



Year 8 Culture Day

On the last Thursday of term Year 8 spent the day off timetable to learn more about British Values, Democracy, Individuality, Rule of Law, Tolerance, Freedom and Respect, within various subject areas.

The students in the English session with Mr Theivamanoharan and Mr Sweeney were also lucky to have Mr Kerry Pollard involved with their day, former Member of Parliament. Mr Sweeney started the debating session by explaining the difference between democracy and dictatorships, examples of debating in action and how some of the best debates use humour. Mr Pollard spoke to the students about his experience in Parliament and his successful campaign that finally led to the law banning fox hunting and the procedures that were involved. Whilst an MP he joined the Parliamentary Armed Forces scheme and saw 30 days of active service choosing to join the Navy as his father had served with them. He also told the students about a visit to Iraq before the Iraqi war.

The motion for the students to debate was 'Is our school democratic?' The students were given the key debating skills needed.

"I really enjoyed my visit to Marlborough - I found the students very well behaved, attentive, eager to learn and to my surprise already knew quite a lot about parliament and how it works - the level of debate and engagement was quite exceptional - the students are a credit to the school." **Mr Pollard**

The Learning Research Centre reintroduced students to some traditional old fashioned games that used no technology. Students played paper battleships, squares, word games, consequences and created chatterboxes. They enjoyed amusing themselves while learning to follow rules, fairness and helping each other.



In Maths with Ms Greenwood and Mrs Gustafson, students learnt about the British Values link to charity. Students were given a fictitious sum of money and asked to research three charities, Shelter, RSPCA and Oxfam, describe the charity they would support and make a small presentation as to why we should support that charity.



Dance with Miss Fox whilst learning the British value of mutual respect and tolerance of different cultures and faiths, the students learnt about the dance style 'Capoeira' which is a form of martial art originating from Brazil. Students watched some dance clips and then starting with a warm up and then did some similar moves. At the end of the afternoon, some of the students who had been in the Dance session then showcased a short two minute performance mixing Capoeira with Bollywood.

In Food Technology with Mrs Cuell students looked at regional foods and where on the map they came from. They learnt that there were some very strange names for genuine foods from the UK including Hawick Balls, Bara Brith, Abroath Smokies and Skirlie Mirrie. They all had the opportunity to bake and taste some of these regional biscuits.

'I enjoyed cooking the biscuits and trying all the different biscuits the other students had baked' **Jack**



Miss Haines' music students were to identify the British Values that music encourages, by understanding the importance of music and creativity has in school and in life. Students were asked to consider three of the British values discussed to apply and develop when rehearsing Cee Lo Green's 'Forget You'. There were some performances at the end of the session.



Art with Mrs Rutherford studied the work of Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth who were modernist artists and Marlborough is fortunate to have a genuine Barbara Hepworth sculpture called 'Turning Forms' on our school grounds. The students then had the opportunity to draw pictures in the modernist art style using the wax resistance technique.



The last session was held in Da Vinci and was a culmination of what the students had learnt that day. The Drama students and Miss Mitchell had spent the day with two magistrates, Alison Boyd and Andrew Bayram, to learn more about the British justice system and then acted a short drama piece of a courtroom scenario. The students had learnt about all the procedures that take place and the roles all the people play within a courtroom.



'We had Drama all day to rehearse a scene about a rule of law trial. We have learnt about the different roles people play in a courtroom and the legal system. The visiting magistrates came into our session so we would understand the script and different positions in court. We found this experience really interesting. We also enjoyed have some further support from the sixth formers'.

'We were impressed with the enthusiasm of the students, they were very interested and asked some really good questions. We have had the opportunity to talk with them throughout the day and impressed with their interest in the justice system. The sixth formers worked so well with the younger students and there is a real feeling of integration in the school across all ages and staff/student relationships.' **Alison Boyd and Andrew Bayram, Magistrates**

Mr Pressland's History group showcased a timeline from the 1850s of the evolution of democracy in Britain and how this improved living standards as they progressed.

'I found the culture day very exciting and fascinating. I learnt new things that I did not realise before. For instance, even in music, British values such as democracy, tolerance and individual liberty are respected in team work. I enjoyed my experiences that day and hope to do it again next year.' **Jarin**



In Media Studies with Mr Salih the students started the lesson by identifying the importance of the NHS and the impact their social awareness campaigns have had on society over the last 50 years. We looked at a range of NHS posters and identified what makes an effective campaign. They then had the task to create an NHS poster for a social awareness of their choice. In such a short time period the end result was great. Below are just some examples of the amazing work the students produced.



