

Marlborough News

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Prize Giving at the Abbey

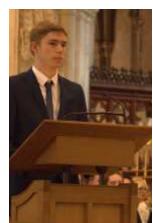
Friday the 13th of September saw The Marlborough Science Academy return to St Albans Cathedral for their 6th annual award ceremony. Over 900 people packed the nave to celebrate hard won achievements and well deserved prizes. Nearly 200 trophies, shields and prizes were presented that afternoon.

We were particularly proud to welcome David Gryn the Founder and Director of Daata Editions, a digital media platform for a new generation of artists. Hearing David's passion for the arts and his commitment to seeing young people unleash their creative talents was a remarkable highlight of the event.









Student Achievement

Congratulations to Douglas Lote 11AA who has had a fantastic season competing in Motorcross events all over the UK. He has made great improvements this year and has achieved some fantastic results including:

1st place in the British Cross Country Series

2nd overall in the British Sprint Series

4th in British Extreme Series

1st in youth class at an event called "The tough one "a one off event held in a rock quarry in Wales

The weekend of 22nd-23rd September saw Doug winning not only the youth class in the UK round of the World Enduro Super Series, but the whole race ahead of 180 starters including many adults.





PE News



The year 7 boys played their first football match on Tuesday. This was a county cup match against Nicolas Breakspear School which they won 9-3. Special mentions go to Frankie Coyle, Luke Dunton, Jack Maton and Max French.

Mr Ivory

The Site Team have a number of items that were left in lockers or in school buildings at the end of last term. Please can items be collected from the site office by half term otherwise they will be donated or disposed of..



Thank you

Road Safety/ Road Sense

We continually monitor the Road Safety of the students and those attending the school and unfortunately the manner of driving and parking around the school is both careless and reckless on occasions.

If you are dropping a student off at school and the gates are closed, please press the buzzer and enter the school grounds. Far too many are dropping off students in front of the gates and then reversing up onto the pavement endangering anyone using this

footpath or alternatively they are reversing into Watling Street endangering all the other road users, including themselves.

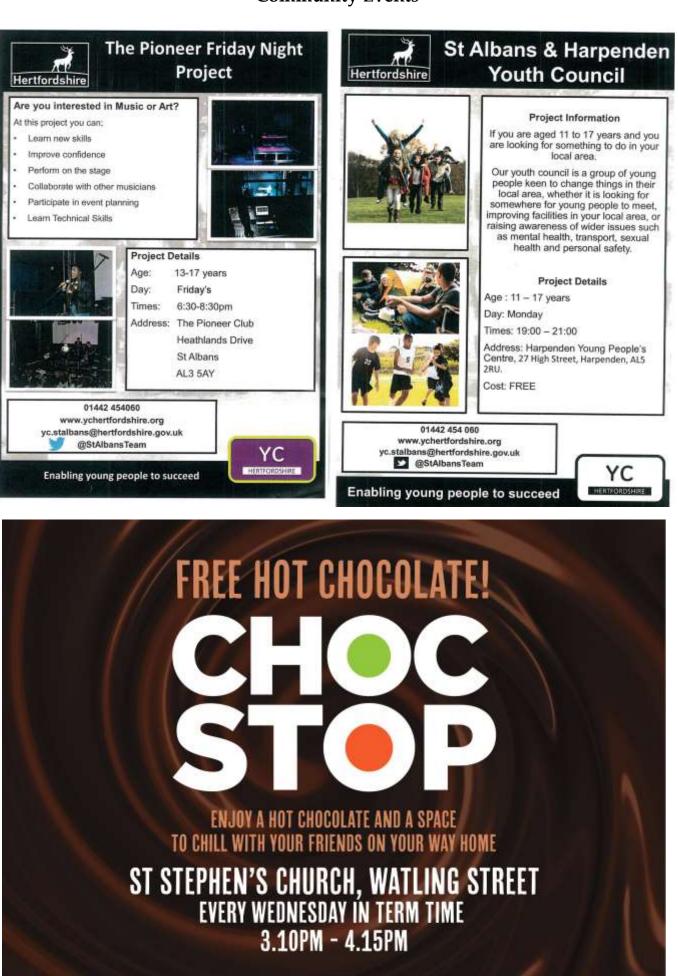
There are also some inconsiderate drivers now starting to park on the grass verge in front of the houses near the pedestrian crossing. This limits the view of drivers in Watling Street especially on the approach to the pedestrian crossing thus raising the risk of serious injury to the students or anyone else using the crossing.



