

Marlborough News

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Half term is upon us, it seems like no time at all since the last break and thankfully there is a ray of warmth in the air.

You will, I know be expecting an update re: our hacking incident of last weekend and quite rightly so.

The incident itself is being managed by a Cyber Crime Network Investigator, The Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit. Mr Fitzgibbon who has been assisting all of the above assures me that the culprit (culprits) are getting close to identification which is most reassuring.

The Police have asked me to convey this direct message as quoted

"police are investigating the initial incident and any reports of peoples' details being used in 'prank/mischievous' calls/communications is likely to see people being traced and being questioned in relation to the investigation".

Edulink are co-operating fully. I would of course have liked everything to be fixed and sorted before now but of course these things take time. Thank you for your patience and again thank you for your support.

I am very much looking forward to returning to school after half term, I can see school life returning to normal, but once again please can I ask you to talk to families at home about our values; in particular Dignity. We have resources in school to help young people deal with anxiety, rage or anger as opposed to getting themselves into either verbal or physical 'pickles'.

Year 11s and Year 13s have been fabulous – they have dealt with hard times most elegantly and with humour; they will go far.

Best wishes

Ms Thomson

Ano Thomson

Headteacher

Parental Feedback

We have had some amazing feedback and support from parents recently which is greatly appreciated by all staff.

'You have our full support as a family.'

'...as far as I'm concerned, (Marlborough is) the most incredible school I could wish for my daughter to be part of.'

'I want to thank each and every one of you.'

'I have always and will always speak very highly of the amazing school that you run and the staff that you employ with their great attitude and respect of all.'

'Thank you for everything you do.'

'As far as I'm
concerned Marlborough
is still the best school in
this area, and in the
words of my daughter
"I've never been so
happy in my life!" That
pretty much sums up
what a great job and
environment
Marlborough is as a
school.'

'We just wanted to drop you a line to say a HUGE THANK YOU to you and all your team for all you have done at Marlborough for (our son). He leaves the school today and we just wanted to say what an amazing experience he has had at Marlborough. He's excelled, he's enjoyed school, he's made fantastic friendships and he's got great relationships with your staff as well. You've really set him up for his next exciting journey in his life'

'You and the team have done an amazing job, especially over this past year, we really don't know how you've done it, but a big, big thank you.'

'You have always made the well-being & safety of your students and staff your paramount concern.' 'You're doing an incredible job,
Marlborough is such an inclusive school,'

'I trust you and your team know how much they are valued and respected by the majority, especially in these tough times we have endured in the pandemic.'

Shavuot

Seven weeks after Passover, Shavuot is celebrated to mark the end of the spring festival and the revelation of the Torah. Shavuot remembers the special event when God spoke directly to Moses presenting him with the 10 Commandments and other laws that make up the books of the Torah as we recognize it today.

Many spend the two-day festival staying up reading and learning from the Torah.

Dairy is consumed during this time and wheat to mark the end of the harvest and so a selection of cheesecakes were available from the Marlborough Brasserie. Miss Begum also created this display board and a form time quiz to inform staff and students about the festival.



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(Robert Browning)

Word of the Week

Cantankerous (adj.) Irritating or hard to get rid of.

Student Achievement

On Monday 17th May Phoebe Corbett 7EM had a very important hair cut. Phoebe had asked friends and family to sponsor her to raise money for the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. Phoebe aimed to raise £60 for the charity which is close to her heart as she has

witnessed the confidence these wigs can provide first hand in one of her friends. Phoebe managed to more than double her donation raising £129 for the charity as well as donating her hair. Well done Phoebe!







Non-uniform Day for India Covid Appeal

Thank you to all students, parents, carers and staff who donated a fantastic £2,735.76 during the Non-uniform day on Thursday 13th May. The school have topped this up to £3000 which has been sent to BAPS to support their India Covid Emergency Appeal. You can find out more about the appeal by clicking on the picture below.



Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires



All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are enrolled in a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader. Students take a comprehension test to assess their reading ability and this helps to guide them to select appropriate reading material. When students finish a book on the scheme they can take a short online quiz to check their understanding of what they have read. Students earn house points for each quiz that they pass.

