



Author Visit

Last week we welcomed Tony Lee, a New York Times Best-selling Graphic Novelist, to Marlborough. As well as writing a variety of comics and graphic novels, he is also known for adapting other people's work, where he would take a book (like *Pride & Prejudice and Zombies*, or *Raven's Gate*) and turn them into a comic or graphic novels. As well as comics he has written several novels aimed at reluctant readers published by *Badger Learning*, including *Stalker*, *Mister Scratch*, *Doctor Jekyll and Little Miss Hyde*, *Otis*, *Noticed* and *Jigsaw Lady*, as well as several audio plays for *Big Finish*, including the *Doctor Who* Fifth Doctor adventure *Rat Trap*.

His day began firstly with two 1 hour talks in Da Vinci Hall with a large variety of students, including Year 6 students from Abbey, St Michaels and St Peters. His talk mainly concentrating on 'Changing the Channel' which encourages students who might not like what they are reading to find something else that's more enjoyable to them. He also talked about his writing experiences and he even made them all jump at the end with a very spooky story!

The rest of the day comprised of working with students in a workshop format, which encouraged them to use their imagination to create resourceful and occasionally very funny methods to avoid a zombie attack.

It was a long and exhausting day for Tony but the visit was very successful with students coming away with a more positive and determined attitude to try out new reading experiences.



'He first described how he used to be when he was young and then went on to describe what inspired him to become such a marvellous author. There was not one moment during his talking, storytelling and acting that anyone got bored, it was very entertaining!' **Jarin Auddity 9RT**



PGL 2017



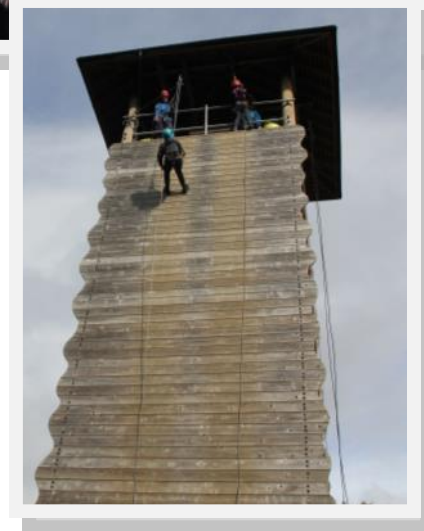
'My PGL trip was so much fun, I accomplished to much and it was a great experience for me. My favourite thing was the giant swing. There was so much to do, I loved it and all the activities especially canoeing, the giant swing, abseiling...' **Katie Willett**



'After a long tiring week of sorting out my clothes, bag and wash bags I finally arrived at the most amazing thing that happened to me so far PGL (which stands for Parents Get Lost). PGL included many fun activities but I narrowed it down to my top three. For No 3 I decided to place Wacky Races, now when I say Wacky races I mean middle aged men dressed in Batman PJs with Mad Hatters hats and sequin jackets. And so leaving the Wacky Races we did lots of running based activities such as balancing a sand bag on your head while trying to run. The No 2 I have decided to give to the Giant Swing. Yep its exactly the same as it sounds, a giant swing. I had a ton of fun on that especially because you could have 2 go's which meant you would experience stomach crushing G force once again. My personal favourite thing was the Raft Building. It was a mental and physical challenge as we had to work out the shape for the model itself (we chose square, very complex). We were also physically challenged as we had to tighten the rope very very tight. Although the most fun bit was when me and some of my friends jumped in the freezing cold river filled with green, yucky moss. In conclusion I had a ton of fun at PGL.'

Luca Gheoca





'PGL weekend was an amazing trip to go on. I have done quite a lot of activities that I have never done in my life. I learnt new skills as well as making new friends. I had a great time. My most favourite activities were the giant swing, abseiling, raft building and giant zipline.'

Nikhil Patel



More photos are on the website, under About us, Online gallery.

Attendance

As a school we are continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. Thank you so much to all of you who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance remains high.

