



Dear Parents & Carers

Please read the advice below and re-inforce this with your sons and daughters particularly now as the nights draw-in. Should you or your children have any immediate concerns, please contact the police or if less urgent, your child's Director of Learning.

Keeping Safe in the Dark.

With the darker nights now upon us, it is important that students keep themselves safe and are aware of the dangers of the darker mornings and evenings.

Be aware of your surroundings and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible



- **Do not loiter around after school, unless you have an after-school activity, go straight home.**
- **Try to walk with a friend or in groups so that you are more likely to be seen by drivers. Walk sensibly and stay on the pavements provided.**
- **Stick to well-lit paths and walk with confidence using routes you know well.**
- **Choose the most direct route with the fewest street crossings.**
- **Avoid taking short cuts through parks, vacant areas, fields and other places where there are not many people.**
- **Don't be distracted by your mobile. Be alert to what's happening around you. Ensure your mobile is charged so available for use should you need it.**
- **If you wear earphones, use the bud style ones and only one side so you are still aware of your surroundings**
- **If you cycle to school you MUST wear a helmet and have reflective lights.**
- **It is a legal requirement for you to have lights and reflectors fitted to your bike and so check your cycle lights are clean and are working correctly.**
- **Wear distinctive, reflective clothing especially if cycling to school. Reflective clothing on moving parts such as gloves, shoes or backpacks increases visibility.**
- **Only cycle sensibly (no wheelies or passengers) and on routes appropriate for your bike. Use cycle lanes where shown.**

It is important to stay safe and be cautious at all times of the year, but it's particularly true this time of year as the mornings stay darker for longer and the afternoons and evenings become darker much sooner.

Remember **BE Bright, BE Seen, BE Safe.**

Thank you



Ms A Thomson

Headteacher

Health and Safety



Could any students dropped off at school before 8am, be instructed to remain in PASCAL HALL until this time please. This gives us a chance to open up the site and also ensure that it is safe for use, especially in the dark, cold and icy mornings. We cannot guarantee their safety should the students wander around school before we have had a chance to clear any ice.

Unfortunately some of our neighbours have had some unpleasant experiences with parents/carers from school when parking to collect their children. May I remind all parents/carers to please refrain from parking in the new development at the front of school, parking on our neighbours driveways or along the verge in Watling Street or obstructing other driveways or bus stops in Watford Road.

Thank you for your assistance as always.

Chris Paice

Estates and H&S Manager



Remembrance Day



On Monday 11th November the whole school took part in an act of remembrance led by Mr Eve. Students and staff congregated on the tennis courts to Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. After an introduction from Mr Eve our Heads of School Evan, Zara, Harry and Ellie read the poem Ypres which was followed by a beautiful rendition of The Last Post played by Thomas Stewart 11RT. After the two minutes silence was observed Mr Eve read the exhortation which concluded the act of remembrance. It was a lovely way to commemorate those that have given so much for our freedom.



Guide Dogs



Thanks to the hard work of our school parliament and the generous support of students, staff, parents and carers we were delighted to be able to present a cheque for over £1500 to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. This means that we are able to name our third puppy at some point next year.

The same amount was raised for Cancer Research UK.

This year we will be supporting Guide Dogs once again alongside The Teenage Cancer Trust and our first visit from the Guide Dogs will be Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December for a sale of Guide Dog merchandise in the LRC at lunch time. On the Thursday lunchtime the School Parliament will also be holding a festive fundraiser to raise money for both our chosen charities.

Thank you as always for your support.

Rotary Young Chef Competition

Well done to all our students who took part in the Rotary Young Chef Competition on Wednesday 20th November Libby Key 9EM, Jessica Hardcastle 9HF, Caitlyn Hardy 9RY and Charlotte Joyce 9EM all did themselves proud.



Particular congratulations go to Jessica who took first place and Libby who came third. Well done girls!



Jess is now preparing her menu for the next round in February.

