

Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, the bunting is already up and around the school ready for our Jubilee celebrations, all we need now is the weather so fingers crossed! Mr Pressland and Mrs Redfern have done so much work behind the scenes to make sure our Jubilee celebrations are successful, I am desperate for the sun to shine! I am hoping that we will have a great afternoon with a grand old fashioned "knees up" and beef dripping sandwiches!

Sadly, we say goodbye to our receptionist Mrs Sullivan. Mrs Sullivan is a parent of 3 children who have all studied at Marlborough and gone on to great successes. She has also been instrumental in supporting the school, either as chair of the PTA or in her most prominent role supporting the 'M' Festival. Mrs Sullivan is most certainly a tour de force, everything she does she does with 100% commitment, energy and passion. She will be a big miss professionally and personally. We wish her all the very best going forward. I think travel features very highly in her plans and I write that without a jealous bone in my body.

As always it's been a busy half term, lots of Game Changer activities, science events, trips, planning for the new cohort, planning for some exciting additions to the site, staff changes and of course leaving celebrations for Year 11s and Year 13s. I can honestly say, both occasions went off without a hitch, seeing *huge* inflatable dinosaurs lumbering their way across the zebra crossing certainly made my day and made me smile, Mrs Eastwood did a great job with her team as did Mr Atterton. It was just nice to see students having fun and being daft after what has been a pretty tough old time.

So, I hope that you will all enjoy the half term and hopefully you will be celebrating the Jubilee with a street party or at least indulging in jam sandwiches! However you are spending your week in what we all know are more troubled times, I hope you find some sunshine, fun and joy along the way.

Best Wishes,

Ms A Thomson

Ane Thomson

Headteacher











Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

This afternoon we are holding our Jubilee Tea Party. Below are a few photos of the festivities. There will be a full report in the next newsletter.















Student Achievement

Alice Bernardini 11LB, currently sitting her GCSEs, has ranked in the top 10 of a recent national design competition to be exhibited in the Victoria and Albert Museum, Kingston, London. The competition in partnership with the Royal Household and the V&A was to design an emblem to be used throughout the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, this coming June.



Aimed at young people between the ages of 13 to 25, all the emblem designs went in front of a tough panel of judges including graphic designers, visual artists and design professionals, experts from the V&A, the Royal College of Art,



the Design Museum, and a representative from the Royal Household, chaired by V&A Director Tristram Hunt. The winning design is set to be used on merchandise, all TV coverage, websites and the Royal Family's official social media accounts.

Alice's design consisted of a simplistic but elegant crown design sat on top of a large solid strong looking number 70, this was to represent the Queen's long and strong reign. Alice then set about deciding on her choice of colours, her first design remained all black. The use of black was to represent the Queen's elegance, strength and her power. Whilst not everyone has a positive opinion on the use of black, top fashion designs and the wealthy use black as a way to represent power, elegance and sophistication. Alice's other design incorporated the use of green and gold, colours linked to extravagance, wealth, riches, and vibrant health as well as life and renewal. Her other final design used blue and red, as a way of representing the Union Jack to symbolise the reign of Queen Elizabeth throughout the UK.



Alice's and the nine other entries will be exhibited at the V&A outside their National Art Library between June 1st and June 15th. Alice will spend the platinum jubilee dancing in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

Ms Leggatt

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ethan Ogilvie 8VL who competed in The Men's London Open Championships at Redbridge on Friday 13th May.

Ethan competed in the under 16 category, placing 6^{th} overall, with 1^{st} place on the parallel bars, 2^{nd} on the high bar, 4^{th} on floor and 5^{th} on rings

A very successful competition!





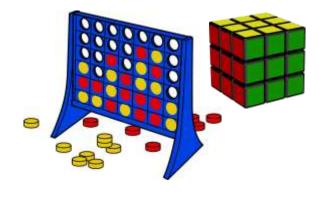
House Games Competition

Our student parliament organised and ran a board game house competition on Friday 6th May. Miles Punter 11EM and Sabah Toorabally 11LB, gave up their time to brainstorm, plan and run a really enjoyable house competition. All the students who took part seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves in the variety of games on offer. It was really pleasing to see our students having the **endeavour** and **courage** to run such an event.

