



Marlborough News

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Curwen Print Visit

Years 12 and 13 visited the Curwen Print in Cambridge and our students created some beautiful work for their portfolios. The Curwen is a professional print studio who have printed for the likes of John Piper, Barbara Hepworth and many more. The presses the students use are over a hundred years old and still working today.

Students were allowed to select different processes that they could experiment with such as dry point etching, collographs and mono printing techniques. We returned home with huge amounts of work, new skills and a taste of what it might be like to be a professional printmaker. The students displayed incredible talent and determination to exceed all their expectations. We were very proud of them.

Ms J Bustin.



Art Request

If anyone has any fabrics, wool or haberdashery items they don't want anymore, Ms Rickman would love them for a project she is working on with her Year 9.

Thank you



We will be supporting the NSPCC on **Wednesday 20th December**. It will be a non uniform day and students are asked to bring in £1 donation for the charity. The NSPCC help to support families and protect children from abuse and exploitation, they also support Childline which in the last 2 years has seen a dramatic rise among 16-18 year olds using their counselling sessions with concerns about exam results. Mental health issues and online safety are also key concerns for the charity and there is a useful [NSPCC guide](#) to helping to support families with online safety.

Thank you

Thank you to the Year 7 families for their generous donations to the St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge. We were overwhelmed with the amazing gifts and know that the families at the Refuge will be very appreciative.



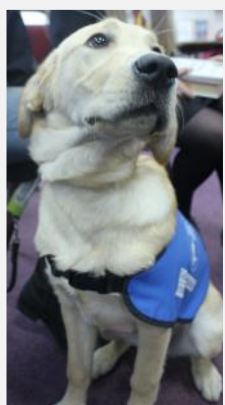
Post 16 PSHCE Sessions



Over the last two weeks Steve Roy, a First Aid trainer, has been delivering first aid workshops to Post 16 students. Themes have included Saturday Night Survival and how to look after themselves while working or volunteering. He talked to them about scenarios that they might find themselves in and how students can look after each other and friends. As part of the Saturday Night Survival guide students learnt how use recovery position to save somebody's life if experiencing alcohol or drugs abuse and also how to apply pressure to a wound as well as keeping safe when travelling at night. They discussed about how emergency situations may occur when they are around younger students or in their volunteer positions around older People, students also found out more about fainting and epileptic episodes and how to calmly deal with the situation and who to call in an emergency. We learnt also that the last sense you lose when unconscious is hearing and the importance of positive talk around someone who is unconscious.

Mrs Rutherford

'I found the session really useful as I didn't know anything about first aid to begin with and by the end I was taught how to deal with fainting, seizures and choking. The informal feel of the session was also enjoyable and I found the speaker very engaging.' **Esther Cropper Year 12.**



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Thank you to staff and students for raising **£308.91** for the charity at this week's sale. We loved meeting Malty, Colin, Arthur, Bramble and Yassi.





Lunchtime activities in the LRC next week

Monday

Christmas Decoration making for all years

Tuesday

Year 7 & 8 Karaoke

Sign up sheet in the LRC, solo or find a member of staff to join you for a Christmas song duet.

Win house points and pinkies

Wednesday and Thursday

Secondhand book sale—all donations would be greatly appreciated.

Friday

House Competition

Christmas Wreath decorating



PTA Request

The PTA are running their ever popular soft toy tombola at the Christmas Fair this year which is being held on Tuesday December 19th.

They are looking for donations of second hand teddies and other soft toys.

Please consider having a clear out and bringing any soft toys you no longer need into school and leave at Reception.

Many thanks for your support!

Marlborough PTA

PE News

Year 9 Basketball

The Year 9 team have been busy over the last half term playing a number of fixtures. Defeats to Verulam and Roundwood were followed up by an incredible game away to Sir John Lawes where the lead changed hands 6 times before we were narrowly defeated 25-24 with a shot in the last second of the game hitting the ring and staying out. Last Monday (27th November) we impressively beat Townsend 38-8 to finish on a high. A number of the boys have represented the school team with special mentions going to Will Pearson, Tyler Cadiou-McCarthy, Iggy Jacobs, Oliver Szabo and Raffi Roberts. Well done to all who participated.

Mr Packard



Congratulations to our U13 football team on their 5-2 victory over The John Warner School! Goal scorers Charlotte x 2, Dina, Chloe and og. Player of Match Rosie safe hands!

