



Marlborough News

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The Marlborough
Science Academy



Dear Parents/Carers

Well, I think we can safely say that this has been an academic year like no other but as I write this letter, despite a rise in the number of positive cases of Covid amongst the student body I am seriously hoping that there will be light and it will shine upon us all soon, I think we most definitely deserve it!

It's difficult to sum up what has been a most disjointed year but as always, our students, your children adapted, rallied and coped admirably with all the changes necessary to keep us all safe. They still made me laugh whilst out on duty and they still made me smile. Watching a group dance to Luther Vandross in the canteen was a highlight and they still humbled me with their spirit, kindness and joy for life. Yes, there were a few ups and downs but that's only to be expected, that's the beauty of being at school either as a member of staff or a student you get 2 chances in the year to make a fresh start and I know for all of us September will certainly be that!

As with all years we are losing a number of staff who are heading off to pastures new or leaving us as their tenure with us has come to a close. In no particular order we bid farewell to Mr Hogan, Mrs Gustafson, Miss Douglas, Mrs Mares, Mr Parmar, Mr Leib, Ms Yasin, Mrs Dyde, Miss Morrice, Miss Denton, Ms Jegede, Mr Yeromenko, Miss Fulham and Miss Simons. We are of course sad to say goodbye and we wish them well in their new adventures. Special thanks must go to Mrs Dyde and Ms Gustafson for all they have done to bring music alive in our school and I know how much they did to support M festival; much talent has emerged from our student body as a result of their skills. Mrs Dyde, I know with her lovely encouraging way, taught some fabulous lessons that I was always delighted to happen across. Ms Gustafson too, must be credited too for all her imaginative and inspirational work in maths. Mr Hogan who has been teaching remotely from Ireland (a Covid plus, who knew before the pandemic that you could do that!). He has done such a lot to encourage a love of learning in D&T and not only that was a sage and professional member of our governing body; a really important role that he undertook with his usual skill and precision; we wish him every best wish and look forward to hearing about his new arrival any time soon. Ms Yasin is to be thanked for her lovely enthusiastic teaching of Biology and I know we will all miss her humour and smile. Mr Parmar and Mr Yeromenko have both been worth their weight in gold in their roles as our Network Management Team, not only did they support the school in getting to grips with remote learning during lockdown, but they have also been instrumental in assisting the school in all of our promotional aspects. Ms Jegede is to be credited with establishing Sociology very firmly as a subject to be reckoned with as part of our Post 16 provision and we know her legacy will be a strong one. We wish Miss Simons all the very best as she heads off to university, an ex-student she has been brilliant in supporting many of our learners who need a helping hand now and then and we bid farewell also to Miss Denton and Miss Fulham thanking them too for the work they have done to support many areas of the school particularly during Lockdown. Miss Morrice will be missed for her most excellent teaching of Classics undertaken as a maternity cover, the same heartfelt thanks must also go to Mr Lieb who has done a sterling job in teaching Drama, thank you to each and all for all their contributions to school life. Please be assured that we have made some very strong appointments to continue in the various subject areas, full details can be found on our website under the heading new staff, I know that you will give them all a grand welcome.

I don't think I can complete this Newsletter without giving a very special thank you to Mr Paice our Estates Manager and Covid expert, not only has he steered us all in ensuring safety across the school for staff and students alike but his skill of delivering the hard message with gravitas and humour is hard to beat, I think we would have been lost without him, supported of course by Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Dean, they have been such comfort to us all. Our new build starts on 19th July as well as work on new windows so if Mr Paice thought he was going to get a rest I fear he is sadly mistaken. All credit too must go to a skilled and supportive Leadership team, teachers who have really gone the extra mile to contend with many changes to their roles as well as all our support staff who have just been awesome in turning their hands to a myriad of tasks including testing, duties and track and trace, just a huge team effort and I am enormously grateful that they all chose to work at Marlborough. It's not been a normal year for anyone, I just know how grateful I am to be surrounded by such consummate professionals and it's nice to be able to say thank you in a letter I know will be read by many of you at home. I would also like to mention Mrs Sullivan at this point, a long standing hugely successful member of the PTA and founder member of the M Festival, she has resigned from her role to take on other projects, her impact in this role has been immeasurable, and we have so much to thank her for, she will be a miss but luckily remains with us in post

So, what of the future... as I write this, I am awaiting Boris Johnson's latest briefing. I am hoping beyond hope that we can promise our students a school life from September that is more like the ones they are used to with lots of clubs, opportunities for socialising and outstanding learning experience. I am hoping that as families you will all have a kind summer with an opportunity to do something lovely, whatever that will look like, and I am hoping for our exam students that they will get the exam grades needed to launch them on the next part of their learning journey. The Governors who work tirelessly for the school under the leadership of Mrs Walker Smith I know will join me in wishing them all the very best.

