

MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

11 October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

This week has been centred around careers and future progression, with our Year 10 and 11 students attending the Apprenticeship Show in Bristol and learning about various possibilities for their futures. We also held a virtual parents' evening for Year 11.

One of my personal highlights this week has been seeing the creative volcano models brought in by our Year 7 students. It's been heartwarming to witness their enthusiasm and pride in showcasing their work. This truly embodies our ethos of fostering a 'passion for learning.' Next week, our attention shifts to the next generation of Marlingtonians with our highly anticipated Open Evening on Thursday, 17th October. We are excited to welcome both new and returning parents and carers into the school.

If you've visited the school recently, you may have noticed that our main car park at the front of the school is temporarily closed for brickwork restoration. We aim to complete this work by the end of next week. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and caution when visiting the school.

It's hard to believe we are just two weeks away from the end of term. As we head into the weekend, I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best Wishes,

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Week Commencing 14 October

- Tue 15 Y13 Gene Technology Trip
Barcelona Trip Meeting 5:30pm
- Wed 16 House Music Auditions
Y9 & Y10 Rugby at Deer Park leave
Marling 1.45pm and return at 5pm
Y8 Rugby at Archway leave Marling
3.30pm
PSA Meeting 7pm
- Thu 17 Open Evening 5-7pm
- Fri 18 House Music Assemblies



Supporting Young Minds: Hello Yellow

On Thursday we participated in the “Hello Yellow” campaign to support Young Minds, a charity promoting youth mental health. Staff dressed in vibrant yellow, creating a cheerful and supportive atmosphere.

By participating, we emphasised the importance of mental health and reminded everyone that it’s okay to ask for help.

Thank you to all the staff and students who made this day a success. Together, we can make a difference in supporting young minds.

Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening on Thursday 17 October 2024, 5pm to 7pm. This event is primarily for Year 4 and 5 students, but all prospective students for Years 7 to 11 are welcome. Help us spread the word! You can find the sign-up form for Mrs. Godfrey’s talk on the front page of our website.

Textbook Deposits

Thank you to all Year 7 and Year 12 parents and carers who have paid the textbook deposit so far. This deposit helps ensure the school doesn’t incur losses from unreturned textbooks when students leave in Year 11 and Year 13. The deposit will be held by the school and returned at the end of Year 11 and Year 13, provided all course books have been returned.

We kindly ask Year 7 and Year 12 parents and carers to pay the deposit via ParentPay by Monday 21 October. We appreciate your support in this matter. If you have any course books at home that are no longer being used, please return them to the school as soon as possible.

School Production Changes

Due to the school hall being out of action we have managed to secure an alternative venue; The Cotswold Playhouse. This does mean a change of published dates and some rejigging of the calendar. The production is now scheduled for 1-3 April, which means that the Year 11 parents’ evening that was originally on April 3 has had to be moved to 13 March.

Apprenticeship Show

As part of the school’s careers programme, this week, Year 10 and Year 11 students attended the Apprenticeships Show in Bristol, meeting exhibitors and exploring apprenticeship opportunities. Meanwhile, students at school received talks from Ecotricity and ASK, and researched apprenticeships and the local labour market.

Thank you to everyone involved!

If you’d like to support the careers programme by giving a talk, conducting an interview, or sharing an enrichment opportunity, please email [Holly Bedford](#), Assistant Principal.

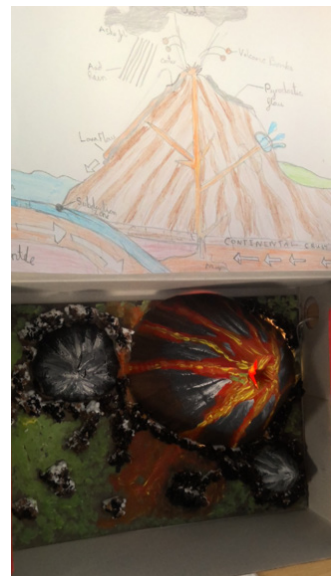
Exciting Eruptions

This term, our Year 7 students created their own volcano models, bringing the dynamic processes of the Earth’s crust to life. They constructed detailed models using materials like clay, papier-mâché, and even baking soda and vinegar for eruptions. Some students even made volcano-themed cakes and breads.

Each student presented their volcano model to the class, explaining the type of volcano and the science behind its eruptions. These presentations were both informative and engaging, with many models featuring realistic eruptions. The project encouraged scientific inquiry, with students testing different eruption methods and observing the effects of various materials.

Miss Welch and Mr. Waterfield, the Year 7 geography teachers, expressed their pride in the students’ enthusiasm and creativity. They highlighted the development of important skills in research, teamwork, and presentation. As a result, pupils will be receiving community points for their efforts.

Next term, Year 7 will continue their exploration of physical geography, focusing on earthquakes and tsunamis. We look forward to seeing their next exciting projects!





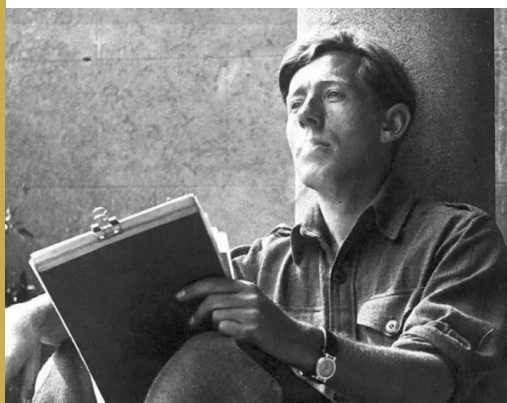
Sports Update

In recent rugby matches, our 1st XV team faced Crypt in the National Plate and, despite a strong effort, lost 32-10. The Year 10 team had a fantastic game against Malmesbury in the National Plate, securing a 32-7 victory. The Year 9 team also shone brightly, winning 22-8 against Westonbirt in the EDF Cup, with Nathan earning the title of man of the match. Meanwhile, the Year 8 team put up a valiant fight against Westonbirt but ultimately lost 25-15. Finally, Wilf and Jake in Year 11 represented Stroud District Rugby Under 16 at the County Festival and won the tournament.

In the District Table-Tennis Competition, our Under 16 team defeated Rednock 7-1 to become District Champions. Congratulations to Luke, Benji, and Matthew, who now advance to the County Championships. Our Under 13 team won against Rednock but lost 7-1 to a strong Wycliffe side, finishing as runners-up. Well done to Sam, Oscar, Harry, and Theo for their excellent performance.

House Music

A huge congratulations to all 120 students who performed in the House Music auditions on Thursday! The range of musical genres and the skill and creativity of each performer were impressive. We look forward to the finalist performances in the House Music assemblies on Friday, 18 October.



Laurie Lee Prize for Writing

Natalie and Natasha in Year 13 have both been shortlisted in the same category for the Laurie Lee Prize for Writing 2024. Natalie's short story is titled 'Ty Fred' and Natasha's 'How does your garden grow?'.

The Laurie Lee Prize for Writing was established to honor the memory of the celebrated poet and author Laurie Lee, known for works like *Cider with Rosie*. Created by Gloucestershire novelist Katie Fforde in association with the Stroud Book Festival, the prize aims to acknowledge and inspire creativity in writers who have not yet published a full-length work.

The winners will be announced at this year's Stroud Book Festival on 10 November. Congratulations to both Natalie and Natasha and good luck!

An Inspector Calls

Our Year 11 students recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend a performance of *An Inspector Calls* at the Bristol Hippodrome. This play is their set text for GCSE English Literature, and seeing it live on stage was an enriching experience that brought their studies to life.

