



Good Luck to Year 11

The GCSE exams are now well underway. To give the year 11s a boost before the exams started, Miss Smith arranged for teachers and support staff to write "good luck" messages to students. All students received an envelope of letters from their teachers/ members of staff, wishing them the best of luck for their GCSEs.

Thank you to staff for taking the time to write their messages of support, and best of luck to all of year 11 in their GCSEs!



Some of our Year 11 students before their celebration assembly on their last day in school.



Penny Joelson Visit

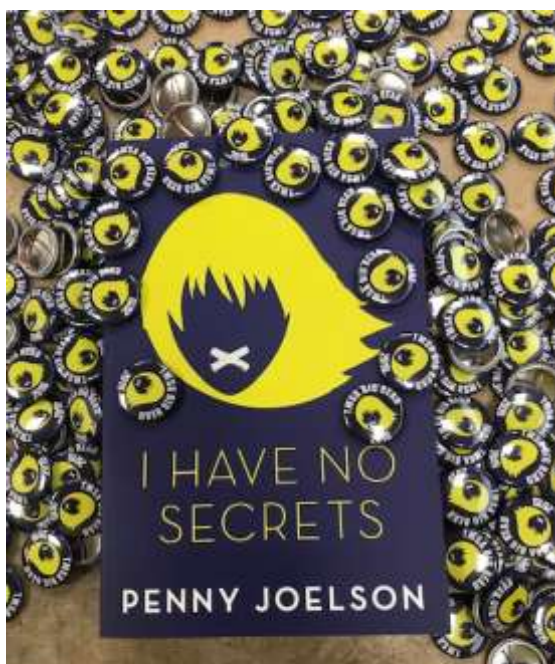


Penny Joelson, the author of our Big Read—I Have No Secrets, visited the school on Tuesday 29th April. Penny spoke to all year 7 and 8 students about how she became an author and the inspiration for her books. She also talked about the publishing process and showed us how the books are printed.

Penny ran a workshop on 'Writing in other voices' for some of our year 7 students and signed copies of her books in the LRC at lunchtime.

Don't forget, there are exclusive Big Read badges for anyone who completes a short review on I Have No Secrets.

'I enjoyed the visit, particularly because I found out how books are made and about the life of an author' Graham Hall—Year 8



"She was funny and told us lots of interesting things about how books are made and why she became an author" - Evie Thomas—Year 7

The Creative Showcase

On Wednesday 24th April, The Marlborough Science Academy hosted its annual Creative Showcase in Da Vinci Hall. The creative showcase originated as a small event that occurred during school hours. However, as time passed we began to realise that we are extremely lucky to have so many talented students and that they deserved a special evening in which we can celebrate their creativity and original work. The Creative

Showcase not only includes stories and poems, but also original music and dance.

Creativity is highly sought after in today's rather uncertain economic climate as well as being a key element within the global workplace. With so many talented students sharing their ideas, it is clear that they will go into the world of work fully prepared.



Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who came to support our students and also those who donated money. We raised over £90 for the Rennie Grove Hospice Care charity in St. Albans.

Ms Fogarty



Student Achievement

On Saturday 7th of April ,Rhianna Patel 9JI, Nikhil Patel 8RY and Harvey Mathewson 9NS took part in the Universal Taekwondo Federation Championship in Edmonton.

Harvey, who recently joined BJ Taekwondo Academy, has worked very hard this year preparing for his first tournament. Harvey reached the semi finals and was delighted to win a bronze medal.

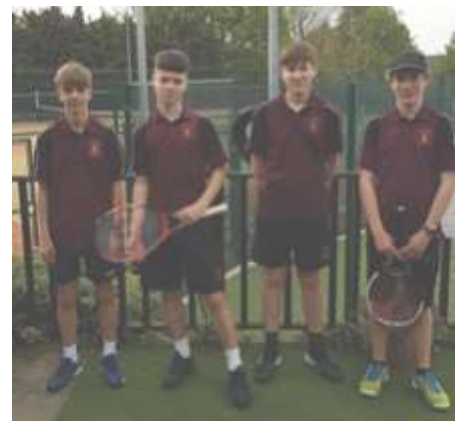
Rhianna also reached the semi finals in her category and gained valuable experience along with her bronze medal.

Nikhil battled his way to the final and earned himself a well deserved silver medal against a skilful opponent.

All three continue to work hard and have learnt from their experience in the competition to improve their skills for the next tournament.



