



Marlborough News

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The Marlborough
Science Academy



October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, that was a bit of a half term to say the least but as usual our school was vibrant, busy, warm and did I say busy....! We all got off to a cracking start and despite some little blips earlier on as we grew accustomed to school life without 'Bubbles' and business as usual re: clubs, activities, breaks and lunchtimes it really has been a great few weeks.

Open Evening was incredibly busy and since then we have been conducting lots of tours for families keen to see us in action. We conducted a Review recently observing 66 lessons which reflected some fantastic teaching and outstanding learning. Auditions have been held for the school production next year (Matilda – yippee!), a huge range of clubs and activities have got up and running again and over 140 Year 8s went wild on PGL ably supported by some willing staff (as well as brave) including myself.

Our new build seems to have taken over the front of the school but enormous progress is being made (very quickly) and work on the other side of the school has started too in the replacement of the new windows. We are excited too as we await the return of our lovely Hepworth restored and revitalised as it is; I've missed it.

There can be no doubting that Covid is still with us and thank you to all for continuing to test and record results, thank you too for keeping children at home if they are feeling unwell; this has helped a lot and I am grateful for your support. As a leadership team we do keep a weathered eye on the local landscape and review our procedures regularly to ensure that all risk assessments and plans are up to date and reflecting local guidance.

For next term we are reviewing home learning procedures with a view of rolling out a policy to start in January '22. Our exam classes will be busy with revision and PPEs and the point of writing we are still looking to host our Post 16 Evening (Monday 22nd November), Year 7 Social Evening (Monday 6th December) as face-to-face occasions as opposed to virtual – like I said we will keep you informed if anything changes. If you are investing in a new coat for your sons/daughters to wear to school, please can I ask that it is of a dark colour and does not include any obvious branding, I do have to say though that since our return, school uniform has been excellent; thank you for your support with this.

I hope you will all have safe, warm, and comfortable half terms.

Best wishes



Ms Thomson
Headteacher

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Maths Stars of this Half Term

The following students have been nominated by their Maths teacher for their hard work and consistent effort in their Maths lessons this half term.

Year 7

Lucy Lennox
Sloane Peters
Charlie Heeley
Alfie Collins
Laila Khan
Levi Smith
Romana Yasin



Year 10

Taylor Bryan
Holly Vincent
Jody Neveling
Litsa Veniti
Finn O'Regan
Bao Allibon
Evie Cussons
Blaise Mortimer
George Fryer
Joe Logan
Amy Oakley

Year 8

Luke Bunting
Lilac Wessing
Maya Selby
Emily Constable
Gabriella Akwoa
Marielle Pollard
Fatima Akhtar
Rajib Amin
Katie Denyer
Willow Ward
Abigail Tondat
Rohan Harrison
Phoebe Phoosunthorphardee
Melayna Chikhila



Year 11

Maya Brennan
Libby Key
Peter Cripps
Brandon Wilding
Archie Hobbs
Zaine El-Bouchiki
Isaac Uddin
Caitlin Mulrooney
Annabel Little
Rhylee Dutton
Charlotte Forster



Year 9

Tasnim Ahmed
Lauren Masoero
Chloe Rogers
Osian Gould
Mya Nasser
Florence Van Huet
Mae Dawson
Dhruv Sonigra
Callum McCloy
Jenan Sakkejha
Amelia Dovey
Sammy Palmer-Brown
Ellie Law
Jasmine Oates
Thomas Moffitt



News from the English Faculty

English Stars of the Month for September

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

Sophia Caldwell 7RG, Mio Evans 8EM, Anthony Caulfield 9SB, Shimai Lamey 10FC, Bradley Clarke 11AK, Elijah Fordjour 7AK, Harley Conroy 8SK, Andrew Marsh 10CG, Ashley Anthony 11LB, Maddie Scott 12SL, Jez Berry Potts 10CG, Honey Smyth 13LT, Daniel Gibbard 11EM, Megan Adams 10AD, Glyn Howells 8AP, Parker Boswell 7LO, Jahmai Lamey 8AR, Florence Van Huet 9KB, Andrea Chilianu 10EF, Sophie Silson 11LL, Harry Barnes 10AD, Katie Coleman 9CC, Freddie Nelson-Thorp 8MM, Abbi Cutmore 7LO, Maddison Dixon 9KA, Laila Stuart 11EM, Harry Ovington 12EW, Emma Pinchbeck 12SF, Fariha Hussain 13PA, Martina Xhepa 8DB



English Stars of the Month for October

These students have been nominated by their English teachers for consistent hard work and excellent attitude to learning during October.

