

# Marlborough News

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**GCSE Dance Workshop** 



Thanks to Antonio Borriello from the Phoenix Dance Theatre, our Year 9 GCSE Dance students had the opportunity to spend a morning studying one of the dance pieces 'Shadows' from their GCSE course. The girls spent three hours with Antonio going through the repertoire and learning about the importance of the interpretation of music to help with the choreographic intent and smooth movement.

'It was an amazing experience to be taught by a professional dancer. I learnt a lot and it was really enjoyable!' **Ruby Browning** 

'It was awesome! Antonio was an amazing dancer and it was great to see how they work in professional dance companies.' **Emelia Saunders** 

'It has inspired us to be powerful in dance. It has widened our use of different movements and helped with our technique. It will definitely help us when learning about the dance work 'Shadows' for our GCSE.' **Skye Cook** 

'It was a great experience for the students to be taught one of the set professional works we will be studying in the new GCSE Dance specification. Antonio was absolutely fantastic and really engaged the students who responded brilliantly to him. The student's performance and technique is constantly improving and today really showed this



- well done!' Miss Fox

'It was very inspiring to meet such well trained, focused and positive students. The class were very welcoming and co-operative and showed some amazing skills.' **Antonio Borriello** 

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#### Save Butterfly World



We thank Dr Richard Harrington for coming to talk to Year 7 during their assembly last week about the plight of the local butterfly population, he also recited to them some of his butterfly poems along with photo slides. Before retirement Dr Harrington was Head of the Rothamsted Insect Survey in Harpenden. He has been working with the <u>Save Butterfly World</u> team and is hoping for some of his poems to be published later in the year.



Ten students from Year 7 along with students from Sir John Lawes visited the Centurion Golf Club on Friday for the Golf Sixes Academy. They had the opportunity for some tuition from the club's resident golf pro and play a 6 hole competition. Half way round at the third hole the students met with four golf professionals, Sam Brazel and Scott Hend from Team Australia and Thorbjorn Olesen and Lucas Bjerregaard from Team Denmark (who were the eventual winners of the Golf Sixes tournament on Sunday). The golf professionals were happy to meet with the students, sign autographs and even took their shots! The students also had the opportunity to use the American Golf simulator and watch the professionals on the practice ground. Congratulations to **Felix Stanley** 



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# Sky SPORTS

As part of the Sky Sports Living for Sport programme Marlborough were lucky enough to be visited by Lesley Owusu, who is one of the mentors on the scheme. Lesley is a British sprint champion competing at top level and spoke to Year 9 during the morning assembly about her journey into sport and how sport can empower them in different ways. A group of Year 9 girls spent the rest of the day with Lesley working on the keys to success, they worked on group tasks discussing what they believed to be the essential ingredients to have in order to be successful in life and sport. The six keys to success were discussed—mental toughness, hunger to achieve, people skills, life and sports knowledge, breaking barriers and planning for success.





'It was very inspiring and she is a role model to many. She has accomplished so much and made me want to achieve as much as she has.' **Sam Farrer** 

'It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to meet and spend time with a professional athlete. She was inspiring and hopefully the students can take some of her experiences and dedication and implement it into their own sporting lives.' **Ms Edwards** 



Eat well, move well, live well

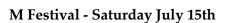
If you have any school vouchers they can be donated until the 30th June . Please also let your family and friends know and students can hand the vouchers in at Reception. Thank you

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#### Attendance

Congratulations to the students who have achieved 96% and above last half term -

Year 7 – 169 Year 8 – 157 Year 9 – 135 Year 10 – 121 Year 11 – 116



Only a couple of months until the M Festival returns to the school field for the eighth year on July 15th.

Ask anyone who has come before and they will say what a great day out it is for everyone in the local community.

