



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

18 October 2024

Dear Parents and carers

As we approach the final week of term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on an exciting week and share some important reminders.

Open Evening Success: Last night we had the pleasure of welcoming returning and prospective parents, carers, and students to our Open Evening. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout and to showcase the hard work and progress of our students. We hope they enjoyed meeting the staff, exploring the school, and getting a glimpse of the vibrant learning environment we strive to create. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank staff for all of the beautiful displays and presentations they put together for the event. It is evenings like this, where we can really see what it means to be 'Marling'. We had lots of support from our current students, but a special mention from me goes to Arnold (7F), Sidhaan (7F), Sam (7E), Sean (7E) and Josh (Year 13) who joined me in the presentations to our visitors and really did demonstrate our school values. Next week, we continue to open our doors with two invitational Open Mornings.

We were very relieved this week, that we were able to carry out emergency temporary repairs to the stone work at the front of school house, so that the front entrance of the school can continue to be accessed. This is part of an ongoing essential renovation project and car parking space will continue to be restricted whilst the main school hall remains closed. Thank you for your patience, our old buildings are beautiful but need some care and attention.

One Week to Go! With just one shorter week remaining until the end of term, we encourage students to stay focused and finish strong. Please note that next week, we have INSET days on Thursday and Friday, so the last day of term for students will be Wednesday, October 23rd. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday, November 4th. The new term will begin with celebration assemblies, and there is still time for students to earn points that will be recognised during those assemblies.

Another weekend approaches, I look forward to seeing the students focused and ready to learn, albeit for a shorter week, on Monday.

Best wishes,

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Week Commencing 21 October

- Tue 22 Y6 Invitational Open Morning 9am
Y10 Rugby v KLB at Marling 3:30pm
kick off
Y9 Rugby v Holmleigh Park EDF Cup
at Holmleigh Park leave 1:15pm return
to Marling at 5pm
- Wed 23 Y6 Invitational Open Morning 9am
House Music Assemblies
1st XV v KLB at Marling 2:30pm kick off
Y7, Y8 A & B Rugby v KLB at KLB
leave 2:15 return to Marling at 5pm
District Cross Country Trials Y7-11 at
Archway, meet at the Sports Hall at
3pm and walk over with Miss George
- Thu 24 INSET
- Fri 25 INSET

Lost Property

We have accumulated a significant amount of lost property this term, most of which is unfortunately unnamed and thus challenging to return to its rightful owners. To address this, all lost property will be available for collection in the Library during break times on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. Please encourage students to check for any missing personal items. Further updates regarding lost property will be communicated in due course.

UCAS Applications

Marling has submitted over 30 UCAS applications for Early Admission this year, including students applying to Oxford, Cambridge, and courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. Early Applications for Year 12 are now underway, with meetings held on Wednesday lunchtimes in EB11 with Mr. Elson. After half term, a new Forum group will be established for Year 10 and Year 11 students aspiring to apply for these courses. Further details will be announced soon.



Gene Technology Trip

This week, our Year 13 biology students had the incredible opportunity to attend a gene technology workshop at Oxford University. The workshop covered numerous learning objectives from the 'Gene Technology' and 'Genetics' units of the A Level curriculum.

Students engaged in hands-on activities, utilizing advanced molecular biology techniques and research-quality equipment, such as Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machines. This practical exposure enhanced their understanding of complex genetic concepts and provided invaluable insights into the world of scientific research.

We look forward to seeing how this experience will inspire the students future studies and careers in biology.



Bath Young Actor Award

We are thrilled to announce that Josh Glover has been awarded the prestigious Bath Young Actor Award at this year's Mid-Somerset Festival. Competing in the senior category, Josh's theme of Madness and Insanity was superbly realised in his portrayal of Hamlet. Adjudicator Ann Bauer praised his excellent timing and stage presence, noting his ability to fully bring out the meanings in his performances.

Sports Update

Our Year 8 team had an impressive victory against Deer Park, winning 40-10. Not to be outdone, the Year 7 team also triumphed over Deer Park with a fantastic score of 51-5. Bravo to both teams for their outstanding performances!

Congratulations to Alex in Year 8 for being selected for the Under 13's County Winter Training Programme with Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. This is a fantastic achievement, well done Alex!

