

# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

15 November 2024



Dear parents/carers

This week, we have focused on the values of respect and inclusion. Starting on Monday, 11th November, the entire school participated in our observance of Remembrance Day, and we concluded today with a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. These two distinct events serve as important reminders of the precious nature of life, encouraging us to appreciate what we have and recognise the challenges others may face. Marling students and staff have demonstrated respect through their actions, beginning the week with a solemn tribute to those who have given and continue to give their lives for others, and ending by raising money for charity. Thank you to everyone who has donated. So far, we have raised £760 for Children in Need, with donations still coming in. You can continue to donate via ParentPay until Monday 18th.

As we move into the third week of term, we have an important event to look forward to on Thursday, 21st November. We are excited to welcome prospective and current parents and carers to our school to explore our Sixth Form provision and discover why Marling Sixth Form is the right choice for their son or daughter. While Marling has always enjoyed a strong reputation for science and maths, we also encourage everyone to explore our offerings in the creative arts, subjects in which our students also excel.

As the week 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 18 November

- Mon 18 Y11 Language Oral Exams  
GCHQ Language Competition Week
- Tue 19 Rugby Y10, Y8 & Y7 A & B v Cleeve  
(away) leave Marling at 2pm
- Wed 20 Y11 Exam Results Release Date  
Y10 Rugby v Bristol Grammar School  
at Marling 2:30pm kick off  
Rugby 1st XV v Cleeve at Marling  
2:30pm kick off
- Thu 21 Sixth Form Open Evening

## Observing Remembrance Day



On Monday, Marling School solemnly observed the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day. The poignant ceremony featured trumpeters Freddie and Jonty from Year 8, who played the Last Post beautifully. Head student Josh in Year 13, and Eve in Year 12 delivered readings before the silence, which was respectfully led by our Principal. It was a moving tribute to honour those who have served. Pictured right are Cosmo, Adam, and Euan in Year 9, proudly wearing their cadet uniforms.



## Year 7 Choir

We are inviting all Year 7 students to be involved in a choir performance of Silent Night in the Christmas Concert on Thursday 12 December 6pm at St Laurence's Church. If students would like to take part, then please sign up with Miss Swinger in MU5 by Thursday 28 November.

## Geology Trip

On Wednesday, our Year 12 Geology students embarked on their first fieldwork excursion to Stroud with Miss Butcher. They examined the decorative igneous facing stones used in the town's buildings, applying their classroom knowledge in a real-world context. This hands-on experience enhanced their geological skills and understanding of rock types. It was a valuable opportunity to connect theory with practice, and the students made the school proud with their exemplary conduct.



## Maths in Action

On Tuesday, 30 students attended the Maths in Action Conference at Warwick University. They were exceptionally well-behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the engaging talks. Highlights included "Risk and Reward" by Alison Kiddle, a maths communicator and winner of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire", "How to Get Rich Quick" by Sophie Maclean, who shared insights from her experience in the international stock exchange, and "Numbers in the News" by Zoe Griffiths, which explored how maths can be used to mislead us. The students also participated in a fascinating live experiment. It was a delightful day enjoyed by all.



## Laurie Lee Prize for Writing

We are thrilled to announce that Natalie in Year 13 earned 2nd place in the Laurie Lee Writing Competition with her autobiographical story "Ty Fred" about childhood holidays in her grandparents' caravan. She was the top prose writer in the 16-20 age group. Additionally, Natasha, also in Year 13, was shortlisted. Both writers will attend free workshops on editing and publishing.



Last Saturday, Year 7 students participated in the Rugby district tournament. While there were no prizes, everyone had a great time!

CALLING ALL

Year 9 students!

GCHQ

- one of the three UK intelligence agencies -  
is hosting an online

## National Language Competition

18/11/2024 - 22/11/224

In teams of up to four students you will compete against others nationwide for the NLC 2024 trophy - awarded to the winning team at the GCHQ headquarters in Cheltenham!

Your task will be to solve the NLC's language-based puzzles to score as many points as you can over the week. No prior knowledge or language skills are required. Just have your quick-thinking, code-cracking, puzzle-solving skills at the ready!

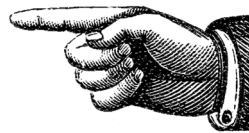
If you want to get involved, assemble your team and get in touch with the Language Department.

Have YOU got what it takes?



#GCHQNationalLanguageCompetition

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## GCHQ National Language Competition

GCHQ is hosting a National Language Competition for Year 9 students from 18-22 November 2024. Teams of up to four will tackle fun, language-themed challenges online. The top-scoring team will be invited to GCHQ's Headquarters in Cheltenham to receive a trophy.

## Christmas Collections

This Christmas, Marling School will support the Rotary Shoe Box Scheme and the Stroud District Food Bank. We will collect items for both charities (lists below) to help less fortunate families.

Stroud District Food Bank has been providing food and supplies to local people in crisis since 2011, delivering 9317 three-day emergency food packages and over 2000 holiday meals last year.

The Rotary Shoe Box Scheme, a UK registered charity, has been delivering boxes to those in need across Eastern & Central Europe for over 30 years.

Please see the attached lists for items to donate. Contributions should be brought in to tutors by Thursday, 28 November to ensure timely delivery for Christmas. Thank you for your support.

# CHRISTMAS APPEAL



## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

Please give donations to your tutors by 28th November.

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



### DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Box of Chocolates  
Box of Savoury Crackers  
Large Packets crisps  
Nuts  
Cranberry Sauce/Pickles  
Tinned Ham  
Christmas Cake  
Christmas Pudding  
Christmas Biscuits  
Large Tubs Sweets

Don't forget...

You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

## Rotary Shoebox Scheme

[www.rotaryshoebox.org](http://www.rotaryshoebox.org)

### Advice on filling your shoebox

#### Child ~ For young children

**PLEASE NOTE: Boxes for children aged 0 to 3 years must only contain NEW items.**

All boxes in this category will be opened and the contents checked to ensure that we comply with customs requirements in each of the countries to which we send your gifts. Failure to comply can result in fines being imposed on the charity or goods being destroyed.

**Boxes for children aged 4 and over can include pre-loved toys, but they must be in "as new" condition.**

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws  
colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

#### Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

#### Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

**All items with a 'Use By Date' should have at least 6 months left.**

### WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN ANY BOX

**Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind**  
(They are against Customs regulations at country borders)

Battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.  
Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a CHILD box



- It is important to indicate on the box lid, who the box is for.
- The contents are of good quality.
- The box should be completely filled.
- Remember that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.
- Do not sellotape the lid down

*"Spreading a Little Happiness"*



<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>  
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