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The Marlborough
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been an incredibly busy and productive term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and efforts of our wonderful school community. It has been a term filled with challenges and triumphs, and I could not be prouder of our students, staff, and families for their resilience and kindness.

A particular highlight as always was our incredible production of *Grease*. The cast put on a performance that will be remembered for years to come, capturing the energy and charm of this iconic musical. A special thank you to Mrs Griggs, Mrs Day, Ms Fox, Mr Felkers, Miss Billy, Mrs Baker, Mr Isaacs, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Whitlock, and to the entire team of staff who supported behind the scenes. From the dazzling costumes and energetic choreography to the professional-quality lighting and sound, it was a true team effort. Seeing our students shine on stage and hearing the audience's applause reminded us all of the incredible talent within our school.

Another heartwarming success this term has been our community outreach. Thanks to your generosity, our collection for our M Store is making a tangible difference for many families. It's a reminder of the kindness and compassion that run through everything we do.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the school Christmas lunch (a personal highlight – I'll be on sprout duty!) and the Winter Fair, which promises to be an afternoon of fun, laughter, and fundraising this year with money raised going to our M Store. These events truly bring our school community together, and I am so grateful for everyone's involvement.

This term, we also say goodbye to some incredible members of staff who have made a lasting impact on our school. Miss King, who has been a shining inspiration in our History department, started her journey with us as a student before becoming a teacher. Her passion and dedication to teaching have been truly remarkable, and she will be dearly missed.

We also bid farewell to Mr. Green, who has been a cornerstone of our Computing and Design & Technology departments. With an incredible and versatile skill set, he has contributed so much to the school. As he looks forward to a well-deserved retirement, we wish him all the best and thank him for his years of commitment.



In January, we are excited to welcome new members of staff to our team. Miss Rasmussen will join us in the History department, and Mrs. Curtis will bring her expertise to Computing and Design & Technology. We look forward to the energy and ideas they will bring to our school community.

Thank you all for your unwavering support this term. I wish you a joyful and restful holiday season, filled with laughter, love, and maybe even a classic Christmas film.

Let's all look forward to a New Year full of new opportunities and continued success for our school community.

Take care,



Ms Thomson

Headteacher

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This Week's Quote of the Week

**" Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe
Christmas .. perhaps .. means a little bit more!"**

(Dr Seuss)

Word of the Week

benevolence: noun — *the quality of being kind and helpful.*

Value of the Week



Student Achievement

The Royal Geographical Society 2024 School Essay Competition, organised in partnership with the Financial Times, asked students to answer the following question:

'Drawing on information from your daily life, what sustainability action points would you prioritise?'

Entrants were asked to include no more than ten key ideas. They had to justify their choices.

Accompanying information from the FT and other sources had to be used.

Sara Urdaneta was one of 19 students who entered from Marlborough who were encouraged to draw on various insights from right across the geographical, scientific, and political spectrum. Sara capably applied her knowledge from her geography studies with her own academic endeavour to create a highly engaging and well researched essay which was recognised by the Royal Geographical Society and the Financial Times who awarded her with a "Highly Commended", one of only 15 students internationally. A tremendous recognition of her achievement. Congratulations to Sara from all at TMSA.

**Royal
Geographical
Society**
with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning



NHS Through the Ages



These wonderful paintings were created by year 10 students and those in art club for the hoardings around St Albans City hospital.

The set theme was 'NHS through the ages'. The students had complete free reign to create their own interpretation. They can be seen on the hoardings around St Albans hospital for the next few months.

Ms Bustin



Rotary Club Debate Competition

Last month, we won the St Albans round of the Rotary Club debate competition, outscoring the likes of Beaumont and STAGS.

'But how did we get to this point,' I hear you ask?

It began in July. We started tirelessly writing our speech, perfecting them to the core over several months. We thought we were finally at peace until we remembered we had to memorise all of the pages. After weeks of repeating words and glueing them to our minds, we had done it. We memorised it. We were ready.

On the night of the debate we sat down, nervously listening to all the other speeches, eagerly awaiting our turn. Our hearts skipped a beat as we heard *"Our next speakers will be from the Marlborough Science Academy"*. We swallowed our nerves and got on stage. We embraced the fear and turned it into

confidence, charisma and power. Before we knew it we had done it. We had performed in front of a massive crowd.

