



The Great Marlborough Bake Off

The Great Marlborough Bake Off Finale was held before the half term on Thursday and what an amazing evening it was. The showstopper challenge involved students making something which included meringue and fruit, all in two hours. We had some fantastic creations produced which not only looked fabulous but tasted delicious too.

Awards were handed out for our previous round winners too. Our Star Baker for the cupcake challenge was **Ione Dickson**, our Star Baker for the technical challenge which was to make cheese scones was **Honey Atkinson**, and our Showstopper Star Baker was **Ciara Pegg Edwards**. The overall Great Marlborough Bake off Winner 2018 was **Ione Dickson**. What a fantastic winner and what a really close contest. All the students that took part should be really proud of themselves and their achievements. I certainly was! We had many parents turn up to see the students achievement and to see who was crowned the winner. Thank you to them for all their support. Ms Thomson issued an impromptu Headteacher's postcard to **Ishika Kumar** for making an absolutely delicious lemon and ginger meringue pie, the quality and standard of everyone's work was exceptional.



Here's to Bake Off 2019 with more competitors and more creative baking!
Mrs Cuell

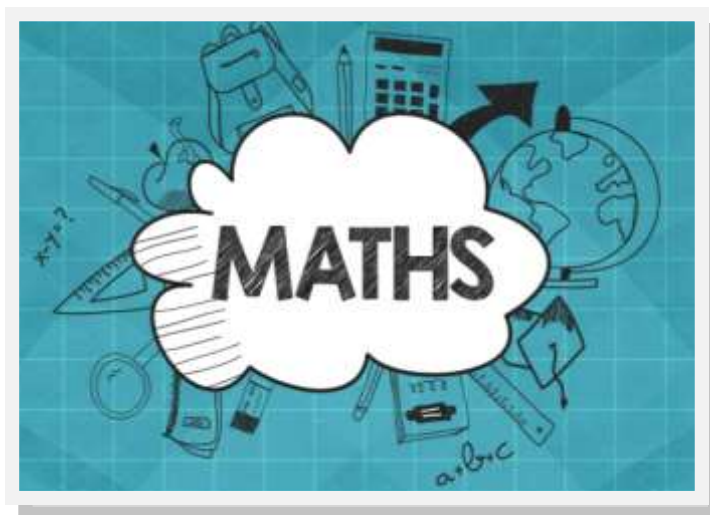
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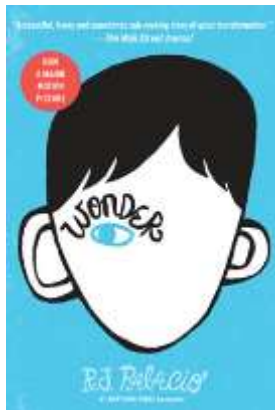


After a hard fought campaign, much canvassing, interview process and poster displays the votes are in —

Congratulations to **Yasmin Ali, Head Girl, Leah Rowson, Deputy Head Girl,**

Cameron Clark, Head Boy and Will McManus, Deputy Head Boy.

Book Review



What A Wonder-ful Read!

August Pullman seems like a perfectly normal ten year old boy: he likes ice-cream, video games and his pet dog. Except, August isn't an ordinary ten year old; he's extraordinary.

August was born with a facial disfigurement. He knows people are always going to stare at his face, he knows that they're going to turn their head to stare at him in the street and ask him questions. Yet, August doesn't let this affect him. Sure, he longs for people not to hold their breath the first time they see him but, what's the point in being ordinary when you were born to be different?

However, August has always felt like an outsider both within his peer groups and even his own family. He has undergone countless operations and has been home schooled all his life. It is therefore easy to understand why he wasn't overly enthused when his parents told him he would be starting the 5th grade in September.

What remains the most poignant element of the novel is August's attitude towards life and the difficulties he faces; rather than hide away he approaches life with resilience and comedy. Like everyone August had both good and bad days at school and was greeted with mixed reactions. But with the support of his friends, school and a few close friends August triumphs allowing R.J. Palacio to create a humbling role model for both children and adults.

This book should not only be read by every single child, but also the adults. There are so many beautiful narratives and life lessons that we can learn from. Palacio words teach children to always be kind to those we meet, even if they are different from us. Equality matters.

Miss Fogarty

What two books should you be reading?

- 'One of us is lying' by *Karen M. McManus*.



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- 'The Giver' by *Lois Lowry*.



