



Marlborough News

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Improved access to information about your child

Our new app 'EduLink One' has proven to be extremely popular with parents, students and staff. We have been working hard adding new features to the app to make it even more useful.

You can now access the following modules through the app:

Catering

Keep an eye on your child's catering balance (and even on what they have been purchasing). You will still need to use School Gateway if you want to add additional funds to your child's account.

House Points

View details of all the house points and pinkies that your child has received. As soon as a teacher adds a reward point it will appear in the app for you to see.

Attendance

Monitor your child's attendance month by month or by the whole academic year.

Timetable

Help your child to stay organised by accessing the lessons they have over the two week timetable.

Parents Evening

Book appointments for your child's teachers at upcoming parent-teacher consultation events when they are scheduled. This replaces the previous online system we used specifically for parents evenings.

Home Learning

See personalised details of upcoming home learning your child needs to complete. This has replaced the home learning summary which used to be emailed out at the end of each week.

We hope that you have been finding the app a useful tool. More modules will be made available over coming weeks.

If you need any assistance to access this app please email Mr Rutherford on j.rutherford@marlborough.herts.sch.uk from the email address we have on our records for you.



Health and Safety



Students dropped off early to school.

If you drop your child off BEFORE 8am at school, please ensure that you do this outside PASCAL HALL in the lower car park and that they are instructed to remain there until 8am. We have a number of students being dropped off at school as early as 7am and before we have even had a chance of opening up the school. To ensure their safety in the event of poor weather (ice) or a fire alarm activation, they need to remain in the hall until 8am and not wander around the site please as we cannot account for them, should we need to.

Dropping off and Collecting Students

Some months ago we adopted a process of not allowing any student collection after school and this has improved the safety and security of everyone at school and so thank you for your continued support of this. However the poor driving and inconsiderate behaviour of some people, which necessitated our change, has now transferred to the surrounding streets. Could you therefore please be mindful of all our neighbours and not block their driveway, park in their driveway, park inconsiderately or otherwise inconvenience other road users whilst collecting your child. Also if you are in a position to drop your child off away from school in the mornings too, then that would also improve the traffic congestion sometimes experienced at this time at school.

Thank you for your support as always.

Chris Paice

Estates and H&S Manager

THE MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE **SATURDAY 30 MARCH 10.30am-12pm** **IN THE BOARDROOM** **CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES FOR SALE** **SHIRTS, SKIRTS & TROUSERS - 50p** **STUDS & TRAINERS - £3**

Donations of uniform welcome on the day, however any donations can be left in reception prior to 30 March.

Particularly in need of donations of PE Kit
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE PTA TO
SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

<http://www.themarlbroughscienceacademy.co.uk/parents-pta#>

USE THIS LINK & CLICK ON 'OUR ACHIEVEMENTS' TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN RAISED & PURCHASED IN RECENT YEARS



Student Achievement

Dance

On the 7th March ten of our dancers took part in The Hertfordshire Schools County Dance Festival. Over 20 Primary and Secondary Schools took part in the two day event to celebrate the wide range of dance we have on offer in our schools in Hertfordshire. The theme for the festival this year was 'Art in Action'. We took inspiration from the famous painting 'The Persistence of Memory' by Salvador Dali and based our dance on the theme of 'Time', specifically looking at the different speeds of time in our lives through memories, flashbacks and dreams. Our students performed their routine in both the afternoon and evening performance at The Alban Arena along with all the other schools – all the performances were amazing! A massive well done to our students who acted so professionally throughout the whole day and have worked extremely hard to rehearse their performance ready for the event. Thank you for all your hard work – Miss Fox.

Amy Narramore (Year 10): 'Seeing other schools perform was really fun as you got to see different talents. Performing on stage in front of other schools inspired me to dance my hardest. It was really inspiring dancing at The Alban Arena and all of the schools were so supportive!'

Students involved: Aya Abu-Qalbain, Lily Austwick, Estelle Basse, Zoe Decruz, Nour El Gharib, Caitlyn Hardy, Amy Harrison, Amy Narramore, Amelia Prentice, Anna Verdier



Blue Hour – the band who stole ‘Battle of the Bands.’

Music. What is it? Can it be defined in such a way that fully explains the joy and rapture it induces in its eager audience?