'The Year 8 Culture day on British Values and how we incorporate them in to everyday life at Marlborough, making them our very own Marlborough Values, was a great success. The student's interest and enthusiasm in the subjects and listening to our guests was fantastic and it was nice to see them all so engaged and enjoying their day. We were very lucky to have five guests come in to talk to the students and help take part in lessons, the students had a lot of questions for them and our guests enjoyed the experience. Overall it was a fantastic day and one we hope to repeat for our Year 8's next year.' **Ms Eastwood**



Is your child safe online? How can you make them safer?

According to recent national statistics, **1 in 3 children have been a victim of cyberbullying**. (McAfee survey of children and parents). Another survey by the NSPCC indicates that up to **40% of young people are involved in sharing of naked / sexualised images**.

Please take the time to consider the following questions:

- Is my child at risk of grooming?
- What is the scale and impact of online bullying?
- What is my child's digital footprint?
- What are the dangers of social media for children?
- What is the 'dark web' and should I be worried?
- Is there a national epidemic in child mental health issues?
- What do you need to know about the rapidly growing crime of 'sextortion'?
- What are the impacts of child access to pornography?
- What does the law say about these topics?

If you are unsure about any of the above questions then we would be delighted if you could attend our 'Protecting your child online' workshop on **Wednesday 10th May 5.30-7pm at The Marlborough Science Academy**.

In addition to covering the above bullet points the session will include information that Hertfordshire police and national police have asked us to share with you on current risks. We were the first school in Hertfordshire to receive a copy of a short film made by the police covering an example of the dangers of digital technology. This will be screened at the event and, given the nature of the content, we need to insist on **no children** being in the audience.

The session will also cover what we as a school are doing to keep our children safe amidst these rapidly changing risks and, most importantly, what parents and carers can do.

Places at this important event will be limited so please book early using our online booking service which can be accessed through this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/zAerq609g88KO2jE3>

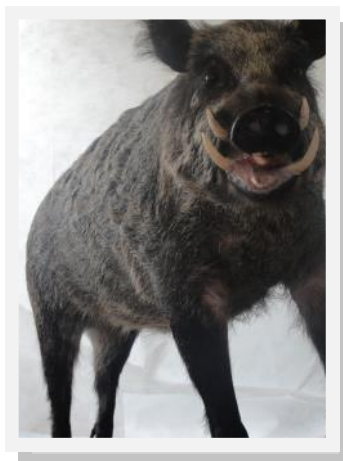


Mrs Rochowski is going to be climbing Scafell Pike, Britain's highest mountain for LimbPower in memory of John Middleditch who sadly died. John and Mrs Rochowski arrived at the Douglas Bader Rehabilitation Centre in Roehampton on the same day in July 2013. They left on the same day several weeks later in September having spent endless hours working through extensive fitness programmes to help us achieve function, mobility and independence. John, a builder, had four limbs amputated following infection, yet despite this he always had a positive attitude, and showed determination to adjust to his new life, celebrating taking his first steps after being fitted with prosthetic limbs, and adapting tools and equipment to help him with everyday tasks. There was so much he achieved that normal people just take for granted. John

was a regional representative for Limb Power which was launched to engage amputees in physical activity to improve quality of life, and John loved life. He loved his wife, his sons, his dogs. He spoke of them often. Tragically, infection struck a second time and John passed away. To show respect for John's love of life, and as an amputee herself, she will be climbing Scafell Pike in Cumbria, England's highest mountain, on Saturday 20th May 2017, in order to raise funds for Limb Power so that they can continue to engage amputees in physical activity, sport and the arts to aid lifelong rehabilitation. All funds raised will go towards the work of Limb Power. JustGiving is simple, fast and secure.

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Pigasso!



Thank you for the interesting name suggestions received and the shortlisted names were Arty Warthog from Kodi Iweka (Mars), Francis Bacon from Fayez Rahman (Saturn), Stuffy from Hannah Lewis (Neptune) and the winning name **PIGASSO** from Maddie Watts (Mercury). Special mention should go to Mr Atterton's suggestion of Lard Hailsham (Quintin Hogg).

The house points have been allocated as follows—Mercury 500, Mars 400, Saturn 300 and Neptune 200.

The Write Stuff 2017

WELCOME TO THE WRITE STUFF!

The Write Stuff short story competition is aimed at girls aged 11-16 and who live in the UK.

