

## Classics Visit to Cambridge



On Wednesday 28th September, students studying Classics from both Year 10 and 11 were privileged to visit Cambridge University for the day. The wonderful opportunity was in fact initiated by Amy Geelan (Year 11) after she had contacted Mary Beard- a leading classicist and documentary presenter in her field. Although Mary Beard was supposed to appear on the day, unfortunately she was called away on business, despite this, the trip did not disappoint and has really set the students alight.

Our first stop was to the Classical Civilisations department itself. So, from here, we began our day being shown into an array of wonderful rooms- holding copies of many famous Ancient Greek and Roman statues that excited and amused in equal measure. Furthermore, we were given a tour through all of these marvellous statues and told many of their slightly eccentric stories. A personal favourite the group had seemed to be a rather perplexing depiction of a small baby strangling a goose!

From here we walked through the bustling (and bike filled) roads to Christ's College. Not only did we receive a tour of the beautiful college, but lunch was also provided to the delight of most of the students (eton mess seemed to go down well with most.) Within the college, we were lucky enough to see their chapel, gardens, and a lot of grass that we were not allowed to walk on.

After a walk back through the sweet Cambridge streets, we returned once again to the Classics faculty. Here, we were graced with a lecture by Dr Rebecca Laemmle on the Antigone, an Ancient Greek text that Year 11 have been studying. For the majority of us, this was our first lecture and many seemed rather taken by the exciting desks and chairs we were provided with. Many people seemed to really enjoy her lecture and it was hard not to be enthused by her boundless energy.



Everyone I spoke to on and after the day seemed to thoroughly enjoy our trip out, even without Mary Beard. From interesting lectures, to statues and food I can assure you that everyone was worn out that evening, and still very excited about Classics. Thank you very much Miss Garrett and Amy for making the day possible!

**Ruth Mitchell-Fox**

### Adapting Shakespeare for the University of Hertfordshire



Earlier this year a number of English, Drama and Art Gifted and Talented students were invited to work collaboratively on a competition project for The University of Hertfordshire. The task was simple, adapt Shakespeare. The students were given the choice of adapting either *Othello* or *The Tempest* in any way they wished. Over two days Arts and Literature skills were combined to complete two very different pieces of contemporary theatre and two very thorough evaluations.

Aaron, Rowena and Noa worked on adapting 'The Tempest' into a video performance for which they composed the music, created the visuals and did a voiceover. The rest of the students worked on *Othello*, exploring which characters have the power and certainly put an interesting connotation on Shakespeare's play. The students were given feedback on their work and they said how it had been a fun project to get involved with and helped them explore themes of Shakespeare more and gave them a fresh perspective on his plays with their own interpretations.

After a lot of discussion from the University's judging panel I was delighted to learn that both groups had been awarded a runner-up trophy and gift vouchers.

Emily Caddick Bourne and Craig Bourne from the University of Hertfordshire both commented on the students' hard work with the project which was a pilot project this year and impressed by the quality of the work submitted. There were 6 schools involved and both Marlborough's entries were so good they merited runners-up prizes of Love to Shop vouchers and a trophy.

*'It was a difficult decision to make with such high quality entries.'*

*'To win one prize is a great achievement; to win two prizes shows that Marlborough has very creative, self-motivated and imaginative students who are supported incredibly well by their enthusiastic teachers.'*

**Dr Craig Bourne, Acting Head of Philosophy, School of Humanities, de Havilland Campus,  
University of Hertfordshire**

We look forward to taking part in the competition again next year.

**Miss C Burton, Head of Drama**

Our Gifted and Talented students involved were —Katie Little, Emma Noon, Aaron Brooks, Roberto Da Silva, Kim Kusman, Noa Kusman, Mia Arundel, Rowena Harris, Hana Walker, Edwin Murray Melissa Little, Poppy Khanom, Harry Smith, Olivia Shelley, Rhys Wernham, Cerys Wernham and Ruth Mitchell-Fox.

## Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Rhianna Patel (7PP)** who recently competed in the British National Taekwondo competition at the Copper Box Arena. She reached the quarter finals in her first cadet category and narrowly missed out on a bronze medal this time. She is working hard for her next tournament and was lucky enough to meet Lutalo Mohamed, Silver medallist at the Rio Olympics.

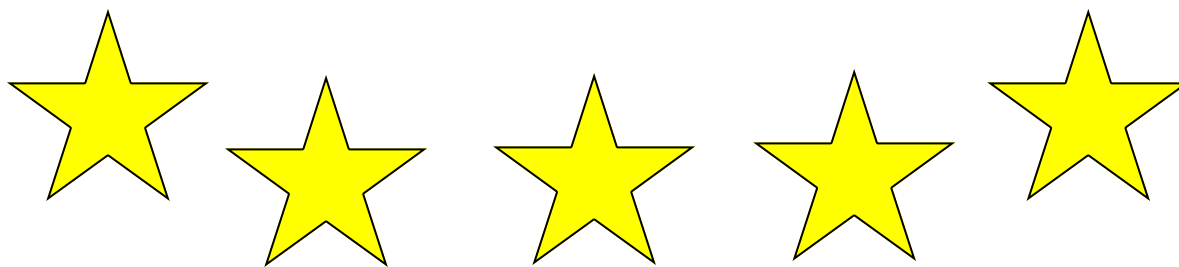


Congratulations to **Mikie Ridgway 7RH**, he recently competed in his elite level 4 grades and he was placed 3rd overall. He also placed 1st on vault, parallel bars, high bar and APP, also 2nd on rings and APP and 3rd on floor. While competing at a national competition in London this weekend representing Marriotts gymnastic club, he was placed 10th overall and came 3rd on floor. Some good solid routines hopefully setting him up for national finals in Birmingham later on in the year and we wish him the best of luck.

## Week 1



### Maths Stars of the Week



**Year 7**—Harvey Knowles, Daniel Myers-Allen, Elliot Reed, Scarlett Scott, Molly Randle, Mitchell Traxon, Ryley Chambers, Luca Viviani, Tarek El Bzioui, Luke John, Youniss Errattab, Amy Bilson, Ilyas Monadi, Elliott Tulloch and Megan O'Connor.

**Year 8**— Daniel Williams, Arianna Munro, Rhianna Berryman, Jordan Winsor, Amelia Prentice, Abbie Thompson, Ishitha Ahmed, Mahirah Khan, Zachary Foulkes, Benjamin Isaacs, Katie Hamm, Jamie Harbron, Mikey Wood, Marcy Pateman and Oliver Buer.

**Year 9**—Amber Birch, Tyler Courtney, Harry Turner, Melissa Howe, Kacper Domanski, Jess Williams, Katherine Fairs, Ciara Maloney, Xavier Wallace-Porter, Bethany Hopes, Aya Abu-Qalbain, Toby Jacob, Nazma Ali, Ellis James, Harry Hudnott and Rhys Dee.

**Year 10**—Liam Callaghan, Sophie Brooks, Ben Clarke, Ruth Mitchell-Fox, Louis Shaw, Emily Bousher, Katie Little, Finley Thompson, Kayleigh Day, Nazifa Choudhury, Charlotte Woolley and Luis Martins.

**Year 11**—Bradley Leitao, Ellen Tait, Megan Parles, Olivia Bull, Harrison Gates, Shoyful Islam, Leigh Lamprell, Millie Guest, Jada Thoree, Miguel Mari, Leah Rowson, Tommy Day, Alex Bierman and Kodi Iweka.

**Year 12/13**—Naya Watts and Naomi Hills.

### Week 2





**Mandarin Club**  
**Thursdays Week 1**  
**Lunch time 13:40-14:05 in A1**  
**students can bring their own lunch**



**LEGO LAB**

The Lego Lab meets Wednesday lunchtimes in the LRC and has proved to be very popular with the Year 7 and 8 students. Does anyone have any unwanted Lego that they would be able to contribute to our existing stock, the students would be really grateful.

