

Marlborough News

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Rotary Technology Tournament Advanced Trophy Winners



On Wednesday 7th March Marlborough hosted the Rotary Technology Tournament in which we had teams from Year 9, 10 and Post 16 entered. There were also teams from Roundwood Park, St Albans High School for Girls, Townsend and Heathlands schools. The challenge was to build a Space Capsule Launcher and the task involved the design, construction and testing on a space capsule launcher. The teams had to launch a space capsule by remote control as vertically as possible to a minimum height of 3m. Landing had to be as near as possible to the launch pad. Additionally the advanced teams' capsules must be launched in a carrier which separates above 3m and the capsule must descend by parachute. The teams were judged on their portfolios and the final testing performance.

Congratulations to our Post 16 team who won The Advanced team trophy **Noa Kusman**, **Anthony Muller**, **Tommy Day and Jake Callaghan**. But also a massive well done to our other teams who were involved with the event and although were successful with their launchers not all landed near the launch pads!

Year 9 - Daniel George, Maximus Hooper, Oliver Buer, Ruby King, Lewis Andrews, Raffi Roberts, Alex Noon and Daniel Howell.

Year 10 - Zehra Saglam, Kade Neveling, Daniel Martin and Emily Bourne.





'It was a really enjoyable event and fun to see what other teams did.'

'It was a good experience and I would like to do it again'.

News from the Art Department

Year 8 students created amazing mobile phone case designs as part of their 'design' project. The brief for the project was to design a case that had been inspired by popular culture. This could be either a personal idea or a design that would appeal to other students of their age group. The most creative examples were selected by their art teachers and then 6 were chosen by Ms Bustin to be made in to an actual mobile phone case. The cases and mugs (some students did not have suitable phones to have a case made) were given out in assembly. I am sure you will agree that the chosen designs look amazing!

Well done everyone as the standard this year was the best we have ever had!



Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

What amazing meals were produced last Wednesday as the Year 11 students were taking their GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition controlled assessment. They had to cook three dishes in three hours for a set task to include fruit and vegetables for children or coeliac diet. Not only making their own meringue roulades, soups, pancakes and pastry but also bread rolls and pasta. Mrs Cuell was so impressed by the high level achieved by the students.

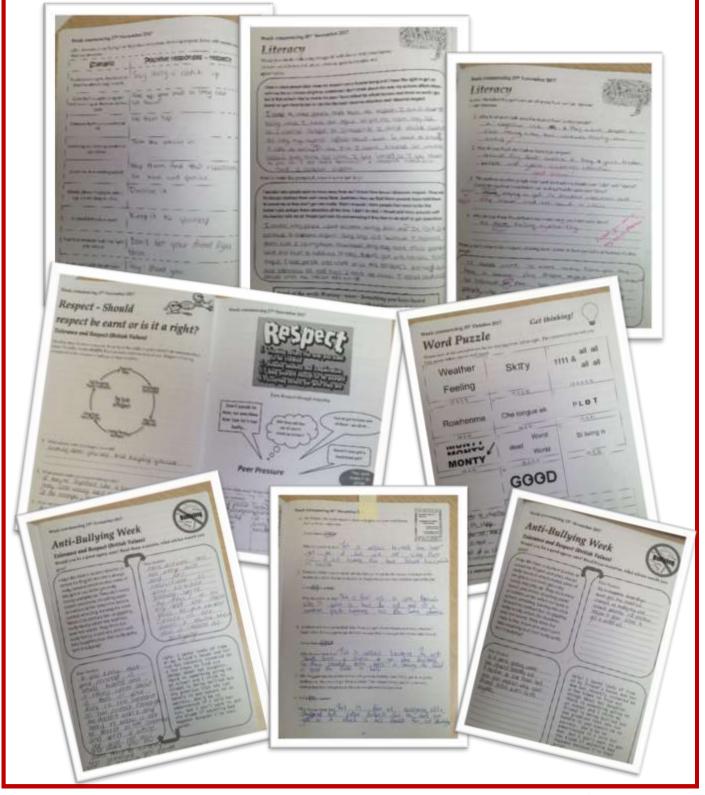


SMSC AT MARLBOROUGH

(Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural)

Below are some great examples of the Reflection book work completed in form time by all of our students – thinking about and reflecting on everyday issues and topics, giving students time to express their opinions and discuss them with other students.

Well done to – Amy Bilson 8DN, Moiz Tawawala 7LB, Euan Hermon 7EM, Ryan Conway 8DH, Lilly Smith 9RH, Gemma Vincent 10AS, Ellen Berrill-Osborne 10lb, Ciara Maloney 10AS, Tom Bourner 11AP, Phoebe Joyner 10AS, Maddie Watts 10JG and Abbie Stiller 10JG



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 feel part of a community and love all their lessons. They said that their teachers do not give up on them.