Oscar Wilde once declared that: “music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory”. However, being neither musical or talented I think it perhaps best that we look to our accomplished cohort of students – most notably *Blue Hour* – for an explanation on what music really means.



Why?

What many of us mightn’t know is that: Jevon Langridge, Ben Shepherd, Finnan Harris and Liam Gustafson formed their own band in October 2017. The name itself is drenched in music as it is a tribute to a band that they feel has inspired them – *Green Day*.

Over the last few months, the band have been working extremely hard on getting their name and original music out there – apparently shouting your name isn’t as effective as you may think...

With determination and a desire to succeed, *Blue Hour* entered Battle of the Bands which took place in The Horn, St. Albans on the 19th of March in the hope of progressing to the next round. Although the competition was steep (there was a saxophone and all!), *Blue Hour* emerged successful and won their round crushing the hopes and aspirations of their competitors.



Kick Pistol (another awesome band within the Marlborough umbrella) will be competing in their semi-final on the **5th of June, 2019** while *Blue Hour* will be playing in their **semi-final** on the **19th of June, 2019**.

The only question that remains is, where will you be?

I know I’ll be there cheering on our gifted students and hopefully see them emerge victorious with the ‘pick of destiny’. Or, if you want to relive your youth and possibly dislocate various body parts, you can partake in the very lively mosh pit that I witnessed. Either way, you need to be there.

Put in your calendar –**the 19th of June, The Horn, St. Albans**. Well done *Blue Hour* – you have done the rusty spoons proud.

Miss Fogarty

Student Achievement

Swimming

The school swim teams have been in action from November until February competing in the Hertfordshire county swimming league. All students have contributed hugely to the success of the individual teams with special recognition going to the intermediate boys team (9/10) and senior boys team who qualified through their league positions to swim at the league finals night. The intermediate team finished 4th overall in both the league and finals night to cap a wonderful season.



Well done to all who have taken part and in particular; **Darcy Moffat, Nikhil Patel, Alex Clutton, Elsa Leech, Josh Twining, Matt Martin, Alex Noon, Dan Martin, Tom Jobson, Rhianna Patel and Nathan Thoree**



As a result of their excellent performances in the swimming pool, **Matt Martin, Dan Martin and Tom Jobson** were selected to represent the St Albans team at the Hertfordshire inter district swimming competition.

Dan Martins senior boys team were victorious in their age group and in so doing becoming the county champions. The intermediate boys team which Matt Martin and Tom Jobson represented finished 2nd. Well done to all three who were a credit to the school

Student Achievement

Year 7 student Josie Greenwood has been producing beautiful water colour quotes and has recently started selling her art via social media .



Congratulations to Callum Maloney Year 8, who was lucky enough to be the Watford FC mascot for their match against Liverpool at Anfield recently.



Congratulations to Joe D'Arcy, Joe Shade, Farhaan Munir and Emily Cropper who won the advanced category in the Rotary Technology Tournament recently. The tournament aims to inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists. Well done to all those who took part.

Mikie Ridgway, year 9, competed in the English Gymnastic Championships earlier this month for his 4th consecutive year.

He competed in the Under 16 age group for the first time, with five new routines. Mikie placed 21st overall in the all around competition and 9th individually on floor.

We wish Mikie all the best as he now prepares for his next competition, the Pegasus National Open in June.



Careers Guidance and Information



The East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust based at the Lister hospital, Stevenage, is delighted to offer an NHS careers open evening on Tuesday 16 April 2019 from 5pm to 7pm – open to local school students from the age of 14, parents and teachers. We will be showcasing NHS careers including medicine, nursing and midwifery through a mix of lectures and personal conversations with a range of professionals including student doctors, consultants, nurses and many other NHS careers.

This is of course is the second week of the Easter break so we will be relying on the enthusiasm of students to get here under their own / parents steam.

Please contact David Brewer at david.brewer@nhs.net to confirm your place – we expect to get to capacity very quickly so be quick!

University of Hertfordshire **UH** Hertfordshire Business School

Experience our Business School Taster Day

in collaboration with School of Humanities

Thursday 20 June 2019
Registration from 9:30am
de Havilland Campus

Are you a Year 12 (or equivalent level BTEC) student? Are you thinking about studying business at university?

Come along to our Taster Day!

