

Marlborough News

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Lille December 2016



It was our annual day trip to a Christmas market and again was really successful and thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and students alike. For some students it was their very first trip abroad so was even more special /exciting! It really got us into the Christmas spirit, looking forward already to next year's trip! Keep learning French! **Mrs Morrissey**



'Lille was one of the best experiences I've had, my favourite part was waking up early to go to school.' **Ellie**

'My favourite part of Lille was going around the Christmas Market with my friends, the view from the ferris wheel was amazing.' **Erik**



'My favourite part of Lille was when we went ice-skating, it was so much fun.' **Ethan**



'Lille was such a good trip, it's hard to choose my favourite thing we did, but out of all the best was the ice skating.' **Kegan**

'This was such an amazing experience seeing another part of the world. It was really fun, the journey, the ice skating and the market.' **Matthew**

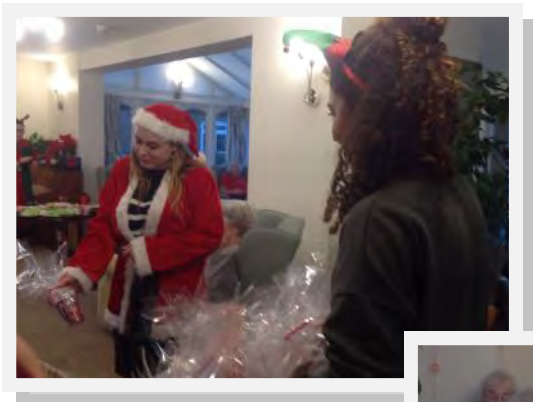
Christmas at Grace Muriel House

After weeks of preparing, on the 19th December our sixth form students got their washing baskets together and packed them full of Christmas surprises for all the residents at the Grace Muriel home for the elderly. After having visited the home since September of last year, Jess, Dina, Abi and Livi decided that they would like to put on some Christmas activities for the residents to brighten up their festive season. With the help of volunteering mentor Miss Rutherford, the girls were able to arrange a whole Christmas party that would occur during their last week of term.

The girls all made big cakes and little chocolate gifts for a rendition of an afternoon tea. Activities such as bingo and a quiz were arranged and were thoroughly enjoyed by the residents (and students alike!). Who said that Christmas is blue? And how many door's on your average Christmas calendar? were just some of the questions asked during the quiz.

Shortly after the games were played, Abi performed a beautiful version of Silent Night that was praised by all the residents and followed with the whole group singing various different carols. The Christmas festivities continued with afternoon tea and the eating of mince pies, Christmas cake and cookies. Finally, presents were given out by the girls containing small chocolates and sweets before one final picture was shared between the girls and the residents.

Jess Forster, Dina Fasakin, Abi Medlycott and Livi Scotter Year 12



A big thank you to all the school community for the monies raised at the end of the term. We raised just over £850 for Mr Williams' family on our 'Wear a Fleece for a Friend' day and the Christmas Fair raised just over £1100.

The Pearson Teaching Awards

Celebrating transformational teaching



Thank a Teacher

Anyone can send a thank you and Pearson accept these all year round. They will then send the teacher, teaching assistant, headteacher or team a thank you card on your behalf – for free! Each “thank you” message is a nomination for the Pearson Teaching Awards held in April.

All “thank you nominations” are then sent to the teacher’s headteacher for further endorsement.

[Click here to thank a teacher](#)

New staff information



I am Amy Cripps, the new Home Attendance Improvement Officer.

I am here to support all students parents/guardians and families to ensure that students are attending school so they are able to meet their full potential and meet their intended destinations. I will support all to ensure that any barriers to learning are broken down and to put in place any interventions to ensure attendance is kept high.

I do complete home visits to students that are not attending school to support their re-engagement.

If you would like to discuss anything with myself please contact myself on a.cripps@marlborough@herts.sch.uk or you can contact me on 01727 856874.

