



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents/Carers

In this period of uncertainty one thing is most certainly sure in that your children have adapted with resilience and good cheer to all the operational changes currently in place in school to keep everyone safe. Thank you to you as Parents/Carers for all your support.

I did feel a sadness if I'm honest on the first day back when I watched the students marching in to school in face coverings and being a little subdued but these days have passed and I am grateful to hear raucous laughter ringing out in the Jubilee Gardens during breaks and lunch times. As the colder weather draws in I am delighted to say that on our return to school the students will have a brand new covered (and heated) eating area that I am hoping will make breaks a more social and pleasant experience. The new windows are looking amazing already and thanks must go to Mr Paice and Mrs Dean for their careful and considered co-ordination of a complicated job. I am pleased to tell you too that our splendid Hepworth sculpture which is looking a bit the worse for wear is being taken away to be restored back to its intended glory and even better news it's being returned to us to take pride of place on its usual plinth.

Teaching and learning has been most pleasing with staff and students working hard to close any gaps in learning and I cannot fault our exam classes for their diligent and mature approaches to learning as well as uncertainty.

I am hoping that Marlborough can be viewed as a little oasis for all our community in troubled and anxiety ridden times. Whilst saddened that there is so much we are unable to do through Covid restrictions it is lovely to see clubs starting to take place again, especially Breakfast club, after school 'catch ups' and secret plans too I know are afoot to do something lovely around Christmas time. Establishing as much normality as possible for our cohorts is driving us all through and I am grateful for all the positive responses this drive has been receiving.

So signing off after an interesting half term I know you will join me in saying 'thank you' to a fabulously hard working team of staff with particular thanks to Ms Pounnas and Ms Bailey for their work in settling in Year 7s. Thank you to the Parents/Carers for your support in ensuring students are in school ready for learning and focussed and finally a thank you to the Governors who have been instrumental not only in holding us to account but also keeping us all going with their thanks for a job well done.

Here's hoping for a peaceful and restful half term.

Best wishes

Ms A Thomson



The latest edition of the MO is out now. Click on the image to be taken to the link.

Cultural Capital

What is Cultural Capital?

Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a student can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients a student will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work.

With the current restrictions on trips and some clubs and extra curricular activities it is more important than ever to give students the opportunity to widen their experience through a range of activities. We are developing a new section on the school website [here](#) where students can access resources to expand their cultural capital including virtual tours and exhibitions, films, research opportunities and enrichment activities. These will be added to regularly so please do check back to see what is available. Any completed activities will be recognised and feedback provided.



October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

There is not a day goes by when I don't receive a complaint about parking or sadly complaints from our neighbours who have been verbally abused when they have tackled irresponsible parking. Despite our many messages, things are not improving and the behaviours of a few reflect very badly on our school, our values and our reputation within the community.

We are currently lobbying the Council to install zig-zag/yellow lines on the Watford Road and the police will be supporting us more regularly in patrolling the notorious areas of irresponsible parking.

We are growing more and more weary of the complaints that come our way. Please can I urge you to support your school in a kind and courteous manner.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



Ms A Thomson
Headteacher

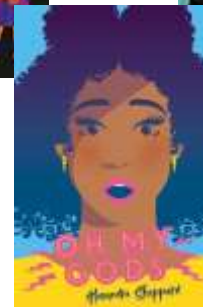
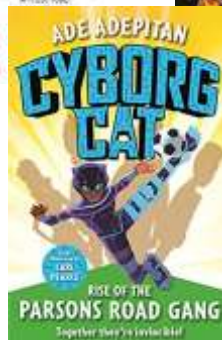
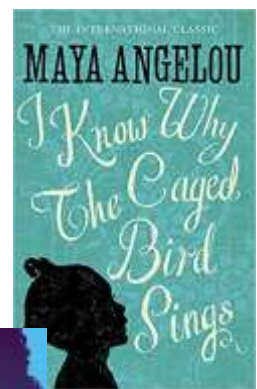
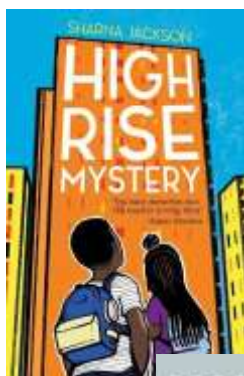
BBC Young Reporter Competition

Are you a budding journalist or film maker? Do you have a story to tell? If you are aged between 11-18 you can submit your ideas for this competition. Click on the image below for more details.



