



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start we have made to the new school year, students have come back this September with positive attitudes to learning and a real sense of direction. Our 224 Year 7s have really settled quickly and already they are telling us that they feel safe, settled and enjoying their learning. The Year 11s look terrific in their new ties and so far their commitment to learning has been impressive.


Our results this year were very pleasing indeed, our A*-C including English and Maths figure increased by 7% this year from last and our progress 8 figure showing value added is positive. Year 13 results at A level were most impressive and we are delighted to wave many of them off to pastures new including Cambridge and the Royal Veterinary School—some great students and we will miss them. Open Evening was a great success on Thursday and jam packed with families embarking on the whole business of picking the right school for their children. I want to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all the children who helped promote our school; they worked incredibly hard. Particularly impressive were the choir who were exhausted after a full week of rehearsals and back to back performances, they kept going though and their resilience was admirable. Special thanks to our Heads of School and our two Year 7 students, Amy and Sean who even after this short space of time were confident enough to get up on stage and talk about their school—I was incredibly proud!

Whilst being incredibly positive about the start we have made in school I am writing also to request your support as parents in ensuring that whilst in Marlborough school uniform students are conducting themselves with dignity and politeness whilst in the community. We have had one or two complaints of late and as a consequence some significant sanctions have been put in place. We get such positive feedback generally from the local community it makes it even more disappointing when we are let down by a very small minority. Your support as parents is invaluable in helping with this and here at Marlborough this level of poor behaviour will not be tolerated.

So, to conclude, we have another busy term, I look forward to seeing you all at the many learning events scheduled over the next few weeks and once again, thank you for all your support.

Ms Thomson

Marlborough Website

We are pleased to announce that the school website can now be translated into any language by clicking the globe icon  at the top right of the front page .

School Safety

We are always looking at the safety and security of our students when being dropped off to school or being collected and we do encourage parents/carers to arrange to meet their children away from the school site and so thank you for your assistance with this.

However this week I have received a number of complaints from local residents who have experienced difficulties with parents blocking driveways and causing obstructions whilst dropping their children off. Could I therefore request please that when you do drop off or pick up your child that you do this as safely as possible, without causing too much disruption or frustration to our neighbours. It also appears that the Watford Road junction with Robert Avenue is one of the main problem areas, as a number of houses there now have new residents and are finding their driveways blocked on a regular basis.

Thank you as always for your support.

Mr C Paice
Estates Manager

My work experience at the Building Research Establishment

I had an awesome week at the BRE facilities in Watford. We done a ton of awesome testing/activities around the site, like setting things on fire, trying to break through doors, jumping around in a anechoic chamber and walking around the Park and getting to know the Park while doing the yellow jacket activity. It was also a little class room based where different people from different departments came and talked to us about our "projects". So there were four teams and each team had a different role in creating this 3D imaginary sustainable town. My team were doing the school. I was the guy in charge of researching all the materials and different types of architecture and I had to create this 3D design using Google SketchUp. We had a whole week to research our projects at the BRE Development Park which is basically a small town just built by sustainable and durable materials and people don't live in the houses even though they're filled with tons of technology and have these awesome futuristic designs, they're made just for research. We worked through the whole week and after finally finishing these projects they were going to test our presentation skills. We had to make really professional presentation about our projects, we were told to wear business attire that day and present our projects to the CEO's PA and our parents. We then got our certificates and had some food together. I loved my week at BRE, the students I worked with, the members of staff that helped us on our projects and everyone else at BRE were fantastic people I really loved it and learned a lot of things too."



Kawser Malek Year 10

'Kawser really shined during his week with us and went that extra mile, doing a great deal of work at home in his own time, on their group project. His 3D visuals were really impressive.' **BRE spokesman**

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Bethany Hopes Year 9, who has been dancing since the age of 4, and in July she undertook five dances including a pairs dance, two freestyles and 2 ballroom dances. She has received fantastic results and received two honours, which are the highest awards and one highly commended. We are so pleased with how she has grown in confidence both in and out of school.



On Tuesday the Year 7 fun runners took part in their first event for Marlborough school competing over at Sandringham school. The weather was sweltering hot and made conditions hard for the athletes however everyone taking part had fun and tried their hardest in the sunny conditions. Well done to everyone who took part, for those wishing to continue with cross country matches they take place on a Thursday after school, please see Mr Packard for more details.