The top readers have had a bit of a shuffle with Jacob Jennings 7AP moving from 6th place to 2nd place in the last few weeks.

Here are our top 10 readers so far this year.

Jody Neveling 9AS still tops the leader board with an amazing 4,856,762 words read.

Jacob Jennings 7AP is now in second place with 3,759,495 words read.

Megan Adams 9AD is in third place with 3,602,991 words read.

Eleanor McWilliams 9CG is in 4th place with 3,546,379 words read.

Lewis Cleaton 8EM is in 5th place with 2,179,856 words read.

Marielle Pollard 7RT is in 6th place with 1,960,210 words read.

Oliver Tomlins 7VL is in 7th place with 1,746,365 words read.

Jessica Bonnin 9FD is in 8th place with 1,513,525 words read.

Sarah Kaya 7AP is in 9th place with 1,343,519 words read.

Bernard Hornsby 7AP is in 10th place with 1,333,559 words read.

Don't forget that students can take Accelerated Reader quizzes at home at the moment. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been given the link to access the website by their English teacher and it is also available on the LRC Google Classroom and here. Students should know their username and password but if they have forgotten they can contact me on s.nixon@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Nixon - LRC Manager





LRC News

Big Read

Year 8 students did some fantastic work for our Big Read recently in art. Students looked at what makes a good book cover and worked through a prediction worksheet before creating alternative book covers for Armistice Runner. Some of the best examples are shown below and were also published on our social media accounts gaining a well done from the author Tom Palmer.





English Stars of the Month for May

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

Jack Gowers, Oscar Davis, Honey Smyth, Ellie Law, Harley Conroy, Charlotte Dwight, Grace Blow, Naseem Ali, Austin Bone, Jenan Sekkejha, Mason Wilcox, Abbie Beirman, Jamie Law, Taylor Bryan, Ben Matthews, Sabah Toorabally, Laila Stuart, Maddison Dixon, Alex Angelis, Fariha Hussain, Rosie McTavish

House Competition

Well done to Archie Leggat Martin 8EM for his winning entry in the Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Mio Evans 7EM came second and Paddy Morrissey 8TA was third. Their entries have been sent on to the Royal Mail to be entered into the national competition. The winning house with the most entries was Saturn followed by Mars, Neptune and Mercury. The standard of the designs was really high so well done to all students who took part. You can see some of the best entries on the next page.



House Competition







Mio Evans 7EM



























Farewell to Year 11

On Monday 17th May we said goodbye to some of our Year 11 students and celebrated with all Year 11 reflecting on their time at Marlborough. Students continued with the tradition of wearing fancy dress including the Year 11 Form Tutors dressing up as students.

We wish them all the best for their future after what has been a very difficult year.







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Favourites















Farewell to Year 13

On Friday 21st May we said goodbye to our Year 13 students with more fun and fancy dress. We wish them all the best for the future as they move on to university, apprenticeships or employment.





















Some Unexpected Visitors

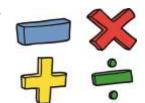
Miss Fogarty was very surprised to find these two uninvited guests in her classroom on Monday morning. The two peacocks are well known locally and were very reluctant to leave but eventually made their way home.





Online Maths Tuition

Eedi provide online maths tuition for students aged 9 - 14. They are currently offering this service free over the summer if you sign up before 15th June. Please follow the link for more information.



https://eedi.com/summer-club?via=teacher-invite



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Year 10 Ignition Workshop

We were delighted to welcome Dr Martijn Van Der Spoel into school on Thursday 20th May to work with our Year 10 students delivering a Ignition Workshop in Da Vinci hall.

The aim of the workshop was to support Year 10 in their preparation and transition into Year 11, focusing on how we learn, memory, preparation, study and revision skills. This provided students with a practical opportunity to engage with study skills and revision techniques.



The MO

Click on the image to read the latest edition of The MO.



Cultural Capital Enrichment Opportunities

We have developed an exciting new area on our school website on cultural capital for students to access and get involved in to expand their interests, knowledge and cultural experiences including virtual tours and exhibitions, films, research opportunities and enrichment activities.

Students who take part in the activities will develop key competencies including resilience, independence, creativity, research skills and critical thinking skills. They will also expand their knowledge and cultural awareness enabling them to develop their interests and widen future opportunities available to them.

