



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

24 January 2025

Dear parents and carers

This week has been a particularly difficult week for many staff and students as we mark the loss of one of our Year 13 students, Harry Turner. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Despite the sadness of this occasion our students continue to show us that there are many reasons to look forward and we celebrate their strength and perseverance. This week, I had the pleasure of meeting some members of our table tennis team, who recently triumphed in the Butterfly National School's Team Area Final and are eagerly anticipating the next round of the competition. Additionally, we celebrate Aiden in Year 10, who secured third place in the final of the Rotary Young Chef competition.

As we reach the mid-point of the term, we are reminding students to keep their focus and standards high, working hard in class, meeting behaviour expectations, uniform worn correctly, and mobile phones not seen and not heard. The majority of students get these right every day, but we all benefit from a few reminders. This term the Learning Community Competition is 'Bake off', an opportunity for our talented chefs to demonstrate their skills and contribute to their Learning Community points total.

As we approach the weekend I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best wishes,

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Commencing 27 January

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| Tue | Y10, Y7 A & B Football v KLB away
leave 2:30pm return 5:15pm
Ski lessons for Canada Trip after school |
| Wed | Y10 Javelin Park Trip
Y9 Football v KLB home 3:30pm kick off
Badminton v Westonbirt away
leave 1:15pm return 4:45pm |
| Thu | Sixth form Chamber Concert 6pm
Y12 Geography Trip Penn Wood
Y8 Football v KLB home 3:30 kick off |
| Fri | Y12 Geography Bristol Trip |

Secondhand Uniform

We invite parents and carers to donate old school uniforms that are still in good condition. These donations help other families and support sustainability. Additionally, second-hand uniforms are available for purchase at a reduced cost. If you need any PE kit or replacement uniforms, please consider our second-hand options. They might be just what you need.

Call for Scrap Materials!

The Textiles Department is seeking donations of the following items to repurpose for Fashion and Textiles projects. If you have any of these, please drop them off in DT8 or at Reception as soon as possible:

- Old white or cream bed sheets or large white sections of material
- Newspapers
- Old ties
- Carrier bags
- Scrap fabric
- Denim

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Readathon

The Readathon is open until the end of January. Please continue reading and recording your progress. Remember to keep your sponsor cards, as they help us determine Gift Aid eligibility and identify top donors and avid readers for rewards.

It's not too late to donate to Readathon. Parents and carers, please support your children in collecting online donations. You can donate by clicking [here](#) or using the sponsorship cards provided to students.

*'The more that you read, the more things you'll know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'*
- Dr. Seuss



Marling Music Achievements

A huge well done to the following:

- Milo in Year 13 - Grade 8 Piano exam, Distinction
- Tom Sweet in Year 9 - Ukulele Grade 4, Distinction

Marling Music - Dates for your Diary

- 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 everyone, and no tickets are required. We warmly invite family and friends to attend.
- Thursday 27 March 6pm - Music Hall - Open Mic Night
- Thursday 1 May 6pm - Music Hall - Spring Concert



British Physics Olympiad

A group of Year 13 Physics students competed in the British Physics Olympiad and received fantastic results. The Physics Olympiad is a national physics competition completed by almost 4000 students a year. Three of our students (Jacob, Thomas, and Billy) achieved the top gold award putting them in the top 17% of students nationally who competed in the competition, a brilliant achievement.



Mind Master Training

As part of our PSHE curriculum, our Sixth form students are currently participating in specialised workshops delivered by Mind Master Training.

Year 12 students are exploring evidence-based approaches to psychological well-being. The workshops concentrate on the scientific principles of positivity and resilience, equipping students with robust strategies to cultivate mental strength, emotional intelligence, and personal development.

Year 13 students are focusing on advanced cognitive techniques to optimise their exam preparation. These workshops are designed to enhance students' ability to maintain focused attention, effectively capture critical information, and develop sophisticated memory retrieval strategies tailored to academic success.

Sports Update

Congratulations to Humphrey in Year 10 for his impressive performance at the Scottish Open Judo Championships! Competing against older and higher-graded fighters, he won two fights and lost two. This remarkable achievement has positively impacted his national rankings. Well done, Humphrey!



Due to exams running up to half term, all PE lessons for every year group will be held outside, weather permitting. Therefore, the required kit is:

- Blue rugby top
- Blue shorts
- Blue socks
- Studded (metal or plastic) boots, **no** astro turf boots.