May I also take this opportunity to remind the students that there is no cycling permitted on school grounds and that we encourage the wearing of safety equipment especially a helmet. The crossing outside the school entrance is the only preferred way of crossing Watling Street and staff are on hand to assist where required for this purpose.

Chris Paice Estates and H&S Manager

Community Events



Creative Gameplay, Computational Thinking and Cyber Security.

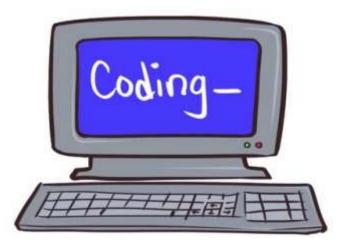
A few year 7 and year 8 students with incredible initiative asked to have a lunchtime

Warhammer club at the start of school this year. They have collaborated with the owner of a new Warhammer store in St. Albans, Ms S Bailey, Ms L Bullock, the Head of Key Stage Three, Ms M Pounnas, and two other teachers, Mr J Griggs and Mr M Rahman, to start the club with an enthusiastic gathering of 22 students in the plush Key Stage 3 Suite last Thursday lunchtime (27th September).

The students, were having a whale of a time cutting out the model pieces from the 'sprues' (A word the teachers were taught to mean the frame the model is created in).



The students read books and magazines (which have been placed in the LRC for further reading), built and painted models of 'Space Marines' and 'Stormcast Eternals', whilst making new friends and having enormous fun!



A smaller number of enthusiastic coders started off the new Programming Club in the Fibonacci Building (FB5) this Monday lunchtime (30th September) with visual programming using Kodu Game Lab by Microsoft. There are still several places left if anyone is interested in developing their analytical skills, problem solving skills and computational thinking abilities. Mr M Rahman and Mr. R Green are encouraging all year 7 and year 8 students, boys and girls, to

come along to FB5 every Monday lunchtime and have a go at creating games, learning to program and have fantastic fun in Fibonacci.

Mr Rahman

Wanted! Your unloved house plants



If you have any house plants that you no longer want the art department would be very pleased to give them a new

home.

Thank you

Miss Leggatt





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT



Hosted by The Marlborough Science Academy PTA

Saturday 9th November 2019

7PM FOR 7.30PM MECURE ST ALBANS NOKE HOTEL, AL2 3DS

DRESS CODE - BLACK TIE

3 Course Meal | Live Band | DJ | Auction | Raffle

Tickets £55.00 pp Complimentary Drink on Arrival

Tickets available to buy through School Gateway

Sponsorship, raffle and auction prizes required for PTA's Winter Wonderland Ball

The PTA is organising a Winter Wonderland Ball, which is taking place at the Mercure Noke Hotel in Chiswell Green on Saturday 9th November and they are looking for companies that may be able to sponsor a table for £100, offer auction and raffle prizes or take an advert out in the ball programme (£30 for half page or £50 for a full page).

As well as playing a key role in a big fundraising event for the school, this is a great marketing opportunity for any business as companies that take part will be mentioned in school communications to the hundreds of parents/carers at the school in the lead-up to the ball.

If you would like to place an advert and/or sponsor a table or have any questions, please can you email Angie Cronin at <u>loudbird@btinternet.com</u> or telephone 07970 810302

We really hope you can help us to make this a fantastic fundraising event for the school.