Year 7 Fun runners—Maisie Carlton, Sam Rowland, Kofi Kyei-Boadu, John Gollick, Rhianna Patel, Harvey Knowles, Matthew Martin, Ilyas Monadi, Robyn Murphy, Max Gipps, Olivia Ritchie, Ben Hudnott, Dominic Hipkin, Ethan Palmer, Charlie Harris, Nathan Thoree, Anna Visegradi, Josh Pedder, Levon Roberts, Joe Latham, Max Jorge, Judith McCloy, Reegan Dixon, Remay Sutherland, Jessie Fulton, Harry Ovington, Jasper James, Izzy Hawthorne and Levi Scott.

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CANCER SUPPORT**



Years 7 & 8 Parents and carers are invited to come along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September at 9.15 – 10.30 in the LRC.

Please click [here](#) for the PE extra-curricular club information.



You can follow the PE department on Twitter – TMSA_PE

ROCKET TO THE FUTURE

Looking for a Career Event or University Open Day?

Need more information on how to build your CV?

Check out mystudentevent.com

All your questions answered!



Vacancy at Marlborough

We are currently advertising for a Learning Supervisor to start ASAP. We are looking for a graduate who would like to use this opportunity to secure classroom experience with a view to commencing teacher training. We will support application and selection process to teacher training.

More details can be found on https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/learning-supervisor_36797.htm

The deadline for applications for this vacancy is Monday 3rd Oct at 9.00 am.



The Marlborough Science Academy – Parent Teacher Association



Marlborough has had a very active PTA for several years due to the commitment of a number of parents who get involved with running the various events we hold throughout the year. We raise funds to buy extras to enhance the school experience all our children have. We have funded a wide variety of things such as picnic benches, GoPro camera, laptops, virtual baby, stage lighting, musical instruments and sports kits for school teams to name a few.

Sadly many of our regular volunteers no longer have children at Marlborough and so we need new blood! Helping out on the PTA doesn't have to be a huge task, we are grateful for any time you can spare to help. We hold evening meetings once every half term but you don't have to come to meetings to be one of our volunteers as we regularly send out requests for helpers for our events which include quiz nights, car boot sales, second hand uniform sales, school discos and helping at school events.

The biggest event is of course our M Festival, it generates the majority of our funds each year and raised a fantastic £15,000 last year. However, it requires huge amounts of man power to plan, prepare for and run it safely, we were really stretched to our limits last year so are appealing for parents who would like to help to come forward now to see if we are able to run it again in 2017.

If you would like to be involved in the PTA in any capacity please contact PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk please also include a contact telephone number and the name and form of your child.

NEXT MEETING (Including AGM)

Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm in the LRC

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Second Hand Uniform Sale

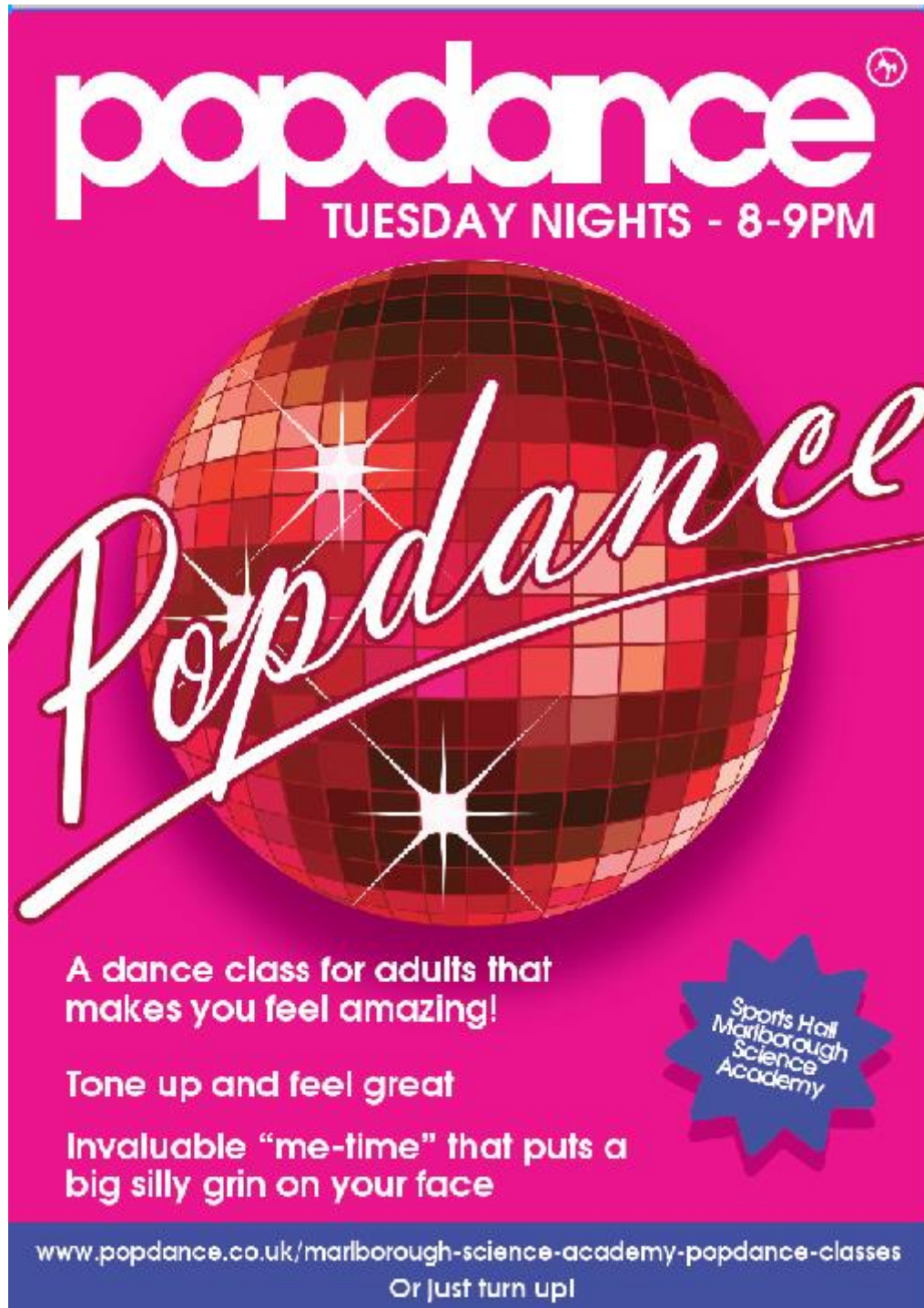
Saturday 15th October 10.30 - 11.30am in the Boardroom

M Festival After Party

Saturday 15th October, 7.30 - 11pm in Da Vinci Hall

Year 7 & 8 Winter Wonderland Disco

Friday 9th December (provisional date, TBC)

The advertisement features a vibrant pink background. At the top, the word "popdance" is written in a bold, white, lowercase sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to its upper right. Below it, the text "TUESDAY NIGHTS - 8-9PM" is displayed in a smaller, white, uppercase sans-serif font. The central focus is a large, glowing disco ball with a grid pattern, reflecting light in several bright starburst patterns. Overlaid on the disco ball is the word "Popdance" in a large, white, cursive script font. A white diagonal line cuts across the disco ball and the cursive text. In the bottom right corner, there is a blue starburst shape containing the text "Sports Hall Marlborough Science Academy" in white. At the bottom of the advertisement, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the website address "www.popdance.co.uk/marlborough-science-academy-popdance-classes" and the phrase "Or just turn up!" in white text.

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TUESDAY NIGHTS - 8-9PM

Popdance

A dance class for adults that makes you feel amazing!

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Parental Drug Awareness Workshop



Concerned that your knowledge about drugs and alcohol is limited or out of date?

Then please come along to our Drug Awareness Workshop specially designed for parents/carers at St Albans Girls' School on 18 October 2016 from 7pm to 9pm

The workshop aims to:

- Provide relevant, up-to-date information about alcohol, cannabis, cocaine and Psychoactive Substances (previously known as 'legal highs') in a safe and familiar environment
- Offer strategies for parents to have open conversations with their children about drug and alcohol misuse
- Promote ways parents can help children make positive, healthy choices

As well as a practical presentation and informal learning activities, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and find out where to go for more information and support.

Please let us know if you are coming either by completing the reply slip at the foot of the letter we sent home recently or by emailing Sally Molloy (SJM@stags.herts.sch.uk)



Hertfordshire We look forward to welcoming you

Term Dates

Summer Term

Monday 18th April to Thursday 21st July 2016

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016

Half Term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5th September INSET Day

Tuesday 6th September INSET Day

Wednesday 7th September Beginning of term for all students

Half term Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Friday 25th November Occasional Day – School closed for all

Wednesday 21st December Last day of term

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January Beginning of term for staff and students

Friday 10th February INSET Day

Half Term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Friday 7th April Last day of term

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April Beginning of term

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday (May Day)

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Friday 21st July Last day of term



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