Here are ten reasons to come to M Festival in July:

1. Live music across two stages from 3pm to 11pm

2. Highlights include our headliners The Monster Hits - 80s tribute band led by our own Tom

Billington and some excellent local bands including Late Day Breakers, Billington & Quinn, Concrete Caverns and The Alexis Kings

3. St Albans orchestra debut this year, our popular choirs and some great school acts that make it through our talent contest at the end of May

4. Oven baked pizza from their own wood oven, street food, BBQ and fish and chips all at reasonable prices

5. Pimms, real ale and keg lager from our own bar - again no rip off prices at M Festival!

6. Dodgems for the older kids, tea cups for the younger ones

7. Our characturist is back as is the Zorbing arena and various bouncy castles for all ages

8. Our popular art workshops, festival tent with henna, face painting and other festival related activities

9. Free parking and real toilets!

10. Fireworks finale

More details and tickets can be purchased here: <u>www.themfestival.co.uk</u> Tickets should also be available at the gate on the day.



We had some lovely feedback from Abbey primary students after their visit to see the Aladdin matinee and cannot publish them all but will certainly keep them all for displays around the school.

'Thank you for inviting us to the mindblowing show. I particularly like Jafar's hilarious laugh and Iago's bright colours. The magic carpet was such a clever idea and the feeling of dry ice. The amazing overall appearance was fantastic.' **Daisy** 

'Thank you so much for inviting me to your amazing and incredible performance. I loved it. Firstly I would like to say that the flying carpet was so cool and very clever, the smoke was really effective. Also the hard work that the girls had put into their routines was really good. The shining lights and amazing music was really getting my attention. The cast remembered their lines like they had all been learning them for years. The actors were really good singers and I enjoyed listening, I loved it!' **Shannon** 

'My favourite part (there were more than one) were when the Genie came out and threw the shiny paper everywhere! Or when Iago kept flying around! What about Aladdin and Jasmine when they were riding on the flying carpet, the dry ice was a cool effect. Please invite us to your next performance and thank you.' **Kristian** 



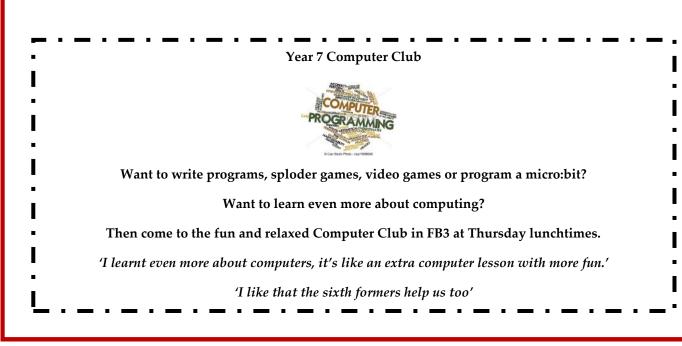
#### **Student Achievements**



Congratulations to **Oliver Tarvet Year 7** who during the Easter break reached his first Tennis Europe final in the 14U boys Nike International Tour event at Nottingham. He served up some fantastic tennis on Court No 1 in front of a large crowd and whilst Oliver (on the right in the photo)battled hard and crafted many good opportunities during the match he was unable to capitalise at key moment and the other player ran out the winner 6-4 6-1 in just over one and a half hours. **Please click <u>here</u> for the Herts Advertiser article.** 

We look forward to hearing about his trip to Spain with the LTA for a 14&U National Junior Camp following which selection will be made to represent GB in the Summer Cup and European Championships.

Maths Stars for March Congratulations to the following students: Year 8—Harry Bateman, Maria Bratan, Alfie Goble, Jessica Jacob, Abbie Thompson and Matthew Napier Year 9—Isabelle Ellis, Melissa Howe, Wesal Bendahmen, Blythe Harbron, Daniel Martin and Gabriel Greco Year 10—Muhamin Mohammed, Karolina Poy, Noor Al-Khafaji and Ruth Mitchell-Fox Year 11—Louis Senekis, Luke Rowland, Olivia Bull, Mia Festenstein and Tia Bick



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#### Heads of School

After a really impressive few weeks of hustings before Easter, we are pleased to congratulate **Sam Parker** and **Kate Mercer** as Head Boy and Head Girl and deputy Head Boy and Head Girl will be **Ross Dommett** and **Sophie Brown**.

All the candidates were given the brief 'If I ruled the world...' and the staff were very impressed with some of the insightful and thought provoking statements and it was a difficult choice to make. To have so many candidates step forward for the positions just highlighted how proud we are of our Post 16 students and we look forward to seeing our new Heads of School at future school events.

