



Student Achievements

Miss Fogarty's year 8 English students have produced some outstanding home learning this term. The class were given a list of tasks in the style of a take away menu and encouraged to choose the 'dishes' they wanted to complete.

Some particularly outstanding examples included Kai Watts' 1984 cake to represent a favourite aspect of science fiction.



Miles Punter produced a stop animation film using Lego of The Red Room by H G Wells as a revision aid.

Xander McMillan also produced a film about science fiction which was his favourite topic covered this year.





Two of Miss Garrett's year 11 classics students, Saffy James and Jamie Knowles, made her day when they contacted her favourite classicist, Mary Beard to tell her that they really enjoyed her writing in lessons and asking her to send a signed copy of her book for their teacher. Miss Garrett said she was totally overwhelmed when they gave it to her.



The latest issue of 'The MO is now available on the school website. This edition includes articles about the environment, animal abuse, Netflix and the Assyrian Empire.



Apprenticeship Fair -Wednesday 27th March 5-8pm

Our annual Apprenticeship Fair is on Wednesday 27th March 5-8pm and we would like to ask parents if they, or anyone they know of, may be interested in exhibiting at the school. Our past fairs have been very popular with employers and well attended by students and parents. If you are interested please email m.rutherford@marlborough.herts.sch.uk





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THE NEXT GENERATION

SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE WRITTEN BY MIKE WHITE

MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

LYRICS BY
GLENN SLATER

SCRIPT BY
JULIAN FELLOWES

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Da Vinci Hall
6th-8th March 2019 at 7pm

ADULTS £8 CHILDREN £5
FAMILY (2a & 2c or 1a & 3c) £20



Are women their own worst enemy? an International Women's Day debate...

St Albans Soroptimists and sponsors, The Talent Keeper Specialists invite you to a lively debate with an expert panel. The event will also be broadcast live on **Radio Verulam 92.6FM**

The Sandpit Theatre, St Albans
Thursday 7 March 7:30pm

Discussions will cover themes such as: women and employability, women's domestic labour, societal and media pressure on women and how women experience the criminal justice system.

This event will be chaired by The Thinking Woman's Coach, **Dr Jessica Chivers** and the panel will feature **Dr Pragya Agarwal** – creative Strategist and social entrepreneur, **Min Rodruiguez** – head of inclusion and diversity at the Law Society, **Ann Graiger** from Voice of Hope, **Claire Harvey** – Director of Culture and Inclusion at EDIT Development, **Dr Laura Abbott** – Senior Lecturer and Fellow of The Royal College of Midwives.

For more information please see the website www.sigbi.org/st-albans/iwd

Price £6 please book online via Eventbrite

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Email: sistalbans@hotmail.com Tel: 07714089858

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English Stars

The following students have been recognised by their English teachers for producing outstanding work and making excellent progress.



Harvey Powell, Amber Page, Jevon Langridge, Alex Viezi, Rachel Innes, Olivia Shelley, Ali Akbar, Ellen Turner, Luke Yates, Skye Cook, James Dodd, Xavier Clements-Kelly, Ruth Mitchell-Fox, Kieran Richardson, Oliver Campbell, Naomi Baxendale, Jez Berry-Potts, Lily May, Matt Newland, Daniel Malik



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New Parent Communication App

We are delighted to introduce our new app 'EduLink One'. This exciting new resource will provide you with the most up to date information and data relating to your child. We have initially launched it with the following features:

- Timetable information
- Achievement information (instantly find out when your child has earned pinkies or house points).
- Home learning information (personalised home learning instructions for your child)
- Book parent consultation appointments (only prior to parent consultation events).



Many more features are being rolled out over the next few weeks including behaviour data, attendance, catering balance, etc.

Please install the app on a smartphone or tablet by searching for 'EduLink One' (created by Overnet Data) in your app store. Alternatively you can access EduLink One online by visiting <https://www.edulinkone.com/>

The details of one parental account has already been emailed out to each family. Please also encourage your children to download the app to take advantage of the information provided. Your child's login details will be the same as their username and password to access the school network. Our School ID is 'marlborough'.

If you are having difficulty accessing the system please email Mr Rutherford on j.rutherford@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Momo Challenge: The Truth



What is the Momo challenge?

The Momo Challenge has been gaining huge amounts of coverage in the press and through social media.

First appearing in the summer of 2017, Momo is a frightening, ghost-like character with bulging eyes. Children are encouraged to contact Momo through WhatsApp and can then begin to receive a series of unpleasant messages including threats and dares which have allegedly included encouragement to self-harm and even suicide. Threats have apparently included being killed while asleep and family members coming to harm.

There are claims of YouTube videos aimed at children (including Peppa Pig and Fortnite videos) having Momo added to them along with unpleasant content and demands to make contact.

We are aware that some students at the school have been discussing this and are concerned about it. But, how real is the risk and what can be done to keep children safe online?

Momo Myths

Momo is responsible for the death of a girl in Argentina and at least 130 teen deaths across Russia.

FACT: Despite many media outlets making the above statement, there is **no evidence** that proves Momo has been the cause of **any** deaths of children.

Many children have received upsetting and dangerous messages from Momo.

FACT: It is almost impossible to find any evidence of anybody who has interacted with Momo. Many believe the whole thing to be a hoax / urban myth.

YouTube videos for children are being hacked by the Momo Challenge to add upsetting content.

FACT: Videos on YouTube seemingly aimed at children can have inappropriate content, but these have not been hacked. Keeping to known and trusted YouTube channels and adjusting parental controls will greatly reduce these risks.



