

Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope that for everyone 2018 is a kind year, healthy and successful. As always we have hit the ground running and school life is busy but challenging and exciting, I have seen some excellent teaching and learning and the Year 11s have really shone in their recent pre public exams with a diligence and focus that bodes well for further progress; we look forward to seeing Year 11 parents on Monday 15th January so this information can be shared.

Demolition work as you will read more about inside the newsletter has commenced to make way for our new build and the site team have done an excellent job in constructing their new site office. Your response to our request re driving on site has been much appreciated and the situation is all much safer now, thank you.

Thank you too for the lovely emails that have been coming in just saying thank you to individual staff members, those few lines mean an awful lot and are gratefully received.

Lots to cram in before half term which seems early this year (we break up Friday 9th February) but we crack on safe in the knowledge that it will all get done within the spirit and ethos that makes our school the splendid learning environment that it is.

Best wishes,

Ms Thomson

Headteacher.

SAVE THE DATE



APPRENTICESHIPS
which one works for you?

Marlborough's Apprenticeship Fair

Wednesday 31st January

5pm-8pm

Year 7 Lille trip

December 2017 and it was time for the annual Year 7 trip to Lille. Despite the very early morning, our students were all keen and eager to go. We had a full, fun packed day which included ice skating, Ferris wheel, the Christmas Market, and the infamous Flams!!



'Une journée fantastique was had by staff and students alike.' Mr Henshall

'I enjoyed the trip to Lille as I got to do new things that I had never done before like riding a bus from one country to another. Also we go to have a different type of food called a Flam which was different but brilliant! In the market I saw cool stuff and tasty desserts.' Iesa Choudhury

'On the Lille trip I really enjoyed the Ferris Wheel because I was scared to go on it at first and then when I got on it, I had so much fun.' Lilly Glennon

'The best part of Lille was the Ferris Wheel – it was so fun!' Brodey Wilcox

'Lille was amazing! All of the activities were so fun and the Christmas Market was so spectacular. The pizza was certainly unique!' – Charlotte Joyce

'Lille was very enjoyable because we got things people wouldn't do every day like going on a Ferris Wheel and trying a new food called a Flam which was strange but highly enjoyable. In total, my trip to Lille was one of my most enjoyable trips ever.' James Genchi





ACES Standard Stickers

To encourage our students to continue working to their very highest standards and to exemplify work of a high standard we will be introducing ACES Standard marking stickers (to run in conjunction with House Points and Pinkies) across all faculties in January. These will be awarded for to students for work which meets the ACES criteria for each subject area. They can be awarded to students who are already identified as gifted and talented in a particular subject, or to students who are meeting some of the ACES criteria.

In order to highlight some of the higher level learning which is going on across the school we have uploaded some '[ACES Standard](#)' work to the ACES page of the school website.

Marlborough's Top Secret Teaching Missions

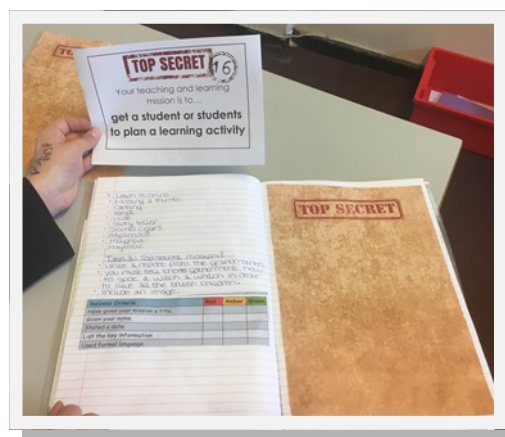


Just before the Christmas holidays each member of our teaching staff were hand delivered an envelope each containing a secret teaching and learning mission card (activity to run). Staff were then challenged to incorporate their mission into one or more of their lessons.

Once the mission had been put into operation, staff then forwarded their write up of what they had done, along with any photos of the work undertaken.