Marlborough believes in shaping futures and developing the whole student. We pride ourselves on doing this well through a wide range of extra-curricular activities, trips and visiting speakers and whilst these are limited at the moment we will be continuing with these as soon as we are safely able to. The Cultural Capital activities are designed to complement these.

There are activities available for all year groups although we are currently concentrating on Years 7-10

Year 7 and 8 students should email their completed activities to Mrs Wood at KS3CC@marlborough.herts.sch.uk Year 9 and 10 students should email their completed activities to Miss McClusky at KS4CC@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

If a student has any interests or wants to develop a particular skill they can also send in an email to request this and we will do our best to gather the relevant materials.

The recent Cultural Capital assembly can be found here

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Mrs Wood and Miss McClusky

Cultural Capital Coordinators

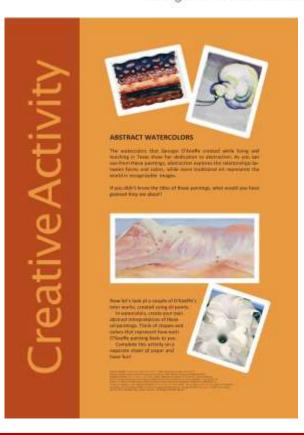
https://www.themarlboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/students/cultural-capital#

An example of the activities available on the website.





Georgia O'Keeffe Museum



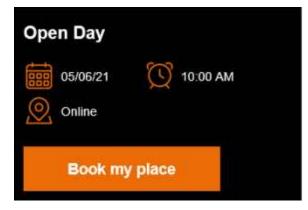
If you are interested in working in the digital creative industry, this virtual open day may be of interest. Escape Studios offer undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses in visual effects, game art, animation and motion graphics. Click on the image to book or find out more information.



It all starts with an Open Day...

As time is marching on, we're getting closer to our only Summer Online Open Day of the year! You can join us on <u>Saturday 5th June</u> to get an awesome insight into the world of Escape Studios.

If you've got a passion for Animation, Game Art or Visual Effects, we can teach you the skills you need to graduate studio ready.



Virtual Employer Enounters

Please follow the link below to view recordings of the Virtual Employer Encounters webinars from the Autumn term on the HOP (Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal). These cover many career options including Physiotherapy, Engineering, Motor Trade, Medicine and Finance. There are new live Webinars every Thursday.

https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/webinars/virtual-employer-encounters/









On Thursday 29th April Year 12 students were inspired by a presentation from Caroline Power on the subject of teaching English as a foreign language.



On Thursday 27th May we welcomed June Wilkinson from BAM Construction who gave a presentation to Year 12 students about career opportunities, degree apprenticeships and training provided by the company.









Year 11 students who are interested in a career in the football industry can find out more about the Player Education Programme at St Albans City FC by clicking on the images below



PATHWAY

The 2 year programme opens doorways to amazing opportunities, including degrees in Physical Education, Sports Management, Sports Coaching & Development, US College Scholarships or entering full time employment. We will help guide players with their decisions.

FURTHER EDUCATION







FULL TIME

US COLLEGE **SCHOLARSHIP**



HOW IT WORKS

The St Albans City Football Club Player Education Programme is a 2 year course. Students will be working towards the successful completion of a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Physical Activity (Sports Coaching).

- > 6-8 hours classroom based study per week
- > 6-8 hours elite training and coaching per week
- > 1 game in the National Youth League per week

To enrol prospective students will need to be between 16 and 19 years old, have a level 4 GCSE (or equivalent) in English and Maths. The course is accredited through NCFE and delivered by the vastly experienced Football Family organisation. The course selection process includes the following:

- > Player Education Programme introduction
- > Football open session
- > Formal interview

You can find out more and apply for the open session by contacting education@stalbanscityfc.com.

sustainability festival 2021



across St Albans, Harpenden & the villages



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@SustainableStA

23rd May - 6th June sustfest.org

100+ events



Activism & Optimism: with local politicians
Wednesday 2nd June, 7pm. Online. Free. Please book.
Event for young people aged 14-27 to talk all things
sustainable with the district's MPs and councillors.

