



## The Creative Showcase

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June the English Faculty held its third annual 'Creative Showcase'. The 'Creative Showcase' was originally created to celebrate Marlborough's most talented and creative writers. However, this year I want to make it more inclusive of all the creative subjects. For this reason, we decided to incorporate student's original artwork and music along with our brilliant writers.

With Da Vinci Hall decorated with an array of fairy lights and tea candles, the students began our very first after hours 'Creative Showcase'. It was a huge success with student, staff and parents coming together to celebrate creativity at its very core. To say that Marlborough is proud and honoured to have such wonderful talent is an understatement. It was a fantastic evening.

I would like to extend a huge thank you for all the students who performed along with all the parents who came. Please keep an eye out for our creative edition of 'The Mo' in which all of the pieces will be published, special thanks to must go to all the other staff who supported the event Mrs Redfern, Mr Sweeney, Ms Haines and Mr Thievamanoharan.

We look forward to seeing you all next year!

**Miss Fogarty**



### The Lion King Musical

The Lion King- three words synonymous with Disney. But in recent years, the yellow posters have become a beacon of the musical in London's underground stations. Most of us know that although the Lion King Musical has not been around as long as some of the more established musicals it has become one of the most successful, if not THE most successful musical of all times. Even though we have this knowledge, nothing quite prepares you for that spectacular opening sequence - all our childhood memories of Disney brought to life on stage. Amazing!

With the swelling of the Circle of Life reverberating around the Lyceum Theatre, Julie Taymor's animal creations come from every direction to fill the stage: giraffes, elephants, birds and gazelles. There is no other way to describe it other than breath-taking and I think our wonderful and awe stricken Year 7 and 8 students would have to agree.

However, we won't tell you anymore; the magic of this bamboozling musical has simply got to be seen. But I will tell you this much, bring some tissues- it gets emotional.

*"Just WOW!"* Oscar Herold

*"I LOVED it. I've even see it twice."* Libby Key

*"It was great. How did they do it?"* Chennai Ballard



*'It was the best day of my life, I don't think I blinked all through the performance.'* Other students said, *' It was amazing, I loved the animals and the puppets'* and *' I loved the opening when the animals came through the audience.'*

The students were extremely well behaved and a credit to the school.

Ms Fogarty and Mrs Baker



What a fab event M Festival was, more in the next newsletter.

### Food ACES Day

I was delighted to have a second superb ACES day in the food room with 16 Year 7 and 8 students. All the students were fantastic and made a brilliant honeycomb chocolate drizzle cake each. The day involved them making cakes coating them with butter cream , making ganache, making honeycomb and making sugar paste flowers. I think you will agree the cakes look amazing. Well done to you all! I know you all had fun and were very proud of the cakes you took home.

Mrs Cuell



Well done to Chloe Field, Euan Hermon, Freddie Hobbs, Ashleigh Tait, Matilda Burtenshaw, Billy Mardell-Smith, Daniel Gee, Christina Eshun, Alessia McTernan, Ishika Kumar, Ione Dickson, Honey Atkinson, Grace Gibbons, Jack Bibby, Stanley Wilkinson and Caitlyn Hardy.





Congratulations to Miss Pounnas who was nominated as a finalist for Teacher of the Year (secondary) in The 2018 Herts Ad School Awards.

*'I wanted to personally thank you all for your kind words and messages of good luck given towards my recent nomination and send a most humble message of gratitude. It was a lovely event which I felt very honoured to attend.'* **Miss Pounnas**

*'I would like to extend my thanks to all the parents who nominated Miss Pounnas for Teacher of the Year award. Miss Pounnas wasn't successful this year but couldn't be prouder of her and all she does for the students and staff.'*

**Ms Thomson**

## Eid Party

Marlborough was blessed with fantastic weather for our lunchtime Eid celebrations held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The turnout was amazing with boys and girls and teachers from all departments coming along to try some authentic homemade Eid food, get some small mendhi designs put on hands and check out a running presentation on who celebrates Eid, why it is celebrated and how it is celebrated. The mendhi table was of course most popular, with boys, girls and teachers wanting mendhi designs on hands and wrists. The food was appreciated by all and there was a variety of levels of spice suitable for all. We hope our students and staff had a great time!