Please ensure that all absences are communicated calling 01727 731368 and leaving the students name, form and the reason for non-attendance so we are able to ensure this is documented correctly.

Jonique Oosthuizen



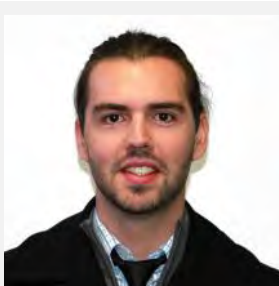
After being involved in various training and development initiatives in the corporate sector in Australia, I made a career change to pursue teaching in Business Studies. I join The Marlborough Science Academy with the hope to translate my own enthusiasm and passion for the subject to students. I am a travel enthusiast and will use my school holidays to explore the UK and parts of Europe.

Elizabeth Mitchell



Hello! I'm Miss Mitchell and I'm a new member of staff teaching English, Drama and Geography. I recently moved to England a few months ago and was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. I have a passion for reading, writing, and performing and would love to pass these on to my students. Outside of teaching, I enjoy music – both listening to it and writing/performing it. I am a trained vocalist and guitarist, but am mostly fond of singing. I would love to be able to help students develop whatever skills and interests they may have, and am very much looking forward to working with all of the staff and students at Marlborough.

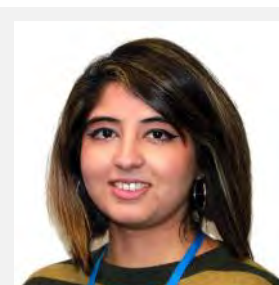
Ellik Oosthuizen



I am passionate about teaching and broadening the scope of students from their local context to the global sphere. I enjoy encouraging admirable behaviour, developing critical thinking skills and collaboratively working with students to help them rise to the challenge of 'being the best that I can be.' I am from Australia and enjoy traveling in my spare time. Other interests include experiencing new cultures and languages and listening to music of all genres.

I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all the students at The Marlborough Science Academy.

Raiesa Yasin



Hi. I am a new science teacher here at The Marlborough Science Academy. My home town is Luton and have been teaching Science there for the past 2 and half years. I gained my degree in Medicinal Chemistry at University College London (UCL), so whilst I enjoy teaching all aspects of Science, my specialism is Chemistry. I then gained my PGCE qualification with the University of Bedfordshire.

In my spare time, I am a cooking enthusiast trying out new recipes at home for my family to enjoy. I am most passionate about art, and regularly draw in charcoal and coloured pastels. My work focusses on wildlife, particularly on big cats as they are just so beautiful and vibrant in colour. My favourite big cat would have to be a leopard. I also try to attend the gym regularly, however this isn't always successful and ends up with me sat at home drawing with a pack of biscuits on the side!

I am very excited to get to know the staff, students and parents here at Marlborough and feel proud to be a new member of the team.

School Access

Early Students

If you drop off your child early in the morning, could you do so at the Canteen (in the lower car park) please, as all students should remain there until at least 8am. This is especially important in poor weather conditions and when the site is covered in either snow or ice, as it gives the site team a chance to clear the area and make it safe for the students to use. It also avoids unnecessary concern when we complete a Fire Alarm Bell test early in the mornings.

Traffic on School site during the development works

As you have seen, the new development has started and so there is now hoarding erected around the site. This has reduced the visibility from the lower car park and so has caused a number of traffic difficulties at the end of the school day. Therefore if at all possible, please arrange to collect your child off school site so as to ensure the safety of all who use this area and to keep the congestion to a minimum.

Thank you for your understanding with both of these matters.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather conditions the school will notify you of a closure by sending a schoolcomms text message and email. There will also be messages on the school answering machine and on the school website <http://www.themarlboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/>

Announcements will be made on Heart 96.6FM and BBC Three Counties radio stations.

Mr Paice

Estates Manager/Health and Safety Manager

School Uniform

As we start the new term please can we remind parents/carers to ensure that all students clothing items are named as it does make it easier to reunite students with their lost property.

