



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Lauren Caldwell 8AS who recently captained the Hertfordshire Under 13 hockey team to win the eastern region finals. They played against 6 other counties – Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire in Kings Lynn. This is the second year in a row that she has captained the side to victory.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

A significant number of Year 11 students have been working hard to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Massive congratulations go out to the following students! Any students who have not yet received their certificate will do so soon. Well done!.

Kyle Allaway 11PA
Kaylei Callaghan 11JJ
Elliott Clarke 11DG
Daniel George 11KS
Thomas Jobson 11JJ
Roxanne King 11KS
William Pearson 11AA



Joshua Bennett 11PA
Shay Cassidy 11PA
Lydia Edwards 11DG
Katy Held 11Jj
Miles Key 11LT
Jake Leech 11DG
Alexander Shelley 11KS

Parkour Club

A small group of boys have been attending Parkour Club with Mr Ivory this year. Parkour is



free running where you jump obstacles outside. Our group do somersaults and parkour moves over our gym equipment indoors and have put a display together to music which they performed at the gym and dance show at St Albans High School for Girls on Thursday 12th March

Well done to Harvey Matthewson 10RG, Lewis Gillett 10EW, Billy Hicks 9RA and Matt Ridgway 7LW

The Grimm Tales

It was anything but Grimm!

This year's school production was very much a Marlborough original. The script was our own adaptation of The Grimm Tales written by Mr Griggs and the music was created by Year 9 and 10 Music students with the help of Mrs Dyde during a Game Changer Day earlier this year.



The show was directed by Mrs Griggs and featured 61 students from Year 7 to Year 12, with James in Year 11 running the sound desk for all the shows and the stage management team of Sophie and Liam in Year 13 keeping everyone on track.

The set for the show was amazing. Mr. Armer created a tower for Rapunzel, swing for Little Red Riding Hood, a creepy Toy shop and a Gingerbread house all set off with various special effects. Mrs Baker added finishing touches with hair and makeup for the cast which set off

the costumes created by Mrs Whitlock.

It was a huge success with a sell out audience on Friday, the students worked incredibly hard during the process and should be proud of their achievements.

The feedback received has been really lovely and was shared with the cast each night before the show.



"I was captivated the very moment I walked into the hall. Spine tingly atmosphere which saw music lighting costume and superb acting all coming spectacularly together that had me thinking about the ending whilst I was driving home."

"From start to finish it was such a pleasure to watch such a professional team put on a show, that you have put such enormous effort into and seem so proud to perform. Every one of you, cast and crew, should be immensely proud."

"I actually got goose bumps and felt quite overwhelmed walking into the space. The opening was absolutely brilliant! So slick, so atmospheric and original. Loved every single detail.

We thought all the actors were incredible and so professional. The set, lighting, special effects, music, costume were beyond brilliant. Rapunzel falling was just amazing!

The mammoth amount of hard work/talent/time/energy/thought/fun! put into this show is very evident and much appreciated!"



So what is it really like being involved in a school production?



Being part of this years show was a wonderful experience for me. Every single rehearsal left me with a smile on my face as there was always something to have a good laugh about (often some of the most bizarre things). I particularly loved the support from everyone, students and teachers alike. After every show everyone would congratulate and praise each other and it just felt like we were one big family - Katy Year 11

I absolutely adored how the script for Grimm Tales was written and I am proud to have been a part of it. It was a great experience in which I was able to improve my

acting skills and make new friends - Brogan Year 10

I have loved my experience of being able to take part in such a magical creation, anyone who is thinking of taking part should definitely audition next year. You will 100% love it. I love how everyone who takes part has an important role even if your just in the background.- Olivia Year 7



Being an older student it's been amazing to participate in multiple productions over the years and seeing all my cast mates grow and improve, this production has been so different to anything we've ever done and we're all so proud to have brought these characters to life - Emelia Year 12

It was really fun to be in the school production. I have a very enjoyable time with my friends and other students. I would recommend it to many no matter their interests. - Mae Year 7

Being included into this year's school production was a really fun experience. I got to meet new people from other year groups and make new friends. Also make really fun memories.- Russell Year 9



Book Week

2nd – 6th March 2020

Our annual book week was once again as busy as ever. The winning form in our Book Door competition was 9AK with their Alice in Wonderland theme. A special mention also goes to Ella Schmidt 7KB, Sam Seaton and Billy Hicks 9BA who also won a small prize for their efforts.



Staff displayed the books they are currently reading on their office or classroom door and wrote a little bit about their favourite book or a book that had a big impact on them for a display in the LRC.



