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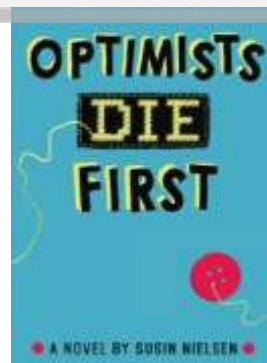
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Last Thursday 10 students represented Marlborough at Sir Frederic Osborne School in Welwyn Garden City at the Children's Book Award discussion and voting morning. Students had all read the finalists: *Ink* by Alice Broadway, *Optimists Die First* by Susin Nielsen and *I Have No Secrets* by Penny Joelson. Along with students from Beaumont, Sandringham and our host school students discussed the books, completed some activities and voted for their favourite. *Optimists Die First* was the clear winner. Let's see if the rest of the country agrees! After a short break the students listened to the children's author Keren David speak about the trials and tribulations of being a writer. They had an opportunity to buy one of her books and get it signed. It was a great morning and enjoyed by all who went.

Mrs Baker



Art Department
Year 13 Day 1 of a 15 hour exam



Good luck to my Year 13 students who are now at the climax of their incredible creative journey. I know you will exceed all expectations and make us proud!

All works will be on display at our Art exhibition taking place in July. (More details to follow).

Ms Bustin





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Good luck to all my Year 11 students in their English Language and Literature GCSE exam. It has been a pleasure to teach you all and I will miss you.

Mrs Baker

Mrs Baker's class with shirts signed



Year 11

Don't forget the date for the Year 11 Prom is **Friday 6th July 2018**. The final payment letter has been sent out to everyone and **£17.50** is due by **Monday 4th June 2018**. Payments can be made via the school gateway www.schoolgateway.com or direct to the school finance office.

It's not too late to pay for the Year 11 Yearbook, the cost is £20. Payment has been closed on the school gateway but can still be made direct to the school finance office.

Update on the Year 11 Hoodies, the order has been placed and I will advise on delivery date as soon as I know. The hoodies are usually given out with the Yearbook and Exam results in August. If you would like to collect the hoodie earlier please let me know.

For further information on the above notices please contact Ms Bazell, Year 11 Pastoral on 01727731392.

Thank you.

Year 11 Leaver's assembly poem

This is not the end, it is only the beginning
As one door closes another one opens:
College, apprenticeships, sixth form- endless possibilities
This is the start of your journey...

Be patient Year 11
Don't be in a hurry to grow up
The real world is not much so fun
I mean there is food shopping, bills to pay, dinner to cook, clothes to be cleaned and all before
you head to work
Enjoy the innocence of youth
Enjoy the imperfection of life
Enjoy these moments
Remember this is the start of your journey, you're on your own clock

Don't be obsessed with success
I mean how to we measure it?
Is grade 9s in all of your exams?
Having the latest phone and designer clothes?
Living in a big house and driving a fancy car?
Or is success being the best version of you?
Knowing that every day, you are putting in your best efforts- can we ask for any more than that?
Success can't always be measured in monetary value
It can be in living a meaningful, purposeful and fulfilling life
A life where you make a difference and have an impact on others
This is the start of your journey, your clock, your time

So last piece of advice:
Take ownership
Own the next few weeks with revision and exams
Have no excuses opening those envelopes in August
Own the mistakes you will make in your lives
Learn from them
Own the decision and choices you make
It is easy to blame others but you are in charge of your life

Remember this is your journey, your clock, your time,
your life.



Written by Ms Murphy

Heads of School elections



Thanks to Kate Mercer, Sophie Brown and Sam Parker for being great ambassadors for Marlborough in their roles as Heads of School. They will now be stepping down to concentrate on their A levels and hustings have begun for the new candidates. We look forward to hearing the manifestos from **Ross Andrews, Cameron Clark, Cameron Ferguson, Ibrahim Islam, William McManus, Christopher Reid, Yasmin Ali, Amy Geelan, Noa Kusman, Megan Panico-Ramos, Leah Rowson, Morgan Smith and Jada Thoree**. They will be presenting their ideas for change and improvements to school life to staff and students over the next few weeks and winners will be announced by half term break.

PSHCEE

Last Thursday our Post 16 students had visitors from Erasmus at University of Herts and Cambridge University to speak to them during their PSHCEE session. Jane Frost from University of Herts spoke about the opportunities to study abroad and Rebecca Bradley from Cambridge University spoke about choosing courses at a Russell Group University.

'I felt so lucky to have had a talk about studying abroad. I felt it has really broadened my horizons and opened my eyes to new possibilities for university. I found it very helpful to look at new pathways and now feel more confident when looking at studying abroad and am now very much looking forward to looking into studying my preferred course of Veterinary medicine overseas.' **Amy Geelan**

'I would love to spend a year of my uni at a university abroad, preferably in a European city like Paris or Rome where I can study Art in a place where it has lots of history. The Erasmus talk helped me see how achievable this is and how useful it can be for my future.' **Esther Cropper**



Erasmus



'All the world's a stage.'