**If you have any questions and not sure who to ask
please click here for the
[general enquiry form](#)**

Student Achievements

Yet more amazing achievements by our students -



Sean Neveling 7MK

Sean is a national tennis player for his age group and attends regional and national training camps. During the winter 2015/16 season he finished No 2 in the country on the national leader board and is based at Batchwood Tennis Academy. He has won a number of U14/U16 county events last term as well as coming runner up in a few regional events. He qualified for his first boys U12 national event in December and won his 2nd boys U14 grade 4 county event in Southampton.

Sean most recently won a regional boys U12 Grade 3 event in Essex just after Christmas – and also participated in the national boys U12 Grade 2 just after Christmas – here he won his 2 matches in his qualification round and progressed to the main draw of 32. He won his first round but was knocked out in the 2nd round. This is a great achievement considering this is only his 2nd season at U12 and most boys at this level are a year older in their last season. These two events helped him to move up on the national boys U12 rankings table and should also enable him to qualify for the next national G2 to be

played in Bath. This last week he also moved up to a 6.1 level rating (there are only 7 other boys at this level across the UK).

We look forward to hearing how Sean gets on playing for Hertfordshire in the 12 Counties Cup to be played in February. He will play Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire and Nottinghamshire in this one day event.

Oliver Tarvet 8AG

Oliver also attends the Batchwood Tennis Academy and trains 16 hours a week. Oliver had a successful training camp in Roehampton last week with the national squad and received very positive feedback regarding his attitude and progression.

The LTA have given Oliver a wild card for a Grade One Tennis Europe event in Bolton this week. This is the biggest international event on the British calendar and will give him the opportunity to compete with top European players in the U14 age group.



Student Achievements



Alfie Edwards 12TR

Congratulations must go to Alfie who has just signed as an academy player for London Broncos. As well as studying full time he trains three times a week with the rugby team and plays either as a winger or centre in the National League for the U19s Academy. His first match was against the British Army and London Broncos won 54-8. We wish him all the best and we are sure he will reach his goal of a professional contract with the London Broncos.



Ryan Conway 7DH

Ryan is the youngest black belt for the Active Herts Club in Shotokan Karate. He started Karate at the age of 5, achieving his black belt at 10 after 5 hours of physical karate, training course, written essays, health and safety knowledge and even having to learn Japanese including counting up to 100! He trains one or twice a week and also teaches children in the lower grades and competes in inter county competitions. He is currently training for higher level black belts which can take about 2 years.



Maths Stars

Year 7— Harvey Matthewson, Freya O'Regan, Oscar Sanders, Amber Blow, Oliver Campbell and Alex Toffalli

Year 8— Ben Goldsmith, Emily Smith, Liam Vaughan and Olivia Stevenson

Year 9— Courtney Warren, Harry Hudnott, Kade Neveling, Ruby Ciric, Amber Birch and Blythe Harbron

Year 10— Daniel Bedoya, Rachel Innes, Zoe Michael, Harrison Fisher, Zoe Green and Harriet Lindo

Year 11— Skye Adams, Miguel Mari, Natasha Khan and Leigh Lamprell



Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated soft toys for our Teddy Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Many thanks to the fabulous group of volunteers who ran the stall. We raised **£111**.

Yr 7&8 Disco

We are still working on rescheduling the Year 7&8 Disco that was unfortunately postponed prior to Christmas.

Once we have a suitable date, we will need to ensure adequate levels of supervision so will need your help. If you would like to help out in any way, please email us putting 'Year 7&8 disco help' as the subject of the email.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Saturday 14th January 10.30-11.30am

(Sales are held in the Boardroom)

Good quality clean uniform for sale. Winter coats only £3.

All proceeds go to the PTA

Donations are welcome on the day or can be left at reception beforehand. We are now only accepting uniform with the 'Science Academy' logo. Any old logo uniform can be bagged up and put in Clothes Bank bins at school.

