



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Well here I am again writing to you all at the end of another exhilarating action packed and successful year. As always though at this time of year we have some farewells to make as staff leave us for pastures new, they are mentioned in no particular order;

- Mr Sweeney is leaving us to return to Ireland and teach in Wicklow. He is a fabulous teacher and is particularly gifted in engaging boys who find literacy a challenge and he played a massive part in supporting the Marlborough Community, his kindness and care went a long way in supporting many students who just needed that extra little hand to open up the joys of reading a good book.
- Mrs Rochowski is leaving to explore pastures new. She is an outstanding Computer Science teacher and inspired many student with her passion and love of the subject, she will be missed by many I know, her courage and enthusiasm for life impressed us all, we are grateful to her too for leaving us the KS3 ICT Computer Science Cup to be given out annually.
- Mrs Edwards is leaving us to teach at Chauncy School and to be nearer home. Mrs Edwards is a fabulous teacher of PE as well as running our Student Voice in school. She will be missed a great deal particularly as she is an outstanding form tutor and had the most splendid relationships with all of her tutor group – they trusted her implicitly!
- Miss Michael, teacher of Science is leaving us to return to her native country Australia. We thank her for all she has done in our school and wish her all the best in her future travels.
- Mrs Hayes is leaving Science to go travelling, she has been full of fun since her arrival and has forged positive relationships with staff and students, we wish her well.
- Mr Murphy, our Science technician is leaving us to take up a fabulous opportunity at Liverpool University to play a prominent role in the study of Protein structure where he will be teaching undergraduates whilst completing his PhD.
- Mrs Wilson who has returned from maternity leave has taken up a post in a school much nearer to her home. Mrs Wilson has always impressed as a calm, patient and wise teacher who had the gift of unlocking the magic of Maths for many of our students, she will be greatly missed and we wish her well.
- Mr Parker, Head of Physics is leaving us to relocate with his wife to Birmingham. Mr Parker is a great Physics teacher who excelled in the classroom, we wish him all the best as he moves into Post 16 teaching.
- Mrs Winter who did one to one tuition in Maths has come to the end of her contract, she had a great impact on many students and we wish her well.

- Mr Hewitt, our cover supervisor is leaving us to embark on a teacher training course. Mr Hewitt will be remembered fondly for all his work with students, undertaking a refereeing course that he was instrumental in introducing to the school; we are sure he will become a fine teacher and of course we wish him well.
- Mrs Johnston our fabulous HR manager is relocating to Suffolk and we will be very sad to see her go. Mrs Johnston worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support me in securing the very best teaching staff that we could find in a somewhat limited market as well as steering us all through the streamlining of policies and procedures. I will personally miss Mrs Johnston as I have valued her wisdom and loyalty to the school a great deal.
- We bid farewell to Miss Cooke who has done a very nice job with some of our students who find learning a struggle sometimes, she is leaving us to pursue a career in teaching.
- We are sad to say farewell to Mr Billington, we were privileged to have him working with us for 5 years and he was truly inspirational, charismatic and talented. His legacy here is strong and I am confident students will of course have access to excellent provision. Mr Billington's contributions to the 'M Fest' were highly regarded and hugely enjoyed.
- And finally – Ms Starzec, second in DSEN is leaving us for family reasons, in a short time she established very positive relationships with all students and her level of care and planning on a one to one basis was exemplary, she will be missed but we wish her all the best.

I am, as always, sad to lose staff but I'm sure you will support me in wishing them all the very best. We are welcoming a new group of well qualified and subject specialist staff to the Marlborough community in September, as previously mentioned Mrs Johnston working alongside the senior leadership team has done a splendid job supporting the recruitment process in a market that is becoming more difficult to recruit from. Please click onto the 'Meet our new staff' page on the school website to see our new staff and read a little about them.