Angie Cronin and Nathalie Johnson

Co-chairs

Marlborough Science Academy PTA

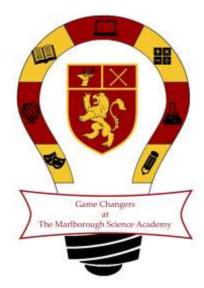
Introduction of Game Changers

As a school we are always looking to provide our students with opportunities to extend their learning outside the classroom.

Game Changer Days are projects run by faculties to give students the opportunity to apply their learning in a different way.

Some of the exciting projects planned for this academic year include visiting theatre company workshops, maths challenges, Gothic Horror writing workshop, a trip to The Royal Institute of Science, creating mobile libraries and cooking French pastries using French recipes.

Our aim is that every student is offered the chance to participate and given the opportunity to achieve. Letters will be sent home with details of the projects, so keep your eyes peeled so you don't miss out.



LRC News

Scholastics Book fair

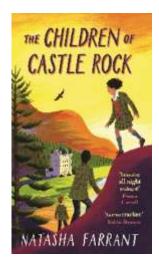


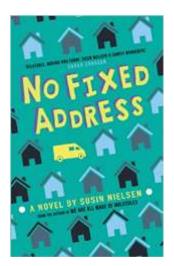
We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair in the LRC from Monday 14th October to Friday 18th October. There will be a range of books on offer and we will receive a percentage of the sales to buy books for the LRC.

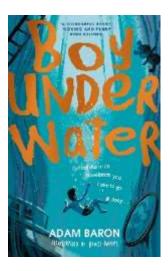
St Albans School's Book Award



Year 7 students are invited to participate in this year's St Albans School's Book Award. The three shortlisted books are shown below and there will be a discussion morning at St Columba's College on Thursday December 12th, which will include a talk from Lisa Thompson author of last year's winning novel The Goldfish Boy.







Author Visit

The author of our big read Car-Jacked ,Ali Sparkes will be visiting school on Monday 7th October to talk to all Year 7 students. We will have copies of Car-Jacked at the discounted price of £6 available to buy from the LRC on Monday should you wish to purchase a copy and have it signed. There will also be other books by the author for sale. Students will need to bring cash if they wish to purchase books.



Reading for Pleasure

At The Marlborough Science Academy we believe that reading for pleasure is vitally important. In addition to the educational benefits, reading builds empathy, improves relationships and supports emotional wellbeing.

Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status (OECD, 2002).

Quote of the Week

"Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful" ('Frankenstein', Mary Shelley)

As part of our commitment to encourage reading for pleasure we are trying to develop discussions about books and reading with our new 'Quote of the Week' which will be either a quote about reading or a quote from a famous novel.

Word of the Week

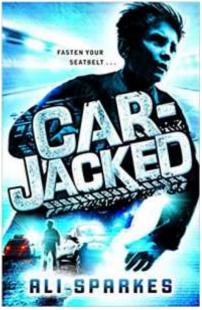
smattering (noun) a slight knowledge of a subject

Every Monday we have a new word of the week which have all been chosen by our students. Tutors have been discussing these words with their form and from this week each form will have the opportunity to win a prize for the best sentence containing the current word of the week.

The Big Read

We are also delighted to announce this year's TMSA Big Read—Car-Jacked by Ali Sparkes. More information has been sent out by SchoolComms this week and we are lucky enough to have a visit from the author on Monday 7th October.

Jack Mattingly is a genius. He has an IQ of 170. He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin. And he can calculate the square root of 1,673,549 in his head. But when Jack's parents' car is hi-jacked, with him inside it, for once he's as clueless as the rest of us. The car-jacker doesn't know Jack's in the car - yet. But it's only a matter of time before he's discovered. And then anything could happen. Only one thing's for sure: Jack's in for the thrill-ride of his life...



Job Opportunities at Marlborough

A number of job opportunities have recently arisen details of which are below. Please feel free to pass these on to anyone you know who may be interested.