Celebrating Black History Month

As part of our celebrations for Black History Month we have been recommending a book by a Black author everyday in October on our social media platforms. We have had a fantastic response to our posts including some from the authors themselves.



There is something for everyone from picture books to poetry, biographies, non-fiction books exploring race and identity and of course some fantastic fiction for all ages. You can find a list of the recommended books on our new LRC web page [here](#) in the Quick Lists section.



Virtual Sports Day 2020

The Marlborough Science Academy house system was thrilled to have been able to run a virtual sports day in July for our students and staff. Over 100 competitors took part from both the student body and the staff. Here are just a few examples of the entries that went towards a fantastic competition and week of physical activity in the midst of lockdown.



Celebrating Black History Month

We asked staff to choose a Black hero that they would like to share tea and cake with and what they would talk to them about. We had a fantastic range of nominations including actors, popstars, activists and athletes. The board is on display in Pascal Hall where all students are able to see it.



Mrs Wood also produced this [Sway](#) explaining the origins of Black History Month and providing some links to other websites with further information

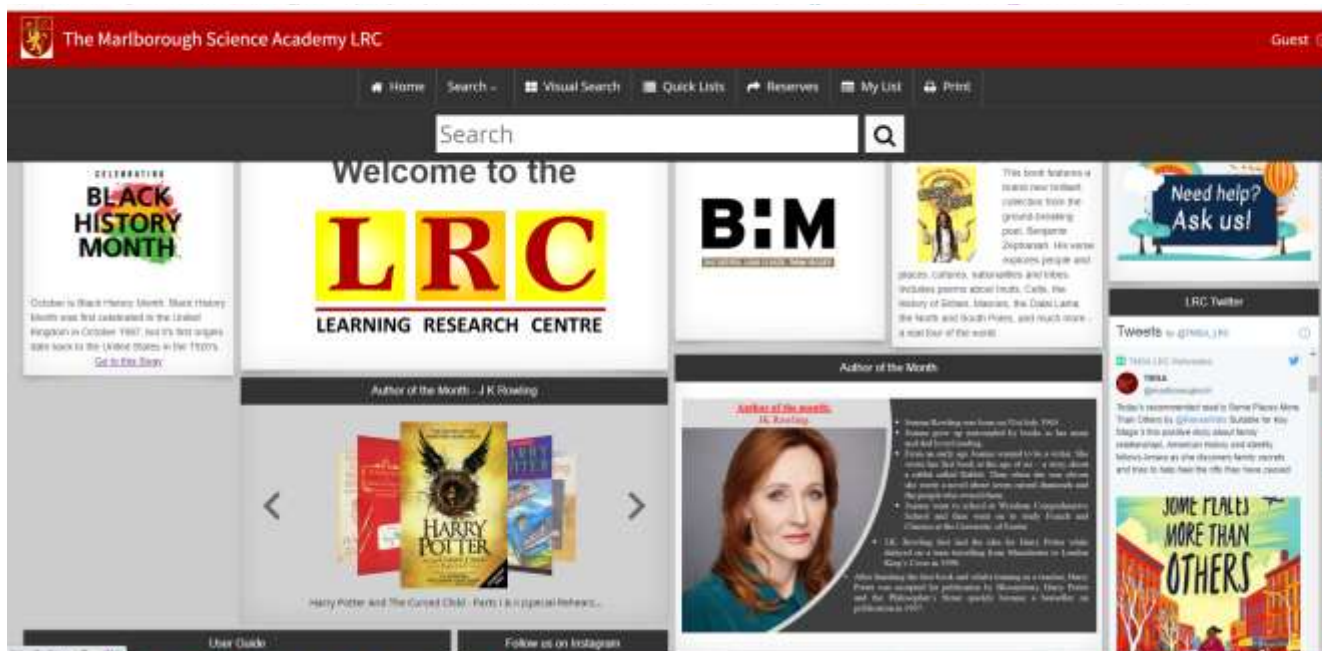
CELEBRATING
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LRC News

Despite not being open to students at break and lunch time there has been lots happening in the LRC.