Megan Quickendon 7FW, Sebastian Mendes de Moura 7AD, Marley Meads 8EM, Kieran Rickwood 9TA, Evie Cutmore 10EF, Billy Mardell-Smith 11EM, Emma DeCruz 8SK, Madeline Smith 10HA, Ava Hinds 11EM, Evie Summers 12SL, Fariha Hussain 13PA, Ellie Woodroof 7LO, Haleema Khanom 8VL, Carly Ager 9KB, Litsa Veneti 10CG, Mio Evans 8EM, Oscar Neil 9KA, Mason Wilcox 10HA, Bradley Clarke 11AK, Elsie Day 7AK, Jay Ryan-Little 8SK, Lois Punter 9EM, Reili Featherstone 10CG, Imogen Taylor 11JG, Annie Tasker 7RG, Chloe Coleman 8AP, James Storey-Brown 10FC, Shion Evans 11AK



Black History Month Year

Why is Black History celebrated?

It is a time to recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African or Caribbean heritage.

It's also an opportunity for people to learn more about the effects of racism and how to challenge negative stereotypes.

School activities

We provide a safe place for our students so that they can discuss their thoughts and ideas without fear of prejudice.

This year, staff have incorporated Black history within the curriculum. English, Art, Graphics/Media, PSHCEE, History and PE have dedicated lessons time to exploring issues surrounding Black history. Form time and assembly discussions were adapted to reflect the theme of the Month. Although Black History Month starts in October, Marlborough aims to celebrate throughout the year.

On Thursday 21st October, students enjoyed special menu prepared in the canteen which featured meals inspired by African and Caribbean flavours and ingredients.

Competition time:

Writing task: My Black history
Students and teachers may enter a poem, speech, short story or an article.
They must explain what Black history means to them.

Media - A Celebration of Black history
Design a poster or magazine cover which celebrates and promotes Black history month.

Reminders

Competition winners will be announced in the next newsletter.



Black History Month

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Click on the image left to see a Sway with information about the origins of Black History Month and some of the fantastic books by Black authors which are available to borrow from the LRC. There are also examples of some of the stunning posters that are currently displayed around school.

Below is the special menu created by our caterers in honour of Black History Month.



Diwali

Often referred to as the festival of lights, (or Deepavali in south India), Diwali is a time for religious rituals and sharing traditional stories. It's also an opportunity to spruce up the home, buy new clothes, and, of course, enjoy parties, feasting and an exchange of gifts.



In India, it's a five-day festival featuring different ceremonies each day, with the third day being the main event.

On Diwali night, most Hindus offer prayers to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, and Ganesh, the god representing good fortune and wisdom for the coming year.

Diwali

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

4TH NOVEMBER 2021

TMSA HOUSE NEWS 2021

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF.



NEW YEAR 7 FORMS AND THEIR HOUSES

7JI & 7FW

Mars

7RG & 7AK

Mercury

7LO & 7MO

Neptune

7AD & 7MR

Saturn

IT'S A 4 HORSE RACE



WHO WILL BE THE 2020/21 HOUSE CHAMPION

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM TO FIND OUT BEFORE THE REST OF THE SCHOOL WHO HAS WON THE 2020/21 HOUSE COMPETITION.

@TMSA_HOUSE

LRC News

Accelerated Reader

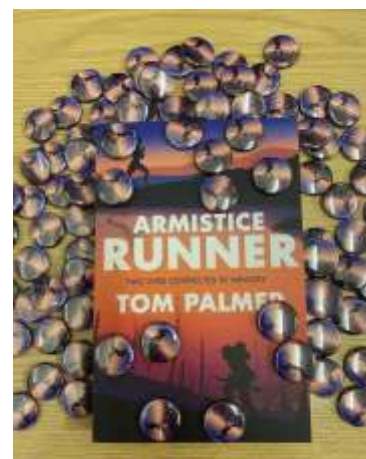
All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are enrolled in a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader. Students take a comprehension test to assess their reading ability and this helps to guide them to select appropriate reading material. When students finish a book on the scheme they can take a short online quiz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



Students can take Accelerated Reader book quizzes at home Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6pm. The link for Renaissance Learning, who host the quizzes, is in the useful links section of the school website. Students should know their username and password but if they have forgotten they can contact me on s.nixon@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

The Big Read

Every year we choose one book which we encourage all students, staff, parents and carers to read and discuss. Our Big Read for 2021 is Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer and any student who reads the book and writes a short review will receive a specially designed badge. We also publish the best reviews on our social media accounts.