Thank you once again for all the supportive and uplifting emails that you have sent throughout the year, they have meant a lot. I look forward to seeing all of our students old and new in September ready for another year, prepared to learn and representing their school in smart school uniform, hurrah!!

Never have our values been more apt.

Dignity, Kindness, Compassion, Courage & Endeavour

Take care and have fun, it's been a tough year.

Aine Thomson

Ms Thomson
Headteacher



English Stars of the Month for June

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

Emily Constable, Gabriel Vardas, Andrea Chilianu, Harley Conroy, Mae Dawson, Jeyaan Aravinthan, Jo Tasker, Ollie Todd, Max Meanie, Daniel Salmon, Laila Stuart, Vlad Popescu, Alex Carter, Spencer Pateman, Ebba Taylor-Pugh, Nour El Gharib, Theo Hicks, Paige Cresswell, Lauren Pett, Euan Hermon, Grace Burke, Georgia McKenna, Jez Berry-Potts, Brandon Wilding, Jade Albert, Ava Hinds, Austin Bone, Charlotte Meads, Sophie Handley, Steph Nicolaou



English Stars of the Year



The following students have been nominated by their English teachers for their consistent hard work and attitude to learning this academic year.

Year 7

Molly Ling 7MM, Charlotte Hardcastle 7AR, Albert Baker 7RT, Rose Parker 7AP, Vasile Baes 7SL, Nio Afilaka 7AR, Mio Evans 7EM, Bessie Davis 7MM

Year 8

Maya Nassari 8EA, Rachel Howell 8EM, Ellie Law 8LW, Sofia Summers 8KB, Harry Brazier 8CC, Ani Creanga 8CC

Year 9

Annabel Blackford 9CG, Shimei Lamay 9FD, James Storey-Brown 9FD, Holly Vincent 9HA, Roberta Otim 9RV, Lauren Pett 9EF

Year 10

Brandon Wilding 10JG, Maha Brennan 10AK, Shion Evans 10AK, Callum Moore 10HF, Daruis Mafi 10JG, Charlotte Forster 10LL

Year 12

Jenna Hutton 12CJ



Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires



We have 14 word millionaires this year. These students have all read over a million words and some of them have read nearly 5 million. Miss Mitchell's Year 7 class read over 20 million words between them.

Here are our 14 Word Millionaires this year.

Jody Neveling 9AS is the number one reader this year with an amazing **5,463,553** words read.

Megan Adams 9AD finished in second place with **4,151,550** words read.

Eleanor McWilliams 9CG took third place with **4,121,212** words read.

Jacob Jennings 7AP is in 4th place with **4,102,263** words read.

Marielle Pollard 7RT is in 5th place with **2,701,354** words read.

Bernard Hornsby 7AP is in 6th place with **2,468,024** words read.

Oliver Tomlins 7VL is in 7th place with **2,451,761** words read.

Lewis Cleaton 8EM is in 8th place with **2,411,116** words read.

Sarah Kaya 7AP finished in 9th place with **1,787,574** words read.

Jessica Bonnin 9FD is in 10th place with **1,720,918** words read.



Just outside the top ten but still with over one million words read this year are:

Erin Hall 7SL - **1,578,157** words read

Ella Stirrat 9CG - **1,162,070** words read

Daisy Gill 9AS - **1,115,817** words read

Sara Urdaneta 9AS - **1,104,863** words read

This Week's Quote of the Week

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

(Mother Theresa)

Word of the Week

Cattywampus (noun) Something that is not arranged or in the right place.

Insight into Industry

On Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd June Year 9 took part in our Insight into Industry conference enjoying a variety of presentations and activities related to the world of work. Workshops included team building, problem solving, exploring employability skills and developing critical thinking with employers such as Herts Fire and Rescue, NHS and Aecom, plus learning providers University of Hertfordshire and Health and Care Academy.

The feedback from the students, staff and contributors was really positive and we hope that the event will help students start to think about their future career choices.



'I was most interested in Cyber Choices as I really like computers. It helped me to confirm that I want to be a computer scientist'



'I really liked the NHS session. I'm interested in the NHS and I love how they help and support people'





'The Aecom session with the Lego was fun'



'Aecom was interesting because they told you about the way they build a building and the planning behind it.'



'I enjoyed the session on starting a business as I am interested in doing that.'



'The activities with the firefighters were fun'



**Services for
Young People**



Hertfordshire University made me think about the future and all the possibilities. It was very informative.'