We have a brand new library catalogue which enables students to access and browse the catalogue from any computer, tablet or smartphone whether in school or not. You can find the link on the school website under useful links—LRC Accessit or [here](#). When you arrive on the landing page you will be showing as 'guest' in the top right hand corner. You can browse the catalogue as a guest but students can login via SSO using their school email address and password to reserve books. There is a helpful video on the landing page which gives more information and if you have any questions please email us at LRC@marlborough.herts.sch.uk



We have also purchased a subscription to Wheeler's eplatform which provides access to both ebooks and audio books for students. These can be accessed from the library catalogue in the same way as physical resources and then downloaded to your device. Again, if there are any questions we will be happy to answer them.



LRC News

Children's Book Award 2020



Every year The Federation of Children's Book Groups hold the Children's Book Award. This is the only national award that is voted for entirely by children from start to finish. In previous years our students have taken part in discussion days with other schools, whilst we were not able to meet up with other schools this year some of our students helped to produce short videos for 6 of the shortlisted books which can be viewed from the FCBG website [here](#)

The award ceremony took place online on Saturday 10th October and can be viewed [here](#)

The overall winner was D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer

'Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question. Finding comfort only in the presence of his loyal dog, Finn, Jack is drawn to the heart-wrenching true story of one particular D-Day paratrooper. On 6 June 1944, Emile Corteil parachuted into France with his dog, Glen - and Jack is determined to discover their fate ... '



If any student who has read any of the shortlisted books for the award would like to do a piece of artwork, a review or a poem inspired by the book these will be compiled and sent to the authors. Please hand these in at the LRC or email them to s.nixon@marlborough.herts.sch.uk by Monday 2nd November at the latest.

The shortlisted books in Category 2, 3 and 4 are as follows;

Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson

Maker of Monsters by Lorraine Gregory

Mutant Zombies Cursed my School Trip by Matt Brown

D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer

Wildspark by Vashti Hardy

A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Becoming Dinah by Kit de Waal

Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen McManus



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We were also lucky enough to win free virtual author visits from Helen Dennis for all Year 7 students. These took place on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October. Helen is the author of The Secret Breakers series and the River of Ink series and talked to students about how she became a writer and the inspiration for her books. The students also had a chance to crack some codes themselves.



You can find out more about Helen and her books on her website helendennisbooks.com



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Students will have the chance to earn themselves some house points and win a copy of one of Helen's books by entering our competition to write a coded recipe. This is part of Helen's coding lessons on her Secret Breakers website [here](#). The competition is open to all Year 7 students. Please return your entries by Monday 2nd November either to the LRC or to your English teacher.



Lesson One:

Code Word Substitutions

This is a fairly simple way of swapping code words for other words in messages. For this to work, both the writer of the code and the reader have to know about the code words. You could have them on a separate list...or hide them at the bottom of your coded message. Here's a good example of a 'code word swap code' which Hunter Jenkins would particularly enjoy.

Hunter's Poison

- Take two frog's legs and place in the bottom of a cauldron
- (Line the inside of the cauldron with tar to make the poison extra effective.)
- Add blended blood and a sprinkling of flaked bones
- Serve chilled

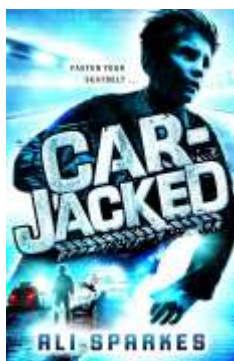
(poison = special shake; frog's legs = scoops of rocky road ice cream; cauldron = glass;
Tar = chocolate sauce; Blood = milk; Bones = nuts)

Can you have a go at writing your own recipe using code word replacements? Make your recipe as scrummy in real life as you can...and as horrible and as gory in code form as you dare!