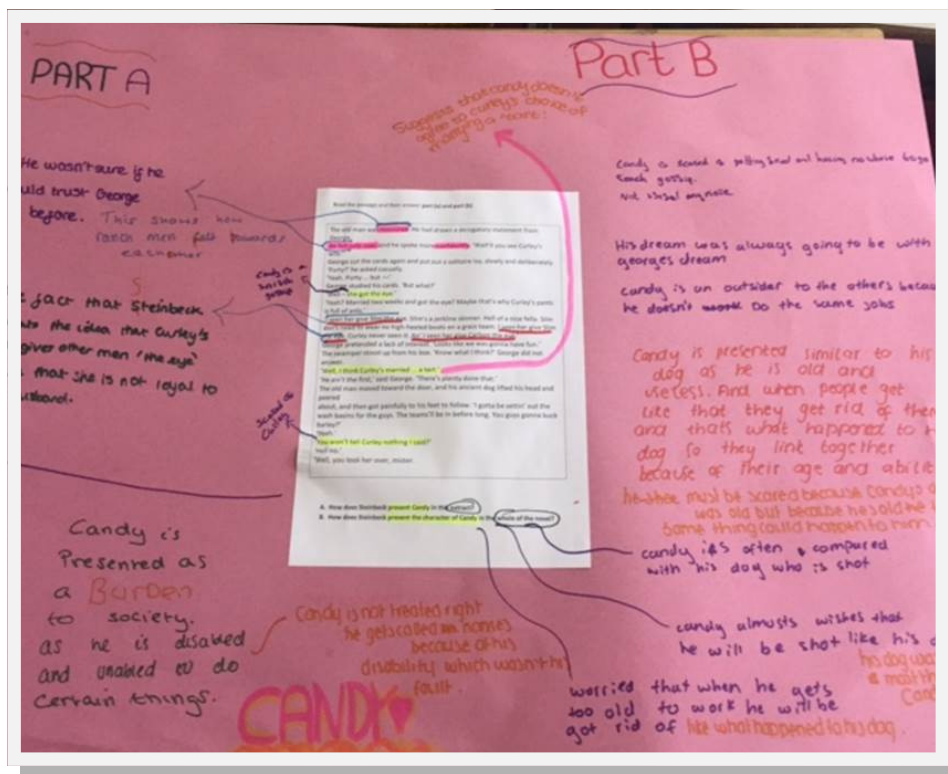
All missions were randomly assigned to staff so nobody knew who had what activity. Prizes were also secretly dispatched to staff.

Miss Fogarty's Year 7 class were allowed to design their own activity. They came up with the idea of filing a top secret report for the British Government. They are currently studying the witches by Ronald Dahl and they decided to create an activity in which they were the grandmother (who is a witchofile and knows how to spot a witch). They had to compile a report retrieving information from the text on how to spot a witch and write a formal report. They then came up with their own success criteria which they used to SA their work. They then completed a full self- assessment of their work.



Marlborough's Top Secret Teaching Missions

Miss Murphy had a carousel activity. Her Year 9 worked on 6 different exam questions supporting each other in groups.



Mr Akintola's Secret mission: To use a ball of string as part of a learning activity