Meet the Climate Change Engineer

Thursday 27th May, 6pm. Online. Free. Please book. Interactive session with the Woodcraft Folk (ages 6-15).

Helping Wild Hedgehogs with Hornbeam Wood

Saturday 29th May 2pm. Livestream from the sanctuary. How they help our garden friends and we can too.



Thursday 27th May. 7.30pm. £15. Please book. Discussion & showcase. Suitable for older teens & adults.

Plus: lots of family events especially at half term!

| butterflies in Heartwood | litter picks | seed bombs | | family trails | bug hunting | gardening for kids | crafts | | scavenger hunts | sustainable markets | photo comp |

All events and bookings at sustfest.org















SustFest 2021

As part of the Sustainability Festival 2021 all Key Stage 3 students will take part in a sustainability lesson. We are also expanding our plastic recycling scheme and developing two specific bee friendly gardens around school to improve the amount of pollinators which come to the school site.







MAY/JUNE FOOTBALL CAMP 2021

(For ages 5-16)

Run by ex-professionalWatford/Stoke player
Scouts will be attending
Goal Keeper Coach

Prizes to be won every day

All Coaches CRB checked



VENUE

Cotlandswick Leisure Centre 341 High Street London Colney. AL2 1EB

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DATES

May Monday 31st
June Tuesday 1st
June Wednesday 2nd
June Thursday 3rd
June Friday 4th

Times: 9am-3pm

Community News

As a Fire Cadet, what will I do?

As a fire cadet you will be treated as a young firefighter. You will be given your own uniform and will be expected to attend a weekly drill night that lasts 2 hours.

Here you will learn many of the skills of a firefighter and work towards some awards while having fun and making new friends. You will be expected to show a certain amount of discipline and commitment, just like a firefighter.

How often do Fire Cadets meet?

Once a week for 2 hours.

How much does it cost?

It is free

What will I get out of it?

Fire Cadets will provide you with many skills, including:

- · Working as part of a team
- problem solving and communication
- life skills
- Confidence building

Fire cadets also have the opportunity to gain many awards and qualifications like:

- · Cadet Firefighter Award
- Duke of Edinburgh
- First Aid
- Young Leaders in Action

Where do Fire Cadets meet?

We have 5 cadet units in Hertfordshire, you will join one of these;

- Royston
- Stevenage
- Cheshunt
- St Albans
- Watford





Who runs the Fire Cadets?

Whitst many of our Instructors are firefighters, a large number come from a wide variety of diverse backgrounds.

Our team are all specifically recruited Fire Cadet Instructors.

You may also get an opportunity to stay on with a cadet unit and become a Junior Instructor, with the further opportunity to become a Volunteer Cadet Instructor after the age of 18 years old

What is the National Fire Cadets Scheme?

- Fire Cadets is a nationally recognised educational programme open to young people aged from 14 to 17 years old
 - it supports young people to make a positive contribution to society
- it provides an opportunity to learn about, engage with and experience the fire and rescue service
- it enables young people to gain skills, knowledge and positive experiences in a fun, safe and secure environment
- it supports young people to develop life skills, increase confidence and raise self-esteem
 - it inspires young people to make positive life choices for their future



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Working to protect.
Acting to save.
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



Fire Cadets

A nationally recognised educational programme open to young people aged from 14 to 17 years old

you are over the age of 18 as a volunteer cadet instructor

For more information

please email:

If you have what it takes why not join us as a fire cadet or if

HFRS.Youth@hertfordshire.gov.uk



Community News





LIVE MUSIC RETURNS

to Hertfordshire and everyone's welcome 4-10 JUNE 2021





Principal Artist CHLOË HANSLIP (violin) HFoM FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA (Conductor: TOM HAMMOND)

Featured Living Composer JUDITH WEIR CBE

PLUS

FONTANELLA • ZRI

MATTHEW SHARP • FLORIAN MITREA





















Term Dates

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021

Bank holiday - Monday 3rd May Inset day - Friday 14th May 2021

Half term

Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September 2021 to Tuesday 21st December 2021

Half term Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Inset Days - Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Occasional Day - Friday 19th November 2021

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Half term Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Inset Day - Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

Half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Bank Holidays - Monday 2nd May 2022

Thursday 2nd June 2022 Friday 3rd June 2022

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



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