



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

22 November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the end of the week, I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support during our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Your involvement and encouragement have been invaluable throughout this process. The Ofsted inspectors remarked on the high number of parent surveys they received, which truly demonstrated your commitment to the school community. As you are aware, we are not allowed to discuss the outcome of the inspection until the report is ratified and published. However, I wanted to acknowledge our gratitude for your support.

I also cannot fail to mention the fantastic behaviour and attitudes of the students over the last few days. They have made the school proud with the way they represented themselves and the school during this time.

Finally, I need to thank the staff and governors, who went above and beyond during a couple of intense but productive days. Everyone has truly lived our values this week.

Last night, we also held an extremely busy and vibrant Sixth Form open evening, where the staff had the opportunity to showcase their love and enthusiasm for their subject areas once more. As we head towards a well-deserved weekend, the school can be extremely proud of what has been achieved this week.

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

Best wishes,

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Week Commencing 27 November

- Wed 27 Y11 & Y13 Barcelona Art Trip
Y12 & Y13 Dracula Theatre Trip
Dean Close Geography Quiz
Netball v SHS at SHS at 2:15pm start
- Thu 28 Y8 B&C Parents Evening (virtual)
Seventh Vale Sixth Form Taster Day
Y8 Rugby v Holmleigh Park (away)
leave Marling 2pm
Y7 Rugby A & B v Holmleigh Park
(home) 2:30pm kick off
- Fri 29 INSET

Purchasing Food in the Dining Hall

A reminder that students need to present their ID cards to pay for food at break and lunchtime. The dining hall staff will not process purchases without it. Please ensure ParentPay accounts are topped up and remain in credit.

All students were issued with new cards in September. If replacements are needed please go to reception to report a lost card. A replacement will be made once payment has been made on ParentPay.

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.

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was fantastic to welcome so many prospective parents and carers on Thursday evening. A huge thank you to the staff and students involved in showcasing everything our Sixth Form has to offer.

Attendance

We are excited to announce that our school ranks in the top 10% nationally for attendance! Special recognition goes to our students with SEND, who are now the top attenders in our Local Authority. This achievement reflects our collective effort and teamwork. Currently, Carter and Fuller lead the attendance figures with 96.7%. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Inspiring Workshop with the Carducci String Quartet

On Tuesday, the Carducci String Quartet held a GCSE and A Level Music composition workshop at the Music Department. Students worked on their initial composition ideas and learned about composing for string instruments.

Please contact the Music Department to find further information regarding the Carducci Young Composers Competition 2025, which is open to all 11-18 year olds with a closing date of 23 February 2025.

Well done to our Musician of the Term Stars from Term 1:

Arthur in Year 7

Freddie and Jonty in Year 8

Alistair in Year 9

James in Year 10

Will, Mark, Patrick, Seth, Max in Year 11

Milo in Year 13

Please visit us in Music to read about your nomination!



Blue Caterpillar Exam Revision Sessions

We are thrilled to announce that Blue Caterpillar will be visiting our school on Thursday 5 December. They will be conducting a special session during period 5 for Year 11 students, offering invaluable revision tips to help them prepare for their second set of mock exams in the spring. Additionally, there will be a dedicated session for parents and carers from 5 - 6pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to best support their children during this crucial time. Don't miss out on this chance to gain expert advice and boost exam preparation.

Renishaw Careers Early Open Evening

Renishaw is hosting an Open Evening on 10 December, 6pm with about 30 tickets still available. Renshaws STEM outreach programme is designed to excite, to interest and engage students in a range of engineering activities and careers based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects. This event is ideal for students in Years 10-13 who are interested in work experience, apprenticeships, and graduate schemes. The STEM outreach team will provide insights into the vibrant world of engineering and STEM careers, aiming to excite, interest, and engage students through a range of engineering activities. Don't miss this opportunity to explore a future in STEM! Click [here](#) to sign up.

Marling PSA Fundraising Update

Thank you for supporting the Marling PSA. Your contributions have helped many projects this year. Let's keep the momentum going! This Christmas, we aim to build on the success of our online Hamper raffle. We are organising another online raffle and need your donations. Please bring any contributions to reception by Monday, 2 December.

Here are some hamper ideas for inspiration:

Pamper Hamper	Sports Hamper	Night before Christmas Hamper
Craft Hamper	Games Hamper	Share with Friends Hamper
Games and Puzzles Hamper	Gin Hamper	Movie Night Hamper
Gardening Hamper	Food and Treats Hamper	Luxury Food Hamper

Thank you for your continued support. For questions or to help with hampers, text Mo at 07825 642288

Christmas Charity Collections

A reminder that Marling School is supporting the Rotary Shoe Box Scheme and Stroud District Food Bank this Christmas. Please bring donations to tutors by Thursday, 28 November. Please see attached flyer.

Sports Update

Despite many sports fixtures being cancelled this week, the Year 10 Rugby team faced Bristol Grammar School Continental in the National Plate Quarter Final on Wednesday. The team put in a tremendous effort and played exceptionally well, but unfortunately, they were defeated 35-17. The score doesn't truly reflect how close the match was or the dedication shown by our squad.

PE Kit required from next week:

Years 7 & 9	Indoor kit - white shorts, house vest (a plain white t shirt under the House vest but not instead of the House vest).
Years 8, 10 & 11	Outdoor kit - blue Rugby top, blue shorts, blue socks, studded boots (not astro turf boots) also indoor trainers if the weather is bad.

Please remember, due to the weather, it's crucial for all students in Years 7-11 to bring both boots and clean, non-marking indoor trainers to each lesson.



Mikey Shines at Cotswold Fencing Tournament!

Congratulations to Mikey in Year 10! Mikey showcased his exceptional skills by competing in the adults category at the Cotswold Fencing Club County Invitational tournament, securing an impressive fourth place. Well done, Mikey!

Mrs North's Medal

Mrs North received a medal for completing the Manchester Marathon in 3:31:02, securing 32nd place in her age group and a spot in next year's London Marathon. Well done, Mrs North!