Finally after a nail-biting wait (we passed the time by eating the complimentary biscuits), we were ready to hear the results. We heard the phrase *"The speech that won was filled with jokes and confidence"*. We all looked at each other, hoping it was our speech they were referring to. It was... We did it. We had won.

Tavor Lifshitz 8RC, my fellow debater said: *" I really hoped we would win but the judges took so long my stress was immense. After we won I was exhilarated. This experience was a great motivational step for the next round!"*

William Harris 8RC, another team member, said, *"The long hours of memorising my speech was worth it when I heard we'd won."*

We will now be competing in the Herts and Beds round of the competition in Aylesbury. Let's hope for more success!

Eddie Walsh 8RC



Rotary Technology Tournament

Students from Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 Design & Technology and Engineering travelled to Katherine Warrington School, Harpenden to compete in the 2025 Rotary competition. All teams performed to an excellent standard with our Year 8 students bringing home the KS3 silver prize. This makes it the second year in a row that students Luki Clements 8AN, Ceci Clements 8AN, George Zhang 8RC have taken home the second-place prize, with this year Sam Drew 8ED joining the ranks. All students represented the school to the highest of standard and as usual were a joy to work with.

Mr Dwane



TEDx Salon Event

On Wednesday 20th November Claramae Collins 13RN hosted the panel at a TEDx Salon Event at The Pioneer Club. The event, which explored the theme of empowering young people through creativity was headlined by Rob Rofe, drummer of the band Enter Shikari. The panel also included former Marlborough student Phoebe Shergold-Willis who started the SASA School of Performing Arts at the age of 17. You can read an article in the St Albans Times about the event [here](#).



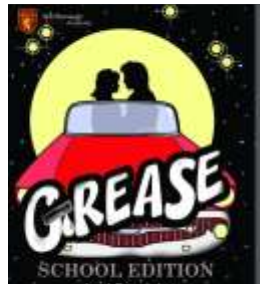
Grease High School Edition

Our school's production of Grease High School Edition, performed from 11th to 13th December, was an absolute triumph! Featuring 68 students from Years 8 to 13, this show was the result of hours of dedication, hard work, and collaboration from both the cast and crew. Their commitment truly paid off, culminating in a fabulous show week that was enjoyed by all who attended. This year's production was particularly special as it marked the return of a live band for the first time in six years. The talented band, made up of six students, Mr Atterton, and local musician Graham Cook (who kindly volunteered his time), performed under the expert musical direction of Mr Felkers. Their incredible sound added a whole new dimension to the show, making it even more memorable.

With so many dance numbers in Grease, we were fortunate to have Claramae Collins 13RN, volunteer to choreograph half of them, including the challenging Born to Hand Jive. Miss Fox took charge of the other half of the dances, and together they created a fantastic mix of energetic

and creative choreography. Clara's tireless efforts to encourage and push the cast to truly challenge themselves were instrumental in achieving such a brilliant outcome.

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In addition to his performance work, Luke Yon 13AD lent his talents as an assistant director, helping to fine-tune specific scenes and creating the brilliant audio for the iconic dive-in movie scene.

Behind the scenes, many other students played key roles. Seamus Vander-Puye 12JM expertly ran the lighting, while Ashmi Bhatt 11VL took charge of the 'follow spot'. They, along with Mr Isaacs, made an amazing tech team. Elodie Blomfield 9KE and Isla Collins 10LO were backstage helping to stage manage alongside Mrs Day, ensuring the show ran smoothly. Thanks also go to former staff member Jenny Whitlock for her work on the fantastic costumes. Kayra Oney 11RT worked on makeup, alongside ex-students Isobel Garman and Yasmine Potiuk and Mrs Baker, completing the team of backstage heroes.

It has been an absolute pleasure to bring Grease to life with such a dedicated and talented group of students and staff. I am incredibly proud of everything that has been achieved, and I can't wait to see what we can do together in the future!

Thank you to everyone involved—you truly made this production something to remember.

Mrs Griggs



King's Trust News

King's Trust Students Embark on a Waterways Adventure in Hemel Hempstead: A Journey of Teamwork and Learning



Our King's Trust students recently embarked on an exciting educational trip along the waterways in Hemel Hempstead, with a focus on teamwork, communication, and practical skills. Each student accompanied by Ms Bassett and Ms Kelly had the chance to actively participate in operating the locks and steering the boat, gaining hands-on experience in navigation and problem-solving. Working in small teams, they quickly discovered that successfully managing the locks required cooperation, precision, and clear communication.