Battle of the Bands



We recently held The Marlborough Science Academy's Battle of the Bands where students competed for a chance to win a spot on the main stage performing at M Fest. It was a great evening filled with impressive musical talent and healthy competition. Thank you go to our judges: Andy Nice, Richard Sullivan and Brian Sweeney. Their advice and critiques were appreciated by all. Thank you also to all our musicians: **Martha Cooper, Liam Gustafson, Finnian Harris, Noa Kusman, Jevon Langridge, Katie Little, Arianna Munro, Russell Panes, Tom Raynes, Jessica Russell, Phoebe Russell, Alex Shelley, Ben Shepheard, Robert Sheppard, Neta Shribman, Iesha Stanley, Tom Vincent, Molly Whiffin, Ernie Wybrow, and Jamie Yon.**

Congratulations to **Blue Hour (Liam, Finnian, Jevon, and Ben)** and **Noa Kusman** on their wins! We can't wait to see all the performances at M Fest!

Year 13

We said farewell to our Year 13 students at the end of the last term, and wish them all success in their next adventures. They are a credit to Marlborough and we have enjoyed being part of their journey from children to young adults. Good luck in your exams and keep in touch.



Attendance and Lates

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all for your continued support in our drive to further increase our already good attendance.

Attendance for last year was 95.1% which is above the national average for secondary schools.

We are committed to rewarding excellent attendance and greatly value support from home to ensure that our students are here every day on time. Thank you to all of you who are contacting the Attendance line when if your child is absent from school. This really supports us to monitor attendance on a day to day basis.

There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

IMPORTANT STATISTICS

- 95% attendance means that your child has missed two weeks of school.
- 90% attendance means that your child has missed four weeks of school/half a day every week.
- 80% attendance means that your child has missed eight weeks of school.
- Attendance of below 90% over five years is equivalent to your child missing half a year of school.

- Attendance below 80% over five years means that your child misses a whole year of school.

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

- Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year equals a drop in GCSE level (Department for children, schools and families).

- Only a quarter of students will achieve GCSE level 4-9 if their attendance is below 90%.

Students who arrive late for no good reason

Please can I remind you that school start for students at 8.40am so it is imperative that your child arrives in good time prior to 8.40am so no learning is lost.

Students who arrive late miss Form Time, Assembly and the beginning of their first lesson; this means that they miss important information and often disrupt the teaching and learning of others. We would be grateful for the absolute support of all parents/carers in ensuring that their child leaves home early enough each morning to get to school on time and in encouraging them to be punctual.

Traffic in the mornings can be busy so if you are bringing your son/daughter to school, please allow extra time for your journey.

To further support our good attendance and to tackle lateness for learning the following interventions will be put into place where no valid explanation has been given from a parent/ carer.

Stage 1 Where a student has 10 lates for learning in a half term, a warning letter will be sent home, notifying you about lateness.

Stage 2 15 lates for learning have accrued. A parent/carers meeting will be arranged with your child's director of learning and an hour afterschool detention will be arranged.

Stage 3 25 lates for learning have accrued a parent/ carers meeting will be arranged with the Deputy Head teacher, Director of Learning and a member of the school's attendance team. Missed minutes of learning will be made up and you will be told on what days these detentions will occur. Any further lateness will be unauthorised and this could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

Please can I ask that you inform the school prior to your son/daughter needing to leave early due to a medical appointments or any other reason.

We will not allow a student to leave the school site unless we have received notification from you due to our safeguarding policy.

Attendance Contact - absence line 01727 731368 or attendance@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

A signed note in the student's planner is also accepted.

If your son/daughter is late in to school due to medical appointments or any other reason, please notify the school as above.

Once again thank you for your continued support



Mr M Fitzgibbon
Deputy Headteacher

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Last half term Caroline, designer of the TEFL Enrichment programme spoke to our Year 12 students about the opportunities that a TEFL Enrichment course can bring. Students can enrol on the programme Teaching English as a Foreign Language which can not only boost self confidence, instil self motivation and develop leadership skills but also look great on any CV or further education application or simply use the certificates to teach English whilst travelling. Some of our Year 12s are looking forward to starting the course mid-July.



Are you considering your options after Year 13? Thinking about University but are put off because of financial commitment?

Click [here](#) for more information

E-safety Tips



Instagram is a photo and video sharing app that is popular with teens. People on Instagram can connect with one another through comments, captions and hashtags on photos and videos.

Instagram also has [advice for parents](#). This advice explains what Instagram is, as well as how it works. It also offers key safety advice.