Year 7 Classics Game Changer Day

This Game Changer day on Monday 4th November launched us into the second half of this term. Each student was given the same resource and demonstrated a unique ability to absorb information, transferring this into their own work.



The students were excited to carve their Latin names on the clay tablet supplied. Despite the practicalities of using the Latin alphabet to translate their names, this was a challenge nonetheless enjoyed.

After break the students were asked to research a particular myth writing numerous facts and replicating the myth by drawing it on a vase. Students began by exploring the architecture and how it represented the afterlife. This task focused on cultural memory. It seemed more appropriate as this day fell on Remembrance Day. As well as being able to translate pictorially the image on the surface of a vase students completed an extended piece of writing in the form of a diary.



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The final task of the day allowed further research of the Ancient Greek philosophers.

Students were asked to find out at least ten facts about three or more philosophers of Ancient Greece and then develop their findings into journalistic writing.

I would like to thank the students who participated for their prompt feedback of the day.

Ms Metson

Drama Game Changer Day - The National Theatre

On Thursday 14th November, 30 Year 9 and 10 students visited The National Theatre for a backstage tour and a workshop. Not only were the students able to sit in two of the National's theatres, The Lyttelton and The Dorfman, they also visited the set design workshop areas where they could see designers working on projects for upcoming shows. Our guides for the tour were very knowledgeable about the theatre's history and the various jobs their staff of around 1000 people do.



The day gave students an idea of some of the job roles in the theatre industry beyond actors and directors.

After lunch the students met one of the set designers from The National Theatre who talked to them about how a design idea gets from sketch to stage. One aspect of this is model boxes, the students were set the brief of designing a model box set for Alice In Wonderland, adapted to be set in a world inspired by a game of their choice.

The students were really creative with designs inspired by Minecraft, Tetris, Connect 4, The Sims, Fifa and Piano Tiles, to name just a few.

"I enjoyed the set making the most because we could create something of our own."

"I enjoyed learning about what goes on behind a show and how many jobs there are for a play to go on. I also enjoyed making our own sets in the boxes."

"It made me realise how much more detail I need to put into my design ideas"



"I was impressed with how much the designers consider, everything is really important, like the set on the Lyttelton stage having the faded patch above the fireplace to show a pictured used to be there".

A photograph showing several students in a classroom setting, seated at desks and working on computers. They appear to be engaged in a learning activity, possibly related to the 'Digital Literacy' or 'Information Literacy' components of the curriculum.A photograph showing a group of students in a classroom. They are seated at desks, some looking at their phones, others looking towards the camera. The background features a large display board with various papers and a red wall.

Our day ended with a study of Enigma machines. We were fortunate enough to have Mr Fitzsimmons leading through our discoveries and he shared a digital programme that allowed us to manipulate all the parts of Enigma machines just as they did during World War II

Mrs Gustafson

-Darius Mafi

-Sabah Toorabally

-Luca Gheoca



Social Media Update

Along with the school's main accounts on social media many departments have their own accounts which you can follow to find out what is going on in school and the local community.

Facebook

The schools FaceBook page can be found
[@TheMarlboroughScienceAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/TheMarlboroughScienceAcademy)