Mr Vivian - Head of Houses









Creative iMedia Photo Competition

Create iMedia students took part in a competition where they had to take photographs following two different composition rules. After lots of votes by staff, the results are in...



Jack Laurence 9TA received the most votes for his image following the 'rule of thirds', where key features of a photograph are arranged along horizontal and vertical lines which divide an image into a 3 x 3 grid.

Charlotte Dwight 9EM received the most votes for this photograph on the concept of 'leading lines', where lines in the photograph draw your attention towards a focus point in the picture.



Well done Jack and Charlotte for these excellent photographs, and congratulations to the other students who produced many other excellent entries to the competition.

Mr Rutherford

Matilda Jr

Having squeezed our 2020 production of The Grimm Tales in just days before the first lockdown and not having a production in 2021, we were back with a bang this year.



learn lines, songs and dances - they develop teamwork skills, resilience, commitment, cross year group friendships and endless memories which in turn are all good for mental health.

I thoroughly enjoyed directing this show, the cast and crew were brilliant, the songs were fun, even if they were stuck in my head for months and the characters brought to life by our students were entertaining.

I am incredibly proud of the whole cast and crew! On to planning next year! (before you ask I don't know what the show will be yet)

68 students from Year 7 to 13, 6 staff, 4 evening performances, 2 matinees, 2 primary workshops, and due to a show night power cut, 2 performances in one night - we made it through a week long run of Matilda Jr and it was FABULOUS!

The positive effects of a school production reach much further than simply performance skills, not having a show last year really highlighted this to me. Students don't simply



Mrs Griggs



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"Being a part of productions during my time at Marlborough has been an amazing experience, I can't believe Matilda was my last show. I will be back next year to visit and watch the show."



"Matilda has been the best experience at Marlborough so far!"









"This was my first show and it's been great to get to know lots of new friends, I will be auditioning again next year"





Primary workshops

Every year we invite some of our local primary schools to come along and watch matinee performances of our annual school production. In fact many of our students come along to auditions having been in a primary audience years beforehand and inspired to take part. This year we took it a step further, after the matinee performances with Abbey School and St Peter's School taking up our invitation and stayed behind to do a workshop with our cast.



The Marlborough students taught the primary children 'Revolting Children', one of the songs and dances from the show. It was fabulous watching our students working with the younger children and I think both Marlborough and primary

students really enjoyed their day.

Thank you for the opportunity to watch Matilda the play yesterday - the performance was brilliant and inspired many of our children. The acting and singing from the Marlborough students was brilliant and our children were engaged for the entire time!

The workshop in the afternoon was exciting, it kept their attention throughout the whole afternoon and all of our pupils were able to engage and progress their skills as a result. They have all been talking about how brilliant it was and raised their excitement levels for our own production in the summer term.

It was amazing that within 2 hours they were able to perform so confidently the singing and dancing-your students were a credit to you in enabling this- and it is an experience all of them will remember! - St Peter's School

"I really enjoyed teaching the younger children the dance and song, they were really good but it has made me realise how hard teachers jobs are!"

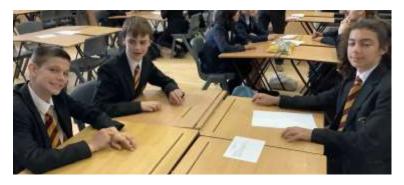


"I was really impressed with how quickly the children picked up the song and dance we taught them."

News from the Maths Faculty

A team of Year 8 mathematicians took part in the final of the Herts for Learning Maths Challenge at Marriotts School in Stevenage. Our brilliant team came a very respectable 12th place out of 72.

Well done to Oliver Tomlins 8VL, Jacob Jennings 8AP and Gethin Dorrington 8VL and grateful thanks to Mr Port for driving the minibus and Mrs Afford for accompanying the students and cheerleading.





On Friday 20th May Year 11 students had a last minute study session and breakfast before their first maths exam.

Mrs Greenwood







Year 8 Monster Pots





















Year 8 students have been designing and making monster themed clay pots in their art lessons this half term.



