On a brilliantly sunny day, the English Department ran a trip to Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London.

To commence our wonderful day in the Globe, the students were split into two groups. Students were able to meet with real Shakespearean actors who told us the fascinating history of the Globe including when it caught fire from a cannon's misfire! What did strike us was the passion and energy that the Globe exuded with the coming and going of tourists.

During the trip, students had the opportunity to work with actors from the Globe to improve their stagecraft and understanding of the play most of them will be studying for GCSE—Romeo and Juliet. In true Marlborough spirit, both students and staff threw themselves into it, embracing the scenes from Romeo and Juliet they were asked to act out.

Mr Sweeney in particular enjoyed acting the part of Romeo, much to the amusement of the year 9's.

"Mr Sweeney's rendition of Romeo's final scene was really funny - it made the Drama really enjoyable." **Jenna Hutton**

"It was an exciting way to look in to the past." **Amy Persaud**

"I really enjoyed the drama workshop" **Jess Persaud**
Ms Fogarty



Marlborough Bake Off

Students have got very competitive in the Food Room with the Marlborough Bake Off Competition. Their first challenge was to bake six identical cupcakes and last Thursday was the technical challenge. Students had no idea what they had to cook until they entered the room, six identical cheese scones. Showstopper round this Thursday. Brilliant cooking all round!

Mrs Cuell



Pete Johnson Visit



On Friday 27th April we had a visit from award winning author Pete Johnson. All students in Years 7 and 8 listened to Pete talk about the inspiration for his stories and his terrible handwriting. Some year 7 students also attended creative writing workshops with Pete in the LRC based on his book *The Ghost Dog*.

'Thanks again for a super visit on Friday - well worth waiting for. It was especially exciting to see how enthusiastic both girls AND boys were about books. the national Literacy Trust reports that pupils' interest in reading diminishes when they arrive at secondary school. Well, not at Marlborough - warmest congratulations on all your wonderful work in creating a reading culture.' **Pete Johnson**

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—they enjoy a fun learning environment and feel safe, secure in the school. They said the school is unique because of the swimming pool and really appreciate this facility. They enjoy working hard to do their best.

Year 8 - they feel happy and safe in the school and like the uniform and its flexibility of removing ties and blazers during hot weather. They have received lots of information regarding GCSEs and really appreciated how subjects were woven into the Year 8 Culture Day, which they really enjoyed.

Year 9 -said they always feel challenged to do the best they can do and teachers are really honest with them. They made special mention to their Engineering lessons and also PE and Music.

Year 10—they like their subjects and the teaching and learning. They feel supported and made special mention to Child Development; they are looking forward to using the virtual baby. They made a special mention to English and Maths.

Year 11 - they think the school is great and enjoy the enthusiastic teaching. They made special mention to their PE and Maths lessons and enjoy the challenges in MFL and Child Development.

PE News

Boys County tennis doubles



Marlborough had a terrific result at the recent County doubles tournament. Having entered teams at U14 and U18 age groups the boys played really well against some top opposition from around Hertfordshire. **Matthew Sands** and **Dominic Hipkin** were unlucky losers in the first round of the main draw, however, they dropped into the Plate competition which they went on to win and be County champions. Our other U14 team comprising of **Sean Neveling** and **Oliver Tarvet** won every game defeating Sandringham B team in the final to win the title. In the U18 age group **Yotam Shribman** and **Adam Skinner** also lost in the first round of the tournament but went on to finish fourth in the plate competition. Well done to all the boys involved.

Results

Team tennis

U13 - Marlborough 7 St Albans boys 6

District tennis

U13 – Marlborough 13 St Columbus 18

The PE department has been very busy with various athletics and tennis fixtures and students have been successful in their events. There have been county athletics meetings in St Albans and Welwyn and many students have had the opportunity to try new sports. We have welcomed primary students from Killigrew and Mandeville to use our swimming pool and Prae Wood have been in to use the equipment in the Sports Hall and make use of our sports fields. We are now in a partnership with Verulam Golf Club and some Year 7 and 8 students have been attending the club for lessons.

Golf Sixes



Last Friday 12 Year 7 students went to Centurion Golf Course as part of the Golf Sixes event. They received some instruction from the Centurion Pro, had the opportunity to meet golf professionals and watch a Pro-Am match. They were lucky to be able to make use of all the facilities and the golf simulator. A great day was had by all.



Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Tom Stewart 9RT** who has been lucky enough to be selected to be part of the UK contingent in the World Scout Jamboree 2019. He has been working non stop organising events to raise money including a very successful cake sale at Bunnings and enjoyed every minute. Tom and his friends visited Grace Muriel House at the beginning of the Easter break to talk to the residents about their forthcoming adventure called 'Unlock the World.' We wait to hear all about his trip next year.