I'm writing this listening to the hall filling up for the Gym and Dance display, the hall looks and feels fantastic (albeit hot!) and the queues of parents and family reflect, again real commitment to our school. Staff supporting are tired as it's the end of term but that's why I get emotional as it's all about the students and giving them opportunities to shine. Special mention should go to James Brewer Year 9 who has just done an amazing job in managing the lighting and sound for the evening – he was brilliant too in helping the 'M Festival' team who raised a whopping £21,000 for the school in that one event. I have to pay tribute to Jane Sullivan, our receptionist and Charlotte Little, chair of the PTA as they do so much behind the scenes to get the 'M Festival' organised in such a way that it is executed with military precision. I know they are ably supported by an amazing team led by Richard Sullivan, but in particular Jane and Charlotte have been instrumental in engaging with the school and our students to make it a real showcase for talent and of course a fabulous day out for all the family.

I could go on and on and I realise that, but just this week for example we had Sports Day, a boiling hot day but staff and students as ever were competitive and full of fun, we had our literacy celebration, rapid progress celebration, Year 10 practical exams, Year 10 Careers Day, Insight into Industry and planning already for next term's fun activities has already started.

We are most certainly the school that never sleeps and nothing pleases me more when reading all of the students' reports seeing that all students without exception comment on the positive relationships there are between staff and students as well as expressing their appreciation for the activities that are on offer to them – Ofsted was right in saying that 'I am rightly proud', I always am of staff and of the children.

To conclude as always many thanks must go to my governing body for all they do to support the school in particular Mrs Walker Smith who plays a big part in supporting leadership and staff. Huge thanks must go to the leadership team, Mr Fitzgibbon, Miss Crook, Mrs Dean, Mr Stanton, Mr Eve, Mr Atterton and Mr Griggs supported by Mrs Salvietto for holding the fort whilst I'm in Adeyfield and ensuring all continues to run smoothly – they are Trojans and I am lucky to work so closely with such a good team. Massive thanks also to Mrs Clegg who works tirelessly to promote our school and reflect all that we do in the fulsome and engaging newsletter – total star!

I wish you all a happy and restful six weeks, we wish all our exam students all the best as they await their results A levels - 16th August and GCSEs on 23rd August and next thing you know we'll be off again in September, my all time favourite time of the year!

Best wishes

Ms Thomson



School begins on Wednesday 5th September at 0840am.



A massive thank you from the M Festival team to everyone who helped out or came along to the M Festival last month.

Our aim in setting up the Festival was to create a successful community event that showcases the school and raises funds to invest in our students. We believe we have achieved that over the years and in many ways this year was the most successful yet.

The sun shone, people came in their 1,000s (we sold out of wristbands and had to shut the gate around 8pm!) and we all enjoyed a great day out while helping to raise over **£21,000** for the school.

This short film captures some of the highlights of the day:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=bCH3LFT_GGE

The team who worked so hard to deliver the event are already working on next year's Festival which will be held on Saturday July 6th 2019. Put it in your diary now!

It will be the tenth and probably last Festival delivered by the current team. However we have already had some new parents come forward to join the team and if you would like to join us and ensure this great event can be sustained for future years please e-mail info@themfestival.co.uk and we will send you more details

The M Festival Team

Shining at the Shine School Media Awards 2018



The Shine School Media Awards is a national competition rewarding UK secondary schools who produce an outstanding newspaper, magazine, podcast or website.

For the third year running *The Mo* magazine was nominated for a series of prizes in The Shine School Media Awards. This year the magazine was shortlisted for: Best Original Artwork; Best Photograph; Best Cartoon and Most Inspirational Teacher.

The finals were attended by Ms Redfern, Joe Vahed, Daniel Howell and Elise Wylie on 2nd July 2018 at Stationer's Hall in London (home for writers for the last 600 years). Prior to the prize ceremony the 150 students were invited to participate in a range of different workshops including everything from: setting up your own digital publishing house; animation; how to be the next Google; the wonders of 3D printing as well as workshops from leading Young Adult fiction writers.

