



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

8 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term at Marling! We've had a great start, even enjoying a few dry days that allowed the field to be open at lunchtime. This term, we're excited for House Rugby and a packed schedule leading up to Christmas.

I've been celebrating with each Learning Community for their strong start in both attendance and Learning Community Points. Currently, Greenstreet leads in attendance with 97.1%, and Elliott tops the Learning Community Points leaderboard with an impressive 3049 points.

Our Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Monday, 11th November. Cadet force members are invited to wear their parade uniforms if they wish, and I've asked them to ensure they are dressed smartly to honour the solemnity of the occasion. Poppies have been available in school this week.

As the first week of term draws to a close, I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best Wishes

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Week Commencing 11 November

- Tue 12 Y7 Maths Trip Warwick
Y9 & Y10 Rugby v Kings (away)
leave Marling at 2pm
- Wed 13 Y11 Language Oral Exams
Y12 Geology Trip
1st 15 Rugby
1st 7 Netball v Sir Thomas Rich (away)
leave Marling at 1.15pm
- Thu 14 Y11 Language Oral Exams
Y7 & Y8 A & B Rugby playing Kings (home)
- Fri 15 Y11 Language Oral Exams

Notice of Consultation: Admissions Arrangements for Marling School September 2026 Entry

In line with legal requirements set out in the School Admission Code 2021, we are consulting on changes to our admissions arrangements for September 2026 Entry. A copy of the consultation letter, the proposed 2026 Policy and who to contact if you wish to make comments regarding the policy, can be found on our [website](#). The consultation runs for six weeks until Thursday 19 December 2024.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for years 7-11 will take place on 12 and 13 December. Please refer to the email sent at the end of last term for further details.

Marling Christmas Concert

Mark your calendars! We are excited to announce that our Marling Christmas Carol Concert will be held at St Laurence's Church on Thursday 12 December. Stay tuned for more ticket information coming soon.

Non Uniform Day

Marling School will be holding a non-uniform day to help raise funds for Children in Need; the organisation is only currently able to fund 1 in 8 organisations who ask for help. With children across the UK facing greater challenges than ever, we are asking you to contribute to a better future for those children. Children in Need is a charity organisation that offers grants to projects that focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged; they support local charities and community projects across the UK. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.50 from each student that chooses to wear non-uniform on Friday 15 November to be paid via Parent Pay. We really hope you can help us in supporting this charity.

If you wish to participate in the non-school uniform day, usual school rules should be observed including jewellery for Health & Safety reasons. Non-uniform should be appropriate dress for school and there should be no inappropriate slogans or symbols worn.

Observing Remembrance



In year 7 Music lessons, students are learning about fanfares and the significance of The Last Post for Remembrance. They will perform this piece on the keyboard for their end-of-term assessment. Jonty and Freddie in year 8 are rehearsing for a live trumpet performance of The Last Post at the Marling Remembrance Service.

Welcoming Sugamo High School: A Cultural Exchange

Marling School had the pleasure of hosting Sugamo High School from Japan during their UK tour. The visiting students spent the morning with classes 7G and 7C, delivering engaging presentations about Japanese culture. They also led a series of exciting activities that allowed our students to immerse themselves in various aspects of Japanese traditions and daily life.

This visit provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to broaden their cultural horizons and gain a deeper understanding of Japan. Such exchanges are invaluable in fostering global awareness and building lasting connections with schools around the world. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Sugamo High School and other international institutions in the future.





Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

It took a while to get their certificates to them but our Sixth Form chemistry students excelled in the 2024 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge held at the end of the last academic year. This is a nationwide competition with over 14,000 participants. Two students earned the prestigious Gold Award (top 10% in the UK), eight received the Silver Award (top 20%), and twelve achieved the Copper Award (top 30%).

These accomplishments highlight the students' dedication and the strength of our chemistry program. Congratulations to all participants on their outstanding achievements!

Sports Update

Well done to our Sixth Form Netball Team on their first match this season. Despite a tough game against Ribston which was lost 15-12, the team played brilliantly. Congratulations to Bryony and Frida for being named Player of the Match. The year 10 rugby team celebrated a victory against Maidenhill with a score of 31-21, while the year 8 rugby team lost 8-0 to Maidenhill. Looking ahead, the year 7 rugby team will compete in a tournament against Katherine Lady Berkeley this Saturday.

Carlos joins Archery GB Academy

Carlos in year 10 has been invited by Archery GB to the 24/25 National Age Group academy, an academy for a select group of young athletes on the Archery GB Olympic Pathway. Well done to Carlos and we look forward to hearing more about his success with archery.

Eoin Excels in Stroud Half Marathon

The Stroud Half Marathon took place recently. This begins and ends on Cainscross Road, adjacent to the Marling sports field. Eoin in year 13 took part. This was his first half marathon and he finished in 1 hour 29 minutes, placing in the top 100 overall and 4th in the male under 20 category. Eoin trained independently, showcasing his self-focus and tenacity. Well done Eoin!

Swimming Success



Charlie in year 7 has been selected for the Gloucester ASA County Development Camp (for swimmers whose local clubs are in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire). This is part of a National talent programme. Charlie is one of 6 swimmers in his age group that have been selected. Well done Charlie!