Revision Tips

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

Develop a positive mind set.

- Believe in yourself – recognise your own potential and aim to meet or exceed this.
- Don't compare yourself to others. These are your exams and your future. All that matters is that you do the best that you can do.
- Don't let negative thoughts take over. Just because you have the thought does not mean that it is true or that you have to believe it.
- Remember that life goes on whatever your grades. You might be disappointed but these are just one set of exams. Focus on doing the best that you can.

When you are feeling the stress, get talking.

- Remind yourself that a certain amount of stress is motivation. Use the emotion to improve your performance
- Talk to friends. They're there to help. Talking to them will help you realise you're not alone and they'll give you support.
- Talk to your teachers or parents. They will have a different perspective to you. They can help you problem solve and find practical solutions.
- Take regular breaks
- Revise with friends. This can be great as you keep up your social life and you don't feel

Click [here](#) for more BBC Bitesize exam tips



Feelgood Friday

All years are welcome to the LRC Friday lunchtimes for some mindfulness colouring, relaxing music and general information on how to look after yourselves at this particularly stressful time. You can sample some refreshing herbal teas and alternative healthy snacks.

Free School Meal Update

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have changed and this letter explains the changes and how they might affect you and your child. From 1st April 2018, children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit, provided parents have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

I don't currently claim free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you think your child is eligible and you would like to submit an application for free school meals you can do so directly with Hertfordshire County Council by [clicking here](#).

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you are currently claiming free school meals, but don't meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end in March 2022. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

If you need any further information, please visit the free school meal website at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Kind regards,
School Office.

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Next PTA Meeting

Thursday 24th May, at 7pm

Meetings are held in the Boardroom.

Help shape your child's school by getting involved in raising funds for extra equipment.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 24th July, 2.30 - 3.30pm

(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. Enquiries can be emailed to pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk please put the subject as 'Uniform'



WANTED – Tombola prizes

We are running a tombola at the M festival and would appreciate any suitable donations of new items eg. unwanted gifts, bottles of alcohol, vouchers for local restaurants, pamper treatments, promo giveaways etc. **Please bring any donations to reception.**

Matched Funding

Does your workplace run a matched funding scheme?

If your company runs a scheme like this please email the PTA and put 'matched funding' as the subject line. PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

We are running the Sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 2nd June but we need volunteers to make it a success. We welcome donations of homemade cakes to sell.

If you can spare an hour please sign up on the M festival website www.themfestival.co.uk/app/awareness/ or email PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk with 'Bunnings' as the subject line.

M Festival

If you can spare an hour or two to help set up, run a stall or clear up over M Festival weekend please sign up at www.themfestival.co.uk/app/volunteering/

Internet Safety and Awareness

Livestreaming Top Tips from Young People

Tip #1 Make positive choices – you can't edit

"Don't do anything bad because you can't edit it"

Boy, 12 years

"Don't stream things that you'll regret later as someone could easily screenshot it and post it elsewhere online so it stays online forever."

Girl, 18 years

"Don't do anything that you could get in trouble with on the live stream because many people have access to it."

Girl, 15 years

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Tip #2 Decide who you share with – do you know them?

"People that follow you on the particular social media site can see everything you are doing, so if you don't feel comfortable with them watching you on the stream, then either block them or unfollow them. Especially with strangers! Remember that even if you don't know them, they can still see and hear everything on your stream!"

Girl, 13 years

Tip #3 Protect personal information – especially location

"When you are doing a live stream on any social media platform, make sure you didn't say exactly where you are. For example, if you were at a restaurant, it's okay to say that you're at a restaurant, just not which restaurant you're going to or where it is."

Girl, 11 years



"Be careful of the nature of the video before you click on it to view."

Girl, 17 years

Tip #4 Think carefully before you watch a livestream

"Only watch live streams you think will be appropriate for you and not something your parents wouldn't want you to watch."

Boy, 13 years

Tip #5 Report anything abusive or inappropriate

"My top tip for live streaming is, make it private and report anything you don't like. Don't be the victim of any sort of live stream related bullying and if anybody 'goes live' help them understand the consequences."

Boy, 15 years



Sixth Form Build



Please click on our Sixth Form Build [link](#) to see our regularly updated photo gallery of the progress of the new build.

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

DSPL7 Newsletter for Parents and Carers



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Youth
Talk



Let's get
fundraising!

3rd June 2018 12pm - 5pm

London Road Club, Cell Barnes Lane St. Albans

Ticket Price:

Family Ticket £15.00 (2 Adults 2
Children or 1 Adult 3 Children —
under 16yrs)

Childs Ticket £4.00

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Included in the price

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Term Dates

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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