



## Open Mic Night

Friday 22nd March was our Spring Term Open Mic Night hosted by our Rock School and Music Tech Club. It was amazing to see so many students performing on stage building their confidence, the camaraderie and support from other performers and the audience was amazing too, there are certainly some real stars heading for a most successful future!



Students pictured clockwise from the top:

Blue Hour (Liam Gustafson, Jevon Langridge, Finnian Harris, Ben Shephard)

Tabitha Cooper

Lucy Watts

Tom Vincent

Russell Panes

Kick Pistol (Ernie Wybrow, Neta Shribman, Robert Sheppard)

Claramae Collins

Lucy Watts

Violeta Orobitg-Baena

The Talons (Lyla Gustafson, Callum Howells, Sam Walsh, Jamie Wlodarczyk)

Noa Kusman

Watch for the Battle of the Bands on Friday 10th May and a big End of School Open Mic Bash in July! Contact Mrs Gustafson at [d.gustafson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:d.gustafson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk) for more information on any of these events.

**Marlborough's Rock School and  
Music Tech Club presents...**

# **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Please join us for an evening to celebrate some of **2019**  
Marlborough's most ambitious musicians as bands and soloists  
each compete to win spots on the stage at M Fest!

**WITH GUEST JUDGES!**



Open to bands and/or solo singers. No backing tracks allowed. Contact Miss Haines or Miss Gustafson if you need help with accompaniment.

**Friday 10 May @ 6:30pm in Da Vinci Hall**

**Tickets available!**

Adults £2.50

Students/Under 16s Free

Get yours on the School  
Gateway now!

Sign up in M1 by **end of day on Friday 26 April** and be prepared to attend prep sessions after school on 2 and 9 May. All musicians wishing to perform at M Fest must participate.

• Ticket sales, concessions, program proceeds, and a raffle will help to fund new equipment for the music department. •

## Student Achievement

On Sunday 2nd March, Rhianna Patel 9JI and Nikhil Patel 8RY participated in the 33rd Taekwondo cup in Belgium. This was their first competition of the year and they both did well despite an early morning 6hr drive to Belgium through Euro tunnel.

Nikhil reached the Quarter Finals and fought well in a tough match.

Rhianna flew her way through to the semi finals. she did amazingly well and earned a bronze medal.

The second tournament was held in Bracknell for the 75th Bracknell Taekwondo competition which took place on the 24th of March. Both Rhianna and Nikhil did really well after a long wait for their fights to take place.

Rhianna reached the semi finals and was leading throughout the match, then only lost by one point in the final seconds of the last round securing a bronze medal.

Nikhil also reached the semi finals. He fought well, against a much taller opponent but he did not give up. He made good use of different kicking techniques but lost the match albeit still winning a bronze medal.

Well done to both of them, we are all very proud!



## Student Achievement



Congratulations to Owen Dorrington 7AT who recently helped his Watford Water polo team become the under 12s London League champions.



**Get involved!**  
**6<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

Plans are well under way for our tenth M Festival on July 6th. We have another great line up this year and even more activities and food and drink options to make it a great day out for all the family.

We sold out last year and sales are already well ahead of 2018 so get yours before the day at [www.themfestival.co.uk](http://www.themfestival.co.uk)

We are always looking for people to help out over the weekend and you can sign up to volunteer - from set up on the Friday evening to clear up on Sunday morning here:

<https://themfestival.co.uk/volunteering/>

Please do give us an hour or two of your time - we can't do it without all your help!

Finally, Battle of the Bands for the chance for school bands and singers to win a place on one of the two main stages is on Friday May 10th from 6.30pm in school. Tickets available via the school website.

Thank you

M Festival team

## The Big Read

Don't forget The Big Read—I Have No Secrets by Penny Joelson.. The students were introduced to the book during Book Week and it is proving very popular with both students and staff.

Penny will 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.



## Student Season Tickets

London Northwestern Railway have contacted us with information about their new student season ticket which gives a 25% discount on travel to St Albans Abbey Station. This may be of interest to students who travel to school by train

Student Season Tickets are available for either the full summer term (15<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July), or a half term for those taking exams (15<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> June), and also allow travel on evenings, weekends, and holidays. You can find out more here: [www.lnr.co.uk/students](http://www.lnr.co.uk/students)

An advertisement for London Northwestern Railway's Student Season Ticket. The background is green with a pink and white graphic of a train tunnel. A group of school students in white shirts and dark ties are standing in front of a brick building. The text on the left reads: "Save your cash for cool stuff", "GET 25% OFF YOUR TRAIN TRAVEL", "With a Student Season Ticket", "Save 25% on 3 months of term time travel. Available to all school and college students. Apply now and start saving.", "To find out more visit: www.lnr.co.uk/students". The London Northwestern Railway logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Northwestern  
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## BBC Young Reporter 2019

BBC School News Report has been relaunched this year as BBC Young Reporter. A group of year 7 and 8 students took part in the day, finding original stories, researching them and writing them up. They then filmed and edited their work.



*'I completed a news report on street crime amongst the young and how this affects young people in society. I enjoyed it as it gave me a chance to see what it is like to be a reporter. The recording of the story went very well. One thing I did learn is that I must research the topic in more depth.'*

**Luke Yon 7FD**

*'I enjoyed interviewing people for my story. I learnt that when I work to a deadline I must organise my time better. I also learnt that when working in a group I must listen to others.'*

**Issy Chambers 7AT**



The day was very successful and the students gained a great deal from the experience.