Well done to Kade and Sean Neveling, pictured below left, who recently won the Herts Schools Tennis Under 18 Doubles Championship at Welwyn Tennis Club. Also pictured below right are Matthew Sands and Jamie Simmons, who finished as runners up in the Under 14 Plate Competition ,for players knocked out in the first round, and Mack Dawson and Dominic Hipkin who were runners up in the Under 14 Doubles Championship.



Student Achievement

Oliver Tarvet—10LT recently qualified for the International Tennis Federation's J4 Tournament in Nottingham. Here is what Oliver had to say about his experience.

'On the morning before the tournament I went up to Nottingham to get some practice in and adjust to the court and conditions. I had recently returned from training camp in Spain so I was feeling generally confident about my rhythm and ability.

On the day of the tournament I was feeling good after a short practice in the morning. At 2pm I was called to play, my opponent was a strong British player so I was ready for a tough match! I started well and clinched the first set 6-4 and I was ready to keep going. However, he increased the intensity of his tactics and I lost the second set 3-6. I knew that if I wanted to succeed I would have to put my all in the third set and so I was focused from the offset. Thankfully I was able to pull through here and took the set and match with another 6-4 win!

On the second day of the tournament I was feeling happy with my win but my body was feeling the effects of a tough match. I was facing a Polish boy who proved to be very strong. When I took to the court I was nervous but I was also raring to go! I took the first set 6-2, with some of the best tennis I have ever played. However, similar to my first match, he raised his game and I lost the second set 2-6. As the third set got underway I felt pressure as this set would decide whether I got crucial points or not. I came out strong and managed to get an early lead, however ultimately I narrowly lost the third set 7-6. '

Overall I was happy with how the week went and I'm looking forward to playing more tournaments in the future'.





Get involved! 6th 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

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!

Thank you

M Festival team



Following a stocktake we have surplus plastic pint glasses which we are selling at £5 per 100 glasses.

Please contact pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk if you are interested



Don't forget that we are always delighted to receive donations of uniform for our second hand sales. This may be a good time to have a clear out particularly for year 11 students. We are particularly in need of PE kits. Donations can be left in reception.
Thank you



Next sale will be on Saturday 15th June

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Just a little reminder, if your child is absent or going to be late for any reason please inform the school before 8.30am, if at all possible, so Form Tutors know of the reason for absence before the registration period. The attendance line number is 01727 731368. Please put the number in your phone!

We are currently in the midst of the St Albans sustainability festival!

Below is a link to the range of different family fun activities which are going on around the area up till June 1st.

<https://sustainablestalbans.org/>



Feel Good Friday!

Student Parliament held a pampering session in the LRC this lunchtime to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Guide Dogs UK.



There were healthy refreshments, nail painting, hair braiding, glitter tattoos a raffle and much more.

A minimum donation of £1 per treatment was suggested and over £70 was taken to support this year's chosen charities.



Careers News and Information



Year 12 PE students visited Wembley University Campus of Football (UCFB) to experience the university first hand and gain experience of degree courses and career opportunities in Sport, Business, Psychology and Media. The students were also given a tour around the stadium and as luck would have it were escorted by an ex student and Head Boy Sam Parker who is on his 2nd year studying Media and Business at UCFB.

"Most of us were not aware that Wembley Stadium had UCFB located inside it. The trip gave us an insight into the wide range of jobs you can get into involving sport. It gave us an insight into Uni Life. Overall a really informative day" Izzy Brewer, Liberty Doulas Tomsett and Danielle Rowson—Year 12



**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 (BIS) Award you will:

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

The successful candidate 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/experience/summer-school-13771803/description
(closing date for applications) 30th April 2019

**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/UGUG

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

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Culture Day

On Thursday 2nd May Year 8 were taken off time table to take part in workshops and activities as part of a British values culture day. As a school we have a duty to promote the fundamental British values of:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**



There were a variety of activities across the curriculum including debating, a mock trial, traditional pencil and paper games and music and dance workshops.



The students enjoyed the opportunity to take part in different lessons from their usual timetable and the day finished with the whole year group taking part in an activity to highlight mutual respect and individual liberty with Mrs Aylward in Da Vinci hall.

Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands took place on Friday 10th May with some memorable performances from our talented students. Congratulations to the winners who will be entertaining us at the M Festival on Saturday 6th July.

The early slot will see performances by L Watts, Arianna Munro, and The Talons (Lyla Gustafson, Callum Howells, Sam Walsh, and Jamie Wlodarczyk) and the later slot will have Noa Kusman and Kick Pistol (Robert Sheppard, Ernie Wybrow, and Neta Shribman) on stage. Thank you to all performers at our Battle of the Bands. It was a fantastic evening!