Lesson title: Bonding

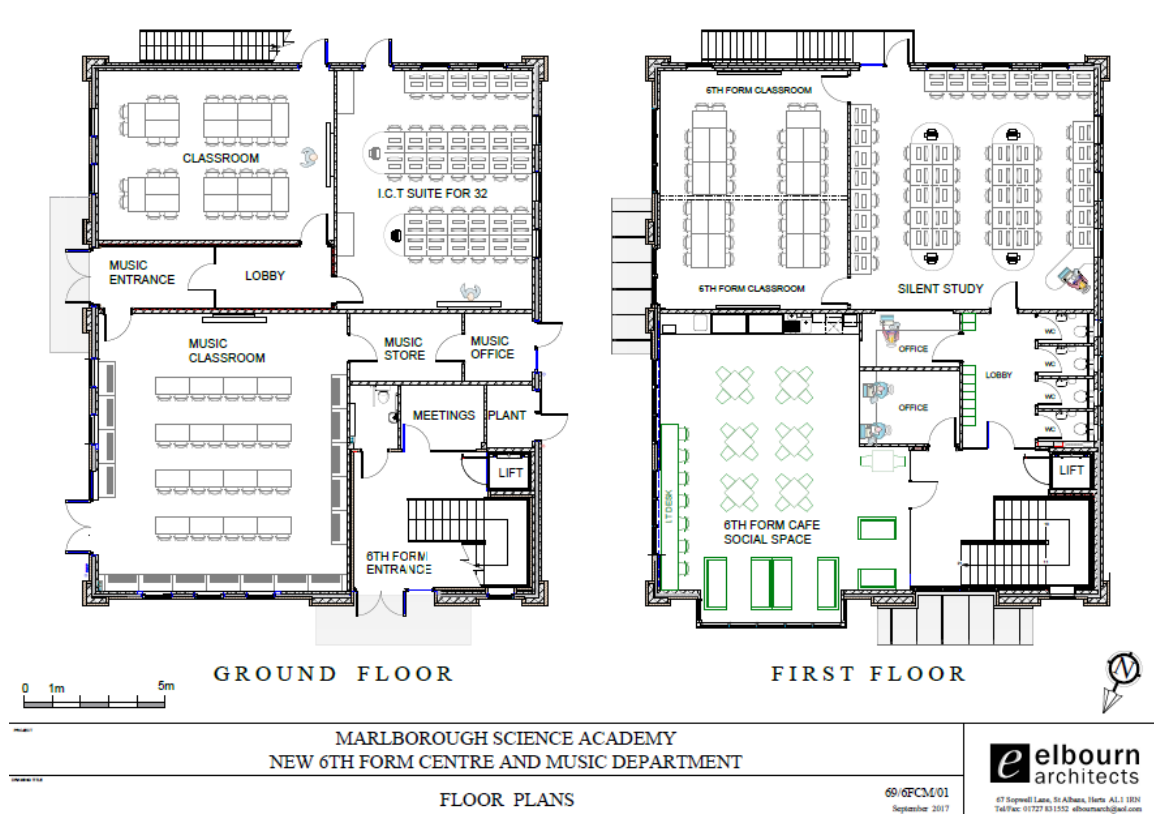
Students were all strung together by tying the string round their hand, they were connected together in 7 rows and 4 columns, he then used the picture as a stimulus for discussing the questions written on the picture slides. Students then held yellow and red cards to model positive and negative charges. Holding yellow cards are carrying negative charges while the red cards carry positive charges. Finally his students then wrote extensive explanations about what they had learnt



Mr Fitzgibbon
Deputy Headteacher

New Sixth Form build underway

The builders are now in and have already removed the site office and partially demolished the old music room to make way for the new Sixth Form building. Works are due to be completed by July and we watch the progress with interest. The new Sixth form facilities will incorporate an upper level exclusively for sixth form use and it will consist of two classrooms, a silent study area and a common room. The ground floor will have three classrooms, one being a music room, one an IT classroom and the third a general classroom.