The Big Read

We will be launching our Big Read for 2021 just before Christmas but our previous Big Reads, *I Have No Secrets* by Penny Joelson (2019) and *Car-Jacked* by Ali Sparkes (2020) have also proved popular with our new year 7 students and we have published some of their reviews on our LRC Instagram account. You can view our account [here](#)

Everyone who reads one of our Big Reads and writes a short review will also get one of our Big Read badges.



English Stars of the Month for September

The following students have been recognised by their English teacher for their hard work, consistent effort and pleasing work in September.



Ronnie Sutton, Litsa Veneti, Finlay Moffitt, Poppy Neill, Chloe Farrant, Lourenzo Scaldalai, Byron Chalk, Connor Palmer, Ollie Todd, Taylor Bryan, Sophie Do, Jasper James, Charlotte Dodd, Sophia Warren, Ben Clewlow, Amber Cutmore, Ellie Mae Dunleavy, Elle Douglas, Paige Cresswell, Lily Boswell, Ellie Law, Peter Ovenstone, Henry Savage, Ashleigh Tait, Isabelle Li, Wojciech Laskowski, Jade Albert, Xavier Bedford, Adriana Manby, Max French, Alice Ling, Sophie Silson, Charlie Mennie, Ella Rose Copley, Luke Rumsey, Chloe Fisher, Emily Boughton

Also well done to:

Freddie Palmiero

Emily Clarke

Millie Applebaum

Who were all nominated as Student of the Week in English this September. They have shown: an excellent work ethic in class, growing confidence in their subject knowledge and kindness to others.

Mrs Baker

This Week's Quote of the Week

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." (Princess Diana)

Word of the Week

Flim-flam (noun) To describe anything that is nonsense

Classics Corner



Welcome to the first instalment of Classics Corner!

Greece Trip, February 2020

Although it seems like such a long time ago now, it was only in February that we were lucky enough to spend six days touring Greece with our Year 9 and 13 Classicists. We started our tour in **Athens**, viewing awe-inspiring sites such as the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum.



We then ventured to the more mountainous region of ancient **Delphi**, which the ancient Greeks considered to be the centre of the world and the home of the oracle. Another highlight was visiting **Olympia**, where the original Olympic Games originated. Our students embraced their competitive streak by racing each other across the length of the ancient stadium, just like the athletes would have done over two thousand years ago!

What made this trip for me was the enthusiasm of our students and the way they embraced the culture and traditions of both modern and ancient Greece. In the current climate, we certainly feel privileged to have had the opportunity to travel around such a beautiful country, and we certainly hope to return in the future!

Miss Garrett



Latest news

Our new **Year 9** cohort have started their GCSE course learning the different roles and responsibilities of the Olympian gods.



Year 10 have been very busy consolidating all the topics they completed during the lockdown period, and are excited to start learning about life in Roman towns such as Pompeii, Herculaneum and of course, Rome.

(Left, the goddess *Athene*)

Year 12 have made a fantastic start to their A Level topic entitled 'The World of the Hero'. They are reading Homer's *Odyssey* which is often regarded as the greatest work of literature of all time. Click the link below to see what all the fuss is about!

<https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20180521-the-greatest-tale-ever-told> (Natalie Haynes)

Well done to all our students!

Miss Morrice



Classics in the news!

Scientists find intact brain cells in skull of man killed in Vesuvius eruption nearly 2,000 years ago

Some of our older students may remember visiting Herculaneum on our last Italy trip where we were able to see the famous skeletons in the boat-houses. New discoveries have been un-earthed! Click the link to read the full article: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/07/well-preserved-2000-year-old-brain-cells-found-in-vesuvius-victim>

Celebrating Diwali at Marlborough

This year Diwali will be celebrated on Saturday 14th November by thousands of Hindus and Sikhs across the world.

Diwali, also known as **Deepavali**, originated in India and is celebrated with great enthusiasm as it symbolises the victory of good over evil.