Twitter

Main school account—@marlboroughsch

Duke of Edinburgh: - @DofETMSA

Maths - @MathsTMSA

Music - @MusicTMSA

Trips - @TMSATrips

PE - @TMSA_PE

LRC (library) - @TMSA_LRC

Politics - @TMSApolitics

M Festival - @themfest

Drama - @TMSA_Drama

English - @TMSAEnglish



Instagram

Main school account @themarlboroughscienceacademy

Duke of Edinburgh: @TMSA_DofE

Maths Department: @TMSA_Maths

Music Department: @TMSA_Music

LRC (library) - @marlboroughlrc



Music

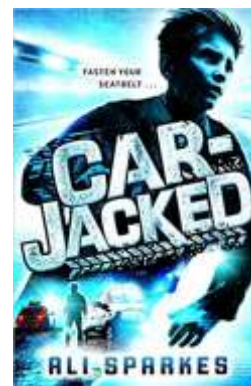
The Marlborough Choir performed with other St Albans's secondary schools at this year's SASSMA (St Albans Secondary School Music Association) performance. We had a beautiful collaboration with Townsend School on the song You Will Be Found from the musical, Dear Evan Hansen and we sent everyone away preparing them for the Christmas spirit with our rendition of Last Christmas. It was a lovely evening sharing music with so many of the local schools.



LRC News

The Big Read

Don't forget this year's TMSA Big Read — Car-Jacked by Ali Sparkes. There are copies available to borrow from the LRC or maybe you could ask for a copy for Christmas.



In the new year we will be exploring some of the themes of the book in different subject lessons and there will be our very own audio book available on Google Classroom read by members of staff. As well as making the book accessible for those who find reading a challenge there will be a competition to identify which members of staff are reading each chapter.

Kid's Lit Quiz

Well done to Joshua, Jacob, Keira and Toby who made up our Year 7 team for this year's Kid's Lit Quiz at the North London heat at Queenswood School on Wednesday 27th November and finished a very respectable 9th. Also Annabel, Jody, Ella and Evie our Year 8 representatives who were in 3rd place at the half way mark but found the second half far more challenging and finally finished 16th. The students all enjoyed the afternoon and congratulations to Toby who won a spot prize for identifying Chitty Chitty Bang Bang as the book being described in one round of the Super Hard World Final questions.



The Globe Players

On Friday 25th October it wasn't in "fair Verona where we lay our scene", but Da Vinci Hall when the English department welcomed in The Globe Players to deliver a 60 minute version of 'Romeo and Juliet' with a difference to Year 10 students. The players explored the themes and characters, motivations and plot development, in an abridged version of the tragedy. The event proved to be a really enjoyable conclusion to our study of 'Romeo and Juliet'.



Endeavouring to enrich the curriculum for all and introduce another way to help Year 11 students to prepare for the PPEs in November The Globe Players went on to deliver a 60 minute version of 'An Inspector Calls' transporting students to the fictional town of Brumley. Again, the players explored the themes and characters, motivations and plot structures, in an abridged version of the whodunit mystery. What was perhaps most rewarding for the students was the fact that the actors were able to explain some of the cultural context, developing the students' understanding of the issues that the playwright wanted to address.

Not to be outdone, the Year 7s were also taken to a world of renaissance theatre in a whistle stop tour of Shakespeare's best loved plays. The performances ranged from the tragic to the comedic, from tears of joy to lamentation. Although the students are not studying a Shakespeare text currently they will be soon. Having a light touch approach to Shakespeare ensured that the students were unintimidated by the language and keen to pick up the bard in the near future.



Quote of the Week

"Great men are not born great. They grow great" The Godfather by Mario Puzo

Word of the Week

Hobble: verb To walk lamely or painfully

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 have been invited to begin their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. An email has been sent to parents with detailed information regarding the programme. Registration forms and deposits must be submitted by Friday 13th December. Please contact Mrs Gustafson with any further questions at d.gustafson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



Community Events





St Stephen
with St Julian

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
WATLING STREET, ST ALBANS


Christmas Tree Festival

6th - 9th December

A wonderful festival
of Christmas trees
decorated with a theme
of Christmas Carols

**FREE
ENTRY**

**DOORS
OPEN
10-4**
(SUN. 12-4)

For further details check our page on Facebook 

St Albans Sleepout
#SAsleepout

REGISTER TODAY

Friday 6th December 2019 9pm-7am
Oaklands College, St Albans

'One of the best experiences...really thought-provoking and a fantastic way to raise awareness and funds for homeless people' Lizzy Bell, Sleepout participant

Join us with family, friends or colleagues
For more information and to register
www.stalbanssleepout.org.uk

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Herts Young Homeless

OPEN DOOR
ST ALBANS

The Living Room

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(sat nav AL4 0XS)

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Emmaus Registered Charity 1073808
Herts Young Homeless Registered Charity 1069498
Open Door Registered Charity 1028528
The Living Room Registered Charity 1175541

PTA Winter Wonderland Ball - Thank You

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the fundraising Winter Wonderland Ball on Saturday 9th November. We raised £2,600 and the team are already planning for the next event, so watch this space.