Marlborough Lodge

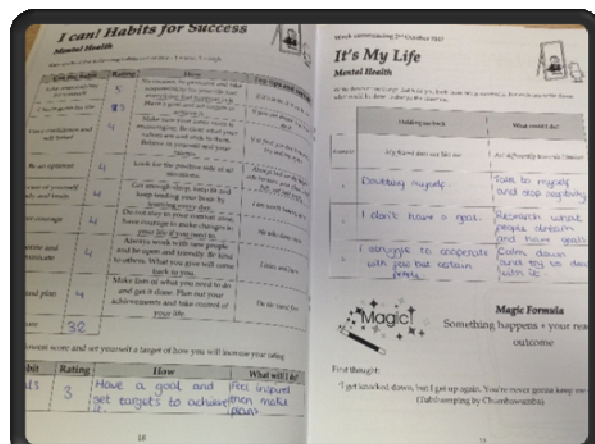
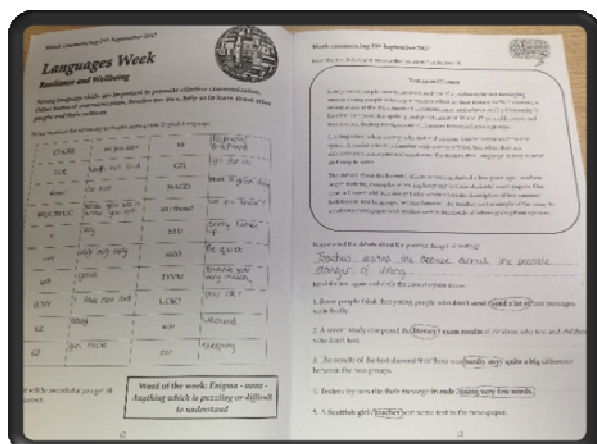
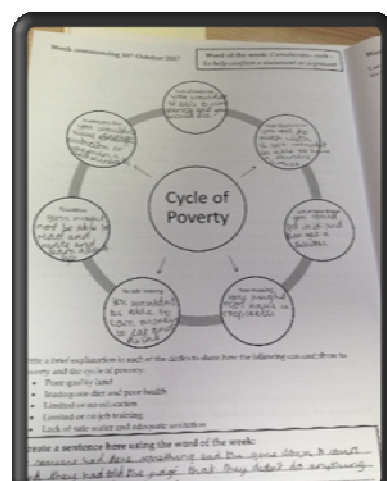
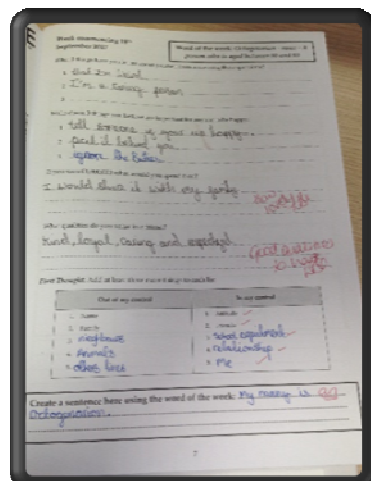
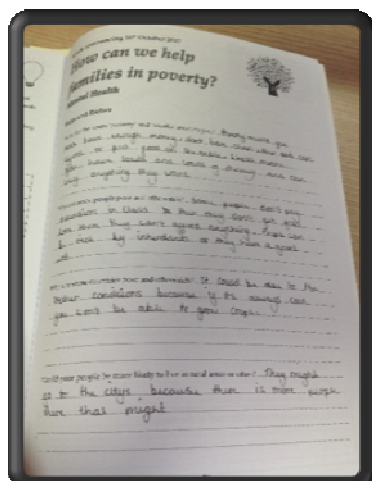
Our site team have been working hard on building their new premises, you may have noticed the Scandinavian looking lodge being built by the bike shed. They are hoping to be in situ by the end of January, weather permitting. The new location will provide more space and be very convenient to receive any site visitors and school deliveries and another means of ensuring school is a safe environment for everyone.



SMSC at Marlborough – Reflection books

Within form time at Marlborough we like to use the time productively and each morning have an activity for our students to take part in.

One of these activities is completing their Reflection Theme booklets, where each week the theme is different and the students are asked for their thoughts and opinions on a variety of subjects.