Book Club



A small group of Year 7 students have been attending book club in the LRC on Tuesday after school. We have been reading a previous Marlborough Big Read, I Have No Secrets by Penny Joelson, using Book Clubs in Schools guide which provides linked activities and questions to prompt discussion. The final session on this book will be after half term and more students are always welcome to join us.



Look out for information about what is going on in the LRC on our social media channels via the images below.

Mrs Nixon



The Prae Wood Book Boxes.

Before Covid some of Prae Wood Primary School's gifted and talented Year 6 pupils came to Marlborough for a technology masterclass.

The brief was simple: Book Boxes for children.

Working with our own gifted and talented students, and Mr Hogan, the pupils built four large book boxes for the children to donate and exchange their loved books. We were delighted to see the four little libraries up and running around the school. It's clear they are being well used and are another way to help students find a book for every occasion.

Happy reading, Prae Wood!

Below is a section from Prae Wood's newsletter.

Book Boxes for children



We are passionate about reading at Prae Wood and are so excited that our four 'free little library' book boxes are up and running around our school! These book-sharing boxes were made by past pupils of Prae Wood alongside pupils studying design and technology at Marlborough Secondary School. We have a box for Foundation stage pupils, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and for parents and carers (this is situated outside the school office.) Anyone may take a book to read at breaktimes or even take home. Don't worry as you do not need to share a book in order to take one. It would be fantastic if you take a book or two, to replace them with ones you think someone in your Key Stage would enjoy. Happy reading!

This Week's Quote of the Week

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we can leave behind".

(C S Lewis)

Word of the Week

Perseverance: noun – to keep attempting at something even if you don't succeed at first

Value of the Week

Dignity

The Marlborough Science Academy Cup is back!



Each year, The Marlborough Science Academy hosts a series of quizzes and competitions for local primary schools. The TMSA Cup offers the chance for local primary schools to compete in a series of subject based quizzes that culminate in a general knowledge quiz at the end of the year. It also provides our students with the opportunity to help write the quizzes as well as compete.

Earlier this month, the Maths department ran the first of six quizzes. Miss Sutton and her team welcomed five primary schools into Pascal to compete in a range of rounds. Over 50 students pitted their wits against one another in what turned out to be a very tight set of results. Mandeville were victorious, closely followed by Prae Wood and then Killigrew. Congratulations to all who took part.