Pictured clockwise from top left *Blue Hour* (Jevon Langridge, Finnian Harris, Ben Sheppard, Liam Gustafson), Russel Panes, Arianna Munro with Ben Sheppard, Millie Braisher with Finnian Harris, Violeta Oorbitg-Baena, Tom Vincent, L Watts, *Kick Pistol* (Robert Sheppard, Ernie Wybrow, Neta Shribman), Noa Kusman (with Robert Sheppard, Liam Gustafson, and Ernie Wybrow), *The Talons* (Lyla Gustafson, Callum Howells, Jamie Wlodarczyk, Sam Walsh),

Blue Hour and *Kick Pistol* will both be performing this Friday (24th May) at Ye Olde Fighting Cocks in St Albans. Please show your support for our talented students.

Children's Book Award Discussion Morning

On Monday 13th May we were delighted to host a discussion morning for this years Children's Book Award. The award which is organised by the Federation of Children's Book Groups is the only award voted for entirely by children.



Our students were joined by fellow book lovers from Sandringham School, Beaumont School and Ridgeway Academy to discuss the three shortlisted books: *The Light Jar* by Lisa Thompson, *Armistice Runner* by Tom Palmer and *The Storm Keeper's Island* by Catherine Doyle.

The students ranked the books in their order of preference and these votes will be added to the other votes submitted to the Hertfordshire testing group and ultimately to the national vote. Our winner was *The Light Jar*.



The students then completed some responses to the books in the form of artwork, poetry and letters which will be included in portfolios given to the authors at the award ceremony on Saturday 8th June.

The morning concluded with a visit from Tamsyn Murray, author of the *Completely Cassidy* series who talked to the group about the writing process and her latest book, *Instructions for a Second-hand Heart*.



"I really enjoyed the talk by Tamsyn Murray" - Charlotte Cooper—Year 7

"It was a great opportunity to meet people from other schools and see what they thought of the books. It was nice that most of us had similar opinions"—Annabel Blackford Year 7

'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth'

The OVO theatre company has a reputation for innovative, imaginative and inspiring theatre. They regularly appear in The Maltings theatre in St and perform the Roman Theatre of Verulamium. This summer the company are putting on performances of 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth' in the Roman amphitheatre. All of our KS4 students are studying either 'Romeo and Juliet' or 'Macbeth' (Miss Fogarty's class only) and seeing the performance would be an incredible way to reinforce the plot, themes and characters of the play being studied for GCSE. Sadly, we are not able to run a school trip; however, tickets are still available and would be wonderful way to bring Shakespeare out of the classroom. Follow the link for more details.

<http://www.ovotheatre.org.uk/>



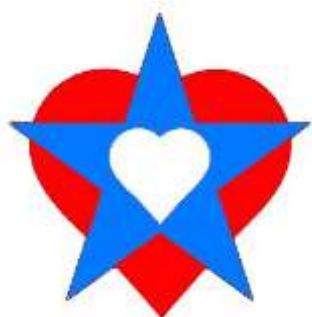
Student Wellbeing



All Year 9 students have recently completed an online health assessment known as The Lancaster Model provided by the Public Health Nursing team. The anonymous survey will help identify health needs among our students and assist in planning appropriate support.

In Memory of Pam Clarke

A new heart defibrillator was recently donated to the school by the charity Wayne's Fund on behalf of the family of Pam Clarke. Pam was an highly valued technician in the Technology Faculty for many years but sadly passed away earlier this year.



Learning Support News



Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) would like to hear parents' views about the Exceptional Needs Funding (ENF) system. ENF is HCC's system for distributing 'top up' funding to Hertfordshire mainstream schools, pre-schools and nurseries for children with SEND (special educational needs and/or disabilities). The survey is for parents/carers of children aged 3 to 18 years old with SEND

(special educational needs and/or disabilities) whose mainstream school, play group or nursery has applied for or been awarded ENF (exceptional needs funding) from 2016 onwards. The survey has been designed in partnership with Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) which is the parent carer forum for Hertfordshire and is being hosted by them. The survey is open until Sunday 9th June and can be found at:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ENFPS2019>



The latest edition of DSPL Newsletter is available [here](#)

A free daytime course
for parent/carers of
pre-teens and teens

Facilitated by specialist
ADHD/Autism Trainers
from ADD-vance



Details of the latest
ADD-vance course
are available [here](#)

Understanding Teens with ADHD and Autism for parent/carers

This 6-week course is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers with children aged 11–16 at secondary school with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism

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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