



# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

24 October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As the term comes to an end, we reflect on the many events that have taken place. It has been a long term, but one filled with productive activities and a strong focus on learning. We welcomed our new Year 7 students, who have settled in well, enjoying the Year 7 camp and forming new friendships. Similarly, Year 12 students have made an excellent start, with both new and returning members quickly establishing themselves in Marling Sixth Form.

There have been numerous extra-curricular activities, including a trip to see An Inspector Calls at the Bristol Hippodrome, visits to the Apprenticeship Show for Years 10 and 11, trips to Babcock, and a gene technology excursion. Additionally, we've had the house music competition, choirs, sports clubs and matches, lunchtime clubs, guest speakers for PSHE, European Languages Day, World Mental Health Day, and school photographs. The school has also welcomed prospective new parents and carers through an Open Evening and two Open Mornings, and we have held a Parent Information Evenings for every year group.

After the half-term break, we have plenty more planned, including the much-anticipated Year 11 and 13 Art trip to Barcelona, a theatre trip to see Dracula, our Remembrance Day observance, and the lead-up to Christmas celebrations, to mention just a few. It's important that everyone takes the time over the break to recharge and rest, as the next term will be a busy one.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff and everyone working to support Marling School for their hard work this term. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their support. I'm looking forward to seeing all the students on Monday, 4th November, focused and ready to learn.

Best wishes,

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Week Commencing 4 November

- Tue 5 Y10 Rugby v Maidenhill at Marling  
3:30pm kick off
- Y8 Rugby v Maidenhill at Marling  
3:30pm kick off
- Fri Japanese Schools Visit
- Sat 9 Y7 Rugby Festival at KLB 9:30am  
kick off



### **Congratulations to Our Talented Musicians!**

We are incredibly proud of all the students who performed in the recent House Music Assemblies last Friday. Your dedication, talent, and hard work were evident in every performance. Each house brought something unique to the stage, showcasing a wonderful variety of musical styles and talents. Well done to all our musicians for their spectacular performances.

### **Celebrating our Attendance Success!**

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about our school's attendance. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, staff, and you, our dedicated parents, Marling School has achieved an impressive attendance rate of 96.4% at the start of this academic year! This is a significant improvement from last year's rate of 94.8%, and it places us in the top 10% of schools nationwide.

Key Highlights:

Current Attendance Rate: 96.5%

Previous Year Attendance Rate: 94.8%

Improvement: 1.7% increase

Factors Contributing to Our Success:

Engaged Students: Our students have shown remarkable commitment and enthusiasm.

Supportive Staff: Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a positive and engaging learning environment.

Parental Involvement: Your support and involvement have been crucial in achieving this.

Thank you to everyone for your continued dedication and support. Let's keep up the great work.

### **Sports Update**

#### **Reminder from PE Department: Kit Requirements**

##### **Years 7-9:**

Outdoor games kit: Studded boots, Marling blue rugby top, blue shorts, and Marling blue socks.

Note: Astroturf boots are not permitted.

##### **Years 10-11**

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#### **Rugby Results**

1st XV v KLB: Narrow loss, 22-21

Y10 v KLB: Dominant win, 57-5

Y9 v Holmleigh Park (EDF Cup): Impressive victory, 72-7 advancing to the cup quarter-finals

Y8 v KLB: Tough loss, 45-0

Y7 A Team v KLB: Competitive match, but lost 35-20

Y7 B Team v KLB: Strong win, 55-10.

#### **Stroud District Cross-Country Trials at Archway**

All runners performed admirably. The selection for the District team will be announced after half-term.

#### **Congratulations Haroun!**

We are thrilled to announce that Haroun in Year 8 has been selected to play for the Gloucestershire Hockey Under 13's county team! This is a remarkable achievement, especially considering Haroun only started playing hockey two years ago. His natural talent as a goalkeeper has shone through, impressing both his club and county selectors.