English Stars of the Month for May

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

Filip Nawrat 7AK, Freddie Hill 7JI, Sammy Scott 7LO, Aimee Lee 7MR, Pierre Rouchy 8AP, Marley Meads 8EM, Freddie Nelson-Thorpe 8MM, Matilde de Sousa 8MM, Sana Patel 8MM, Lily Searl 9EM, Sofia Summers 9KB, Abigail Melsom 9LW, Francis Lawrence 9TA, Mya Levic 10AD, David Limonts 10AS, Isa Khan 10CG, Lisa Hutton 10FC, Katie Storey Brown 10RV, Bradley Clarke 11AK,

Emily Payne 11AK, Ishika Kumar 11BA, Jessica Hardcastle 11HF, Alex Angelis 11LB, Sophie Silson 11LL, Harry Ovington 12EW, Callum Seabrook 12SF, Amy Bilson 12SL, Evie Summers 12SL, Emily Davidson 13AA

This Week's Quote of the Week

"It isn't where you came from. It's where you're going that counts" (Ella Fitzgerald)

Word of the Week

Gerrymander: verb – to manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favour one party or class

Value of the Week

Dignity

Year 8 Drama Game Changer Day

On Tuesday 8th February a group of Year 8 students had the opportunity to attend a full day drama workshop, run by SASA Theatre Company, which focused on creating characters using physical theatre. Students were encouraged to explore the different character traits of animals and interpret them in human form.



Photos from the day show how much the students enjoyed working in groups , sometimes with those they had never worked with before. The whole experience allowed the students to boost

their confidence in drama while working together. The students really took notice of every piece of advice and guidance given to them with so much positivity.

They put so much effort and passion into the day, they were a true credit to Marlborough and should be proud of themselves

Mrs A Day





"I know more skills like how to move around as that character. It also has given me more confidence."





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"It was absolutely amazing..."





"I enjoyed the fact that we could put our own spin on our performances."

"It helped with my improvisation and creativity."



Art and English Picture Book Workshop

Over the course of the last two weeks Year 8 Art and English students have been working with the respective departments to write and illustrate their very own picture books. Once completed we plan to take our young authors and illustrators to a local primary school where they can share their stories.



Mr Theivamanoharan started the two weeks off with a session in the LRC,

which first involved students discussing their memories of children's fiction. Students then broke into groups and dissected different children's stories, identifying what techniques writers used to make them so engaging. From there students considered how to plot their short stories, and by the afternoon developed these ideas into living, breathing words. Tales ranged from alien invasions to what it would be like to have dinosaurs for next-door neighbours. The end results were delightful, so too the young people that wrote them.



'I thought the writing was very challenging in the sense that I had to adapt my vocabulary, but

easy in the sense that I wasn't having to use such adventurous words.' Alfie Lissner 8SK



Ms Leggatt then took the budding young artists to illustrate their stories. The day started with a discussion on well-known illustrators, their styles and techniques, before moving on to discuss the characters the students had created and how they would describe them. Brainstorming their descriptions and doodling their characters, the students quickly became happy illustrators taking their ideas into the real drawings. Students

completed 5-10 illustrations to support their stories. These will now be made into a picture book by the Art department, before our students showcase their talents to a local primary school.



'I enjoyed it a lot. I found it calming and freeing. I enjoyed having a day to just draw.'
Gabriella Akowa
8RT



LRC News







Reading Champions Quiz

On Tuesday 29th March a group of Year 7 & 8 students took part in the heats of The National Reading Champions Quiz. The event, organised by The National Literacy Trust and sponsored by ALCS -Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society, was held virtually with 25 teams from across the UK competing.

We entered two official teams with a number of other students competing unofficially.

The quiz was great fun but the students (and I) found the questions really challenging. Even so, it was a lovely morning spent talking about books and sharing a love of reading and I hope we will be entering teams again next year.

Mrs Nixon



I really enjoyed the reading champions quiz. It was really fun bonding with other readers and working as a team – Ivy Sawyer 8DB

The quiz was a nice mix of easy and very challenging questions. All of it was interactive and enjoyable though! - Ashmi Bhatt 8VL

I enjoy meeting others who love reading as much as me and some questions really made me think. I had a great time, it was very fun and entertaining. – Sarah Kaya 8AP

Challenging but fun! I'm amazed I got so many questions right! – Bernard Hornsby 8AP

In my opinion the book quiz was really fun and a good opportunity to come together with other book lovers and was very enjoyable.