**Mrs Baker**

## The Young Shakespeare Company

On 4th April it wasn't in "fair Verona where we lay our scene", but Da Vinci Hall when the English department welcomed in The Young Shakespeare Company to deliver a 90 minute version of 'Romeo and Juliet' with a difference.



The players explored the themes and characters, motivations and plot development before allowing the students to take directorial charge of some of the key scenes. A full range of genres were offered to the cast ranging from the prehistoric to a 'Fortnight' version of elements of the play.

Some students were also invited to participate in the drama of the day too playing key parts and delivering lines.

The event proved to be a really enjoyable introduction to 'Romeo and Juliet' for our Year 9 students and a thoroughly useful revision activity for our Year 10s.



## Apprenticeship Fair

Our annual Apprenticeship Fair on Wednesday 27th March proved a great success. We were delighted with the attendance not only from Marlborough students but students from all over the area.



The students and parents found the exhibitors particularly informative and were able to discuss future plans with Hertfordshire University and YC Hertfordshire (Youth Connexions) as well as looking at apprenticeship opportunities with the participating companies.

Representatives from the National Citizenship Service (NCS Ingeus) were also present and were able to discuss the Summer Outreach Programme with Year 11 students.

Some companies that joined us were Aecom, Rotech, BRE, NHS Trust, Deloitte and Morgan Sindal Properties.

A highlight of the event was the presence of some of Marlborough's ex- students who are currently working for the visiting companies as apprentices themselves. In particular, our former students Brad Slocombe at Dickinsons Accounting and



Morgan Mitchell at Amthal Fire Security who was given a special recognition award from Oaklands College by her assessor earlier this year.

Following on from the success of this event, the next Apprenticeship Fair will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020. We would like to grow this event and expand the numbers and variety of exhibitors that attend. We would welcome any apprenticeship opportunities that you are able to suggest through your own work or other potential contacts. If you have any suggestions or feel that you can help, then please initially email [m.rutherford@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:m.rutherford@marlborough.herts.sch.uk) who will contact you to discuss it further

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Come along and discover all you need to take on the world

**St Albans Campus**  
Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0XR

**Welwyn Garden City Campus**  
The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AH

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**Open Events**  
#TakeOnTheWorld

Full details overleaf...

# Oaklands College

Choose your course and campus...

## Welwyn Garden City

The Campus, Welwyn GC, Herts AL8 6AH

## Open Evenings 2019

- Access to Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Applied Science
- Business
- Childcare
- Computing & Technology
- Construction & Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Higher Education
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Supportive Learning
- Travel & Tourism
- Welding

Next event  
**Tuesday**  
**30th April**  
⌚ 5-7pm



## St Albans Campus

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0XR

## Open Evenings 2019

- Adult Short Courses
- A Levels
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Apprenticeships
- Art, Fashion & Design
- Brickwork & Construction Trades
- Business
- Carpentry
- Computing & Technology
- EFL / ESOL
- Electrical
- Equine Studies
- Higher Education
- Hospitality & Catering
- Horticulture
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Public Services
- Sports Studies & Academies
- Supportive Learning

Next event  
**Wednesday**  
**1st May**  
⌚ 5-7pm



Find out more and register your interest at:  
[www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk) or call us on: 01727 737000

Don't forget to read the latest bumper Brexit Edition of the Mo which is available now on the school website.



The next PTA meeting will be held on 30th April at 7pm in The Merlin Centre and we would love to see some new faces.

If you are interested in coming along, please email

[PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk)

A huge thank you to all the parents, students and staff who came to the Creative Showcase on Wednesday 24th April. It was fantastic to see our talented students perform their work and we managed to raise over £90 for Rennie Grove Hospice Care in St. Albans in the process. A full report will be included in the next edition of Marlborough News.



## 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](mailto: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/BUStIG](http://go.herts.ac.uk/BUStIG)

Book now to reserve your place: [go.herts.ac.uk/BUSasterDay](http://go.herts.ac.uk/BUSasterDay)

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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](http://www.jobs.bam.co.uk/vacancy/summer-school-1177/1403/description)  
Closing date for applications: 30th April 2019



## JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

### FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

### EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

### FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

### HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

### MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

### LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

### FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at [parkrun.com](http://parkrun.com)  
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

#### notes:

St Albans route launch:  
9am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Verulamium Park

## Guide Dogs

The guide dog event on Tuesday and Wednesday attracted lots of interest from our students and staff who were queuing up to meet Walter, Jannick, Dave and Ned.



Students were fascinated by the glasses which simulated different eye conditions and had fun trying to identify various tinned foods just by touch and match pairs of socks blindfolded.

Over £100 was taken directly by Guide Dogs UK for the sale of their merchandise and the tombola and another £117 was raised from meeting the puppies and the two stalls organised by parliament students.



## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2019

**Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July 2019**

*Half Term*

*Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019*

### Autumn Term 2019

**Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December 2019**

*Half Term*

*Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019*

### Spring Term 2020

**Monday 6th January to Thursday 2nd April 2020**

*Half Term*

*Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020*

**Wednesday 3rd April 2020 - Inset Day**

### Summer Term 2020

**Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020**

*Half Term*

*Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2020*

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



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