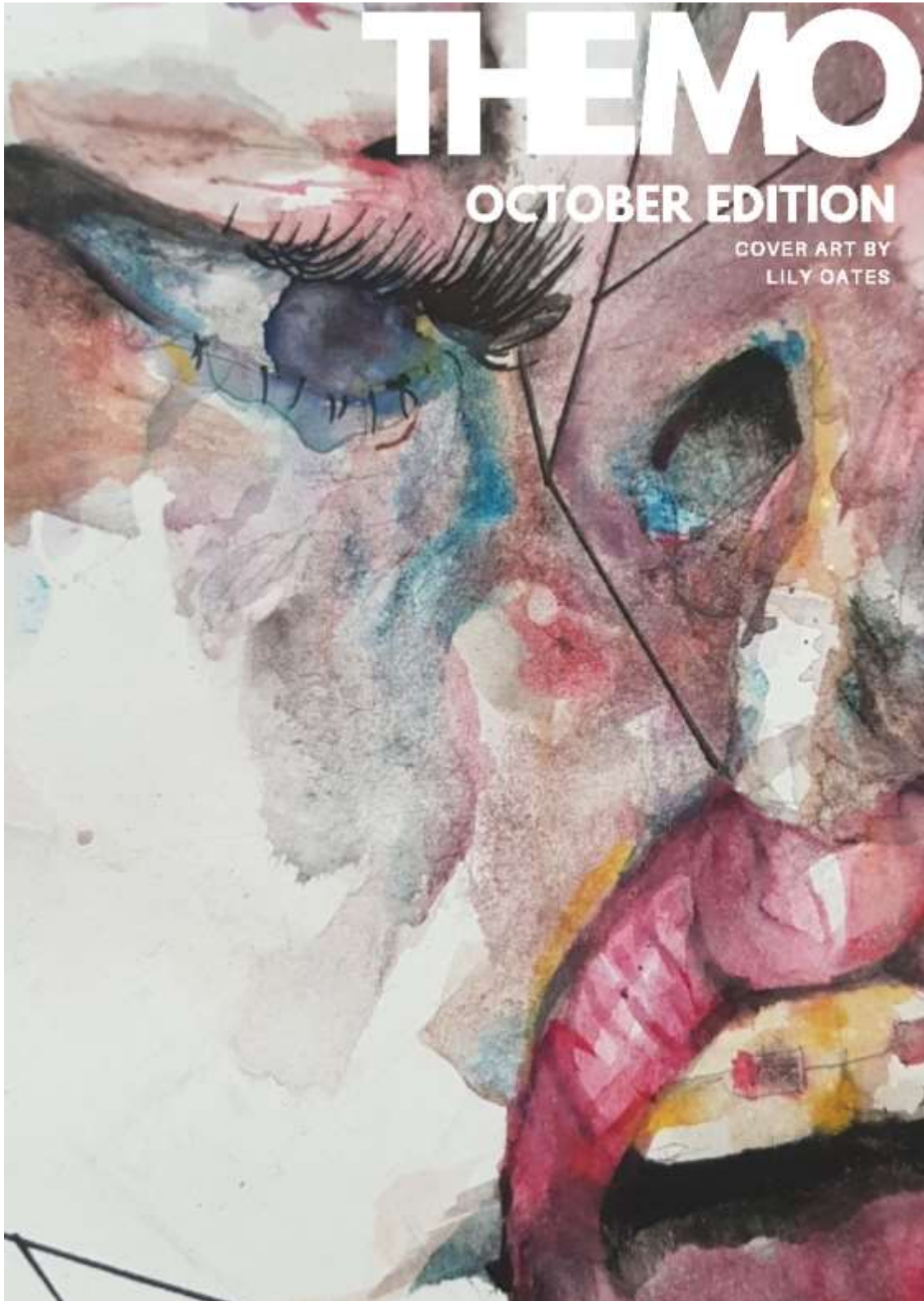
The next event will be in December when students will have a core subject quiz. We wish all our future competitors luck!

The MO

The latest edition of The MO is now available to read on the school website or by clicking on the image below.

The Mo is written and produced entirely by our students and consequently it reflects some young adult views on a variety of brilliant (yet sometimes challenging) topics that as parents you may wish to read first.

We hope you enjoy.



Oracy at Marlborough

Each week, as part of form time, students participate in an Oracy focus. Students discuss some of the big issues that can arise as being part of a school, local, national, or global community.

The discussions allow students to develop their speaking and listening skills and the behaviours and language necessary for effective communication.

At the end of each week, students vote in an online poll, enabling the whole school to have a voice. Here are the results of our Oracy

Discussions at
Marlborough:



Week 1: 60.4% of students believe that trust is better than honesty



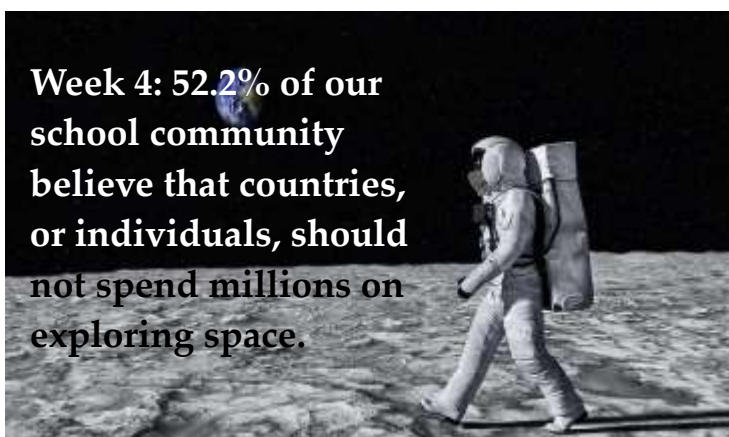
Week 2: 54.8% of our students think that all children should learn sign language.