The day provided an excellent opportunity for students to understand the importance of teamwork in real-world situations.

Operating the locks involved everyone taking on different tasks, from opening the gates to steering the boat, all while relying on one another to safely guide the boat through. This experience highlighted how each individual's contribution was essential to the group's success and reinforced the importance of collaboration.



To make the trip even more enjoyable, students shared a delicious treat of chippy chips after their efforts on the water. This moment of relaxation allowed the students to reflect on their teamwork and bond over a tasty snack, making the day both educational and fun. The trip not only helped students build practical skills but also strengthened their understanding of how working together can lead to success in any task.

Ms Kelly



King's Trust - Community Impact Unit: A piece of schoolwork or an opportunity to give so much more?

As students returned fully refreshed from the October half term break, we posed two simple questions to our Year 9s: Where is support needed in our community? How can we support community projects? From here, spiralled a half term of embodiment of two of our school values; kindness and compassion.



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Students initially analysed the notion of community as being a term that has meaning globally, nationally, locally and within organisations. To demonstrate to students how small acts of kindness can make a difference, they initially learned about and took part in a global project 'Pay it forward – random acts of kindness'.

Knowing that their small acts of kindness had been part of something big, inspired them to look more closely at a community project running within our school; The M Store.



Students interviewed Mrs Hicks, who manages the M Store to find out more about its aims, successes and the support it needs to have further impact in our community. Following on from



this, students were invited to the school conference room, where they took the roles of a project committee in a planning meeting.

The students identified the need for further promotion of the M store. They felt more families might benefit, if they know how it can support.

They also planned who would carry out different maintenance and operational tasks that would improve the daily workings of the M Store.

The third and final area they focused on was a Christmas initiative, allowing the M Store to provide small gifts for young people in families where finances may be stretched at this time of year. Students set up a tree for students and staff to take gift tags from, specifying a gift that would really be appreciated by an individual who is currently being supported by the M Store.



As you can see the students fully embraced providing hands on support to the M store. Tasks they have completed include building storage, sorting stock, labelling shelves and even a spot of decorating!

Mrs Hicks said *"I am so thankful for the students support with M Store. They've been so interested, engaged and have made a real difference."*

When the students were asked if there was anything they wanted to say about the project they said *"We didn't realise how much fun volunteering is. We also want all students and their families to know that the M Store is there to support them in times of need, so please don't hesitate to message Mrs Hicks."*



Ms Bassett



The M Store

A huge thank you to all staff, students and parents who have supported the M Store. Your donations are really appreciated by the families they support. You can read more about the M Store on our school website [here](#) including an article published in the St Albans Times recently.



We were overwhelmed by the generosity of staff who provided gifts for the King's Trust Students initiative some of which you can see here.



Please contact me in the following way with any enquires related to the M Store:
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Emma Hicks

Family Engagement Worker and Poverty Prevention Lead

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November we were visited by British Army veteran, Anglia battlefields tour guide and military historian Steve Roberts. Students from Year 8 enjoyed workshops on First World War uniform, kit, and weapons used by the British Army. Three students were dressed up in full khaki uniform and (now completely safe!) rifles and equipment from the trenches was safely handled. Over 62 students from across all year groups attended an analysis of the movie My Boy Jack, a film about Rudyard Kipling's only son during the Battle of Loos in 1915. These same students enjoyed pizza, popcorn, and lemonade at our fundraiser movie night in Da Vinci Hall the previous Wednesday.



A big thank you must also go to Ellie Woodroof 10LO, Beatrice Blackford 10RH, Ellie Carter 10PC, and Arwen Thomson 10PC for making crochet poppies over half term and selling them to staff in the lead up to Remembrance Day. Combined with the movie night Marlborough raised £274.50 for the Army Benevolent Fund. The ABF help military veterans recover from PTSD or other injuries sustained during active service.

We are also very grateful to everyone who sent in details of their fallen relatives from previous conflicts since 1914. We were shocked to receive 60 names in total, with many more on the 11th itself. Prior to his visit Steve spent many hours searching the military archives and Ancestry.com to try to uncover as much as he could about ten chosen relatives. Apologies if you were disappointed not to be chosen for the ancestry workshop, but I prioritised those that seemed to have very little information already. The following extract was written by Lucy Cooper 7KC who attended that workshop. Lucy's relative is buried in St Sever Cemetery in Rouen, which was once the site of a British military hospital during the First World War.