"You are rightly proud that The Marlborough Science Academy is a caring, welcoming school in which pupils are safe and learn in a calm environment." OFSTED Maintained as a "Good" School in February 2018

PA to the Headteacher

The Marlborough Science Academy St Albans Herts AL1 2QA H8 Plus Outer Fringe

37 hours per week 8.00am to 3.30pm (Wednesdays 8.00am to 6.00pm) for 42 weeks per annum (up to 15 days holiday **working including Inset days**)

Permanent contract

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our successful and oversubscribed Academy for students aged 11-18 This opportunity is for someone who has extensive administration experience and wishes to further develop their skills within a secondary school setting. The successful candidate must have previous experience of working in a secondary school environment and must have excellent communication and organisational skills.

This role will be to start as soon as possible on a permanent basis initially subject to a 6 month probationary period.

The school supports and promotes the safeguarding of children and is an equal opportunities employer. References will be requested prior to interview. This vacancy will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and candidates will be required to provide evidence of the right to work in the UK.

Visits prior to application are welcomed and to arrange this please contact Mrs Ann Tyson, HR Assistant on 01727 731395 or email <u>a.tyson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk</u>

The deadline for applications for this vacancy is 11th October 2019 at 9.00am, with the interview date TBC. Application forms and personal specification forms to Ann Tyson <u>a.tyson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk</u>

Estates Manager

M1 32 37 hours per week Monday – Friday 52 weeks per year

Permanent contract

The Marlborough Science Academy St Albans is looking to appoint a colleague to manage our academy site and facilities and lead our site team to promote a clean, healthy and safe environment for all users of the premises, grounds and equipment. You will manage budgets, procurement, contracts, services and maintenance with external and internal stakeholders always employing principles of "best value" and in line with statutory health and safety regulations. In addition, you will be working with the Director of Finance and Resources in facilities planning and the delivery of agreed projects.

We are looking to appoint a colleague who:

Has experience of managing a large, community based site; ideally with sport and leisure facilities

Has proven experience of project and budgetary planning and analysis

Can demonstrate strong and effective leadership and people management skills

Has a proven ability to manage external contractors to gain the maximum efficiency and return on investment for the school

Will work collaboratively with our Lettings Manager in order to deliver an effective service to our local community

Has an good understanding of Health and Safety legislation

Can demonstrate high levels of accountability, team working skills and has a flexible and 'can do' attitude We will offer a strong culture of professional development, a fantastic facilities team and the opportunity to be part of a school that is community driven and takes pride in our environment.

If you like the sound of the above, we want to hear from you.

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Exam Invigilators

The Marlborough Science Academy is seeking to appoint Exam Invigilators to assist the school Exams Officer in the supervision and invigilation of all examinations, including supporting those students with special arrangements. The main exam periods that you will be required are October, November, March, May and June and you will need to be available from 8:15am for morning exams and from 1pm for afternoon exams, some of which may not finish until 4:30pm. Other ad hoc sessions may be available during the academic year. Full training will be provided.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our team at this popular 11-18 secondary school. Candidates need to enjoy working with young people, be well organised and have good communication and inter-personal skills. Previous experience would be an advantage but not essential as training will be provided.

Hourly Rate £9.25 (Including holiday pay)

Closing date for applications Friday 18th October 2019 at 9am.

To learn more about what it is like to work at our school please see our recruitment film at <u>http://www.themarlboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/page/?</u>

<u>title=Job+Opportunities&pid=77</u># If you would like to visit our school please contact Ann Tyson HR administrator on 01727 731395 <u>a.tyson@marlborogh.herts.sch.uk</u>

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References will be sought prior to interview. This vacancy will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and successful candidates will be required to provide evidence of the right to work in the UK.

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: EARAID 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

Careers News and Information



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- ★ Training & Resources Provided
- ✤ Flexible Working Hours - Saturdays
- ★ Excellent Rates of Pay
- ★ Experience Not Essential
- ★ Location: Marlborough School We're looking for bubbly & enthusiastic individuals. If you're interested call us for a chat today!

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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December 2019

Half Term Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Occasional Day Friday 22nd 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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