Annie Hotton, the chair of the Shine Awards, commented on how strong the competition was with this year with entry levels for each category increasing and the overall standards getting better and better. Therefore, to come away with two Highly Commended certificates (one for Best Animation and one for Most Inspirational Teacher) is impressive. Judges commented that Kate Mercer's animation, 'What a Waste', was "a great drawing that showed the plight of wildlife caused by plastic... a clever way to put across such an awful message with humour".

Well done to everybody involved in *The Mo*; if you haven't had a chance to read an edition you can pick your own copy up in school, or on news section of the school website.

Ms Redfern



Joe collecting Highly Commended certificate for Best Animation on behalf of Kate.



Just your average masterclass from Marlborough!



On 30th June The Marlborough Science Academy hosted a Science and Art day for Year 5 students from Prae Wood School.

Students joined Science's Mr Eve and Mr Milne to extract DNA from strawberries in an experiment that one student said was "really brilliant... the DNA looked so gloopy!". Later in the day they even set about extracting colour pigment from spinach leaves. The student's day of botany continued for the students with Ms Bustin and Ms Rickman; after gathering a range of textured leaves, flowers and twigs students designed their own clay molds using their finds for an impression. Once they were happy with their design plaster was used to create a tile that they could take home. Each student left the school smiling, raving about how much they had learned and how they couldn't wait to come back!

The fun didn't stop there for Prae Wood students, as those Year 5s who couldn't attend were treated to a code-cracking maths masterclass with Miss Sutton and three of her ACES students before finishing their day with Miss Fox and some of her dance troupe on a piece inspired by The Greatest Showman!

'Just wanted to a MASSIVE thank you for all the hard work, time and effort that has gone into organising the transition project. It exceeded our expectations, the children have come away buzzing with enthusiasm and generally feeling more confident and comfortable about starting their new school in September. Your students were such a credit to you and we were both really impressed with the way in which they conducted themselves with our Y6 children and around the school (including the staff room). Please pass on our thanks to your pupils - they should be really proud of the great example they are setting to the next batch of children making their way to secondary school - many of them to Marlborough!'

Teachers—Prae Wood



E&B CANTEEN RELAUNCH

COMING SOON

SEPTEMBER BRINGS LOTS OF
EXCITING CHANGES TO THE FOOD
SERVICE SERVED BY E&B! WE WILL
BE OPENING A NEW 6TH FORM,
LAUNCHING NEW MENUS!
NEW TARIFFS, NEW POP UP FOOD
CONCEPTS, NEW MARKETING AND
MORE!

NEW

MENU

WE ARE EXCITED TO SHOWCASE
OUR NEW MENUS AND BRAND
NEW DISHES! INCLUDING CHICKEN
TIKKA & SPINACH FLATBREAD,
CHORIZO CHARRED FLATBREAD AND
A NEW BREAK MENU!

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COMING
SEPTEMBER 2018

INTRODUCING
THE NEW PASTA
KING CART!



TARIFF INCREASE

THERE WILL BE A 2% TARIFF INCREASE
ACROSS ALL ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER.