#### WhatUni



#### Sophie from the

Whatuni Outreach

team came to talk to Post 16 students about their higher education choices. Whatuni is an excellent resource, offering assistance when making the important choice of where to go to University, and what to study. Sophie offered expert advice for students and on how to apply to University and what to look for. The talk really engaged students and hopefully they will be proactive about their University application.



Congratulations to **Harry Fisher Year 12** who recently won a national architectural competition held by The Chartered Institute of Building entitled 'My kinda Future' Concept to Construction challenge in London last month. From the 88 applications entered, 4

were shortlisted and Harry won the £100 prize and the opportunity to be mentored by an industry professional.

The challenge involved designing a creative, innovative office design which had to include the office space, meeting room and fun space. Harry's design was focused on being sustainable and offer supportive working conditions.

The day included each group presenting their ideas to the industry professionals, CIOB members, some university representatives and other shortlisted candidates. Other shortlisted candidates included two groups from secondary schools and one university student. The winner was determined by three judges based on the candidates design ideas and presentation skills.

This opportunity has opened many doors through the contacts made on the day and the shadowed opportunity Harry has been offered. It also gave Harry a good understanding of the jobs available to him within this industry.

REMINDER-YEAR 12 HIGHER EDUCATION EVENING MONDAY 15th MAY 6.30pm



#### **DINNER DELIBERATIONS**

We would love to hear your family collaborations to the <u>question</u> we pose.

#### Which is better the book or the film?

We would love to hear your answers, simply email <u>c.burton@marlborough.herts.sch.uk</u> or h<u>.redfern@marlborough.herts.sch.uk</u>. 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.

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a strong team of Governors working together to help the school. We now have a vacancy for two Parent Governors which is a great opportunity to make a positive contribution to the school and the community we serve. As the school is an academy, all governors are also directors of the academy trust and your name will be registered at companies house. If you are interested I would encourage you to talk to one of the Governors before putting yourselves forward. That way you will understand more about what the Governors do at Marlborough and the commitment required to be effective in the role. Feel free to contact me via the school and I can put you in touch with one of the team.

Please find attached the relevant form which needs to be returned by midday on **Thursday 25th May.** 

Jane Walker-Smith Chair of Governors

> If you have any questions and not sure who to ask please click here for the <u>general enquiry form</u>



## **Next PTA Meetings**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November (AGM), 7.30pm Meetings are held in the Boardroom. All welcome to attend

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 3 - 4pm (Sales are held in the Boardroom)

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

#### WANTED – Your old uniform!

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 <u>pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk</u> 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 julie.raynes@gmail.com

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### If you can help contact julie.raynes@gmail.com

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



QUIZ NIGHT in aid of OXFAM

# Saturday 3rd June 2017

7pm for 7:30pm at Marlborough Science Academy, Watling Street, St Albans, AL1 2QA

Tickets £12.50 includes Fish & chip meal (Vegetarian option). Bring your own drinks.

All proceeds to Oxfam's work in Kenya

For tickets - Email hertshike@gmail.com, contact 07472 063145 or 07941 311324, or visit the Oxfam Bookshop, Catherine Street, St Albans AL3 5BX

Enjoy a friendly evening with a competitive streak! Get a team of 6 – 8, or join a team on the night. Organised by St Albans Oxfam Group Visit us on www.oxfamstalbans.org

#### Staff Vacancy Higher Level Assistant Teacher

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our oversubscribed and rated "good" academy for students from 11 to 19 years of age, for a Higher Level Assistant Teacher to work as part of our Specialised Learning Faculty and line manage our team of Assistant Teachers. We are looking for an individual with outstanding classroom skills and SEN experience who can support students who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning in a main stream educational setting. You will need to be a team player but also be able to work independently, show great flexibility and have outstanding communication and organisation skills. Ideally the successful candidate will be a qualified HLTA or have a comparative level 4 qualification or be working towards this.

You will collaborate with teachers in planning and delivering programs of teaching and learning activities for classes. The primary focus is to undertake educational activities with individuals, groups and whole classes within a framework agreed with and under the overall direction and supervision of a qualified teacher.