Enquiries can be emailed to pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk
please put the subject as 'Uniform'



Next PTA Meeting

Tuesday 17th January 7.30pm

Meeting is held in the Boardroom

(Please note the date has changed from that published in a previous newsletter)

WANTED

Do you have any unwanted Gifts or Chocolates?

We are planning our future events and need items for prizes for the following:

EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

We need any unopened chocolates with a best before date after the end of April 2017 to include in an Easter Raffle.

RAFFLE/TOMBOLA

We are collecting unwanted gifts (unopened and unused) to use as prizes at forthcoming events.

All items can be left at reception

Apprenticeship Fair

Wednesday 1st February 5pm - 8pm
At The Marlborough Science Academy

Exhibitors offering apprenticeship opportunities including:

City of Expertise: Barclays Bank Raynor Essex Bretherton Law Debenhams
Ottoway Taylor Walton

And...

Clipso	First Rung	John Laing Training	LHAA	Parenta
S A Law		Aldi	ICEAW	Oaklands College
Deloitte Finance		Keits		MBDA
St Albans City Council	Solveway		Skillnett	BAM Construction
GSK	CITB	UKTD		BRE

Free entry and free parking

Refreshments will be available on a paid-for basis at the School's café at a reduced rate supporting our World Challenge students.

Most companies will have an apprentice at the stand to talk to students about their experience. This is a great opportunity to find out how apprenticeships work and how to apply should you wish to.

The government are actively promoting apprenticeships and are aiming for 3 million starts by the end of this year across all industry sectors. Some of the apprenticeships being advertised at the fair will be for Higher or Degree Apprenticeships.

We have 26 confirmed so far with a few more yet to confirm their place so hopefully by the end of the month we should have 32 confirmed.

We hope you will join us at this hugely successful event.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs M Wood on 01727 731373 or m.wood@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



**CADBURY HOUSE INVITES YOU TO
ATTEND THEIR TRAVELLING
TRENDS FASHION SHOW**

Date: Saturday 28th January
Time: Doors open at 6.30pm, the show starts at 7pm
Location: The Hall, Roundwood Park School, Harpenden, AL5 3AE
Cost: £6 (Payable in advance only. Ticket includes a drink)
Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-fashion-show-tickets-30883401084> or to avoid processing charges email k.barron@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Come along to this event and enjoy an evening of fashion and fun hosted by Travelling Trends. This is the chance to see, try on and buy this seasons high street fashions at greatly reduced prices and help to raise much needed funds for the four charities we support. Also come and support some of our staff and students who will be strutting their stuff on the catwalk!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/371315983201772/?ti=icl>

*No ordering *Buy on the night only *Cash and cards accepted
*Refreshments available

Travelling Trends will bring ladies clothes for all sizes and ages from late teen upwards. The clothes are from M&S including Per Una and Autograph ranges, John Lewis, Debenhams, Next, BHS, River Island, Dorothy Perkins, Monsoon, Wallis, Oasis to name a few. Occasionally they have a few designer brand names such as DKNY, Miss Sixty, Ted Baker etc. They have accessories such as bags, scarves and belts. All items are between 30% and 60% off, sometimes up to 80% off. Clothes start at £5.00 with an average price of £16/£18. It is surplus clothing so there is nothing wrong with the garments and they are always in season.

There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available so come and beat those January blues and raise money for some great causes in the process!

Our four charities are **Cancer Research UK, Alzheimer's Disease International, RPS and our local one is The OLLIE Foundation.** Cadbury have a particular interest in this one as it is the charity we put forward for nomination. The three founders live in St Albans and they lost their teenagers to suicide. They set up the charity to prevent any other parents from going through what they have suffered. They now raise money to be able to offer suicide intervention training to adults who work with young people. Every single penny we raise will help to make a massive difference.



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Term Dates

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

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September to Tuesday 19th December

Half term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January to Thursday 29th March

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

INSET days and the Occasional day are yet to be confirmed for 2017/2018 term



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