans Community Fire Station, 153 London Rd, St Albans AL1 1TQ

Bookings: vistastalbans@gmail.com Tel: 07584 798 528

Note: There is no session during half term week.

Tues 31st January at 13:00 to 15:00 for 7 Weeks

Parenting a Child With Additional Needs

Ebury Children's Centre, Oxhey Hall, 2 Raglan Gardens, Watford WD19 4LL

Bookings: 01923 255 054

Note: There is no session during half term.

Mon 20th February at 10:00 to 12:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

Peartree Spring Primary School, Hydean Way, Stevenage. SG2 9GG

Bookings: 01992 446051 or email bookings@natural-flair.co.uk

Weds 22nd February at 10:00 to 12:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

Gade Community Room, Chaulden Sch, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, Herts

Bookings: 01992 446051 or email bookings@natural-flair.co.uk

Thurs 23rd February at 12:45 to 14:45 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

Oak Tree Children's Centre, Holwell Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 3RP

Bookings: g.jeffrey@ludwick.herts.sch.uk

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SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF ASC

These Surgeries are offered by Anne Pocock, Specialist Teacher for Autism

We are offering Surgeries for Parents/Carers. You are welcome to attend any of the dates. For more information and to check availability, please call Vista St Albans CIC on 07584 798528 to book your 30 minutes appointment.

All Surgeries will take place at Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW. Times available are: 9.15am, 9.50am, 10.30am, 11.05am and 11.40am.

Autumn Term 2016 - Consultation Dates:

Monday, 30th January 2017

Monday, 13th March 2017

This is an opportunity for Parents to discuss with a professional any concerns they may have about their child regarding home or school.

When you have booked an appointment, please do make sure that you turn up promptly for your session so that we do not keep anyone waiting. If for any reason you are unable to keep your appointment, please ring the above number in advance to cancel, so that your slot may then be allocated to others.

For more information about this service please feel free to call St Albans Plus on 01727 855134

Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

Website: www.vistastalbans.org.uk



Being a parent can be challenging at times – we can offer individual support as well as a variety of information and guidance to services. Vista is committed to improving life chances for children and young people by supporting parents.



Supporting Guide Dogs

Local volunteers needed!

St. Albans is the home of the Guide Dogs Herts, Beds and Essex team and we are always looking for new volunteers to help us. There is so much you can do; from fundraising, to helping with administrative tasks in the Park Street office. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and build your CV. If you have time to spare, we would love to hear from you! Please call 01189838713 or welwyn@guidedogs.org.uk to find out more.

www.guidedogs.org.uk

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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016

Wednesday 21st December Last day of term—12pm Finish

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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