SOUP OF THE DAY
£1.17

MAIN & VEGETARIAN OPTION
£1.94

DESSERT OF THE DAY
£0.82



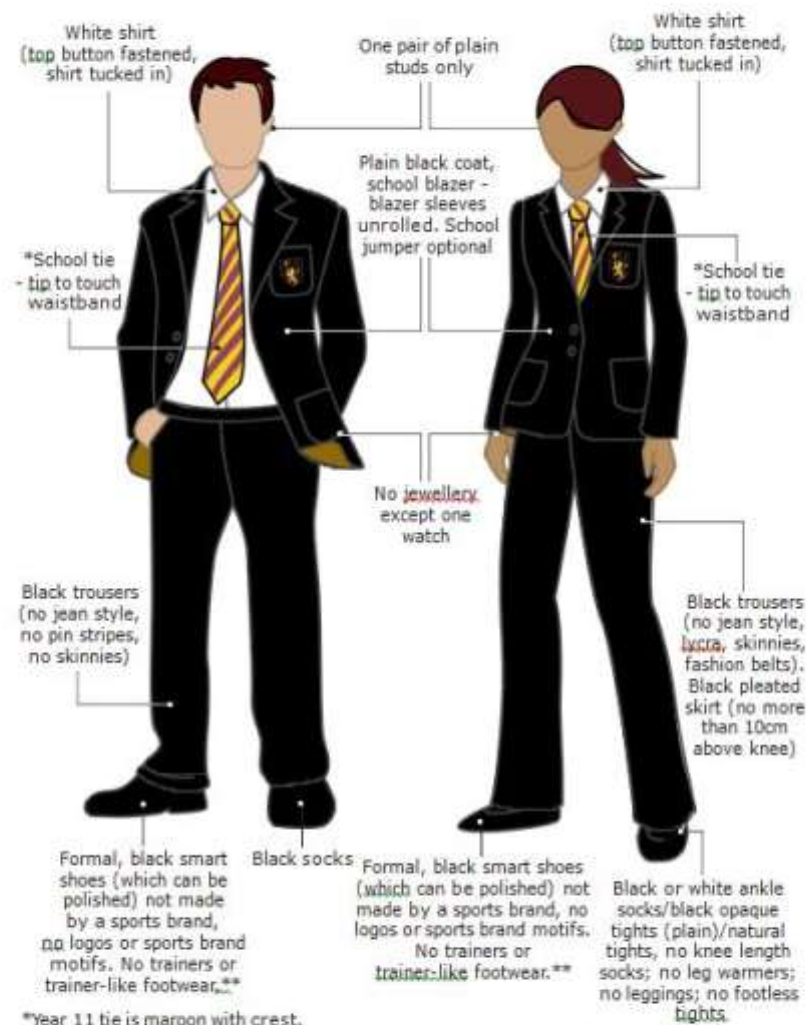
School Uniform

As we come to the end of another successful year for the three way partnership between students, parents and teachers I would like to thank you all for the support and commitment you have given to the school from extra curricular activities to sporting and enrichment events. As we begin preparing for the new year I am aware many of you will be preparing to purchase new uniforms, PE kits and shoes for your children for next year and so I have set out the amended uniform expectations below to assist with this preparation. Please note in particular the amendments that have been made to acceptable footwear. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, Mr Fitzgibbon or Ms Thomson. Once again thank you for everything you have done for the school this year, and I look forward to an equally successful start in September.

Mr Griggs

Assistant Headteacher

School Uniform



*Year 11 tie is maroon with crest.

**Please be aware that some brands will advertise trainers as school shoes. If you are unsure please contact the school before purchasing as the school cannot be held responsible for footwear that does not meet the policy.

We reserve the right to make a judgement on all uniform related matters and the Headteacher's decision will be final.

Just your average masterclass from Marlborough!

Well done to our Year 9 girls who led a dance workshop at Prae Wood. They both led the session and performed their routine from the Gym and Dance show.

Amy Narramore, Kaylei Callaghan, Rebecca Seary, Katy Held, Amelia Prentice and Anna Verdier



Year 6 Transition Programme at Prae Wood

The following Marlborough students took part in a two day transition programme with the Year 6s at Prae Wood Primary School. The students **Weronika Wrzesniak, Martha Cooper, Judith McCloy, Millie Leader, Youniss Erratab, Serena Chikhliia, Rosie Hatherley and Noa Kusman** were true ambassadors for Marlborough.

On day one the focus was Friendships, Peer Pressures and Social Media. The session began with a drama warmup followed by a small performance of a worst case scenario in a forum theatre style. The audience had to interact with the performance and change the outcome of the story. The students were then split up and worked with a pair of our students to help them create their own stories. These performances were based on one of the key words of that day. Each group then took turns to perform to their peers and gave a final word of what the moral of their story was.

On the second day the focus was a different theme. We looked at Organisation, Resilience and Confidence. The workshop continued with the same plan as the day before. At the end of each day our students then sat down and allowed the Year 6 students to ask them any question about what to expect from secondary school. They all answered honestly and with great passion for our school.

Our students said they thoroughly enjoyed the experience of venturing out to another school and helping our next intake of Year 7s. They were a true credit to Marlborough and to me.