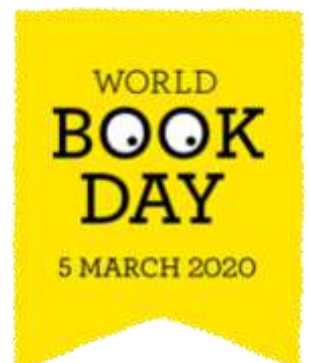
Our Who's Behind the Book Competition proved very tricky this year with no one correctly identifying all staff members but the winners were — -Mae Dawson 7KB, Carly Agar 7KB and Florence Van Huet 7KB with the highest score. Everyone who entered will receive house points.



The overall winner of the 6 word story competition was William Simpson 7TA for 'The tree whispered, "Don't do it" - William wins himself a £10 book token and a Pinkie. Runners up, who all receive a Pinkie and a chocolate bar, were Seth Ogier 7TA, Lois Punter 7EM, Emily Harris 7KA and Lottie Andrews 7KA. Everyone who entered will be awarded house points.

The second hand book sale proved popular with staff and students and is something we plan to repeat in the summer term.

All year 7 students have had the opportunity to chose one of the special £1 World Book Day books as well as receiving a £1 book token which they can use in book shops or online at <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/> where every order over £10 will earn 25% back for our school in books.

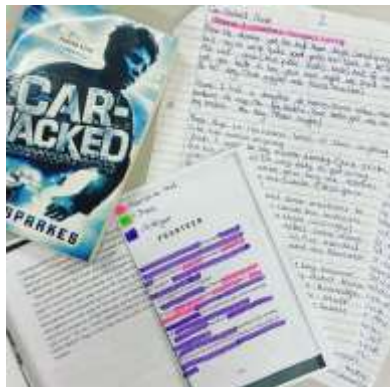


The Big Read

Drama

This half term Mrs Day's Year 7 classes have been creating performances based on Ali Sparkes book Car-Jacked our Big Read this year.

First they had to read their chapter of the story and



highlight any moments of direct speech, which then formed the starting point of their script.

They also had to highlight any descriptions of the setting and clothing worn by the characters which were then turned into set and costume designs by the students.

Finally Mr Armer came and taught the students about lighting and colours for setting the scene.



Some fantastic work exploring all the aspects of creating a performance from a brilliant story. Well done Year 7!



Languages

Mr Henshall's Year 7 students have been writing character profiles in French. Some of the best examples are on display in the LRC and on our website [here](#)

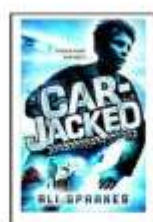


Je m'appelle Jack Mattingly. J'ai un QI de 170. J'ai les cheveux blonds et les yeux gris. Je parle couramment le mandarin et le latin. J'ai douze ans et j'habite dans une maison moyenne. J'aime beaucoup de choses : la géologie des blagues latines, les cartes historiques et modernes et les sonnets de Shakespeare.



Ross

Salut! Je suis Ross, Je suis genereux et genial. J'ai les yeux noirs et les cheveux noirs et longs et j'ai une barbe et moustache.



Callum McCloy



News from the Maths Faculty

Intermediate Maths Challenge

Approximately 100 students in years 9, 10 and 11 participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. We are proud that many students achieved an award in the competition. Please find the list of students below. All of these students scored in the top 40% of the entire competition and our Gold achievers qualified for the next round of competition.

Bronze

Jarin Auddity 11RT

Amy Ben 10MO

Amy Bilson 10DH

Tom Brasington 10JI

Alex Clutton 9AK

Ryan Conway 10DH

Lauren Cropper 11PA

Ben Dellamuro 11LT

Finnian Harris 11PA

Euan Hermon 9LL

Freddie Hobbis 9LB

Daniel Howell 11RT



Mathra Kapugama Geega 10DD

Rubina Khatun aaPA

Billy Morrissey 11JJ

Marcy Pateman 11LT

Josh Pedder 10EW

Milana Port 11LT

Mikie Ridgway 10RG

Hema Sujatha 10DD

Joseph Toomey 11JJ

Sam Viccars 11JJ

Sonny Wood 9LL

Jamie Yon 11KS



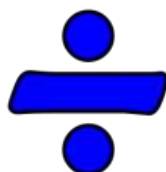
Silver

Sean Neveling 10LO

Alex Noon 11DG

Weronika Wrzesniak 11AA

Emma Zhang 9JG



Gold

Darius Mafi 9JG- Best in Year, Best in School

Ilyas Monadi 10LO- Best in Year

Max Pearson 9JG

Miles Punter 9EM

Matthew Ward 10JI - Best in Year

Elise Wylie 11JJ- Best in Year



'I always hated maths at school!'

A new initiative was launched this year by the maths faculty where parents and students were invited in to take part in maths workshops on a range of different topics. The "I always hated maths at school" sessions took place over two Tuesday evenings. The idea was to give parents an idea of how we teach maths in secondary school and to show the methods used for difficult topics such as negative numbers, multiplying decimals and algebra.