We were really pleased as a school to have had record attendance last year. There is a strong link between attendance and achievement and, therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

As you are aware, both at Key Stage 4 and 5 we achieved our best academic results which we were delighted about and our so proud of all of their hard work. Please see below how attendance played a crucial part in this for our Year 11 students:

Students whose attendance fell between 95-100% achieved +0.38 higher than their peers; a third of a grade better. This attendance band contained the most significant number of students. Where attendance dropped to between 90-95% students were -0.58 below target, over half a GCSE grade. Our smallest group, 7 students whose attendance was between 85-90%, were affected by -1.4, nearly one and a half GCSE grades.

90% attendance = half a day missed every week!
One school year at 90% = 4 weeks of learning missed!

Young people nationally whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

Punctuality matters too!

Missed minutes equals missed learning which equals missed opportunities! As a school we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement as well. Registration begins at 8.40am and all students are expected to be at school on time. Without a genuine reason from parents/carers your child will be marked as late in the register if they arrive after this time. Persistent lateness can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued. If your child does arrive after the register has closed they must immediately report to the school attendance office to sign in to ensure their safeguarding.

Family holidays and term time leave

All requests for authorised absences need to be put in writing to the Headteacher and will only be authorised in the most exceptional of circumstances.

If permission is not granted, and your child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers will be and have been issued with penalty notice warning letters.

If you need to contact our attendance team for any reason or wish for any support please do so on our new attendance email address: attendance@marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mr M Fitzgibbon
Deputy Headteacher

Feeling Good

From being in Year 13 it is safe to say that we have not only learned more about ourselves and who we are but also of the world in which we live in. In our form 13NG we have all taken our place and began to help those in need to do something that makes us feel good! For the past year we have done a variety of things that we feel have done our part in being a helping hand, some examples that our form has done are; helping out the lower school students with dance by encouraging them to participate in the dance club held after school as well as helping members of our swimming club. We also help the Year 8 students to build skills such as social and confidence. Some more volunteering that we do involves visiting Grace Muriel Care Home every Wednesday afternoon and of course spending time with our own grandparents to keep them company, with some additional babysitting for family and friends. And the occasional helping our fathers out with football at the weekend.

Angel Kelly-Morris (13NG)



Working in partnership with parents

We believe that parents have a huge part to play in supporting our school and helping our students to flourish, and we pride ourselves on the strong partnerships we build between parents, students and staff.

If you would like get more involved in supporting our school, there are many ways to do so, from joining our PTA, sign up to easyfundraising, take part in our fundraising events or share your expertise with the M Festival team or add your name to our Time and Talent list.

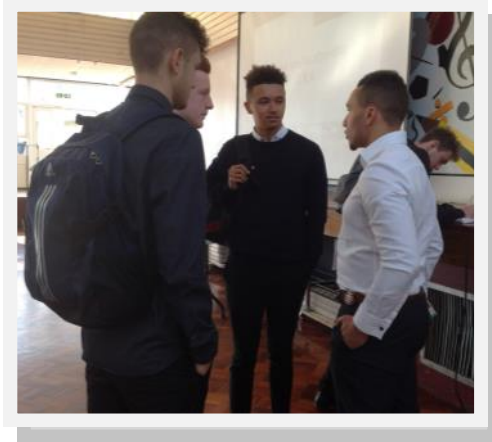
Adding your name to our Time and Talent list

We think there are probably a lot of parents and carers with a wide variety of skills and backgrounds who may be willing to be called on if we need them. If you would be happy to be included on our list please contact a.clegg@marlborough.herts.sch.uk. If your employer offers matchfunding, we are also keen to hear from you.



Post 16 PSCH EE Sessions

UCFB Wembley



'This week UCFB came into our school and told us about the opportunities available at their university. We were involved with a great interactive speech full of information about life at Wembley and the available courses; of which there are many, to do and not to do with football. This means it's available to people who are and are not interested in Sport, these areas cover business, marketing, finance and many more. I previously had no idea about Wembley University which is located in London and Manchester. However with this association with Marlborough, I am now considering it as a possible future path.'