"My relative, Rifleman William Ernest Cooper, fought bravely during the First World War. He was part of the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade. He arrived in France on the 4th of November 1914. His war number was 4194 and he was in the eighth division. He joined the army before the war but became a reservist. He stayed on reserve until the officials of the army invited him back. He then rejoined his old battalion (2nd Battalion). He served almost the entire war but sadly died in 1918 just before the end of the war. He is buried in St. Sever Cemetery which is 60-70 miles away from the battlefield where he fought. He died in Rouen after fighting in the Third Battle of Aisne in April 1918."



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Ted Himsworth 8AR learnt that his relative's ship, HMS Southampton, was attacked by the Luftwaffe on 11th January 1941 and sunk near the coast of Malta. Ordinary Seaman Richard Himsworth and over 120 of his

shipmates were killed that day and their bodies were never recovered.



The purpose of this year's initiatives and assemblies was to remind students that the world wars of the twentieth century are where history and

heritage meet, and there are so many stories about our families just waiting to be told and passed onto the next generation.



Thank you to all those involved in making this year's events a success, especially Miss King and Miss Rowe for their support with the events and Miss Kelly for her fabulous work making the poppy stems. You can read an article in the St Albans Times [here](#)

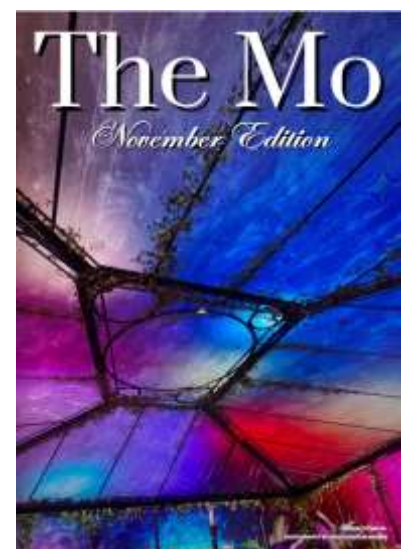
Mr Pressland

The Mo

The 'NEW LOOK' MO has arrived - the student magazine written by students for students.

Some brilliant pieces including Fashion Trends for this winter, why we love true crime and a touching tribute to Liam Payne.

To read The Mo on our website click on the image



LRC News

The Big Read 2025 - Mohinder's War by Bali Rai

Our next Big Read is World War II adventure story, Mohinder's War by Bali Rai. We are delighted to announce that the author will be joining us to speak to Year 7 and 8 on Wednesday 8th January 2025 and will be available during break and lunch to sign copies of the book for students. A letter explaining more about the Big Read initiative and how to purchase a copy of the book if you would like to has been sent out to all parents, carers and students. You can also find the letter on the website [here](#). We have lots of copies available to borrow from the LRC and Key Stage 3 students will be reading the book together in their English classes next term.

Bali has produced a video to introduce himself and the book to Marlborough students, which you can view by clicking on the image below.



When you read the book you will be able to see the characters displaying our school values throughout the story. Joelle and her parents show Mohinder compassion by concealing him. Joelle and Mohinder display endeavour during their long journey. Many of the characters show kindness, courage and dignity in the face of great hardship.

TMSA Big Read



Everyone who reads the book and writes a short review will be offered one of our pin badges.

Don't forget that you can still earn yourself a badge by reading one of our previous Big Reads.

Mrs Nixon

LRC News

Accelerated Reader

All students in Years 7 and 8 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.



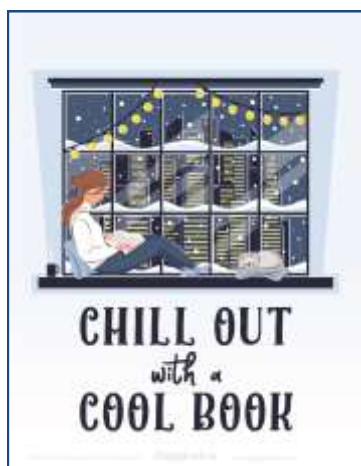
Students earn house points for each quiz that they pass. These are added at the end of each half term.