You should ideally be able to demonstrate a successful track record in leading, motivating and organising a team. The ability to manage a team effectively is equally important in this role to any SEN and teaching experience. You will line manage and organise a team of Assistant Teachers to help support students achieve effective learning and also to support the SENCO administratively and work alongside the SEN Admin Assistant.

This role will be to start September 2017 and will be subject to a 6 month probationary period. Salary H7, for 37 hours per week 38 weeks per annum plus 3 days inset. Working hours 8.30-4.30 Mon to Fri term time with 3 hours unpaid breaks per week. Close date for applications Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9am.

To learn more about what it is like to work at our school please see our recruitment film at <u>http://www.themarlboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Job+Opportunities&pid=77#</u> If you would like to visit our school please contact Ann Tyson HR administrator on 01727 731395 <u>a.tyson@marlborogh.herts.sch.uk</u>

The school supports and promotes the safeguarding of children and is an equal opportunities employer. References will be sought prior to interview. This vacancy will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Candidates will be required to provide evidence of the right to work in the UK.









### Women & Girls' Disability Football Festival

Saturday 20th May, 1pm – 2.30pm Kings Langley FC, Global Metcorp Stadium

Come and join Watford FC CSE Trust to take part in a variety of **Free** football activities. All abilities are welcome including friends and siblings of the players.

#### Receive a FREE T - shirt and ticket to watch Watford Ladies FC V's Millwall LFC at 3pm

For more information or to book a space please contact Karen Stephanou on Karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com



Autism Family Support Group for parents/carers of children and young people of all ages 25/04/17: The Links Academy (Woollam Crescent, St Albans) 09/05/17: Townsend School 23/05/17: Marlborough School. 06/06/17: St Albans Girls' School (STAGS) 20/06/17: Roundwood Park School 11/07/17: Sir John Lawes School 26/09/17: Samuel Ryder School 10/10/17: St George's School

All meetings start at 10:00 and finish at 11:30 a.m.

More dates and venues to be confirmed

Informal support group for parents and carers of children who have an ASC or ADHD diagnosis or waiting for diagnosis. Have a

tea/coffee, share experiences and provide mutual support.

Contact: kshaw@linksacademy.herts.sch.uk 07714736861 www.dspl7.org.uk



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### **ELECTRIC UMBRELLA PRESENTS...**



INCREDIBLE PEOPLE TAKING TO THE STAGE TO PROVE THAT HAVING A LEARNING DISABILITY ISN'T A BARRIER TO CREATING SOMETHING WONDERFUL!

## THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2017 WATFORD PALACE THEATRE

7:00PM - TICKETS £10 BOX OFFICE 01923 225671 OR ONLINE AT WWW.WATFORDPALACETHEATRE.CO.UK

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# Communication and Autism Team ~~Advice Line~~ 01707 320697

If you would like to discuss an issue or query about a child or young person with autism, speech, language or communication needs, please call the number above.

The Advice Line will run on two days a week between 1.30pm – 4pm during school term-time. Details for Summer Term 2017 are shown below:

DAY	DATE	DAY	DATE
TUESDAY	25 April	WEDNESDAY	26 April
TUESDAY	2 May	WEDNESDAY	3 May
TUESDAY	9 May	WEDNESDAY	10 May
TUESDAY	16 May	WEDNESDAY	17 May
TUESDAY	23 May	WEDNESDAY	24 May
TUESDAY	6 June	WEDNESDAY	7 June
TUESDAY	13 June	WEDNESDAY	14 June
TUESDAY	20 June	WEDNESDAY	21 June
TUESDAY	27 June	WEDNESDAY	28 June
TUESDAY	4 July	WEDNESDAY	5 July
TUESDAY	11 July	WEDNESDAY	12 July

Visit <u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer</u> for services for children/young people with SEND



#### **Term Dates**

**Summer Term 2017** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Start of term for all students Bank Holiday (May Day)

Half TermMonday 29th May - Friday 2nd JuneFriday 21st JulyLast day of term

#### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September—INSET DaysWednesday 6th September—Start of term for all studentsHalf termMonday 23rd October to Friday 27th OctoberFriday 24th November—Occasional DayWednesday 20th December—End of term

#### Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th MarchThursday 29th March—INSET DayHalf TermMonday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018Monday 16th April to Friday 20th JulyHalf TermMonday 28th May to Friday 1st June



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