Literary powerhouse [*Barbara Taylor Bradford OBE*](#) has joined forces with *The Sunday Times*, TV presenter and journalist Claudia Winkleman, and publishers HarperCollins and to help discover the next generation of young female writers.

Barbara knows a thing or two about writing great stories. She had her first short story published when she was 10-years-old and, once she saw her name in print, she knew she wanted to be a writer. Since then, she's written 31 best-selling books which have been published in over 40 languages and in more than 90 countries and has sold over 90 million copies to date!

Barbara will be [*judging*](#) the competition along with a number of other top experts.

There's some amazing, money can't buy [*prizes*](#) to be won too and a chance to get your story published.

Check out the website: <http://www.barbarataylorbradford.co.uk/thewritestuff/>

If you're interested and wish for help/guidance, please see Mrs Redfern, who has kindly offered to run some workshops on short story writing techniques.

Good luck!

Mrs Beddall



DINNER DELIBERATIONS

We would love to hear your family collaborations to the question we pose.

Can you think of positive teenage role models?

We would love to hear your answers, simply email c.burton@marlborough.herts.sch.uk or h.redfern@marlborough.herts.sch.uk. The best responses will be published in the next newsletter and a Pinkie (20 achievement points) will be awarded to the best student and parent answer each time.

Football

An incredible victory was achieved by the Year 9 team against all odds in the District Cup final. Trailing 3-0 after 25 minutes against St Columbas College the boys fought back to win a thrilling, tense and competitive match 4-3. A goal just before half time from Bryn Wilson was the catalyst for the comeback which was added to by Josh Forster, followed by another Bryn Wilson goal and the winner scored by Josh Forster. Josh Howarth was man of the match and Ben Weyman as captain received the trophy during the presentation. The victory capped off a superb season for the Marlborough school teams who have represented the school with excellence at all times.



We are very proud of Mr James and Mr Packard who both ran in last Sunday's London Marathon. Mr James was raising money for Alzheimer's and did it in 3hours 45mins. Mr Packard ran his 5th London Marathon and finished in a time of 3hours 23mins. All was going well until last 6 miles and he really suffered in the closing stages. Mr Packard said it was a great day, super weather for marathon running and the crowds were incredible.

English Stars for April

Well done to the following students:

Year 7— Macey Dutton, Levon Roberts, Alex Stefanoaia, Skye King, Amber Blow, Jon Dajci, Kenzie Butler and Chloe Donovan

Year 8— Lola Green, Zachary Foulkes, Raffi Roberts, Lauren Cropper, Finnian Harris, Connor Findlay, William Pearson and Chloe Mitchell

Year 9— Harvey Powell, Ruby Browning, Xavier Wallace-Potter, Isabella Smith, Xavier Bedford and Ellie Brassington

Year 10— Neha Shah, Rufaro Makwarimba, Christian Ioja and Ella Stanley

Year 11— Albert Smith Davies, Summiya Rahman, Darcey Stachini, Jack Hawthorne, Daniel Whish, Tasmin Choudhury and James Bennett

Post 16— Sophie Brown and Abbie Sullivan



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

Student Achievements

Well done to **Harry Clarke (9LB)** who has been involved in many community events over the last 6 months. In December, Harry took part in the St Albans Diocese Sleepout project which meant sleeping rough for the night around the Cathedral precinct. Harry chose to raise funds for Young Homeless in Herts and raised a total of £220. He is a member of the 17th St Albans Scout troop and took part in this year's St Albans Gang Show, his second show, which involved thrice weekly rehearsals and is now looking forward to moving on to Explorers.



Congratulations to **Mikie Ridgway 7NS** who has been competing in the under 14 English championships. This is his first year in the older category and he was placed 15th overall in the all around competition and came 6th on parallel bars in England. He had a fantastic competition, he hit all his new moves and didn't have any falls!

During the Easter break **Max Jorge 7DH** has been competing at the Brits in Switzerland. He was competing in the under 12 category in an event sanctioned by British Ski & Snowboard and is the British Championships. Over the duration of the event, he had an excellent time coming second in the Slopestyle event winning silver and third in Boarder Cross with a bronze, then the following day he won silver in the Big Air Competition. Well done Max!





RAF STEM Residential Course at RAF Cosford for Girls

31 July 17 - 4 Aug 2017

Welcome to the world of Engineering

There is no better way to experience the power of engineering than by seeing first hand how it solves real life problems. This course teams you with RAF and other engineers, who will guide you through every step of the process. Must be aged 14 or 15 at the time of the course.