It was really fun but very hard! - Isabella Iskandar 7RG

The Reading champions quiz was amazing! All of the rounds were different and very interesting. The host was very entertaining and kept the quiz fun. – Alex Carter 8AP

It was enjoyable and fun. The questions were difficult but overall, a very good experience.

The Reading Champions quiz was a lot of fun as the questions were quite difficult but fun to do.



Take 10 to Read

On Tuesday 10th May Year 7 students took part in #Take10ToRead as part of Mental Health Awareness Week. Students watched TV presenters Ant and Dec talk about the importance of reading to support mental health in a broadcast supported by Arts Council England, Birmingham-based company Wesleyan and The National Literacy Trust.

During the broadcasts Ant and Dec spoke about their new book Propa Happy which is full of activities to support wellbeing and students were encouraged to draw something that makes them happy in a draw along with the book's illustrator Katie

Abey.









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 Word Millionaires so far this year are:

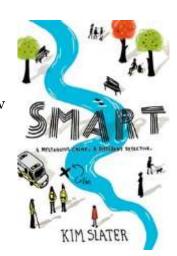
- 1. Bernard Hornsby 8AP-4,436,050 words read
- 2. Marielle Pollard 8RT 3,096,766 words read
- 3. Sarah Kaya 8AP-2,701,057 words read
- 4. Oliver Tomlins 8VL 2,608,165 words read
- 5. Jacob Jennings 8AP 2,559,917 words read
- 6. Arbel Lifshitz 7MO-2,125,639 words read
- 7. Toby Davies 9KA-2,076,042 words read
- 8. Lewis Cleaton 9EM-1,722,142 words read
- 9. Beatrice Blackford 7JI 1,353,135 words read
- 10. Harrison Blackford 9EM-1,319,033 words read
- 11. Alex Sawkins 8DB 1,162,98 words read

Ms Mitchell's Year 8 class are the biggest readers with a combined word total of over 22 million.

Book Club

A small group of Year 7 students have been attending book club in the LRC on Tuesday after school. The book we are currently reading is Smart by Kim Slater a mysterious crime with a different detective. New members are always welcome!

Mrs Nixon



The M Fest Returns!

Marlborough's very own music festival returns on Saturday 2nd July after a 3 year break, with an amazing line up and plenty for all the family to do. Over 3,000 people joined us back in 2019 and so far over £100,000 has been raised for the school since our first festival in 2010.



Everything you need to know about the festival can be found here: www.themfestival.co.uk. Tickets are available to buy online at around 15% discount to the on the gate prices. Make sure you secure your place and join us for a great day out this summer!

Goodbye Year 11



































Brainstorm Project

In March Year 9 Drama students performed Brainstorm by Ned Glasier, Emily Lim and Company Three. This play focuses on what it is like to be a teenager today, the play is partly scripted about the physical changes the brain goes through in teenage years and partly devised by the students involved.

Year 9 worked in lesson time to create the devised sections relevant to themselves, we explored topics such as social media access, being able to ask questions of parents, feeling stuck between being a grown up and being a child, making and dealing with mistakes.

The project was a great success and parental feedback was really positive.





"What a brilliant performance, this is the first time I have seen my son on stage which was an eye opener, I feel there were aspects of the performance which we will discuss at home as I had no idea just how many children are using social media and the issues they face. Thank you for giving me a conversation starter. "

"I think it was a brilliant choice of script. Really entertaining and moving. It raised lots of discussion and thought provoking questions. Felt fresh and appealing for the students. You could tell a lot of work had gone into the piece. Big Thankyou!"





Come From Away

It was brilliant to be back in a theatre this week with our students. Year 9 and 10 Drama students visited the Phoenix Theatre to watch Come From Away.

Theatre trips are an excellent opportunity for students to see and experience the arts as well as developing their own creative ideas for storytelling and performance.