PE News

Year 10 Cricket

The Year 10 team lost against a good Roundwood team on Tuesday night despite a spirited performance. Batting first we scored 81 – 8. Excellent batting came from **Harry Hallett**, **Joe McCarthy** and **George Wileman**. The total was too small and Roundwood managed to score the winning runs with overs to spare despite an excellent spell of bowling from **George Wileman** and **Daniel Pedder**.

County League Athletics

The u15 and u13 teams have been busy in the County League athletics where they have reached the mid point of the season. Wednesday 16th June competition at Welwyn was very competitive against some tough schools however there were several winning performances from both teams, most notably **Jasper James** (100m), **Tia Lorraine** (100m) and **Lydia Edwards** (100m). The next competitions will all be at Westminster Lodge on Thursday 24th May, Wednesday 6th June and Monday 11th June before the District all day championships on the 14th June at Woodside.

Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Hollie Thornton 7BA** who won the Herts Girls Football Partnership League Shield in May, playing for Harvesters U13 Girls scoring two goals in the final.

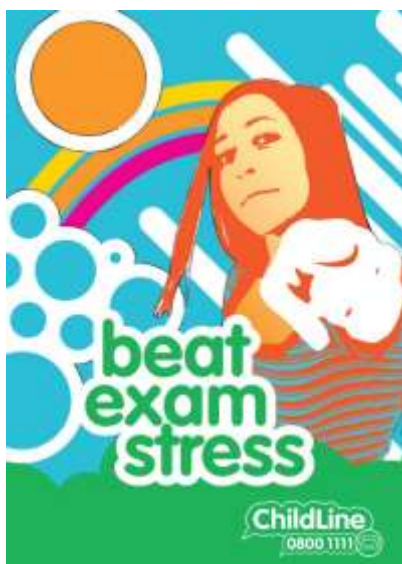
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Children's football – Players needed



Harvesters Football Club are recruiting for new players to join next season's U13's, current School Year 7 students, going up into year 8.

Either visit the website – www.harvestersfc.co.uk or email direct to andy.parker@harvestersfc.co.uk



Prepare for the big day

Check

- Have a good breakfast if you can.
- Make sure you know where the exam is being held and what time it starts. Give yourself plenty of time to get there.
- Take all the equipment you need for each exam, including extra pens and pencils.
- Take in a bottle of water and tissues.
- Go to the loo beforehand!

If you feel really anxious, breathe slowly and deeply while waiting for the exam to start.

Pace yourself

- Read the instructions before starting the exam.
- Ask the teacher or exam supervisor if anything is unclear.
- Read through all the questions before starting writing, and make sure you are clear how many questions you are required to answer.
- If there is a choice, start by answering the question you feel you can answer best.
- If you are stuck on a question, go on to the next. You can always come back to it later. If you are really stuck, try to have an intelligent guess anyway.
- Leave time to read through and check your answers before the exam finishes.

Plan how much time you'll need for each question.

Plan ahead

Do

- Have your own revision timetable – start planning well before exams begin. Your teacher should be able to help.
- Make your books, notes and essays user-friendly. Use headings, highlighting and revision cards, and get tips on other revision techniques from teachers and friends with experience of exams. You could also consider buying revision guides.
- Take notes of the important points when revising. Try to answer the questions of past exam papers – explain answers to tricky questions to someone else.
- Everyone revises differently. Find out what routine suits you best – alone or with a friend or parent/carer; early morning or late at night; short, sharp bursts or longer sessions; with music or without noise.
- Ask for help from your teacher/learning mentor, parent/carer or a friend if there are things you don't understand.

Don't

- Don't leave revision to the last minute.
- Don't avoid revising subjects you don't like or find difficult.
- Don't forget that there is life beyond revision and exams.
- Don't cram ALL night before an exam.

Perform as well as you can

- Knowing that you've done your best may help you overcome feelings of letting anyone down.
- Don't go through the answers afterwards with your friends if it is only going to make you more worried.
- Try to put the last exam out of your mind and look ahead to the next one. You can't go back and change things.

You're you, so you can only do the best you can on the day.

Phew!

Exams over? Pat yourself on the back – it's time to relax and forget about them.

If you did well – congratulations!

But remember, there's life beyond exam results. Disappointing grades are not the end of the world, even if it does feel that way at the time. You might decide to resit, and in any case, there will be lots of other opportunities to express yourself and succeed later on in life.

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 isolated and alone.





In memory of Ellie Brewer, a Marlborough student who sadly died 8th August 2017, a group of mums and daughters will be running the Pretty Muddy Run 9th June at Cassiobury Park to raise money for Cancer Research.