 @TMSA_PE

Follow us on [@marlboroughsch](#)

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

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.

Year 7 said that they feel privileged to be at Marlborough and the teachers do not shout at us. People are kind and the teachers encourage us to do our best. They made special mention to their Science, Art and PE lessons and they said they love the clubs which are run at school.

Year 8 said they enjoy their lessons and they get lots of information to support with their learning.

Year 9 said that the school is friendly and what a great school Marlborough is. They enjoy the different opportunities available for them here and enjoy using the dark room in Art and also made special mention to Business Studies

Year 10 said the school is welcoming and friendly and mentioned their positive experiences in the following lessons as being especially memorable: Industrial Products, PE, Chemistry, English, Music and Art lessons, in fact they said they enjoy all of their lessons.



**Performing Arts Evening
Monday 18th December
7pm
Tickets available on the
Gateway – Adults £3.50,
Children £2.50**

Student Achievements

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Well done Mikie!



Brothers in twin gymnastics triumph

TWO brothers celebrated winning medals at a national gymnastics competition.

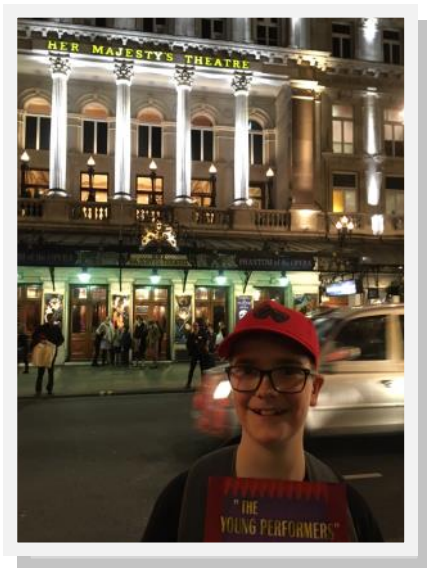
Mikie and Matthew Ridgway, from St Albans, finished second and first respectively at the Elite National Grade gymnastics programme in Birmingham.

Mikie, 13, who is a pupil at

Marlborough Science Academy, competed for the East of England region and picked up a silver medal.

His nine-year-old brother Matthew, who goes to Killigrew, won gold in his first national tournament, alongside five other members of his team.

Their mother Debbie Ridgway, who is a trampoline instructor herself, said: "I'm actually quite emotional. This is such a major commitment for our family. They have both kept plugging away and worked so hard and really deserve this. They both want to be the next Max Whitlock."



Well done Tom. Last Saturday **Tom Dimbylow 7LM** performed at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End with his Performing Arts School, The Academy.

They performed medleys from 13 The Musical and School of Rock to an audience of 1200 people. It was an incredible show and a once in a lifetime chance to perform at the home of Phantom of the Opera.

Student Achievements

We have received your fantastic hair donation! Thank you!

[View in browser](#)



What an amazing gesture by **Annabel Little 7LM**.

In July 2014 after 19 months of fighting her illness Annabel's younger sister Sophie passed away from cancer. Annabel decided that she wanted to donate her hair to help make a wig for the Little Princess Trust. Finally in November after Annabel's hair had grown more than 30cm she was able to have it cut and her Mum donated her hair as well. We are very proud of you Annabel!



Christmas

Lunch Menu

Tues 19th Dec

MAIN

Roast Turkey Breast with Pigs in Blankets
served with Sage & Onion Stuffing

Roasted Vegetable Wellington in Flaky Pastry
served with Vegetarian Gravy

SERVED WITH

**Roast Potatoes, Buttered Carrots,
Brussels Sprouts, Parsnips and Gravy**

**Staff
£3.00**

DESSERT

Christmas Pudding with Custard
Christmas Chocolate Log with Cream
Chocolate Chip Cheesecake
Fruit Jelly with Cream

**Students
£2.50**

**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 Wed 13th Dec.



Help out when you check out this Christmas

Collect FREE donations for **The Marlborough Science Academy** with all your online Christmas shopping!