- Choose and take part in tailored Taster sessions run by experts from Hertfordshire Business School and the School of Humanities.
- Meet current students and find out what University life is really like.
- Explore your opportunities to Study Abroad.
- Take a campus tour and see our amazing facilities.
- Enjoy some pizza!

Taster sessions offered in:
Marketing
Strategic Management
Accounting
Tourism, Hospitality & Events
Mass Communications
Employability & CV building
Languages
For a full list of subjects offered within the Business School, visit: go.herts.ac.uk/UUSUG

Book now to reserve your place: go.herts.ac.uk/BUSTasterDay

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Build your future... leave your mark on the local skyline!

Year 10 students!
22nd to 25th July 2019

Make the very most of your school holidays this summer by joining BAM, one of the leading construction companies in the UK, and gain a CREST Bronze Award in Sustainable Communities.

As a construction contractor, BAM manages many prestigious projects, including the construction of St Antony's College, Oxford.

By taking part in the Challenge CREST Award you will:

- Visit a live construction site
- Undertake research
- Plan a project
- Design a project
- Present your proposal

The successful candidates will develop:

- Communication and organisational skills
- Time management skills
- Problem solving
- Working to deadlines
- Attention to detail



This is your chance to learn about the country's largest industry and gain work experience relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

To find out more and apply – visit www.jobs.bam.co.uk/vacancy/summer-school-1177/1403/description
Closing date for applications: 30th April 2019

The Marlborough Science Academy

invites you to attend an

Apprenticeship Fair

Wednesday 27th March 2019

from 5 – 8pm

This is an opportunity to come along and find out more about apprenticeships and what training providers and companies have on offer.

Confirmed Exhibitors include:

Aecom

K G Electrical

Amthal

Morgan Sindal Properties

Bam Construction

NHS Trust

Building Research Establishment

National Citizens Service

Clipso

Oaklands College

Debenhams Ottaway

UK Hertfordshire Youth Connexions

Deloitte

UK Civil Service

Dickenson Accountancy

St. Albans City Council

Hertfordshire University

Skillnet

Hertfordshire Community Trust

UKTD

Ingenus



HERTFORDSHIRE TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIRS 2019



Your Future. Their Future.

Come and meet Hertfordshire schools face to face at any of these three events in 2019 to secure your first NQT post. You will be able to meet face to face with schools who have vacancies for September 2019 (some may be keen for a July start). Find out in workshops and discussions why Hertfordshire is such a unique place to live and work and the wealth of support, mentoring and peer connections you can expect in your NQT year and for your future career. Register on our website for one of these events: teachinherts.com



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 9:30AM – 1PM

Watford, South and West Herts

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 9:30AM – 1PM

Letchworth, North and East Herts

SATURDAY MAY 11, 9:30AM – 1PM

Cheshunt, Central and East Herts

Register for job alerts

Visit our website: teachinherts.com to register as a candidate and set up your job alerts for the areas you want. You can then manage your own profile for both your first and any future job applications in Hertfordshire. Please apply directly to schools with vacancies using the Teach in Herts portal as soon as possible during your training year. **Schools do not incur agency fees.**

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Red Nose Day 2019



Thank you to students, staff, parents and carers for supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Despite the awful weather students and staff completed the fun run and raised over £1800 during the day



Robotics Club

Robotics club is well in its 4th week now. The club is led by students in year 9 and 10 and it is targeted at year 8 students, who are taking Computer Science as one of their GCSE options.

Students are building two robots out of Lego (Mindstorms) and then they are going to program them. In the final days of the club students will have a competition between the two robots (Truck3r and Spik3r).

Later on in the year, the club will be open to year 7 students too.



This June Mr James will be attempting to take his fitness challenges to a new level by taking part in the Mont Blanc Marathon, a 26.2 mile uphill run in Chamonix (French Alps). Mr James will be raising money for Breast Cancer Care, a charity which he feels is very important, especially surrounding our Marlborough family over the last few years.

If you would like to help raise money for this great cause by donating directly to his fundraising page - https://www.justgiving.com/Jacobjames?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Jacobjames&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=N3EeQKXdD.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Breast Cancer Care and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!