The celebrations last for 5 days and include prayers, use of lights and colours and feasting.



At Marlborough we will be highlighting Diwali in assembly and decorating the school with lights. Also, our talented catering manager has devised a special menu for the week leading up to Diwali.



A Local Hero

In 1917, during the First World War, King George V (The Queen's grandfather) created some new honours to recognise hard work and bravery by British citizens who were not fighting in the front lines but were providing essential support to troops at the front. Three titles were awarded to military people: CBE (Commander of the British Empire); OBE (Officer of the British Empire) and MBE (Member of the British Empire). Later these honours were also awarded to civilians who made significant contributions in the areas of the arts, charity, education, health etc in their local areas.

Normally, these honours are announced at the beginning of the year and on The Queen's birthday. Unusually, due to this corona-crisis chaos, this year an extra group of people have received awards. Among them was an elderly relative of mine, who has been a long-term local hero of the Bangladeshi community of St. Albans and the surrounding areas.



Dabirul Islam Choudhury, my great, great uncle, was born in 1920 in a small village in Bangladesh. He travelled to England in 1957 to study English Literature. He stayed to work as a foreman for Hawker Siddeley, after they bought the De Havilland Aircraft Company in 1960. He lived in St. Albans for a few decades and became a leader of the Bangladeshi community,



always involved in charity work. He continued to help the weak and needy when he moved to North London towards the end of the last millennium.

When I met him, he was eager to recite poetry to me and bragged about being awarded a prize by Queen Elizabeth II for his poetry. I was impressed by his command of English and his amazing memory. Two years ago, he showed me one of his several published poetry collections; it had a foreword written by the Queen!

Earlier this year, he was inspired by Captain Thomas Moore to walk laps of his garden. A hundred years old, he set out to raise one thousand pounds by walking a hundred laps while fasting during Ramadan. Neither I nor he imagined that he would end up walking 970 laps and raise £420,000 for people who had been adversely affected by COVID-19.



I started to see him on the community TV channel, then on the BBC news. His grandson sent me links to newspaper articles about him on The Independent website and other national newspapers. Best of all, he called me after recently receiving his OBE,

“Where are you, come to my house, come and see all the things the Queen gave me.”

I could imagine his beaming happy face. All the years of quietly helping others recognised by a great honour. He inspired me to write poetry, **he inspired thousands to donate to charity**. Whatever age you are, young or old, every small effort and contribution can make a difference. He proved that when we do something good for others, it is hard to guess the many benefits we might gain as a result of these humble actions.

Mohammed Rahman.

Teacher of Computer Science and ICT.



You can see a video of Mr Choudhury walking to raise money on The Independent website [here](#)

If you are planning to buy a real tree this Christmas please consider using Christmas Treeeasy and supporting the school at the same time.



Dear Parent,

With Christmas fast approaching its time to inform you of our fantastic Covid secure Christmas tree fund raising scheme that Christmas Treeeasy are able to offer through your school this year.

For every tree sold through your school, to both staff and parents, your relatives, friends and work colleagues, we will donate the sum of between £3 and £5 (size of tree dependant) to your school fund by the start of the end of the Christmas term.

Christmas Treeeasy specialise in only the very best top-grade trees available, the non-drop Nordmann Fir Christmas tree, which we deliver free of charge direct to your home. For a small additional fee there is also the option of recycling, whereby we collect and recycle trees in the New Year. For all your tree needs we also supply tree stands and bags of logs too!

This year we have eleven dates available for delivery (more dates may become available) and great trees are of short supply, so please order early to avoid disappointment.

HOW TO ORDER

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By phone, calling [07710 407149](tel:07710407149) or [07989 072090](tel:07989072090)

By direct email at enquiries@christmastreeeasy.co.uk this year's order form is attached.

You can also follow us and your delivery on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/christmastreeeasy and on Twitter: [@XmasTreeeasy](https://twitter.com/XmasTreeeasy)

Please make sure you mention your school in all correspondence to ensure a donation to your school.