Tip of the Iceberg

On Friday 2nd July Year 9 took part in a PSHCEE workshop with Tip of the Iceberg Theatre Company. The students watched a performance exploring different relationships, mental health and the consequences of the decisions we make. This was followed by interactive workshops to discuss the issues raised.



On Tuesday 13th July Year 10 also had a visit from Tip of the Iceberg Theatre Company. This included a thought provoking performance exploring peer pressure, relationships and mental health followed by interactive workshops and a question and answer session.



The Big Read

Three more of Ms Day's Year 7 Drama classes have shared their performances of scenes from our Big Read, *Armistice Runner* by Tom Palmer. It was lovely to see some effective use of sound and the different ways that the chapters had been interpreted. There were also some fantastic costumes and props. A special mention goes to Melayna Chikhliya 7 for making a mountain rescue helicopter!



You can see some sections of the performances on the LRC Instagram account [here](#)



News from the PE Faculty

Well done to our boy's tennis team for reaching the LTA County Finals last week. They ultimately lost out to St Albans School but did amazingly well to get to the final.



District Sports Results

Our students have given some fantastic performances in the District Athletics this term.



Tegan Ridolfi 9AD
1st in Discus



Lauren Caldwell 9AS
2nd in Shot Put



Hollie Thornton 10BA
3rd in Shot Put
3rd in Hurdles



Dewayne Mitchell 9EF
3rd in Hurdles



Rosie Vass 10RY
1st in Discus



Oliver Reed 9AD
3rd in 200m

News from the PE Faculty

The following students have set all time school records in athletics this year.



Maxymus Kuszewski 7AP

Year 7 Hurdles

12.90 seconds



Daniel Gee 10BA

Year 10 Triple Jump

11.02 metres



Hollie Thornton 10BA

Year 10 Hurdles

15.5 seconds



Lauren Caldwell 9AS

Year 9 Shot Put

8.59 metres



Ruben Toroan Mares 10AK

Year 10 Long Jump

5.06 metres



Rosie Vass 10RY

Year 10 Discus

20.69 metres



Oliver Reed 9AD

Luca Lepley 9AS

Dewayne Mitchell 9EF

Kainye Iweka 9RV

Year 9 4 x 100 metre relay



Oliver Reed 9AD

Year 9 200 metres

25.1 seconds

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.themarlbroughscienceacademy.co.uk/students/cultural-capital#>

An example of the activities available on the website.

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Have your own night at the museum with this [interactive tour](#) that leads you through the winding hallways of the world's most interesting historical artefacts.



Vaccination Survey

Herts County Council need your help to gather views on vaccinations for young people aged 12-17. Please see the message and link to the survey below.

We are waiting a decision from Government on offering a vaccination programme for young people aged 12-17. In the meantime, we are running a survey to gather feedback from young people and parents and carers which we hope will help us to better understand their views and plan effectively should the government decide to go ahead.



The survey link is here: <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/PEC871/>


The survey closes on the 22 July.

PROFORMANCE

SENIOR SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAMP

FREE TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 - 16 WHO RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL COACHING
NUTRITIONAL MEAL +
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



Verulam School Playing Fields
FRIDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST, 10-3pm
FULL WEEK CAMP, 23rd - 27th August 2021, 10-3pm
BOOK WITH FREE SCHOOL MEAL CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL AT
www.sportinherts.org.uk/hafhappy



Find the support you need at the Families First Portal

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Visit the [portal](#) for more information, with direct links to:-

- 👑 Relationship Support
- 👑 Parenting advice and childcare
- 👑 Money advice
- 👑 Emotional and mental health
- 👑 Domestic abuse support
- 👑 Staying healthy
- 👑 Online Safety
- 👑 SEND Local Offer

and many other useful links



[@FamiliesFirstHerts](#)



[@FFHerts](#)

hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst



"I am struggling to cope with everything at present, so feeling overwhelmed."

"I'm worried about my child's behaviour in school and at home"

"I'm worried about money"

"I need reassurance and support"



12th June, 10th July, 14th August &
11th September 2021

Gates: Sellers - 7am, Buyers - 8:30am

Dudswell Field, Tring Road, HP4 3TA.

Sellers:

Car - £15

Van - £18

Refreshments available.

Buyers:

Adult - £2.00

Dogs welcome.

Car park on site.

Save £5.00 by pre-booking your pitch at
www.stfrancis.org.uk/carbootsales.



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SPORTING CHANCE

Age 12-16

All abilities welcome

No equipment / kit needed

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Starting Thursday
10th June 2021
5-6pm

Marlborough Pavilion
MUGA, Off Cottonmill
Lane, AL1 2EF





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Term Dates

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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