**Mrs Islam**



## PE News

### Girls' Cricket Tournaments

Well done to our girls who have been involved in the recent cricket tournaments—

Year 7—**Charlotte Forster, Estelle Basse, Elsa Leech, Amy Harrison, Hollie Thornton, Rosie Vass**

**Evie Devereux and Ellen Turner**

Year 9—**Abby Simpkin, Jenna Hutton, Abbie Kleiner-Mann, Kayra Karakus, Isabella Francois Alice Rose, Paige Vincent and Lily Smith**

## Dance



Thank you to Jessica Hammond from Saracens Sport Foundation who came to deliver four contemporary dance workshops to Year 7 and 8 students. The workshops involved developing the students technique within the contemporary dance style to gain an insight into the main style on the GCSE Dance course. The students were really engaged and enjoyed having Jessica in who was fantastic.

**Miss Fox**

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

## Student Achievements

### Gymnastics



**Mikie Ridgway Year 8** recently competed in the Pegasus National Open u14 competition. He was placed 6th all around in an incredibly strong field. Mikie also competed a more difficult floor routine and came in 3rd place. A great clean, solid performances all around. Well done Mikie.

### TaeKwonDo

On Sunday 17th of June, **Rhianna Year 8** and **Nikhil Patel Year 7** attended The Dome competition in Doncaster. the journey started at 3 am, in the morning. Rhianna's semi final fight was nail-biting, during the second round she was losing by 10 points, but after the pep talk with her coach she came through in the remaining 3 seconds pulled it off winning 23-22. The final was as equally as exciting as the first, Rhianna won 27-11 by ref's decision through injury to her opponent. Rhianna gave her Dad the best Father's Day present winning Gold.

Nikhil got through to the quarter finals losing to his opponent despite taking the lead in the first round, he fought his best and learning from his mistakes. Well done to both of them.



### Student Achievements

Break a leg to our students who are involved with The Alban Arena production of Bugsy Malone.

**Amy Narramore** is playing the principle role of Lena Marelli and a dancer, **Weronika Wrzesniak** is playing the principle role of O'Dreary and **Nathan Thoree** is in the chorus.



### Tools Needed !

The site team are working really hard to restore the garden and pond at Marlborough. I am going to be working with a small group of students next year to continue the excellent work, and help the students develop various horticultural skills. We are hoping to grow produce which students can then turn into fabulous foods.

I would love your help to get started. If you have any old gardening tools that you are willing to donate I would really appreciate it so the students can get thoroughly involved and our garden can have a makeover.

Any tools that you can donate please drop of at the site office to one of our site team.

Thank you in advance.

**Mrs Cuell**





## Mrs Michelle Beddall



**04/07/1967 — 23/06/2018**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our amazing colleague and friend, Michelle Beddall. After four years of living with cancer she lost her battle last Saturday at home with her family.

She will be a great loss to our school community, we know many students will miss her words of advice and wisdom. Students will remember her for her enthusiasm and eagerness to pass on her love of books and reading. She was instrumental in setting up our now regular Insight into Industry day for Year 9, Accelerated Reader scheme and many new initiatives in the LRC including Karaoke and Punctuation Football.

Michelle often surprised students and staff when she revealed that she joined the RAF at 18, could assemble a sub machine gun and had been posted to the Falkland Islands.

We will miss her enthusiasm, her sense of humour and her Welsh accent.

She was brave, fun and dignified.



## Book Review

### Thirteen Reasons Why

By Jay Asher

High-school student Clay Jensen -returns home one day to find a package waiting for him. Inside nestle seven cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker, a classmate who committed suicide a fortnight earlier. Hannah's instructions are clear: Clay is to listen to the tapes to find out how he fits into the puzzle of her death, then he is to mail them to the next person on a list of 13 names. There are 13 reasons why Hannah killed herself, and Clay is one of them.

This is a tremendous premise, even if it is preposterous. Hannah's cool voice and impeccable planning do not seem like the actions of a teen who is bent on self-destruction. Still, if you can get past this initial contrivance, you are in for a dizzying ride of suspense and revelation. Hannah is a master storyteller who unfolds her -narrative with teasing economy. Not until the very end of the tapes do we get her full account of how the stresses of high-school life in Middle America have become unbearable.