Prae Wood students gave feedback *"I really enjoyed performing in front of my class"* and Miss Rogers had said *"the students were buzzing from the experience"* and *"we had managed to exceed their expectations"*. Overall it was a brilliant couple of days and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Ms Day



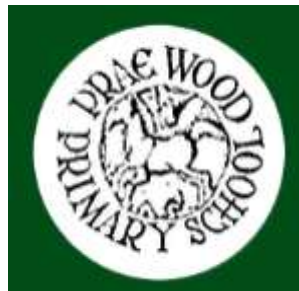
The TMSA Cup

Last week the school was host to the grand finale of the TMSA Cup; a league of local primary schools who have been competing on various quizzes throughout the year. The final competition was a general knowledge quiz with rounds requiring knowledge of everything from: current affairs to the chambers of the heart; from royalty to ratios and from physics to philosophy. The final round was won by **Garden Fields School**.

The year started with the Maths Quiz run by Miss Sutton. The event required students to think logically and laterally to answer a range of maths based questions. This event was won by **Mount Pleasant Lane school**.



The Maths event was quickly followed by The Core Subject Quiz, which was won by **St Peter's School** in December.



The penultimate event of the year was The Big Book Quiz, which run alongside many schools' National Book Week events. This heat was won by **Prae Wood School**.

The winners of each round won a trophy for their school and the team's points contributed to the overall league cup, won by **Prae Wood School**.

Ms Redfern

Insight into Industry

Year 9 were off timetable for two days for the annual Insight into Industry days. The aim of the event was to give students the experience of working with people from different sectors of industry and business, developing key skills necessary for the workplace namely problem solving, communication, numeracy, literacy, working with others and ICT. We would like to thank AECOM, St Albans magistrates, British Army, Rotech Machines, University of Hertfordshire, Marks and Spencer, Youth Connexions, Homebase and Mr Paice, ex Metropolitan Police Inspector. Thanks to our Year 7 and 8 chefs who provided the snacks and lunches on both days and our visitors complimented them on their amazing feast.



'I really enjoyed learning about the Police force. We learnt about the necessary equipment and the skills required for a Police Officer, then we used this knowledge to solve crime scenarios.' **Lauren**



'I enjoyed the Marks and Spencer session because they taught us how to be confident during job interviews and how interviews work which I think is vital for students wanting to get a job. I won a prize for good participation and confidence.' **Achilles**

'I enjoyed the Army session as there were problem solving activities which were fun, educational and challenging. The soldiers told us about what they do in everyday working life. I was pleased that I was able to do the challenges.' **James**



'Insight into Industry day was so much fun! I really enjoyed all the activities the different companies had organised for us. The sessions were educational, exciting and they were an opportunity for us to collaborate and work with people in our forms (through this we developed our skills in teamwork). One of the many tasks which I enjoyed was when we had to assemble, sign and paint wooden boxes from Homebase. It's too sad that we'll be in Year 10 next year, because I'd love to do it all again.' **Jarin**



I just wanted to say thank you to all who organised the Year 9 Insight into Industry Conference. James came home an inspired young man with a look of real purpose about him which was a joy to see. He is also now desperate to participate in DofE, so all in all an excellent week!' Mrs Bennett

Year 9 Maths

Following two days of Insight into Industry and given the industrial heat in the classroom, Mrs Greenwood thought it might be useful to see which maths skills transfer into games; and which games might support maths skills. Also, with the continued rise of technology, she finds that fewer students know the packs of cards and the accompanying language while probability questions still teem with such references. They played each game for 15 minutes then changed. They played shapes Top Tumps (with the fact that stadium is an actual shape and the venue named for the shape, quite a revelation to some!); a board game akin to Scrabble in which you must create and solve equations; playing Snap to see the different suits and the groups were matched to ensure that each had someone who could talk cards; and a fantastic estimating game because too often students believe that in Maths there must always be a correct answer. There were also dominoes, both traditional and fraction/decimal types. The class clearly enjoyed their games, which was a nice way to spend the last - and possibly hottest Maths lesson of the week.