Here we have some lovely examples from our Year 7 and 8 students—

Congratulations to – Ishika Kumar 7BA, Zaine Elbouchikhi 7LB, Lilly Glennon 7LB, Zoe Decruz 7LE, Ben Birch 7LE, Phoebe McGurk 7HF, Charlotte Joyce 7LM, Billy Mardell-Smith 7LM, Beth Searl 8EW, Liam Gustafson 8EW, Akbar Ali 8NR and Hema Sujatha 8DD whose form tutors put you forward for having some excellent work in your reflection books.

Ms Eastwood

Andalucia 2017

Early on the 13th December, Spanish students were bravely huddled against the all consuming dark and cold of the school car park- awaiting our 'get-a-way vehicle' to whisk us off to sunny Andalucía. Having left the sludgy remains of week-old snow, we received a surprisingly warm welcome of 20°C heat.

Our schedule each day was packed to the point of bursting; after our 8:00 am breakfast each day we hardly seemed to stop for a breather. The great diversity of trips and visits kept us on our toes. Even on the first day we visited the Alcazaba fortress in Málaga, saw an amphitheatre, did Christmas shopping, saw the light display, ate tapas ...and these weren't even the main events of our trip. Each day there was something for everyone; personally I enjoyed the historical sites we visited. The Cathedral-Mosque of Córdoba was not only a breathtaking cultural experience, but we learnt more about Spain's chequered history of conquest, and had the opportunity to question our guides- in Spanish!

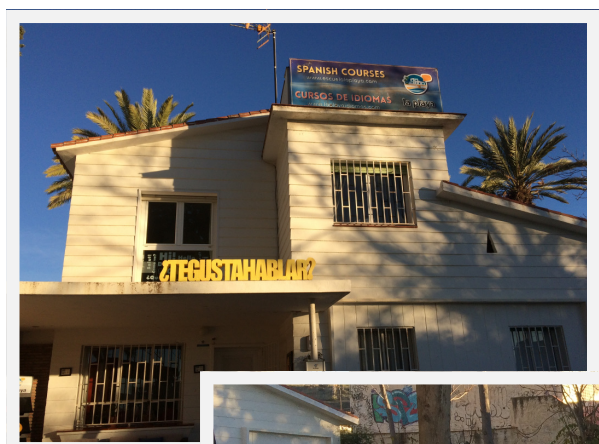
For many, I'm sure the highlight was visiting the secondary school. I'm sure all of us have imagined and wondered what life might be like in another town, or school, or country- and we got to experience just that. Honestly, I was slightly nervous about this visit, but we soon all got into the swing of it. After playing some ice-breaker games (for it seems we were all quite nervous), we got a chance to talk to the students, practising our Spanish as we shared our interests, opinions and jokes. We made some invaluable connections and due to the wonders of modern day technology, many of us are still in touch - especially if liking a post on Instagram counts as 'being in touch'. Obviously, we didn't just travel 1,440.6 miles for fun and games though. After a recuperating sleep on the first night, we started our lessons at 'Escuela la Playa'- and my group was lucky enough to have its lessons outside, basking in the morning sunshine, right by the beach. Again, not only were these lessons engaging, , with the teachers encouraging us to speak in Spanish and practise real-life situations, but they were a fantastic immersive experience, giving us the opportunity to practise understanding Spanish- and yes, they do speak rather fast! Over the five hours of lessons we had during our trip, I doubt there was anyone who didn't come out with both improved skill and improved confidence in Spanish.

If all this was not enough, we also returned with many new dance skills, having both watched and performed flamenco, tried the food (paella is now one of my favourites!), collected vast numbers of Spanish leaflets, played on the beach and even visited the authentic Spanish supermarket 'Supersol'- which many of us enjoyed a little *too* much. All in all, it was an irreplaceable experience that taught us all a lot and gave us all some much needed vitamin D.

iBuena suerte para 2018!