Hannah recounts a sequence of unhappy, small incidents of the type which might mark any young woman's adolescence. Mostly these are to do with low-level bullying. What it manages to do very effectively is ask its teen readers to think carefully about how being part of a herd can mean trampling weaker, peripheral members. The book has become a huge success, being transformed into a Netflix series. While the book has received some criticism, its popularity and ability to speak to teenagers is undeniable.

### What two books should you be reading?

- 'As old as time: a twisted tale' by *Liz Braswell*

- 'Fallen' by *Lauren Kate*

Ms Fogarty



Race for Life



10K

Hi, I am Elsa in Year 7.

I will be running the St Albans 10K Race for Life on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. I want to raise as much money as I can for Cancer Research UK to help everyone who is, or has been, affected by Cancer.

Please sponsor me, even if it is just a little bit, every £1 will help.

Thank you,

Elsa ☺x

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AND  
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LIFE



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### Honeycomb Recipe

To all you budding chefs out there with a sweet tooth.

Following two very successful ACES days when we made a honeycomb chocolate drizzle cake , a number of students (and staff) have asked for the recipe... so here it is , be careful when you are cooking it.

Butter or flavourless oil, for greasing  
200g golden caster sugar  
5 tbsp golden syrup  
2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

To make the honeycomb

Grease a baking tray with a little butter or oil.

Put the sugar and golden syrup in a large pan. Warm over a medium heat and leave to bubble to a liquid caramel, but don't stir.

When you're happy with the colour (the darker it gets, the more intense the flavour will be), add the bicarbonate of soda and quickly stir into the syrup. Before the bubbles die down, pour the foaming mixture onto the baking tray, then set aside for 30 mins to cool and firm up.

**BE VERY CAREFUL DO NOT TOUCH THE HONEYCOMB WHILST IT IS COOKING**



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### Post 16 students

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### Year 12 Career Advice

Thanks to **Gareth Homfrey** for coming to talk to our Year 12 students about their further education choices in medicine. Gareth, now 25, is an ex student who has just recently graduated as a junior doctor from Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry in Devon. After finishing his A level studies in Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and AS in Maths he took a year out before starting his medical degree. During his degree he had experience of working in emergency, surgery, GP and paediatrics, he is now a junior doctor at Bristol Southmead Hospital and will be rotating around the different departments before he chooses his specialism which he thinks will be Paediatrics. He only has another 8 years to qualify as a consultant.

## Rocket to the Future



Engineering Open House Day aims to help young people and their parents understand what it's like to work as an engineer by giving special, behind-the-scenes access to a wide variety of organisations to demonstrate how creative and innovative a career in engineering could be.

Engineering Open House Day is taking place on Friday 3 August 2018. Keep an eye on this website as more venues will be announced shortly.

Click [here](#) to find out more



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## Internet Safety and Awareness



### [A parent's guide to YouTube Restricted Mode](#)

Restricted Mode is an additional setting which can be enabled on the YouTube website and app. If enabled it restricts the availability of potentially mature or objectionable content

## Developing Positive Behaviour and Social Interaction 2-day course

### A 2-day Down Syndrome training course for Parents and Professionals

**Led by:** Helen Long, Down Syndrome Advisor

This course will focus upon developing and understanding the function of behaviour and why problems may develop.

It will include ways to support your child/pupil to behave in a socially acceptable way and to prevent and change unwanted behaviour.

There will be opportunities for discussion, to consider why your child/pupil may behave in a particular way and the impact of other children's behaviour.

There will also be practical activities and time to begin developing a positive behaviour plan. Ideally parents and teachers or TAs should attend together, however this is not essential.

#### Course 1: for Early Years & Primary

**Friday 14th September and Weds 3rd October 2018. Time 9.30 am to 4pm**

#### Course 2: for End of Primary & Secondary

**Monday 24th September and Weds 17th October 2018 Time 9.30 am to 4pm**

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

**Cost:** FREE to all in DSPL7 area. £40 to any Professionals outside of DSPL7.

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, if required, to : DSPL Administration, STAGS, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans AL3 6DB

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## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2018

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

*Half Term*                      *Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

### Autumn Term 2018

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

*Half Term*                      *Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018*

### Spring Term 2019

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

*Half Term*                      *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day**

### Summer Term 2019

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

*Half Term*                      *Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*



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