Students can take Accelerated Reader book quizzes at home at any time. 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 top ten readers so far this year are:

1. George Zhang 8RC — 3,310,427 words read
2. Lucian Clements 8AN— 909,276 words read
3. Eve Kilcast 8AS — 850,382 words read
4. Erin Cukaj 7KC— 823,856 words read
5. Lucy Cooper 7KC — 626,496 words read
6. Hassan Hussain 7JH— 463,898 words read
7. Elaina Ridolfi 8RC – 437,680 words read
8. Elsie O’Sullivan 8RC—432,398 words read
9. Brendan Cooney 7KC —402,523 words read
10. Erin Fox 8HS— 367,432 words read



LRC News

Book club students had great fun creating 'Book Face' photos last week. Here are some of our favourites. Book club currently has 10 members from Years 7 & 8 but any student is welcome to join us on Thursdays from 3.10 in the LRC.

Mrs Nixon



Careers News

Year 8 Careers Day – What's out there?

On Wednesday 13th November all Year 8 students took part in an engaging careers event dedicated to exploring various career opportunities. Students had the chance to learn from industry representatives from Sky Studios, MBDA, the Army, and the NHS, as well as insights into fields like Events, HR, and Engineering.

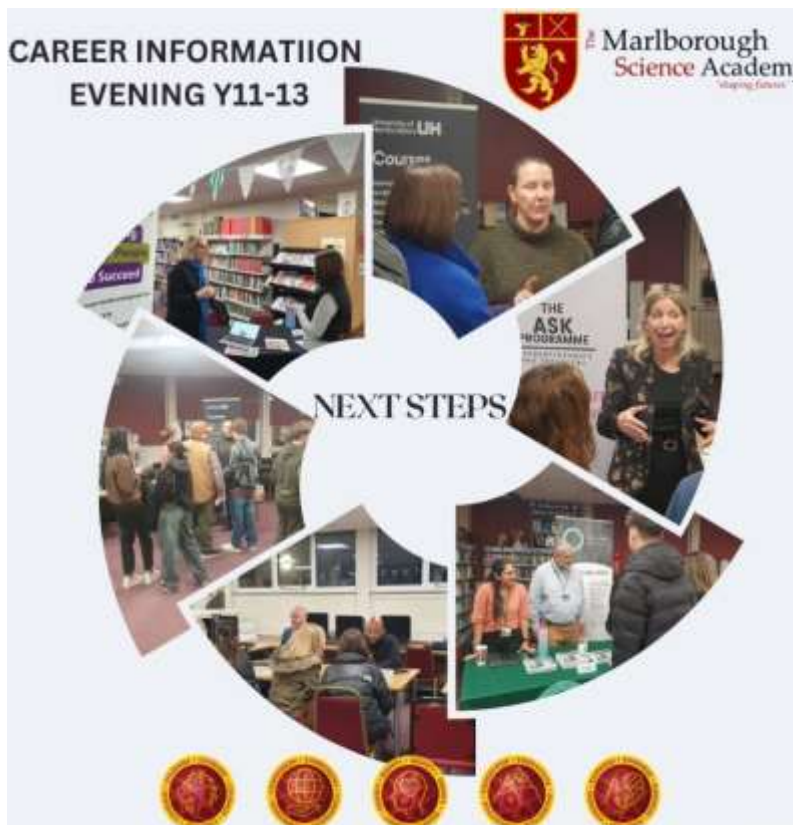


One student shared their thoughts, saying, *"I learned that there are so many different careers within one business. To succeed, I need to continue to work hard and never give up."*

A big thank you to all our guest speakers for inspiring our students and helping them envision their future careers!



Next Steps Careers Information Evening



On Monday 2nd December, students from Years 11 to 13 were invited with their parents and carers to attend the "Next Steps" Careers Information Evening. The event was designed to provide valuable insights in the various pathways available after secondary school. There were speakers from Oaklands College, Herts University, ASK Apprenticeships, Sixth Forth and Unifrog followed by an interactive session with each speaker as well as a CV Clinic providing advice and guidance.

Please click on the image to read more information on the event on the news page of our website

Post 16 Open Evening

The Post-16 open evening on Wednesday 20th November was a huge success; it was wonderful to see so many students exploring their A-Level choices at our Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' sixth form. Applications for are now open. Apply on the website [here](#).



Geography Guest Speaker

On Thursday 21st November the Geography department welcomed David Edwards from the Royal Geographical Society. David is a Geographic explorer, who spoke to GSCE and A level Geographers about energy, threats of volcanic eruptions and sustainability.