Mrs Greenwood



Don't forget to follow the Maths Department's blogs

<https://tmsamaths.wordpress.com/>

Year 10 Textiles

Here's a showcase of the Year 10 Textiles Practical Exam. Students were given the brief of 'Natural Forms' as the theme and were free to design and make/embellish a garment within a 10 hour deadline.

Grace Parkins excelled herself with a decorative corset embellished with a fan attachment, free motion embroidery peacock feathers and a tulle skirt.

Hannah Evershed created not only one but two outfits for a child in the tight deadline in which she created a hand painted print decoration and hand embroidery inspired by 'Oranges and Lemons'.

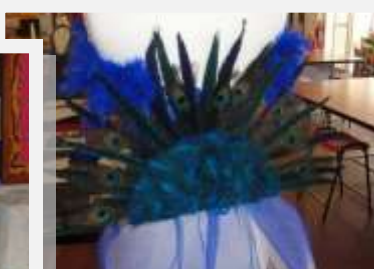
Molly Burke designed a made a child's dress embellished with deep red 3-D flowers and metallic thread.

Maddie Watts used applique, paint and hand embroidery to create a simple but effective t-shirt and dress combination.

Thaminah Rhoden decorated a denim jacket with her expert skills in free motion embroidery and fabric paint.

Blythe Habron created an eye-catching child's dress using applique techniques and free motion embroidery inspired by the macaw.

Ms Douglas



English Stars of the Month



Well done to the following students who have all done brilliantly well.

Year 7—Ione Dickson, Libby Key and Scott Woolman

Year 8—Eloise Sheppard, Martha Cooper, Freya Regan and Charlotte Bourne

Year 9—Elise Wylie, Maya Montgomery, Rhianna Berryman, Clara Squire and Samiya Choudhury

Year 10—Hannah Evershed, Hannah Rahman, Beau Preston, Grace Fitzjohn and Skye Cook

Year 12—Naomi Baxendale and Olivia Shelley

End of Term
Friday 20th July 12pm
Non-uniform Day
Please bring in a £1
Donations will go to Teenage
Cancer Trust and Cancer Research



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PE News

U13 County team Tennis Finals at Queenswood School Sean Neveling, Matthew Sands, Gavin Wijngaarde and Dominic Hipkin. Semi final match against Sandringham, qualified through the group stages, after a gruelling semi final the boys narrowly lost. They finished tied 3rd overall.



Sports Day was a blast!

Thankful for the gazebos and ice-cream van, our students were great in their enthusiasm and support for their team mates on a very warm and sunny Sports Day. With events ranging from bucket ball, Frisbee, bean bag and cross bar challenge to the traditional relays of sack race, egg and spook, skipping and bean bag balancing (ponytails definitely an advantage in this race!). There was also the ever popular tug of war, rounders, kwik cricket and the afternoon finished off with the running races.

The houses were very competitive with students wearing t shirts and face paints in their house colours, the winners after all the points were added from all the events, are as follows:

Year 7 Neptune, Year 8 Mars, Year 9 Mercury and Year 10 Mars

Overall winners—Mars





A Level results day - 16th August

GCSE results day - 23rd August

School will be open from 9am - 1pm if you are coming to collect your results.

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A couple of exciting opportunities have arisen to develop Rugby for both girls and boys over the summer months with Tabard Rugby club. An opportunity for girls in Years 5, 6 and 7 to attend a fun taster day will take place on the 15th July and a two day coaching course in the middle of summer for all abilities will happen in August.



TABARD GIRLS RUGBY
YR 5, 6 & 7 GIRLS WELCOME
TASTER SESSION SUNDAY
15TH JULY 10.30 TIL 12

TABARD
**Come along to our taster
Rugby session on Sunday
15th July from 10.30 til 12.**
Followed by a BBQ for all the Family.
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TRY!
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RUGBY
CAMP**



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FRI 17TH AUG**
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Term Dates

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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