'WIN' a full refund on your order, it has worked so well the last few years so we're keeping the offer for this Christmas. Tell your friends about us and if they purchase a tree, make sure that they inform us, via the order page online, of your recommendation and the winner will be the person who supplies the most recommendations; they will be notified and fully refunded before Christmas. Good luck!

I look forward seeing many of you soon.

Yours faithfully

Dean Turner

Christmas Treeeasy Ltd.

Careers News

Undergraduate virtual open days



In line with government guidance on COVID-19, we are offering virtual open days this autumn, supplemented with socially distanced campus tours.

The virtual open day will give you the opportunity to hear from lecturers and current students, see our campuses on virtual

tours and talk directly to our friendly staff and current students in live online Q&As.

The next open day is Saturday 21st November. Book using the link below

https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/open-days/open-days?utm_campaign=ug&utm_medium=email&utm_source=crm&utm_content=01-virtual-open-day-invite&utm_term=cta1-book-your-place

Virtual - Autumn Open Day

Date:

14 November 2020

Location:

Online

Time:

9.30am - 2pm



Discover your next steps after school with our Virtual Autumn Open Day.

Find out more about your options after your GCSEs, take a virtual tour, chat to tutors and see our amazing facilities. Make sure to check back closer to the time for all the information you need on how to attend our event.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for all the details.

<https://www.westherts.ac.uk/whats-on/events/virtual-autumn-open-day/>

Careers News

Year 12 students met with Sian Harris from the University of the Arts London last week in their PSHCE session. Sian talked about the wide variety of courses available at the university but also talked about university life in general, student finance, bursaries and scholarships.

Students can register to receive information and updates from the university [here](#) including details of webinars and activities to support them into Higher Education.



Sian also highlighted the online UCAS fairs and UK University Search fairs. All the virtual fairs that UAL are attending can be found [here](#)

For any students particularly interested in the arts this is what Sian had to say.

'For students that want further guidance about portfolios and personal statements, I would encourage them to watch our [webinars](#) and visit our [Youtube channel](#) where we have lots of information available.

Finally, for those really interested in UAL and what we have to offer, I recommend they download a [prospectus](#) and visit our [Graduate Showcase](#) (the largest online graduate showcase in the world no less! We partnered with IBM to put this together and it's very inspirational). '

Sian Harris—Student Recruitment Officer





Parents' Wellbeing Training

A free programme of support to manage increased overwhelm, anxiety or crisis within your family

Parenting can be lonely and if you don't feel supported in their struggle or your kids are struggling despite all of your care and attention, it can take a real toll on your wellbeing.

So whether you are feeling the pressure of life in lockdown, or the stress of supporting a child a long waiting list for specialist support, or simply feeling the pressure of family life, you will want to know about our fully funded support programme. This includes [3 practical online training sessions, to support you and provide practical tips for supporting your family's wellbeing.](#)

Training Session (on Zoom)	Date & Time	What you'll learn
Parents' Wellbeing Training	5 Nov 2020 10.00am	tools and techniques to discover your own inbuilt wellbeing and resilience
Supporting Children & Young People to Manage Anxiety and Stay Safe	10 Dec 2020 10.00am	how to support your child's wellbeing, including how to manage a mental health crisis
Suicide Prevention: Talking about Suicide 10 Tools	22 Jan 2021 1.00pm	how to have a conversation with a loved one about suicide and 10 tools to save a life



As part of this parent support programme, you will also be able to access OLLIE's weekly online Parents' Wellbeing Cafes. This is a safe space to share your experience, unpack what you have learnt from the training or simply to talk to other parents in similar situations. Each session will be led by an experienced Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Facilitator. The cafes will provide an informal place for connections and continued emotional support within your St Albans community.

To book your place, please complete the information below, by either completing this word document electronically and emailing it to louise@theolliefoundation.org, or by sending the following information within an email to the same email address.

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Mobile Number:	Ages of children
Address:	

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Sport's Future

Term Dates

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

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 to Thursday 25th March 2021

Half term

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Inset Day—Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021

Half term

Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

If you have any questions and are not sure who to ask
please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)



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