Chris Reid Year 12



Sixth Form Open Evening

Monday 27th November 2017 at 6.30pm

**For more information please contact the Sixth Form office
on 01727 731335**

English Stars



Congratulations to the following students:

Christina Eshun, Matthew Heeley, Heather McCloy, Sophie Loversidge-Jenkin, Emily Bousher Kai Ali, Katie Hamm, Faith Glenister, Anna Visegradi, Leah Wakeling, Graham Hall Elizabeth Wakeman, Lily Blundell, Matthew Willett, James Sears, Ceitidh Clark, Gabriel Ceausu Hannah Storey –Brown, Isla Latham, Charlotte Dodd, Weronika Wresniak, Eva Zsigmond, Amy Devereux, Olivia Shelley, Angel Kelly-Morris, Sam Viccars, Joe McCarthy, Ben Tagg and Sophie Brown.

Learning Counts

Each week a member of the Senior Leadership Team meets with a small group of students from every year group. This is the opportunity for the staff to find out more about the students' school experiences and for the student to discuss their learning and memorable lessons or activities.

'Teachers help and support you.' *'Being pushed in lessons but in a kind way.'* Year 7

'It is fun at school but work hard, challenging.' *'Learning to dive in swimming.'* Year 8

'Proud of the work produced.' *'Challenged in Maths with algebra and directed numbers.'* Year 9

'Like the feedback from staff in lessons both verbal and written, you can see where you can make improvements.' Year 10

'Most memorable lesson was English—getting to know the characters more thoroughly as they may come up in the exams.' Year 11

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

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Alfie Edwards 13TR** who has been selected to play rugby for Scotland U19. Alfie is a semi professional rugby player for London Broncos. He has most recently played in three matches and the first was against Northern Ireland in Glasgow, the final score was 80-6 and in that game he scored 3 trys. His second game was in London against a team called London Skolars and won 32-10, the last game was against England losing 36-10 but Alfie received his first cap.



Congratulations to **Keely Frimley Boyle 7EM** who achieved her Trinity Award Grade 4 with Distinction for her role in "The Lazy Ace" theatre show in London. Keely has been attending the Pauline Quirke Academy at the weekend for the last four years.



Rocket to the Future

Need help for the future? Stuck not knowing what next?
Don't Panic – we are here to help!
TMSA now have a dedicated Careers email address.
Just send you queries to Careers@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



Lego Lab

The Lego Lab held Wednesday lunchtimes has proved to be very popular with our new Year 7 students. I know for some it is very hard to part with their childhood toys but if anyone has any lego that is no longer wanted please think of us—I know it would be much appreciated.

Thank you.
Mrs Clegg



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**CURRENTLY RECRUITING
NEW PLAYERS!**

Years 3/4/5 Mon 6.30 - 7.30pm

Year 6 Tues 6.30 - 7.30pm

Years 7/8 Development Squad Thurs 6.30 - 7.30pm

Years 7/8 Youth Squad Thurs 7.30 - 8.30pm

Year 9 Weds 7.15 - 8.15pm

Training sessions take place at St Albans
Boys' School Sports Complex on Fishpool Street

To arrange to join us for a **FREE trial session**,
please email kardalejuniornetballclub@gmail.com

www.kardalenetballclub.co.uk

**AN INVITATION TO DSPL7 SEND INFORMATION VILLAGE
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2017**
Discover more about the SEN expertise and provision that is available in
your district

An opportunity to meet Specialist Advisors, Educational Psychologists, Service Providers, representatives from Special Schools, Oaklands College and the Voluntary Sector

Please come along and meet representatives from over thirty organisations to find out about the support that is available for children and young people (0-25 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Some of those attending include:

DSPL7 SEND Team *SPACE Support Group*
Brain Buzz *Special Olympics*
Harpenden Plus Partnership *St Albans Plus Partnership*
ESTMA *SNAP* *Phoenix*
Steps *Speech language and communication team* *SENDIASS*
Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database *KIDS Hub, Independent Support Practitioner*
Families in Focus *Early Years SEND Team*

This event is free to attend
Parking is available in the school car park
If you have any queries please contact us on
01727 853134 ext 244 or email admin@dspl7.org.uk



Venue: St Albans Girls' School
Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB

Wednesday 15th November 2017
Drop in anytime between 10am - 12 noon
Refreshments available

Term Dates

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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