Mrs James



Charity News

Mr Paice and Mr Hodge took part in Movember and raised an amazing £842 to support the Movember Foundation raise awareness of men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide.



Support for Families

Hertfordshire County Council offer free Winter holiday activities for children aged 4-16 who are registered to receive benefits related free school meals. Click on the image on the right for more information and to book.



Supporting Links are offering 10 FREE online workshops for all parents and carers in Herts during the Spring Term. We will provide insights and practical solutions for typical parenting issues. Places can be booked directly by parents and carers by clicking on the image.

Staying Cyber-Safe: Tips for Students and Staff

In today's digital world, staying safe online is more important than ever. With technology playing a central role in our daily lives, it's vital to protect ourselves from cyber threats while maintaining good online habits. The IT department is here to help with a few simple tips to keep students and staff safe in cyberspace.

1. Create Strong, Unique Passwords

Avoid using common words or predictable patterns like "password123."

Instead, create a strong password by combining uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. A great tip is to use a memorable phrase,

like "SchoolIs#1!". Don't reuse the same password across multiple

accounts and consider using a password manager to keep track of them securely.



2. Beware of Phishing Emails



Phishing scams are designed to trick you into revealing personal information. If you receive an unexpected email asking for your password, personal details, or payment information, think twice. Look for warning signs like spelling errors, generic greetings (e.g., "Dear User"), or suspicious links. When

in doubt, don't click—report it to the IT team.

3. Keep Software Up to Date

Updates are more than just new features; they often include security patches to protect against vulnerabilities. Whether it's your school Chromebook or personal phone, enable automatic updates to stay protected.



4. Use Trusted Networks

Be cautious when connecting to public Wi-Fi, as it may not be secure. Stick to trusted networks whenever possible, especially when accessing sensitive information. On campus, always connect to the school's secure Wi-Fi network rather than guest or open networks.

5. Think Before You Click

Not all links are what they seem. Hover your cursor over a link to preview the URL, and only click if you're sure it's legitimate. This applies to emails, social media, and even text messages.

6. Protect Personal Information

Be mindful of what you share online. Avoid posting personal details like your full name,

address, or phone number on public platforms. The same rule applies to schoolwork: use your school email for educational purposes and avoid mixing it with personal accounts.





7. Lock Your Devices

Always lock your screen when stepping away from your computer, especially in shared spaces. On Chromebooks, simply press **Search + L** to lock the screen quickly.

8. Backup Your Data

While the school network is regularly backed up, it's a good habit to save your personal work to a secure cloud service or an external drive. This ensures you don't lose important files in case of an accident.

9. Ask for Help When Needed

If something doesn't seem right—whether it's a suspicious email, a pop-up on your device, or an issue with your account—reach out to the IT department. We're here to help!



Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. By following these tips, we can create a safer digital environment for everyone at school. Remember: a little caution goes a long way in keeping your personal information and school data secure!

For more guidance or assistance, contact the IT department at ITTeam@marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

Mr Sava

Save the Date

Click on the image to read the Prom letter on the school website.



Learning Counts

At the heart of everything we do at The Marlborough Science Academy is high quality Teaching and Learning. Each week members of our senior leadership team meet with a selection of students from different forms and year groups to discuss how they feel about their learning, what good practice looks like and voice their opinions on what areas could be improved; we value the voice of our students.

Please find their recent feedback below:

Year 7 – Our lessons are interesting and challenging and most importantly fun!

We especially enjoy our Classics, Maths and Science lessons. We feel safe in school; at break and lunch there are lots of staff on duty to talk too. Special mention to Mrs Day in Drama.



Year 8 – Our lessons are fun and interesting; we feel safe in school and staff are supportive and happy to help if we need it. We learn about how to keep ourselves safe when online.

We particularly enjoy our Maths and PE lessons. Special mentions to Miss Thompson and Mr Agbanyo in Maths; Miss McNamara and Mrs Nutt in Art; Miss O’Krafka, Ms Kelly, Dr Mudadigwa and Mrs Fonte-Castro in Science; Ms Ncube and Mr Dean in Geography; Mrs Eaton, Mr Hodge and Mr Vivian in PE; Miss King, Mr Samsami and Mr Pressland in History; Miss Fogarty and Mrs Baker in English; Mr Fitzgibbon in PSHCE and Mrs Del Gaudio in PRE.