Week 3: 82.6% of our school community believe climate control can be limited



Week 4: 52.2% of our school community believe that countries, or individuals, should not spend millions on exploring space.



Week 5: 65.8% of Marlborough students believe teachers and students should follow the same rules.



Student Parliament

As you may know, our school parliament is open to all students. There is no need for hustings or polls, elections, or gentle cajoling! Rather, all students need to do is to log onto the Parliament Google Classroom and they are able to be part of something incredible!

In recent years, our school parliament has raised £1000s for charity, as well as helping to make our school community more economically sustainable and helping to come up with ideas to improve the school experience for our students.

Last year, students in parliament were able to see advanced drawings of the new build that is currently underway and were invited to be involved in the redesign of our Jubilee Gardens.

Students were able to put ideas forward and were empowered, by Mr Paice, to come up with ways to make the new Jubilee Garden an even more welcoming space for students. If you have been fortunate enough to see the new garden, you will agree that it is a triumph. Our new round picnic tables are made from recycled plastic, the sails are

adorned with beautiful festoon lights, our water feature has been elevated and takes pride of place, the raised beds are full of fragrant evergreen shrubs and our cherished commemorative school gate is in situ.



This year, parliament continues to grow in strength, in voice and in number. If your child would like to be involved, all they need to do is find the class code on their Edulink message, see me, or visit the Parliament notice board for more information.

Ms Redfern



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Sunday 14th November 10.30-11.30am

in DaVinci Hall

Good quality clean uniform for sale. All proceeds go to the PTA.

WANTED – Your old uniform!

Donations are welcome on the day or can be left at school reception during the week. Enquiries can be emailed to pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Please use 'Uniform' as the subject.



Parenting Smart (Place2Be)



The Children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can be found [here](#) or by clicking on the image above.

YOUR CAREER STARTS HERE

READ OUR TOP TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN **ANY** JOB APPLICATION



APPLICATION

SHOW HOW YOU MEET THE ROLE REQUIREMENTS.



Tip:

Research the employer and role thoroughly. Keep your CV and covering letter clear and concise, tailoring to the position with relevant, real life examples of why you would be good for the role.

If you go blank, don't panic! Take your time, breathe and clarify the question. It's ok to think before you answer. If you feel you missed something important then include it in a follow up email after the interview.
Seonid, Recruiter, Army Careers Centre, Bolton

SHORTLISTING

THE EMPLOYER CHOOSES WHO TO INTERVIEW.



INTERVIEW

IMPRESS THE EMPLOYER FACE-TO-FACE.



Tip:

Plan and prepare - think of key words to remember and a few questions to ask. Arrive on time, make eye contact, smile and be polite. Be yourself and be honest. Say thanks!

OFFER

THE EMPLOYER OFFERS THE JOB TO THE PERSON(S) THAT MOST IMPRESSED THEM.



ASSESSMENT

COMPLETE ANY TESTS OR ASSESSMENTS.



Tip:

Complete any practice tests. Stay calm, ask questions if unsure and focus on the requirements.

ACCEPTANCE

AGREE TO THE JOB TERMS, HOURS AND RATES/SALARY.



If you have any questions, call us on **0345 600 8080** or visit your local Army Careers Centre.

Army Jobs

Careers Information



October's edition of the Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available [here](#), including articles about T Levels, traineeships, apprenticeships and SEND. There are also new standards and news from the BAME awards.



Thinking about your next steps after school or college?

Join our free student webinar!

Are you 16-18 and looking at your next steps? Want to gain new skills and earn money at the same time? Then join Success at School's FREE student insight webinar on **Thursday 11th November at 4.30pm - 5.00pm** in partnership with BT, where you'll get the lowdown on all things BT apprenticeships.

Hear directly from a BT recruiter and current apprentice on:

- Apprenticeships at BT and the different roles available
- What to expect from an apprenticeship
- Progression opportunities
- Tips on how to apply and make sure your application stands out from the crowd
- PLUS a Q and A session, so you can get all of your burning questions answered





OAKLANDS COLLEGE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN EVENTS

St Albans Campus	Welwyn Garden City Campus
13 NOV 2021 10am-2pm	10 NOV 2021 5-8pm
8 FEB 2022 5-8pm	9 FEB 2022 5-8pm
27 APR 2022 5-7pm	28 APR 2022 5-7pm