Safety Tips

The Momo challenge is a high-profile story, but there are many other real and serious risks to children online. Help protect your child from the Momo Challenge and to generally stay safe online with these tips:



BEWARE WHATSAPP GROUPS:

Your child can come into contact with strangers by being added to WhatsApp groups. Check the groups your child is in and who the members are.



BEWARE OF ATTACHMENTS

Ensure your child knows not to open any unexpected files and attachments as these can provide hackers with access to your computer.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If your child uses social media they should avoid posting publicly. By default, Instagram accounts are set to public. Please check your child's settings.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY ONLY:

Don't communicate with anybody that you don't know in real life. Don't accept friend requests from strangers. Block unknown people who contact you.



STAY ON TRUSTED CHANNELS:

Avoid surprising and upsetting content on YouTube by staying on trusted channels and avoiding 'recommended' videos shown to the side of the screen.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS:

Check parental settings on YouTube and investigate the parental controls available to you through your Internet Service Provider.



MOST IMPORTANTLY - OPEN A DIALOGUE:

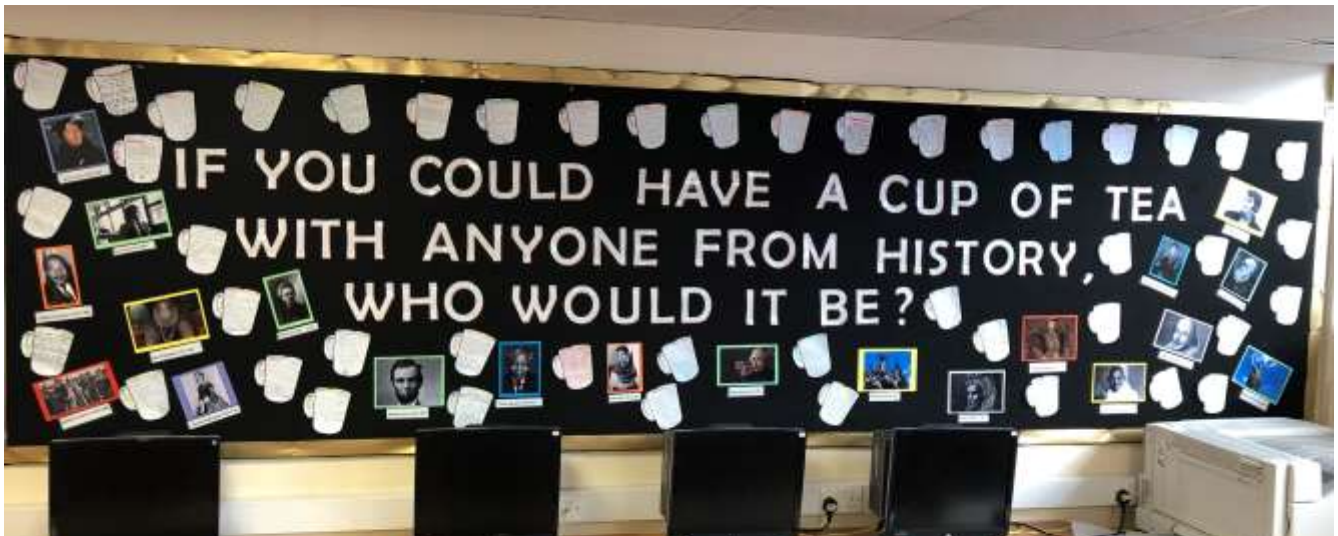
Regularly talk to your child about online safety issues, how to keep themselves safe and about things that upset them online.

The Great Marlborough Bake Off

The first round of the Year 8 Bake off took place in January and we had some truly fantastic results. The task was "to make a biscuit which says something about you," what a great evening we had! All the biscuits tasted lovely and the effort that went into the baking by each contestant was superb. Well done all of you, I am looking forward to seeing the results in the next round "The Technical challenge"

Mrs Cuell





This is the question that all year 7 students were asked during a history or humanities lesson this month. The students were shown some of the fantastic resources available in the LRC and were asked to research someone from history and think about what questions they might ask them if they could join them for a cuppa. This was a great introduction to using books for research in an age when most people's first port of call is the internet.

Students were encouraged to choose people that were less well known or even a generic character such as a Roman soldier or a slave who helped to build the Pyramids. Some of the best answers are now displayed in the LRC and in the main reception area.



Book Week 2019

Monday 4th-Friday 8th March

Next week is our annual book week and we will be launching our first ever Big Read. We are encouraging as many students, staff, parents and carers as possible to read 'I Have No Secrets' by Penny Joelson. Penny is our 'Author of the Month' and will be visiting the school on Tuesday 5th March to talk to all year 7 & 8 students.



There will be lots of activities going on in the LRC during the week including house competitions, pebble painting, bunting making and a second hand book sale. Any donations for the sale, which is on Friday, would be most welcome.





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27th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to draw your attention towards an exciting job opportunity we are currently advertising for; a level 2 General Assistant Teacher to work as part of our Specialised Learning Faculty. This is a term time only position.

We are looking for an individual who can support, motivate and inspire students who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning and support our students in achieving their very best. An ability to help with students for whom English is not their first language would be an advantage.

If you are interested, or know anyone who is interested in supporting in this way, and wish to know more about the post please contact Mrs A Tyson on 01727 731395 or email at a.tyson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk and she will forward you a copy of the job description.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss D Crook

Deputy Headteacher

Term Dates

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Thursday 4th April 2019

Friday 5th April – Inset day

Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July 2019

Half Term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019

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please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)



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