Year 9 – School is a safe place for us, at lunch there are lots of members of staff on duty. We enjoy our learning; it is fun and we are improving! We especially enjoy our Design and Technology lessons. Special mentions to Miss Smith in Business Studies; Miss Kelly in Engineering; Mrs Nutt and Ms Bustin in Art; Mrs Eaton and Mr Vivian in PE; Miss Rowe in Classical Civilisation; Mrs Moodley in Food; Mr Henshall in French and Miss Fogarty in English.



Year 10 – We enjoy our learning and our lessons are challenging. We especially like our Geography, Creative iMedia, English and Business Studies lessons. Special mention to Mrs Eaton and Mr Vivian in PE; Ms Rickman in Art; Miss Mitchell in English; Mr Agbanyo in Maths; Mrs Del Gaudio in PRE; Mr Takyi-Amuah and Ms Kelly in Science.



Year 11 – We all feel safe in school; there are clear routines in place to help support us and we like meeting with our mentors (members of staff supporting the students throughout Year 11). We especially like our Chemistry and Biology lessons. Special mentions to Mrs Metson, Miss Branagan and Miss Fogarty in English; Mr Vivian and Mr Hodge in PE; Mr Takyi-Amuah and Ms Kelly in Science; Mr Rutherford in Computing and Mr Pressland in History.

Post 16 – We love being in the sixth form; staff are really supportive and we feel safe in school. We especially enjoy our Science lessons with Mr Milne, Media Studies with Mr Salih, Sociology with Mrs Cline and Psychology with Miss Curtis.

Mr Fitzgibbon

Support for Families

St Albans & District Foodbank

Several of the distribution centres are now able to offer a CAB officer to talk with clients on a regular basis. At the moment they have been attending New Greens, London Colney and Harpenden distribution centres every two weeks.



There is no longer a centre at St Stephen Church, Watling Street.

Local distribution centres are as follows:



Monday Morning

The Vineyard Church
7 Brick Knoll Park, St Albans, AL1 5UG
10.00am- 12.00pm

Monday Afternoon

Redbourn Methodist Church,
North Common, AL37BU
2.00pm-3.30pm

Tuesday

Christchurch, New Greens
1.00pm – 3.00pm
3 High Oaks, St Albans; AL3 6DJ

Wednesday

Cottonmill Community Centre
12 Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane
St Albans, AL1 2EF
1.00pm-3.00pm

Thursday

Hillydyke Community Centre
17 Hillydyke Road, Wheathampstead
AL4 8TU
12.30pm-2.30pm

Friday Morning

London Colney Parish Council
Caledon Community Centre, Caledon
Road, London Colney, AL2 1PU
10.00am-12.00pm

Friday Afternoon











Crabtree Church-Harpenden
139 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden
AL5 5RD

Get the right help at the right time



early help, brighter futures

Need advice and support for your family?

-  Relationship support
-  Parenting Advice & Courses
-  Emotional & Mental Health
-  Staying healthy
-  School attendance/anxiety
-  Money advice
-  Services for Young People
-  SEND Local Offer
-  Search local services
-  and much more



Visit Hertfordshire's Families First website:-
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