Thank you

**Mrs Clegg**

#### **Year 11 English GCSE Revision Guides**

Revision guides for all aspects of both English Language and English Literature are available to buy from school via School Gateway. We have guides for the following texts: Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, The Sign of Four, Animal Farm, An Inspector Calls and Power and Conflict poetry. In addition, there is a new English Language guide available too. Please make sure that you print your receipt and give to your son/daughter so that he/she can collect the guides from their English teacher or the English office in Seacole block. Please check which texts your child is studying before purchasing.

Thank you

**Mrs Blount**

## MFestival celebration event



We are holding an MFestival party on Saturday October 15th to celebrate another successful music festival - raising over £15,000 for the school this year!

This event is free for all volunteers and performers at this years MFestival. Tickets are also available for anyone else who wants to join us for a great night of live music featuring three of our favourite MFestival acts. As an extra incentive we are giving all adult ticket holders a £5 voucher to use at the next MFestival.

Tickets are available [here](#)

We look forward to welcoming you on the 15th when we will also be announcing our plans for next year!

Thanks

The MFestival team



# PTA NEWS



## **Marlborough PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30-11.30am**

**in the Board Room.**

*Good quality, clean uniform available to buy.  
Donations to be sold can be made on the day or  
brought into school reception during the week.*

## **The M Festival Celebration Party**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30-11pm,**

**in Da Vinci Hall**

*This year we raised a fantastic £15,000 so to say thank you  
to our helpers who were busy on the day we've organised an  
evening of live music.*

*The evening is open to everyone and tickets are £10 for  
adults and £5 for under 18's. All adult tickets purchased will  
receive a voucher for £5 off a ticket for the next M Festival*

[https://tickettailor.com/checkout/view-  
event/id/64490/chk/332a/](https://tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/64490/chk/332a/)

## **AGM & NEXT PTA MEETING**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**7.30pm in the Boardroom**

**All Welcome**



# Home Learning Club

Home Learning Club allows you the opportunity to complete your learning with the support of books and computers in the LRC.

Staff from The Specialised Learning Department and the LRC are available if you wish to ask for help or advice.

## **The Specialised Learning Department rota is:**

**Monday** Ms Moir

**Tuesday** Mr Robert

**Wednesday** Mrs Platt

**Thursday** Ms Ahmed

**Friday** Ms Day

This may change on occasion.

*Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Platt provide additional support during the week.*

## **To attend you need to:**

- Bring your Home Learning!
- Work independently to complete Home Learning
- Ask a member of staff if you need advice or help

If you finish but need to stay, please read quietly or complete any other Home Learning you have.

**Please allow all students to finish their learning in a positive, calm environment**





**SPRINGBOARD  
OPEN DAY**

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**WATFORD**  
Wednesday 2nd November, 2pm - 5pm  
Cranbourne House, 10a Earl Street, Watford, WD17 2PD

Springboard is a one year full-time course for young people aged 16-24 with Asperger syndrome, high functioning autism or anxiety who may also experience social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

Springboard aims to equip young people with the confidence, independence and social skills they need to reach their full potential, and move successfully onto mainstream college or employment.

For more information or to RSVP, please email Lynda Howell: [lhowell@nhc.ac.uk](mailto:lhowell@nhc.ac.uk) or call 01923 630408



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## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September                      INSET Day  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September                      INSET Day  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September    Beginning of term for all students

*Half term                      Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November                      Occasional Day – School closed for all  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December    Last day of term

### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January                      Beginning of term for staff and students  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February                      INSET Day

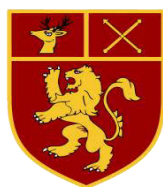
*Half Term                      Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April                      Last day of term

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April                      Beginning of term  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May                      Bank Holiday (May Day)

*Half Term                      Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July                      Last day of term



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