The students seemed really inspired by the show, and there was lots of discussion on the coach on the way home.

"I loved the show, can't believe it was a cast of 12, it seems so many more"



"The scene where they lit themselves up with tiny torches/watches was really effective and I want to try something in my lighting design for GCSE"

"I learnt so much from this play, I didn't know much about the planes that were grounded during 9/11 but now I do. The play was really positive and upbeat too with great songs."

"Come From Away was a great trip, I liked how the set was really simple, usually theatre trips are to big shows with big budget ideas and set but a lot of what they did we can do in our performances too"



Year 8 Work Shadowing Day

On Wednesday 4th May Year 8 students were fortunate enough to take part in our Work Shadowing programme, following a huge variety of positions from Visual Effects Supervisor to Heating Engineer. Students prepared for the day in PSCHEE lessons in order to gain more understanding of the world of work and start their Career education. A group of students remained at school and were able to speak face to face with a number of companies and professionals including our Estate Manager Mr Paice who was formerly a Metropolitan Police Officer and Ross Pike Executive Chef at Oakham Inns and Restaurants.





Alana Dickson 8SK spent the day at Woodlands Primary School splitting her time between Nursery and Reception.







Alana played a game with Reception at the end of the day (her own version of hangman). She

called it 'Save the Cake'. The class loved it! Each time the children did not correctly guess the sound, a sprinkle on top of the cake or part of the cake was rubbed out.

Guy Kusman 8VL spent the day at Electric Umbrella, a charity which creates live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled adults.







AT MARLBOROUGH

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORK OF GCSE AND A LEVEL ART, MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS

JULY

WEDNESDAY 06 AT 4PM TILL 6PM

2022











Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all aware on how difficult situations can be during this time with the cost of living going up considerably . Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Aylward on 01727 731339 or Mrs Hicks on 01727 731364 if you require some help with foodbank vouchers. We are both here to support all our

students and families through difficult times.

Kindest regards

Mrs Wendy Aylward

Intervention & Inclusion Officer
Designated Senior Person
Safeguarding & Mental Health



Wanted—Your old Wellies!



Herts for Refugees Campaign

Thank you to everyone who donated on our non-uniform day last term. Herts for Refugees have been in touch with the school to say that they are 'so incredibly grateful for the money raised by Marlborough for the "Reach Out For Refugees" campaign, it is already making a difference to people in need.'

Information on how the money raised has been spent so far can be found via the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ah6VpUK2-cZRw36YxMzFoLm5IX8WRj0b?usp=sharing

MFL News

On Thursday the 25th of April, Year 10 language students were privileged to have a professional translator and professional interpreter come in to tell us about their careers and what their jobs entail. After the two introduced themselves, we learned about the difference between the two jobs, working hours, and the different opportunities that come with the professions, such as sitting in on court cases or international meetings. They then answered our questions that we had prepared previously, as well as a hands-up Q&A. Overall, it was very

interesting to learn about the two jobs, and definitely broadened the horizons on career opportunities involving languages.

Josie Greenwood 10AS



The MFL Department invited two interpreters- one Spanish and one French- on Thursday 28th April. This was part of an initiative to outline the different opportunities that language learning provides. They taught us about the differences between interpreters and translators, what is required from them in their roles, and gave us real-life examples of what they deal with. Before they came, we didn't realise the number of career opportunities languages can give you, and we feel like we now have a better understanding of what options we have in the future.

Eleanor McWilliams 10CG, Jesamine Berry Potts 10CG and Jody Neveling 10AS



Careers Information

VIRTUAL EMPLOYER ENCOUNTERS

Webinars for students





In order to facilitate some meaningful encounters with employers during the pandemic, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership are running a series of live webinars for students covering a range of careers and industries.

The webinars take place on Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm. To access the webinars students will be asked to register via GotoWebinar – the process will be managed by Hertfordshire LEP.

All webinars are recorded and made available to view <u>here</u>. You do not need to register to watch the recordings.

Our focus in this newsletter is on Careers in the Charity Sector. Click on the image on the right to see the webinar.