Thank you to all businesses who gave their support: Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, Dylans The Kings Arms, KG Electrical Contractors, Burston Garden Centre, The Print Shop St Albans and Loudbird PR and Communications, Top Hat Stage School, Herts Garden Rooms, Springboard Learning and Per Tutti.

We couldn't have done the Silent Auction without the generous prizes donated by Dylans The Kings Arms, Butlins, Chloe James, Barry Mardell for the hospitality tickets for the Tottenham Hotspurs v Norwich game, Verulamium Spa at Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, eho chef, The Ivy, Watford Football Club and Jessica Wilson Jewellery.

We received great support of raffle prizes from local businesses: Cositas Interiors and gift shop; Cadbury World; HatsOffComedy night; Ye Olde Fighting Cocks; Stephanie Belton Photography; Hoss Photography; The Yoga Coach; Anna Banana Yoga; Mercure Noke; M Festival; St Albans Film Festival; Simmons Bakery; Appleonia Beauty Studio; ReKlein; tennis coach Sam Pink; the Co-op Chiswell Green; Mosaic Hair Studio; Burston Garden Centre; the Three Hammers; and Milo and James.

Finally, we ask all parents/carers to support the PTA with fundraising activities where possible, our next meeting is planned for , see the school website for details or the PTA Facebook page.

Warmest regards

Angie Cronin and Nathalie Johnson

PTA Co-chairs



Careers Opportunities and Information

There is still time for students to apply to UCFB



University Campus of Football Business (UCFB) is a world-first in higher education, delivering undergraduate university degrees in the football and sports industry in sectors including media, coaching, events and business. You can find out more [here](#).

Apprenticeships in Software and Technology

Salary £17,768 – with annual increases

Hanslope Park, Milton Keynes

More details can be found [here](#)



Springpod are a free employer engagement network, which connects students and schools with leading UK employers. We're currently supporting Airbus to promote their Apprenticeship opportunities in Stevenage:

Airbus- Technical Apprenticeship Level 4+ Higher (Defense and Space)

Students can apply directly to this and other opportunities through Springpod. They'll also be able to explore over 15,000 live apprenticeships, watch inspiring careers broadcasts and ask industry experts questions.

Find out more about Springpod [here](#)

Easy Fundraising Opportunities

Here are some ways that you can easily support our school while doing your Christmas shopping this year. Christmas Treeeasy is a local company who provide top quality real trees which are delivered free locally. If you buy your tree from them you can nominate our school to receive a donation of between £3 and £5. Here is a lovely photo from one of our Year 7 parents who was delighted with her tree last year! See below for the link to the website.

<http://www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk/>



All purchases over £10 currently made from The Book People can generate a donation for the school. See the link below for more information

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

Finally, don't forget that you can raise money for the school all year round when you shop online through Easyfundraising. Just click the link below to find out more.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/themarboroughsa/>

Thank you as always for your support.



UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS



WEDNESDAYS
8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January
and 5th, 12th February 2020
7.00 - 9.00pm

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. Diagnosis is not essential. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict : why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.

'I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful.'

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ST ALBANS
AL1 1TQ

'I tried the techniques and was amazed at the outcome.'

Pre-booking essential

Contact Supporting Links

QUOTING REFERENCE SL351 on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk



This course is provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council

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*

Inset Day - Friday 3rd April 2020

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 [general enquiry form](#)



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