The parents and students who participated were absolutely fantastic and really threw themselves into the challenges. The comments from parents were resoundingly positive about the maths they had done, and about how to support their child with maths in the future.



Thank you to the parents and students who attended either the year 9 or the year 7 evenings. We are hoping to run these events next academic year so please look out for information in the future!

Miss Smith

Year 7 Maths Challenge

Oliver Farmer 7EM, Lottie Andrews 7KA, and Janine Hipkin 7KA represented The Marlborough Science Academy at the Hertfordshire Year 7 Maths Challenge. They did a great job answering general maths questions, completing a memory round, and making great guesses on the estimation round. They earned a smashing 118 points and got a commendation for being one of the groups to score over 100!



GCSE Maths in Action Trip

45 students from years 9, 10 and 11 joined us in London for Education in Action's GCSE Maths event. We got to hear some dynamic speakers talk about how binary is used in WiFi and Bluetooth, how data can be misinterpreted by the media, the maths behind the flow of large groups in places like Arsenal arena or Glastonbury, and some tricky, practical maths puzzles.

Mrs Gustafson



A Plea from the Art Department

The art department would like to do a collage project with our students and we are looking for the following; old maps, A to Z's, ordnance survey maps etc. Any kind of patterned wallpaper Any kind of wrapping paper, interesting stamps, brown paper, labels from tins and packaging, (not cardboard)

If you think you have anything of use, please could you bundle it together in a bag or envelope and give in to reception labelled Art department.

Many, many thanks
Ms Bustin



Year 9 Holocaust Survivor Testimony

On Tuesday 11th February, myself and seven other students were given the chance to have lunch with Holocaust survivor Harry Olmer.

We first listened to Harry talk about his experiences during the Holocaust with the rest of the Year 9 students. It was very interesting to hear about Harry's experiences first hand.

Afterwards, the seven of us had the opportunity to ask Harry questions over lunch. We asked questions such as "what was the food like?" and "how did you survive throughout the winter?" before we had to say goodbye and thank you to Harry.

It is important we listen to survivors like Harry as we are the last generation that will be able to listen to the real survivors, so then we can tell the next generation and prevent anti-Semitism in the future.

Matilda Burtenshaw, 9JG



PSHCEE News

On Thursday 30th January, Year 10 students took part in a full day of presentations and workshops entitled "The S Factor" from the award winning theatre group Tip of the Iceberg. The project gave students the opportunity to look at many attitudes, ideas and pressures experienced by



many people their age and how their decisions can change the course of their future. The initial play presentation followed the story of three teenagers in their final year at secondary school before students visited different workshops, before the final presentation showed the different ways in which the character's lives were affected by the choices they had made.

"The debate workshop had the most impact on me because there were some questions which needed everyone's point of view and I thought it brought our year group closer."

"The play was eye opening."

"I learnt that choices you make now will definitely impact you in the future!"



Before half term, our Year 9 students took part in an hour long workshop delivered by Charlotte from KIP (Knowledge is Power) Education.

The workshop focused on healthy sex and social media and gave students the opportunity to listen to, and share, ideas and opinions on what constitutes a good and healthy romantic relationship. Students were also able to see how social media can have negative effects on us all, and how not to let it take over our lives and damage our mental health.

"It told us what is good and what is bad in healthy relationships."

"It highlighted how saying things can take a weight off of you."

"I learnt about relationships and how online relationships are different to real life relationships."

This Week's Quote of the Week

“Reading can be a road to freedom or a key to a secret garden, which, if tended, will transform all of time” (Katherine Paterson)

Word of the Week

Tribulation (noun) Great distress or upset

M Festival — Saturday 4th July 2020 — Cancelled

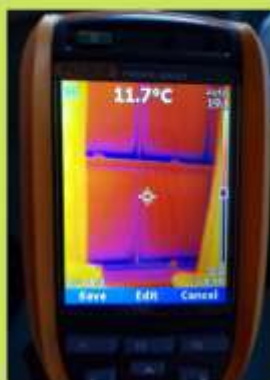
Unfortunately in light of the growing pandemic and its impact on society we have recently announced that we will be cancelling the M Festival this year. Anyone who has brought tickets or Gazebo's will receive a full refund.

All being well we look forward to holding the next M Festival on 3rd July 2021.

The M festival team



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Careers News

Students from Year 10 attended a Trip to Gonville and Ciaus College Cambridge. The tour around the buildings showed important features and accommodation used by past students including Stephen Hawking's. Students were given information about the courses studied at Cambridge and the collegiate system as well as how to apply to the University. The trip gave the students the opportunity to start to consider future careers and degree courses that they might pursue in the future.

Mrs Rutherford



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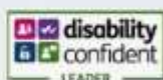


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Term Dates

2019—2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 23rd March—School is closed until further notice

2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Half Term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Occasional Day—Friday 20th November 2020

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