Year 9 said they feel supported and that the school deals with behavioural issues really well. They said they are really happy with the support they receive and made special mention to their Spanish, Music and PE lessons.

Year 10 also said they feel supported by the after school activities and they enjoy all their subjects.

Year 11 said they love receiving praise and made special mention to Mr Robertson's Chemistry lessons.

Post 16 PSHCEE

Thanks to Megan from Pathway Careers, Training and Mentoring who gave a very strong presentation explaining how the organisation can support students at Marlborough to gain work experience and apprenticeship information as well as careers advice. Their mission is to improve the employability, career prospects and lives of school leavers.

'I found out how varied my options are in the field of media for example - apprenticeship degree with Sky or a degree at university. I also discovered that I need to not focus on one idea but broaden my horizons. I plan to attend the Pathways Careers evening on 19th April with my parents.' **Roberto Da Silva Year 12**

Health and Safety Notice

Please can I request that if you drop your child off early at school, then you do so at the Pascal Hall entrance and remind them that they must remain there until at least **8am** please. This is to ensure that if we have a Fire activation or other emergency we are aware of who we have on site and where they will be so that we can ensure their safety.

Thank you for your support

Mr Paice

Estates Manager

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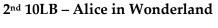
Who's Behind the Book?



were the winners of Who's Behind the Book competition.

Book Door Winners

1st 8SF – Harry Potter





3rd 9PA - Gruffalo





PSHCEE

St Albans City FC



Marlborough is fortunate to be the first secondary school to work in partnership with St Albans City FC on a Community Outreach programme. We thank Phill Coates and Felix Treanor for coming in over the last few weeks to speak to our Year 7 students in their PSHCE lessons. St Albans City have created a bespoke programme for Marlborough in which students find out more about community and teamwork. Felix is the Commercial Director at the club and explained the importance of his role but also how effective volunteers are at keeping the club going. There are many volunteer roles at the club from the ball boys and girls, ticket sellers and social media admin. He also talked about how he originally started as a volunteer as a young lad with the club and how volunteer roles can lead to career progression. Phill, Community Manager talked about the teamwork and the importance of working together to achieve not just in football but in all sports. St Albans City have also spent time with Post 16 students about career pathways and we look forward to more visits from them.

Thanks also to Mr Hewitt at Marlborough, who is a volunteer at the club, for assisting with their presentations and talks.

The club hope to see Marlborough pupils at their remaining games this season as they push for promotion to the National League. They have very generously given free tickets to U16 Marlborough students. If you would like to make use of this offer please print off and take this ticket to the match, if you are unable to print please ask for a ticket from Student Services.

St Albans City F.C. Promotional Voucher

Admit one student FREE of charge

St Albans City v Poole Town

Saturday 24th March 2018 3.00pm



Marlborough Academy

St Albans City F.C. Promotional Voucher

Admit one student FREE of charge

St Albans City v Whitehawk

Saturday 7th April 2018 3.00pm



Marlborough Academy

Student Achievements

At the beginning of March Rhianna Patel 8PP and Nikhil Patel 7RY, attended the 35th Challenge Cup in Tongereen, Belgium. It was a cold and early start on Saturday with a 6 hour drive to get to the destination.

Rhianna won a Gold medal for her hard work and efforts she had put into training, she was very pleased and proud. Nikhil had 3 fights and fought well but missed out on any medals this year having won 2 gold trophies in previous years in this competition.

They have both been selected for training on two days with the GB Cadet Taekwondo Squad in Manchester in March and April with a view of joining the GB Taekwondo Cadet squad and representing GB in future competitions.

Well done to them both and we wish them luck.

Amazing news—well done Mikie





A RISING star continues to

A RISING star continues to make waves after recently finishing in the top 20 at a gymnastics competition.
Michael Ridgway, 13, from St Albans, has competed in the English Championships in Redbridge, East London and the British Champion-shins in Livernood, where he ships in Liverpool, where he finished 16th.

The Marlborough Science Academy pupil scored 67.00, showing great poise and

The young gymnast per-formed in the same arena as his hero Max Whitlock, who

was competing in the men's competition.

Michael has a young-er brother, Matthew, who is also making strides in

gymnastics. The Killigrew pupil won gold in his first ever national tournament at the end of last year.







Tesco Community vote

Good news - our M Festival is in the Tesco Community Bags of Help initiative in local Tesco stores throughout March and April. You vote with a blue plastic coin when leaving the shop for one of three chosen charities. If we get the most votes we will receive £4,000 towards our school (£2,000 for second, £1,000 if we are third).

So if you are shopping in any of the stores below in the next couple of months don't forget to vote for our school! Please note sometimes you need to ask for the tokens at the checkout.