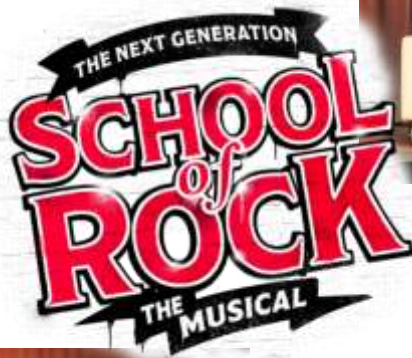


School or Rock

Well done to all students and staff involved in the school production of School of Rock. It was a fantastic production to showcase the talent among our students.



Another brilliant show from Marlborough! What a dedicated and talented team - students and staff alike. Thank you to all involved - we loved it



It was brilliant!



Classics ACES Day

On Monday 11th March the ACES students had a great day celebrating how the Greeks have influenced our daily life. Pupils began the day writing their name in Latin on clay tablets and then worked collectively through the activity booklet, exploring and researching subject specific information covering English, Classics, Art, History and Philosophy.



This group of Year 7's were inspiring, dedicated and euphoric and I enjoyed it as it gave me a chance to see what the learners were capable of.

Mrs Metson

Thomas Pauley 7SK
'Today I learnt a lot about Philosophers, Gods and Goddesses back in Ancient Greece. We also had a booklet which we filled several tasks with.'



Lui Page 7AT

'I liked everything that we did especially the pillar drawing and the research.'

Nathan Kleiner-mann 7SZ

'Today we have learnt all about Greek Gods, Philosophy and History. I enjoyed the day.'

Sussanah Grundmann 7FD

'I thought that it was fun. I learnt a lot about the Greeks, different symbols for different Gods and Goddesses. I enjoyed the writing tasks.'



Holly Vincent 7TR

'Today at the Aces day I found it interesting and interactive with the activities. It was really great because we did a range of writing and drawing which was good fun.'



Get involved! Support 6th July, 2019

The M Festival, St Albans' largest music fundraising event, is back for its 10th year and promises to be bigger and better than ever! We're on track for another sell-out, with tickets selling so fast we're looking to expand the event capacity by 25%, to 4000. Don't forget to buy your tickets – the Early Bird sale ends soon! <https://themfestival.co.uk/shop/>

All monies raised from M Festival goes straight back in to buying equipment for students at The Marlborough Science Academy. With your support we've already raised over £86,000 from M Festival which has gone towards buying lots of fantastic equipment for the students of Marlborough including laptop trolleys, science equipment, a radio studio, drama lighting and lots more!

The festival is hotly anticipated and keenly supported within our local community and beyond. We're offering local businesses the chance to be a part of it too, with great value sponsorship and programme advertising opportunities. So for any parents who are either running your own business or working for a local company, click below to see how you can support us in this successful event and reach thousands of potential customers: www.themfestival.co.uk/app/sponsorship/

For more information or to book, please email Julie Julie.raynes@gmail.com or Faye

Book Week 2019

Our book week was a great success with a hard fought house book cover competition, rock painting, a second hand book sale and Who's behind the book' competition. Mercury won the book cover competition with their interpretation of Roald Dahl's *The Witches* complete with magic potion and a mouse! Nobody managed to identify all the staff behind the books but several students earned house points for guessing 16 out of 20 so maybe they don't know their teachers as well as they think they do!



We also launched our first ever Big Read on the Monday. 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 now be visiting the school on Monday 29th April to talk to all year 7 & 8 students. Everyone who reads the book and writes a short review will receive a TMSA Big Read badge.





Guide Dog Event in the LRC 2nd & 3rd April at lunchtime

Our friends from Guide Dogs UK will have activities to help you understand what it is like to be blind or partially sighted.

There will be a tombola, a name the cuddly puppy stall and official Guide Dog merchandise for sale.

There will also be an option to sign up to meet the puppies. The cost will be £1 per student for 10 minutes and there are sign-up sheets in the LRC. There are limited spaces so sign up today!

Back by popular demand!

QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 29 March
From 7.30pm
in Da Vinci Hall**

Tickets:

Adults - £5

Students - £3

- Licensed bar including soft drinks and snacks although you are welcome to bring along your own food
- Make your own team (maximum 8) or we can find a friendly team for you to join
- Students welcome although this is primarily an event for adults
- Tickets available on School Gateway
- Contact marlboroughacademypta@gmail.com for more details

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

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



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