

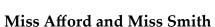
# Marlborough News

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# Junior Maths Challenge 2019

We are delighted with the results of our year 7 and 8 top mathematicians. 64 students took part in the 'Junior Maths Challenge' with outstanding results. We are especially proud of Darius Mafi and Miles Punter who were successful in proceeding to the next round of the competition. They have now completed a second challenge with harder questions and puzzles. Well done to everybody who took part!





The awards were as follows :



GOLD Darius Mafi 8LE, Miles Punter 8LM



**SILVER** Xander McMillian 8LE, Freddie Hobbis 8LB, Hollie Thornton 8BA, Alex Clutton 8JN, Euan Hermon 8LL, Sabah Toorabally 8LB, Milic Pavic 7CG, Owen Dorrington 7AT, Julia Galus 7AT, Nathan Kleiner-Mann 7ZK, James Baker 7TR, Jody Neveling 7ZK



**BRONZE** Ishika Kumar 8BA, Grace Cleaton 8BA, Molly Gleeson 8LL, George Roddam 8BA, Joshua Kleiner-Mann 7ZK, Owen Fitzgerald 7CG, Eleanor McWilliams 7CG, Lui Gomez 7ZK, Holly Vincent 7TR



The latest edition of the MO is now available on our website. Click on the image to view.

# **Maths Tuition**

Miss Smith and Mrs Afford have set up a team of year 10 maths tutors who are working with year 8 students during form time twice a week. They are working on basic numeracy, algebra and shape skills as well as developing their confidence with exam style questions.

Both the year 8 and 10 students have benefitted from the tutoring, and they have worked hard to practice their key skills.





We have also used sixth form students to support year 11 students on the lead up to their GCSEs, working alongside them on exam style questions.

#### Navil Ahmad – tutor: James Bennett

"The year tens are helping me with my algebra and it's nice to have someone who is not a teacher to help me. The work is challenging enough to help me learn"

#### Laura Napier – tutor: Anna Verdier

"The maths tutoring has been helping me a lot in maths and I really enjoy it because I learn new things every day when I come in".

#### Ellie-Mae Dunleavy – tutor: Alyssia Bullock

"I enjoy tutoring because I learn a lot and I have improved working questions out. I have been able to answer more questions in class because of the help from Alyssia in the tutoring sessions".

#### Stefan Jenkins - tutor: Ben Goldsmith

"I have enjoyed doing the maths because my tutor is helping me a lot and he is really funny and makes the sessions go fast because they are fun"

#### Ahmad Mohammed – tutor: Daniel Agbeni

"I find tutoring nice because it helps me with my maths and hopefully will help me to pass my GCSE. My tutor is called Daniel and I really like him because he is kind to me and very smart!".



# **D-Day Remembered**

In the lead up to the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the History department have been helping students in years 8,9 and 10 to find out more about the event.

They were lucky enough to view a first hand account from a relative of one of their teachers. Miss Garrett's Great Uncle, Vic Garrett was in the Royal Navy and was involved in delivering tanks and troops to Gold Beach during the landings.



"In year 8 we have been studying D-day. As I am sure you are aware the 75th Anniversary of the landings in Normandy was on Thursday 7th June.

*In History, all classes have spent two lessons learning about this historic event. The first lesson we spent watching snippets of films to find the answers to questions which we were set.* 

*In the second lesson we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to see a video of Miss Garrett's Great Uncle, Vic Garrett, who shared his experience of being in the Navy during World War II with us.* 



It was a very emotional video because of the way he described his experience; it was a very clear description. Vic was 14 when he was evacuated from his home in East London.

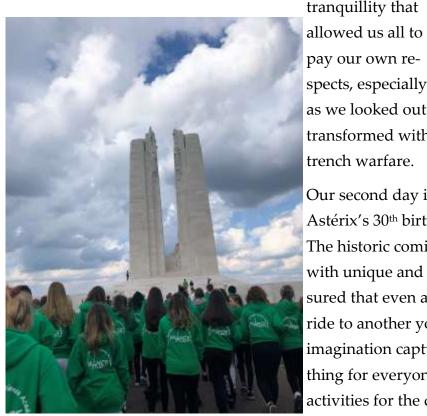
We also all had the opportunity to write him a letter."

#### Matilda Burtenshaw-8LE

Click <u>here</u> to see some of the letters on our website.

# Goodbye Blighty and Bonjour Disneyland Paris.

During the May half term 68 Year 8 students embarked on an amazing trip to France. "After waving goodbye to the white cliffs of Dover we were eager to get on to French soil and start our adventure. The first stop was at the Canadian memorial, Vimy Ridge, where the names of more than 11,000 Canadian soldiers who had fallen in WW1 were engraved in to stone. The monument is a beautiful tribute to the soldiers and a way of remembering the sacrifices they made in war. Walking around the memorial there was a



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as we looked out on a landscape that had been transformed with the explosion of shells and trench warfare.