St Albans High Street Metro AL1 3DU

St Albans Beech Road Express AL3 5AS

St Albans Hatfield Road Express AL1 4JL

St Albans Jersey Farm Express AL4 9RG

London Colney Express AL2 1JQ

Harpenden Express AL5 5AL

Harpenden Luton Road Express AL5 3BB

Wheathampstead Express AL4 8BB

Also please encourage friends and family to vote for us and also watch out for this being promoted on various Facebook sites in the coming weeks. If you can share these posts to encourage your friends to vote for our school it will help increase our chances of winning the vote!

By the way don't forget to buy your tickets for this year's M Festival. Early bird discounted prices are available until the end of March via the website www.themfestival.co.uk

Internet Safety and Awareness



More useful tips for parents and carers on social media here

Staying Safe Online

- Don't post any personal information online like your address, email address or mobile number.
- Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- Never give out your passwords
- Don't befriend people you don't know
- Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

Revision Tips

As Year 11 and Post 16 students are now working towards their final exams here are some useful revision tips.

Create a Revision Timetable

Building a revision timetable can **add structure to your revision techniques** and **help you identify which subjects you need to prioritise to get better marks.**

Creating a revision timetable is a great way to organise your study time, plus it also helps boost your motivation to revise for your exams. Recognising a need for a revision timetable means that you have already made a great start to combat exam stress.

Practice, Practice, Practice

One of the biggest recommendations that past students suggest is to practice questions by doing as many past papers as you can.

Practising past papers will help you get familiar with the:

Exam format Question style Time pressure Retrieve information quicker

Take Regular Study Breaks

Do you feel stressed, tired and that no new information is entering your head? There is no point forcing yourself to study for hours upon hours as this will not result in a positive outcome.

Taking regular study breaks and exercising is proven to engaging your brain in studying and improve your exam performance in the long-run. Exercise is a powerful enabler which boosts your brain's ability to be productive so don't underestimate how important it is to take the stairs rather than the lift!



Back by popular demand!



QUIZ

NIGHT

Friday 23rd March From 7.30pm in Da Vinci Hall

Tickets: Adults - £5 Students - £3

- Licensed bar including soft drinks and snacks
- Make your own team (Maximum 8) or we can find a friendly team for you to join
- Students welcome although this is primarily an event for adults
- Tickets available on School Gateway
 Contact pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk for more details

Rocket to the Future



Build your future... leave your mark on the local skyline!

Year 10 students! 30 July to 3 August 2018

Make the very most of your school holidays this summer by joining BAM, one of the leading construction companies in the UK, and gain a CREST Bronze Award in Sustainable Communities.

As a construction contractor, BAM manages many prestigious projects, including the construction of St Antony's College, Oxford.

By taking part in the Challenge CREST Award you will:

- Visit a live construction site
- Undertake research
- Plan a project
- Design a project
- Present your proposal

The successful candidates will develop:

- Communication and organisational skills
- Time management skills
- Problem solving
- Working to deadlines
- Attention to detail

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This is your chance to learn about the country's largest industry and gain work experience relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

To find out more and apply, please contact: June Wilkinson – SummerSchool@bam.co.uk Closing date for applications: 9th April 2018

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Please click <u>here</u> to go directly to Marlborough's easyfundraising link.

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New Sixth Form build



Please click on our Sixth Form Build <u>link</u> to see our regularly updated photo gallery of the progress of the new build.

Follow us on twitter and facebook @marlboroughsch @TMSA_PE

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

Venue Hire

Did you know that Marlborough has several venues available to hire at evenings and weekends.

Pascal Hall

This is our second function hall and can seat up to 200 people. It has a small stage, polished wooden flooring and adjoins the canteen which can seat over 100 people. This venue is particularly well liked for events that benefit from having separate but linked areas such as weddings. Ideal space for children's parties with entertainment.

This hall also has a motorised projector screen, digital projector and sound system for presentations. There is more availability for Sunday mornings and during school holidays.

Dance / Drama Studio

Our recently refurbished Marlborough Suite is a drama / dance studio with a dance floor area measuring $5.5m \times 9m$. One wall is fully mirrored (but can be covered with the black curtain) and fitted with a wooden ballet barre making it ideal for dance and fitness classes, including Yoga and Pilates, as well as small Performing Art groups and small baby or toddler classes.

This fantastic space is also fitted with a 50" LED TV with VGA/HDMI connectivity. The room boasts a sound system and LED stage lighting rig with simple control desk.

There is more availability for Sunday mornings and during school holidays.



For further details, including prices, and to find out what discounts are available for local community groups wishing to hire our facilities, please contact Mrs Warren on **01727 731388**, or email s.warren@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th March (school ends at 3.10pm)

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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