'Dealing with Cancer for anyone is hard, but to lose your daughter at such a young age is unbearable, please help us fight back and raise as much money as we can to fight this dreadful disease.'

Good luck to our Marlborough girls **Jade, Olivia, Amy, Izzy** who also did The Pretty Muddy Run last year for Ellie.

As Ellie once said ' *Remember the word impossible is purely just I'm possible with a space of dis-belief in between.*'

Please click [here](#) if you would like to donate to Ellie's Mum's fundraising page.



Jade Albert and Amy Narramore Year 9

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Tuesday 24th July : 3pm - 4pm in the Board Room

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Do you have any unwanted wellies that we could have for the M Festival. All sizes and colours, even odd ones, welcome. Donations would be gratefully received by Reception before Friday 22nd June.

**Thank you
M Festival Team**



If anyone would like to get involved with the film festival as a volunteer, maybe Year 11 and 13 when exams are over?

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volunteers@stalbansfilmfestival.com



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Thur 28th June Bridget Jones Diary
Doors 6.30pm / Film starts 8pm - £12.50

Friday 29th June Sing
Doors 10am / Film starts 10.30am - Adult + 1 Child - £12.50

Friday 29th June Black Panther
Doors 3.30pm / Film starts 4pm - £12.50 - Under 18s - £9

Friday 29th June Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
Doors 7.00pm / Film starts 8pm - £12.50

Saturday 30th June Days of Thunder and Talladega Nights
Doors 6.00pm / Film starts 6.30pm & 8.30pm - Both films for £12.50

Sunday 1st July Chariots of Fire
Doors 1pm / Film starts 2pm - £12.50 or Family ticket (2 adults / 2 child) - £32

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Film A Sunday in Hell
Wed 27th June - Fleetville Larder - starts 8pm - £5

Documentary Film and Q&A What Doesn't Kill Me
Thurs 28th June - The Marting Arts Theatre - Doors 7pm / Film starts 7.45pm - £8

Film The French Connection
Thur 28th June - The Odyssey - Doors 7pm / Film starts 7.30pm - from £9.50

Film Before Sunrise
Thur 28th June - The Barn @ The Horn - Film starts 8.00pm - Edonations

Workshop VR Workshop presented by Rewind
Fri 29th June - Town Hall - starts 12.30am - £5

Comedy 10 Films with my Dad
Fri 29th June - Fleetville Larder - starts 7.30pm - £9

Film Last Train Home
Friday 28th June - The Marting Arts Theatre - Doors 7pm / Film starts 7.45pm - £8 / £12

Walking Workshop A photography workshop around St Albans
Sat 30th June - The Fighting Cock Pub - start 12.30am - £5

Workshop The Art of Screen plays
Sat 30th June - Torrington Hall Hotel - starts 11.30am - £15 (including book)

Workshop Running a Creative Company in the Digital Age
Sat 30th June - Torrington Hall Hotel - starts 2.30pm - £15 (including book)

Workshop The Art of Script Editing
Sat 30th June - Torrington Hall Hotel - starts 4pm - £15 (including book)

Film Hector
Sat 30th June - Metro Bank - Doors 7pm / Film starts 7.45pm - Edonations

Film Senna
Sun 1st July - The Pudding Shop - Film starts 8pm - Efree

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Use your time wisely online to create, develop and maintain positive and valuable connections with friends, family members, social groups, charitable causes etc.

2. It starts with empathy.

It can be hard to understand how people are feeling online, often messages can be misinterpreted when you can't actually see someone face to face. Put yourself in their shoes, listen, don't judge and reassure. Showing empathy online is really powerful and builds positive relationships. Check out [our videos](#) exploring empathy, emotions and how we respond online.

3. It starts with being the best version of you.

What do your images and videos say about you; are you happy with the story you are telling? How would someone perceive you now and in the future based on your posts and comments? What you share online could be there forever! Ensure you are posting positively and respectfully about yourself and if someone posts something about you that you aren't happy with, ask them to take it down.

4. It starts with thinking critically.

Don't be fooled... not everything or everyone online can be trusted. Fake news was last year's word of the year so it's certainly something to watch out for and be aware of. Before you believe what you read online think carefully about where it comes from, who's written it and whether you can find a similar message on other trusted websites. Never agree to meet up with someone you only know online. No matter how friendly they might seem or how well you think you know them, they are still a stranger. Always tell a trusted adult if someone asks you to meet up.

Remember a better internet starts with YOU.



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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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