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/themarlbroughsa/>



**Collect free donations every time you shop the easyfundraising way,
So far over £1225 has been raised for the school using easy fundraising.**

**THE
ALTERNATIVE
CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

electric
**UMBRELLA
PRESENTS**

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER
1PM-6PM
PUMP HOUSE THEATRE
LOCAL BOARD ROAD WATFORD

**FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME!**

- ▲ **LIVE MUSIC**
- ▲ **MARKET STALLS**
- ▲ **THE ALTERNATIVE XMAS GROTTO**
- ▲ **FOOD AND DRINK**

**CHALLENGING
PERCEPTIONS OF PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING
DISABILITIES BY
EMPOWERING AND
ENRICHING LIVES
THROUGH MUSIC.**

YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

10th FEB
10am - 1pm

Are you a young aspiring chef?
Are you in Year 10 or 11 at school?
Fancy pitching your culinary skills to our expert judges?



To enter submit your starter, main or dessert recipe at
www.oaklands.ac.uk/youngchef
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 19th JANUARY

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OAKLANDS COLLEGE

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Oaklands College is teaming up with Lussmanns Restaurant for the annual Young Chef of the Year Competition. The competition is open to aspiring chefs in Years 10 and 11.

To enter please go to www.oaklands.ac.uk/youngchef

Complete the entry form and submit with your own recipe for a starter, main or dessert. We will be shortlisting eight chefs for each course to be part of a live cooking competition.

When? Saturday 10th February 2018

Where? The Stables Restaurant at Oaklands College
St Albans Campus

The competition will be judged by Martin West, Head Chef at The Stables Restaurant, Andrei Lussmann, Founder of Lussmanns Restaurants and Food Columnist for The Herts Advertiser, Becky Alexander.

Closing date for entries is Friday 19th January 2018.

**For queries email sue.mckinnon@oaklands.ac.uk
or call 01727 737561**



TIME TO TAKE THE STAGE



Stagecoach Performing Arts St Albans
Acting, singing and dance classes for 4 to 18 year olds.

You can try Stagecoach for 2 weeks before signing up for the whole term. Children aged 4 to 18 are invited to experience our fantastic Drama, Dance and Singing classes first hand.

For just £50 for the Main School (children aged 7 to 18) or £25 for the Early Stages classes (children aged 4 to 7), children will take part in our weekly classes, work with our talented teaching team, meet current students and have lots of fun!



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CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2017
11.00AM – 2.00PM

STALLS, RAFFLE, BRIC A BRAC,
GAMES, BOOKS, CAKE STALL,
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES,
REFRESHMENTS

KILLIGREW SCHOOL CHOIR @ 12 NOON
MORRIS DANCERS



"Communication for Life" **A workshop on meeting the communication challenges of teenage years and young adulthood.**

*A Workshop for families and professionals supporting children and young people with
Down syndrome from age 9 to young adulthood*

Led by: Leela Bakshi, specialist speech and language therapist, Symbol UK Ltd

This course looks at the communication issues in the context of adolescence. It will explore ideas and strategies that can support communication around key themes for teenagers and young adults, focusing on the strengths and challenges associated with Down syndrome.

Course outline

Adolescence, young people who have Down syndrome, and communication skills: challenges and opportunities - What does research tell us about the communication skills of young people who have DS?

Living and working with communication impairment: common issues and what we can do about them

Key areas to address and strategies : learning words and achieving clearer speech; vocabulary, language scripts, grammar and narrative skills; personal presentation skills;
Too much/not enough talking! Self talk, and selective mutism- why might it happen and what we can do about it?

Visual scaffolding to support thinking skills

Some examples of visuals that support communication as young people move towards adulthood

This course is designed for a mixed audience of parents and family members and school and college staff including teaching assistants, teachers, and other practitioners including speech and language therapists. There will be opportunities to discuss issues and plans for individuals during workshop-style sessions.

Date: Wednesday 31st January 2018, Time: 9.30 am to 4pm

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

Cost: £25 for schools and other professionals. £10 for parents/carers.

Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.

Places are limited so please book, by completing the tear off slip and return with cheque to:
DSPL Administration, c/o STAGS, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans AL3 6DB

On site parking available in *Visitors Car Park* only please.



Name(s) of Attendee(s):

Communication - 31st Jan 2018

For Schools - Name & Address:

OR

for Parent(s) - Address:

Contact Email: _____

NB: Please make cheques payable to St Albans Girls' School



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 20th December 12.00pm —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

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September to Friday 21st December 2018

Half Term Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019

Friday 15th February—Inset Day

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July 2019

Half Term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019



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