



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

17 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is well underway now, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with all Learning Communities in their assemblies and celebrate with them some of their collective and individual successes last term. I am always grateful for these occasions, as it really is a chance for each Learning Community to share aspects of school life that they should be proud of. This time, I also took the opportunity to share with students how impressed the Ofsted inspectors were with their overall behaviour and participation in their learning, when they inspected the school last term. Please see attached a letter commenting further on the report.

Yesterday evening, we welcomed Year 9 students and their parents and carers into the school, to discuss their next steps academically. It was great to see so many students excited about their subject choices and looking forward to starting their GCSEs. We appreciate how difficult these choices are for some students and encourage anyone who is worried or unclear to ask for support from in the first instance their tutors and subject teachers followed by either [Mr Reid](#) or [Miss Jenkins](#). As we move further in to the new year more decisions lie ahead for students as Year 11 begin to finalise their sixth form subject choices, in their taster on 13th February.

This week I have had the opportunity to meet our Young Rotary Chefs participants and winner and the students who were highly commended in the GCHQ National Language Competition. Congratulations to all of these students, they are really demonstrating what it means to be a Marlingtonian. The final heat of the Young Rotary Chef competition takes place this weekend, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish Aiden good luck. I also wish good luck to Humphrey who is participating in the Scottish Open Judo Championship tomorrow.

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: Commencing 20 January

- Tue 21** Ski Lessons for Canada Trip after school
- Wed 22** Sanako Career Talks
1st XI Football v KLB at Marling
2:30pm kick off
Netball v STR at Marling 2:30pm tip off
- Thu 23** HPV Vaccinations
Y12 Oxford EA Visit

Important Reminder: Road Safety for Students

Ensuring our students' safety is our top priority. We kindly ask everyone to remind students to exercise caution when crossing the road and to always use designated crossings. Unfortunately, we had an incident this week where a child was struck by a vehicle. Thankfully, they are okay, but let's all work together to prevent such incidents in the future.

ParentPay

We are aware of an issue with Parentpay accounts not reflecting correct purchases or balances. Our finance team is working to resolve this and will keep you updated. Rest assured, students can still purchase food as usual without any issues regarding their balance.

Year 7 Students Build Greek Amphitheatre Models

Last term, Year 7 students delved into Greek Theatre, researching amphitheatre design and creating their own models using materials like cardboard, clay, Lego, and even cake! Their models featured key architectural elements such as tiered seating and open stages. Students also explored famous Greek plays like Antigone and the role of the chorus. Selected models will be displayed in the drama studio. We are very proud of their creativity and enthusiasm.



Marling Music Achievements

A huge well done to the following students:

Pip in Year 7, Piano Grade 3 Distinction

Clement in Year 10, Piano Grade 5 Merit

Please [email](#) with any musical achievements. We would love to hear from you!

Sixth Form Chamber Concert

Join us on Thursday, 30 January at 6pm for the Sixth Form Chamber Concert in the Music Hall. Enjoy performances by our Year 12 and 13 A Level Music students as they prepare for their final recitals. The concert is open to all, with no tickets required. We warmly invite family and friends to attend.

Information Advice and Guidance Meeting

Year 11 students met with senior members of staff and the Sixth form team for their Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) meetings last week. The meetings help them to decide which A Levels they wish to study in September 2025 taking into account their future plans and interests.



Virtual Talk with Baroness Ball enriches Sixth Form Politics Students

Sixth Form Politics students recently had the unique opportunity to participate in a virtual talk with Baroness Ball. This session allowed them to interact directly with a member of the House of Lords. Baroness Ball, a distinguished member of the House of Lords and former creative director of the Royal Opera House, shared her insights on the legislative process and the importance of civic engagement. It was an enriching experience for the students, broadening their understanding of the UK's political system and inspiring them to consider their roles in shaping the future.

Sports Update

Results for this weeks fixtures:

Year 8 Football vs Wycliffe

A Team won

B Team won

Year 7 Football vs Wycliffe

A Team won

B Team won

C Team won

The Sixth Form netball team had an engaging and entertaining match against SHS.



Regional Table Tennis Championships

Last Sunday, January 12, our Year 11 Boys Table Tennis team competed in the Regional Championships in Eggbuckland, Plymouth. They triumphed 7-1 against the Somerset Champions, with a special mention to Sam for playing against older opponents. The team then faced Devonport High School for Boys, drawing 4-4 but winning overall with 16 matches to 13. As Regional South West Champions, they advance to the National Semi-Finals in March. Congratulations to Sam (Year 7), Niall (Year 8), Will (Year 9), and Benji (Year 9) for their outstanding performance!

KS3 County Badminton Tournament

The team, comprising Alex, Casper, and Elliot from Year 9, along with Woody from Year 8, competed against Leckhampton, Rednock, STR, and Pates. They secured a win in one game, with the others being closely contested. Throughout the tournament, they demonstrated outstanding commitment, determination, and enthusiasm. A special thanks to Karen, our badminton coach, for her invaluable support. Well done, team!