Our second day in France saw us help celebrate Astérix's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a day in Parc Astérix. The historic comic-based theme park was filled with unique and animated characters who ensured that even as you made your way from one ride to another you were entertained and your imagination captured. There really was something for everyone, with many thrilling rides and activities for the daredevils and some relaxing rides for those who don't enjoy the adrenaline

rush. We all agreed that 'Gaulois-Romains: Le Match', a comedic and acrobatic gladiator show, was strangely amazing. It didn't matter that we weren't fluent in French, the comedy and routines had us all (teachers included) clapping and cheering.



The trip was organised so that we had a mixture of activities, and our third day was spent exploring Château de Fontainebleau. The architecture dates back to the 1500s and the ornately decorated interior was a breath-taking example of French aristocratic history. The Château is a maze of rooms each and every one beautiful in their own way. The rest of the day was spent in the quaint medieval town of Provins. This rural town is



home to live jousting, roses and is a walled city.

For many of the students, the highlight of the trip had to be Disneyland. Everybody was extremely excited about the day, particularly Mr Pollecutt who came down to breakfast ful-



ly dressed as Snow-White (much to the amusement of everybody in his group!). The journey to Disney was certainly themed, with Disney songs being sung by each and every one of us. The anticipation was extreme and it wasn't long before we were able to experience the magic of Disney. At the end of the day we were treated to a delicious meal at Planet Hollywood where the restaurant was alive with chatter and stories about our day. To be honest, we didn't think it could get any better... until we were taken back to the park for the Disney illuminations. We would be lying if we said that we weren't all watching, eyes agog, at the fireworks and light spectacle. It was truly amazing.

As we headed back to Calais we stopped at a choco-

laterie where we learnt about how chocolate is produced. We learnt how the tree flowers, the pods are harvested, the creation of cocoa and then how chocolate is made! At this point our mouths were watering, so finishing our trip in a chocolate shop was deliciously planned!

We'd like to thank all of the staff, particularly Mr Henshall, who organised such a fantastic and memorable trip."

By Ishika Kumar 8BA and Sabah Toorabally 8LB



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



# Save the date—Saturday 9th November 2019

The PTA are delighted to announce that they will be hosting a Winter Ball on Saturday 9th November at Mercure St Albans Noke Hotel in Chiswell Garden. This will be the first Winter Ball for a few years and will be a great opportunity to enjoy pre-Christmas celebrations and raise some much-needed funds for the school at the same time. Further details will follow in the next few weeks via School Comms so keep an eye for the email and make sure you save the date.



Angie Cronin and Nathalie Johnson

PTA co-chairs



Plans are well under way for our tenth M Festival on July 6th. We have another great line up this year, with 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 ticket 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 below- from set up on the Friday evening to clear up on Sunday morning:

#### 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!

We are also looking for donations of old wellington boots to use as plant pots. Please leave these with reception.

Thank you

M Festival team





# Food Technology ACES days

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June the Food Technology department held their annual ACES days . Thirty four students altogether took part across the two days. Year 7 and 8 developed their skills working with fondant and decorating techniques for cupcakes. They also made an enriched bread product; Pesto Star Bread. The year 9 and 10 students made a Star Bread too, but they also made a highly skilled Jaconde sponge filled with chocolate mousse and



topped with ganache and chocolate

shapes. What a fantastic two days we had in the food room and what a bunch of highly talented students we have. Well done all of you! I was so impressed with every single student . We had amazing results... watch out Great British Bake Off you will certainly have competition in the future!







"This is the second year I have taken part in the Food Aces day and I have really enjoyed it. This year we made pesto star bread and decorated cupcakes. I learnt a lot of new skills like using fondant, shaping bread into a star and how to make chocolate shapes. My favourite part of the day was decorating the cupcakes. I learnt how to create animals. I was really happy with my end products, especially the lion and the dog. I found making the dough for the star bread quite hard because it was really sticky and really hard to knead, but I did it ! Overall, I really enjoyed the day because I got the chance to make things we don't normally make in class and I got the chance to bake with some of my friends." **Caitlyn Hardy 8RY** 

"I recently took part in the Year 7/8 Food Technology Aces day. I can honestly say, without hesitation, that it was brilliant! I had a great time and really enjoyed what we made which was Pesto and Cheese Star Bread and Animal Cupcakes (the animal faces were made out of fondant). I learnt some great techniques and learnt not only new skills but made new friends as well! "



#### Matilda Burtenshaw 8LE



"I really enjoyed the Food Tech ACES day as I learnt new skills and I thought the effect of the sponge was really good. My parents really enjoyed the food and thought that it looked really good."

#### Thomas Jobson 10JJ

"This year in the Food ACES day we made starbread and a chocolate jaconde

sponge . We spent the day using a wide variety of skills such as dough making, making a striped sponge , mocha mousse and chocolate decorations. It was a very

*enjoyable day because I was able to make dishes and use skills that I wouldn't necessarily get to do in class."* Lilly Smith 10KS







# **Student Achievement**

Well done to Harry Turner who has been secured a place at Urdang Academy, Islington. Urdang is an independent performing arts academy providing specialist vocational training in dance and musical theatre. Harry is also performing in his fifth local production this month.