Deadline 31 May 2017.

If interested, please contact Mrs Beddall (Careers Coordinator) for an application form.



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What does the role actually involve?

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* Spend your placement in a business role and you could be supporting one of our many business areas, such as Project Management, business operations, market research, marketing and sales.

* For the techies out there, there's a huge amount you could get involved in for instance, you could support experts in web design, problem diagnosis, software development, database development and technical project management.

What do we need from you?

We don't expect perfection, a mass of work experience or any prior training but we do need a professional, positive, can-do attitude and a passion of all things IBM as well as:

- * 5 GCSEs Grade 5-9
- * 2 years in higher education
- * Eligibility to work in the UK

Hints & Tips?

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Next PTA Meeting

Tuesday 9th May, 7.30pm
in the Boardroom.
All welcome to attend

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Saturday 6th May 10.30-11.30am
(Sales are held in the Boardroom)

Good quality clean uniform for sale. All proceeds go to the PTA.

Donations are welcome on the day or can be left at school reception during the week. 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'



HELP NEEDED

St Albans Half Marathon marshalling

Sunday 11th June, 8am -12noon approx

We need adults to help man our regular Marshalling point on Blunts Lane. If you can help please e-mail pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 11th June

We have been offered this date to run the Sausage Sizzle at the Griffiths Way store. We urgently need someone who is happy to attend the H&S briefing prior to the event. For the day we will need adults to cook and sell the food, volunteers to make cakes, and volunteer students to busk throughout the day.

As this is also Half Marathon day it will potentially be extremely busy.



Time Out for Dads

Dads, Step-dads, Stay at home Dads, Working Dads
Whatever kind of dad you are, this course is for you

A **free 6 week** course, just for Dads,
run by '**Supporting Links**'

Dads play an important role in a child's life and this course will help you to be the best Dad that you can be.
It will give dads an opportunity to meet other dads and share experiences in a supportive and encouraging environment.

We will help you to:

- Increase confidence in your parenting,
- Learn how to develop the dad/child relationship now and for the future
- Improve listening and communication skills
- Work out strategies for dealing with anger and conflict
- Consider age appropriate expectations
- Learn how to enforce boundaries

"My child has become easier to handle and has learned from the techniques used."



Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm
6th, 13th, 20th & 27th June.
4th & 11th July 2017

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



This course is open to dads with a child under 19
It is a popular course and places must be booked
To book a place please contact Supporting Links

Supporting Links
Call: 01442 300185
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www.supportinglinks.co.uk



Supporting children through exams

For parents of children in academic years 10 & 11

A **FREE** workshop for parents and carers providing strategies and techniques to support children during the exam period

Tuesday 2nd May 2017 6:30 – 8:30

Links Academy, Woollam Crescent, St Albans, AL3 6EJ

Free parking and refreshments provided

Information and bookings: Sarah Ellis - 07507 851586

Email - ellispotential@gmail.com

Funded Parenting Courses Summer Term 2017



Thursday 4th May at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

Allsorts Children's Centre, St Mary's Ce High School, Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, EN7 5FB

Bookings: childrenscentreadmin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk or 01992 633 761

Note: There is no session during half term

Monday 8th May at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

The Birchwood Development Centre, The Birchwood School, Parsonage Lane, Bishops Stortford CM23 5BD

Bookings: admin@aspects.org.uk or 01279 696842

Note: There is no session during half term

Tuesday 9th May at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

Watford Grammar School for Boys, Rickmansworth Rd, Watford WD18 7JF

[Click here to request a place](#) or Tel: 01992 446 051

Note: There is no session during half term

Monday 5th June at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

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

[Click here to request a place](#) or Tel: 01992 446 051

Wednesday 7th June at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Understanding Teens: The Gross Stuff and the Ground Rules

The Post 16 Study Area, The Marlborough Science Academy, Watling St,
St Albans AL1 2QA

[Click here to request a place](#) or Tel: 01992 446 051

Thursday 8th June at 19:00 to 21:00 for 6 Weeks

Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family

Thorn Grove Primary School, Thorn Grove, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5LD

[Click here to request a place](#) or Tel: 01992 446 051

Term Dates

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April Start of term for all students
 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 and Tuesday 5th September—INSET Days

Wednesday 6th September—Start of term for all students

Half term *Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October*

Friday 24th November—Occasional Day

Wednesday 20th December—End of term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th March

Thursday 29th March—INSET Day

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*



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