Ruth Mitchell Fox

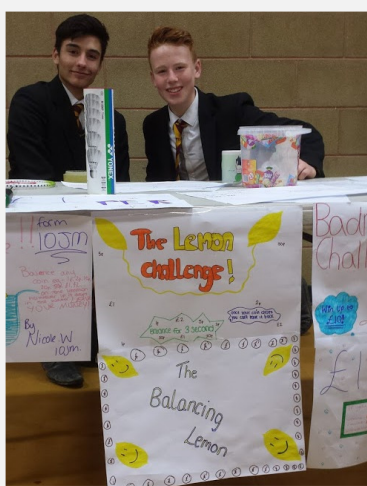




Christmas Donations

Thank you students for raising just over **£355** for the NSPCC Christmas Appeal with your non uniform donations.

An exciting time was had by all at the Winter Fair and we raised the grand total of **£956.41**. Everyone had worked hard to devise interesting and different ways to raise funds and a lot of baking had taken place.



SMSC at Marlborough

Last term one of our assembly themes was Poverty and what we can do to help it.

The assembly showed the results of poverty across the world and also brought it right back home to here in Hertfordshire.

We thought what we could do to help this, even if it was in just a small way, so we decided to put together a food drive for the local foodbank here in St Albans.

Many students brought in non-perishable foods in the two weeks after the assembly and just before Christmas, Mrs Aylward accompanied by Lily Blundell and Lola Green took all your generous donations to the Harpenden warehouse for the Trussell Trust.

The St Albans and Harpenden foodbank staff were overwhelmed and truly grateful of the generosity shown by staff and students of The Marlborough Science Academy .



A Level Art

We thought you might like to see the a few of the final outcomes accomplished by our Year 13 A level students during their exam. These are a few of the pieces achieved by Jess Forster, Jess Parkin, Kate Mercer, Olivia Scotter and Izabela Malek. The whole group achieved excellent grades and brilliant standards of work. Well done!

Now on to a new project for the exam section of the qualification...

Ms Bustin.



Learning Counts

Every Friday tutor time a member of the Senior management team meets with a selection of students from Years 7-11, Ms Thomson meets with Year 7s to ensure transition is successful and other year groups meet with their SLT link. The sole purpose of these meetings is to ensure that students feel they have a voice, that they can talk about anything and that we can understand how their learning is going. We feedback to staff all the positive comments and action any areas of concern. We are Rigorous in ensuring students know how to keep themselves safe online.

Year 7 said they like the community feel of the school and enjoy problem solving in their lessons. They made special mention to their Food, Art, PE and Science lessons.

Year 8 said they are proud of their school and get good support for their learning. They made special mention to Mr Hogan's DT lessons.

Year 9 said the school is good and they receive fantastic support in their learning.

Year 10 said they enjoy the Marlborough community and enjoy their learning. They made special mention to their Art lessons, PE practicals and Maths lessons.



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If you have any questions and not sure who to ask
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A promotional poster for the TV show 'LEGO Masters'. The background is a light blue sky with a few grey clouds. In the foreground, there are several colorful LEGO creations: a large, multi-colored robot-like figure on the left, a rainbow arching over a red car in the center, a small yellow and black helicopter on the right, and a green and yellow structure on the far right. The text 'DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S BEST LEGO BUILDER?' is at the top in red. Below it, 'LEGO MASTERS' is written in large, bold, red letters. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text in black, followed by a line of text in blue and black, and the 'TUESDAY'S CHILD' logo on the right.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
BEST LEGO BUILDER?

LEGO MASTERS

Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

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3rd January 2018

Ms. A.F. Thomson
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Dear Ms. Thomson,

Once again, on behalf of the Management Committee, staff and residents, we would like to say a very big thank you to the staff and Year 7 pupils of your school for the most generous Christmas gifts for those staying at the refuge.

We are most appreciative of your support for our project, and for your kindness in thinking of us. Please pass on our gratitude and thanks to all those concerned.

With all good wishes for a happy and special 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Perry and Sara Jackson
Joint Managers
St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge

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- interested in a varied role where you can develop a range of skills, help your local community and have fun?



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HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY



Term Dates

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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