# Feel Good Friday!

On Friday 24th May Student Parliament held a pampering session in the LRC at 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 the event proved really popular raising a fantastic total of £154 in just 30 minutes to support this year's chosen charities.

There were two hampers raffled which were won by Leah



Wakeling 8LB and Miss Shaw.

A big thank you to all the students and staff who supported the event.











# **Careers News and Information FIRST AID** Plus St Albans **COURSE** for TEENAGERS SATURDAY, 26th October 2019 9.00am - 1.00pm St Albans Fire Station, 153 London Road, AL1 1TQ In partnership with: £45.00 per person To reserve a place please contact Vista on: LEARAID Tel: 01727 807525 or 07584 798528 Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

A four hour Basic Life Support course for young people and adults who babysit or care for children run by Clearaid (for further information visit <u>www.clearaid.co.uk</u>). All Clearaid Instructors are highly trained serving Emergency Personnel. We keep our courses relaxed, relevant and work on a practical basis to ensure that you gain confidence to step up and deal with any First Aid situation you could find yourself in. All attendees will receive a certificate.

This course is offered to anyone aged 13 years and above. Please request contact us to request a Booking Form and then return this with payment to Vista St Albans CIC, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW.



To find out more and to book a place please call Vista on 07584 798528 or Email: <u>vistastalbans@gmail.com</u>

> (Cheques payable to Vista St Albans CIC) (Concessions given upon application – please ask us) www.vistastalbans.org.uk

# **District Athletics Day**

The PE department took 65 students to the District athletics day held at Woodside track in Watford on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was terrible with almost non stop rain but it didn't dampen the spirits or effect the performances of the students who helped guide Marlborough to their best ever day at the championships. Although we are yet to receive the full results for the overall teams there were numerous medal winners across the year groups which in no particular order included;



Lauren Caldwell – Gold - Year 7 Shot Put and Hurdles Gabby Quist - Bronze - Year 7 100m Oliver Reed - Gold - Year 7 200m Luca Lepley - Bronze - Year 7 800m Rosie Vass -Gold - Year 8 Discus

Shion Evans - Bronze - Year 8 100m Ben Hudnott - Bronze - Year 9 Javelin Tarek El Bzioui - Bronze - Year 9 Relay Jack Flitton-Weinstein - Bronze - Year 9 Relay Harry Doyle – Silver - Year 9 200m, Bronze Year 9 Relay Jasper James – Silver - Year 9 100m, Bronze Year 9 Relay Lydia Edwards – Gold - Year 10 300m David Agbeni – Silver - Year 10 High Jump Tyler Cadiou-McCarthy - Silver - Year 10 Javelin



Lily Smith – Gold - Year 10 Discus

The team as a whole performed magnificently with our students qualifying for the finals in the

majority of sprint races and relays. Well done to everyone who took part.



# **Environmental News**

Lucy Hamm, Maha Brennan, Molly Gleeson and Keira Leece Blacket (Year 8) and Alice Ling and Isaac Woolard (Year 7) are currently working with St Albans City Council to produce a film to promote sustainability. The joint project aims to produce a three minute video which the council can use on their website and other local social media platforms to show the issues which can come from littering on a small or large scale.

### Litterati

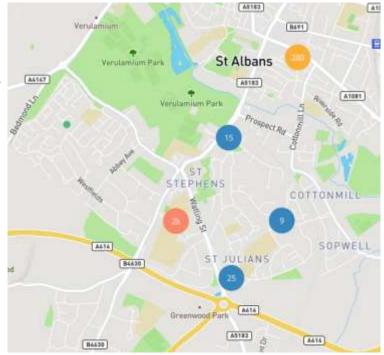
The Geography department launched the use of the Litterati app in April with our KS3 students and since then we have collected over 2,000 pieces of rubbish on the school site. Students are also using this app outside of school. The app is global but when you zoom into the local area, we really stand out as a hotspot.



#### https://map.litterati.org/globalmap/

Jolie Paveley 7ZK - 'Litterati is an app that shows you how much litter you have picked up and where it was. It also shows you what you picked up like plastic or paper. I think this is good because you can see how polluted our country is and you can help save it. You can also compete with your friends! This will help share awareness.'

**Thomas Paveley 7ZK**- 'Litterati is a fun and enjoyable app that can help sea-life and rescue our unloved oceans as you discover and explore litter around you in the outside world. You can do this with your friends where you live and in general public areas. You can compete with other people which makes it more enjoyable.'



The app is available for Android and IOS if you would like to join us in cleaning up your local environment.





	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
Friday 3rd April 2020 - Inset Day	
Summer Term 2020	
Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020	
Bank Holiday Friday May 8th 2020–Please note the change of date.	
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 <u>general enquiry form</u>





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