St Albans Community Pantry Festive Feasts

FESTIVE FEAST

23rd Dec

12:30pm to 2:30pm

St Luke's Church, St Albans

Halal and vegetarian options included

Open to all ages, all welcome

FESTIVE FEAST

25th Dec

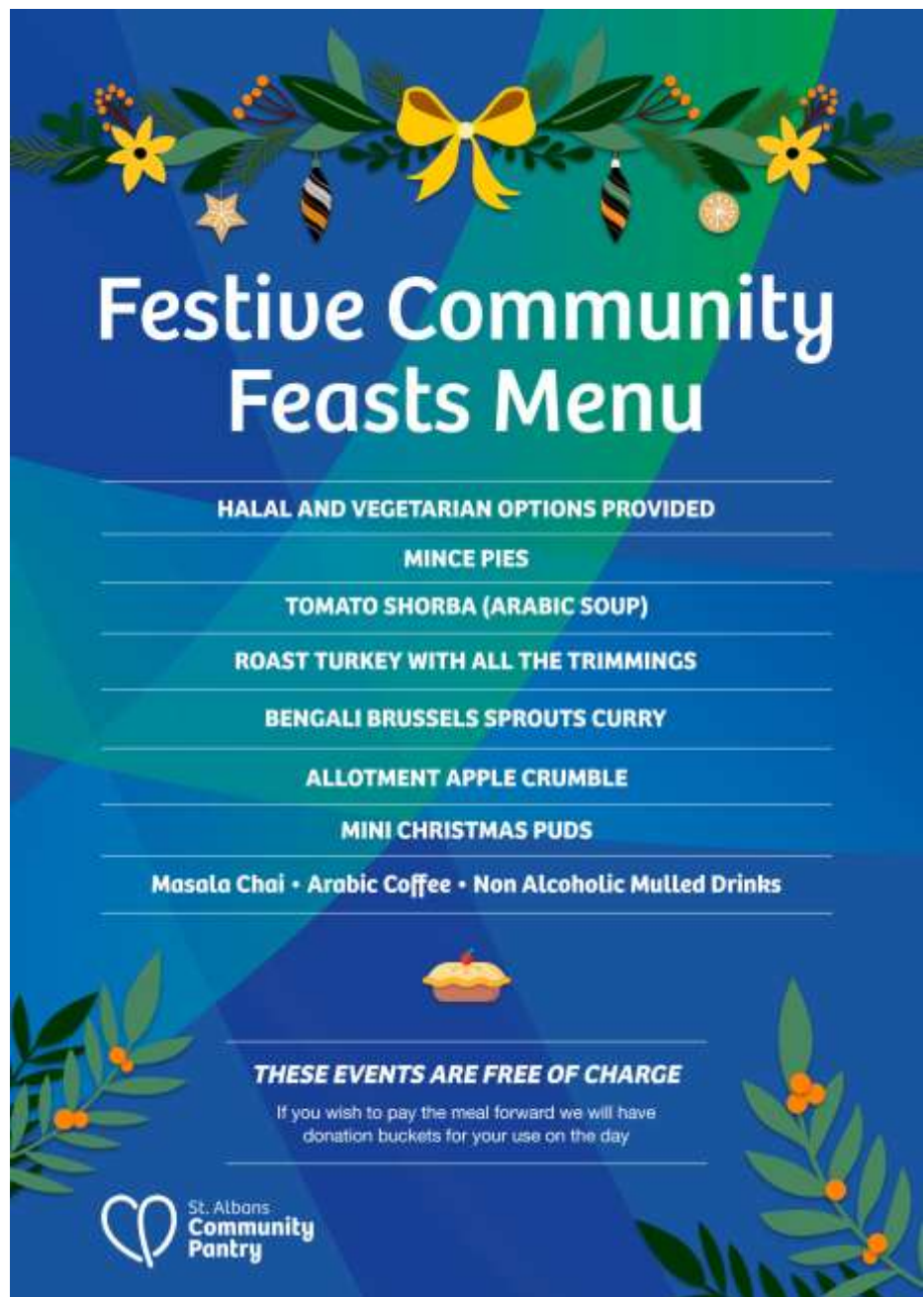
12:30pm to 2:30pm

Sandridge Village Hall

Halal and vegetarian options included

Open to all ages, all welcome

Book [here](#)



WHO ARE THESE MEALS FOR?

Everyone! If you enjoy good food and community - this is for you. The services are not means tested, we know everyone has something to bring to the table and we're inviting you to share conversation over a menu of delicious food.

No need to book, although doing so does help us guesstimate numbers.

All services are free of charge, however should you wish to please feel free to make a donation on the day.

Festive best wishes

SACP Team



TISKA KARATE

TRADITIONAL INTERNATIONAL SHOTOKAN KARATE

JOIN A FUN COMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS
AND FAMILIES & DISCOVER THE AMAZING BENEFITS

- IMPROVE FITNESS
- LEARN SELF DEFENCE
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- GAIN FOCUS & MENTAL CLARITY
- BUILD RESPECT & ETIQUETTE
- IMPROVE SELF DISCIPLINE



LOCATIONS:

THE MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY AT 12:10PM - SATURDAYS
(MINIMUM AGE 5 YEARS & ABOVE)

BERNARDS HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL AT 6:00PM - TUESDAYS
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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Occasional day - Friday 22nd November

Inset day - Monday 25th November

End of Term – Friday 20th December

Christmas Holidays - Monday 23rd December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term 2025

Inset day - Monday 6th January

First day of term - Tuesday 7th January

Half Term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

End of term - Friday 4th April

Easter Break - Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April

Summer Term 2025

First day of term - Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May

Half term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th May

End of Term - Friday 18th July



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