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TEACHING EXCELLENCE YEARS

Find out more at
www.oaklands.ac.uk
or call: **01727 737 000**

Careers Information

St Albans Campus

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 6XR

- Accounting & Bookkeeping
- Animal Management & Agriculture
- Art, Fashion & Design
- Brickwork & Multi-Trades
- Business
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Computing & IT
- Electrical Installation
- ESOL
- Equine
- GCSEs
- Horticulture
- Hospitality & Catering
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Public Services
- Sports Studies
- Teacher Training

Welwyn Garden City Campus

The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AH

- Applied Science
- Business
- Childcare & Early Years
- Computing & IT
- Construction Management & Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- ESOL
- GCSEs
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Travel & Tourism

Find out more at
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NHS Cadets Programme

14-16 years old?

Join us on the
NHS Cadets Programme
starting this Autumn.



The NHS Cadets Programme will help you learn important skills, develop confidence and improve your CV and employability.

Sessions take place once a week until Summer 2022 and will offer a mix of activities and training that can support you to find a career in the NHS.

Whether you want to cook, count, clean or be a clinician, there is a job in the NHS for you!

For more information about
the programme, please contact
NHSCadets@hertfordshire.gov.uk

In partnership with
NHS England and
NHS Improvement



Services for
Young People



From September 2021, young people aged 14-16, in year 9, 10 and 11 across Hertfordshire, will have the opportunity to take part in an exciting volunteer programme: **NHS Cadets**, run by Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People in partnership with NHS England, NHS Improvement and St John's Ambulance.

NHS Cadets will also take part in meaningful volunteering and social action projects, enhancing their CV and job prospects.

The NHS is one of the biggest employers in the world – It's definitely not all medical!

From admin to gardening, maintenance to cooking, cleaning and befriending, there is an important job and vital role for you to play within the NHS.

For more information and to sign up to the programme, please contact
NHSCadets@hertfordshire.gov.uk
or Tel: 01992 555802

For information about **Services for Young People** contact **0300 123 7538** or go to **www.servicesforyoungpeople.org**

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Young People



Specialised Learning News

You can find out more about the course below by clicking on the image and this and other information and resources to support you and your child are also available on the SEND Provision page of the school website [here](#)



Online Education Programme for Parents/ Carers of secondary school aged young people who are using a CAMHS* Clinic, Step2 or Counselling Service.

* Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

This free course, held over six weeks, will provide you as parents/carers with skills and support to help your child and improve your health and wellbeing.

Community News

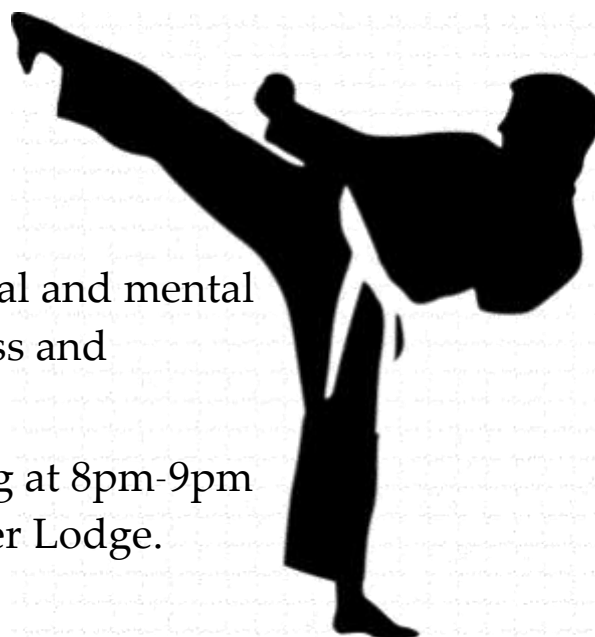
Martial Arts for Teenagers!

Tang Soo Do classes run by Master Meakins 7th Dan black belt and ex pupil of the school.

Come along to improve your physical and mental wellbeing by building up your fitness and confidence.

Class details: Every Monday evening at 8pm-9pm on Court 1, Main Hall at Westminster Lodge.

Price £7





Call Lauren on
07852 982753

*Tuesdays 5-6pm
Thursdays 6-7pm
Fridays 6.45-7.45pm*

Guided swimming sessions for children and adults who are competent at swimming lengths and would like to improve their fitness, technique and stamina

Sign up for either 1 or more hourly sessions a week

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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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