Subjects have included:

A Business Apprenticeship

Physiotherapy

Engineering

Life Sciences/Pharmaceuticals

Construction

Film & Media Production

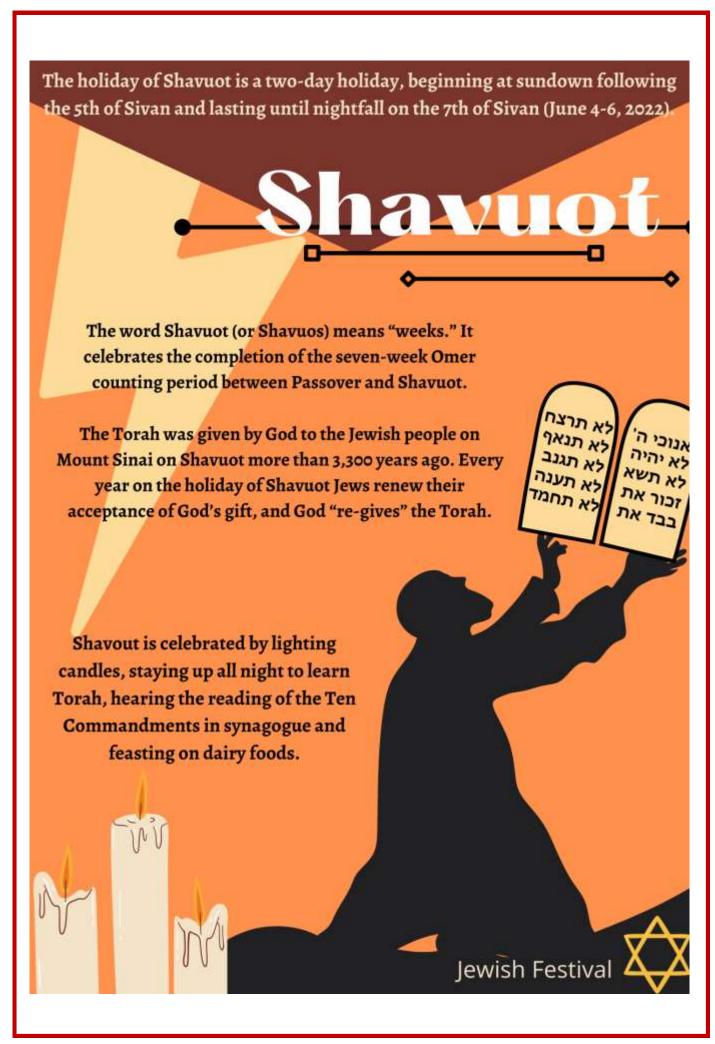
Nursing

Sports Coaching

Bricklaying



More details can be found on the HOP (Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal) website below https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/virtual-employer-encounters/



Careers News



NEW APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

WBSL Reach is our brand-new, dedicated Studio apprenticeship scheme. Offering a start in the film and TV industry, the scheme aims to provide a route into the industry without needing a specialised degree while gaining invaluable experience among experts in the field. We are offering apprenticeships across five key areas of the Studio; Client Services, Plumbing, Virtual Production, Set Lighting & Rigging, and Post Production at Warner Bros. De Lane Lea. Through the 18-month apprenticeship, candidates will receive a level 3 college qualification. Visit our website to find out more and to apply: www.wbsl.com/studios/careers/reach





Insight into Industry

Year 9 students took part in Insight into Industry this week. A full report will be included in the next newsletter



Community News



Community News



Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group)

Worried about your child? Join our online group and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. This is an online group and will be delivered via MS Teams.

When: Tuesday, 7th June to 12th July 2022

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

or

When: Wednesday, 8th June to 13th July 2022

Time: 9.30am 11.30am

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

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Community News



Bringing up confident children for parents of children with SEN (online group)

Worried about your child? Join our online group and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. This is an online group and will be delivered via MS Teams.

When: Monday, 6th June to 11th July 2022

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

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Term Dates

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

Half term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Day — Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Monday 5th September 2022—Tuesday 20th December 2022

Half term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Occasional Day—Friday 25th November 2022

Spring Term 2023

Thursday 5th January 2023 to Thursday 30th March 2023

Inset Day Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023

Bank Holiday—Monday 1st May 2023

Half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

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



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