

MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

31 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are approaching the end of January, and as the days start to get a little longer the school calendar is getting busier. This week marked the exciting start of the Learning Community 'Bake Off' challenge. Some very fortunate staff and Sixth form students had the delightful task of judging the Year 7 and Year 11 entries. The winners were Benjie for Year 7 and James for Year 11. I can confirm that all the cakes were absolutely delicious, making it an extremely difficult decision for the judges. Another fabulous event this week was the Sixth Form Chamber Concert, thank you to all of the staff involved in both of these events for their work behind the scenes to support and encourage students.

This weekend we have the Sixth Form Discovery Day for external students thinking about applying to Marling Sixth Form, this is their opportunity to meet some of the staff and try out their possible A Level subject options. Our current Sixth form are receiving their university offers and we have heard that so far one student has a place at Oxford and three have been successful receiving an offer of a place at Cambridge. We hope that they all have a great day. Next week Year 11 students continue with their mock exams and we also have an online options evening for Year 8 to introduce them to their subject choices for Year 9.

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 3 February

Mon	Y11 Football v Rednock (away) leave 2:45pm return 5:15pm Y10 Football v Rednock (home) 3:15pm kick off
Tue	Onatti Spanish Play Year 8 & 10 Bake Off Competition Y8 & Y9 Football v Rednock (home) 3:15pm kick off Y7 A & B Football v Rednock (away) leave 2:30pm return 5pm
Wed	Y12 Geography Field Trip Stroud Y9 Bake Off Competition Y12 Javelin Park Trip Linguistics Olympiad 1st XI v Rednock (away) leave 1:15pm return 4:30pm Y8 to Y9 Virtual Options Evening 6:30pm Ski Lessons for Canada Trip after school
Thu	Y9 Parents Evening (virtual) Linguistics Olympiad
Fri	Linguistics Olympiad
Sat	Linguistics Olympiad
Sun	Linguistics Olympiad



Year 12 Fieldwork Adventures: Exploring Selsley Common, Penn Wood, and Bristol City Centre

As part of their A-level geography course, Year 12 students enhanced their understanding of fieldwork by applying theory to real-world settings. This preparation will aid their NEA in Swansea later this year. The physical investigation focused on infiltration rates along a hill slope, collecting data on soil moisture, landscape relief, vegetation cover, and canopy cover. The human investigation involved an urban enquiry on two contrasting localities within Stroud. All pupils conducted themselves professionally and showed true enthusiasm for the discipline. Mr Smith and Miss Welch provided essential support, ensuring the trip's success.

Oxford University Trip

On 23 January, a group of our Year 12 Sixth form students visited Lady Margaret Hall at Oxford University. The trip provided them with a valuable opportunity to explore the campus and get a feel for university life. The students were able to tour the beautiful grounds, attend informative sessions, and engage with current undergraduates, helping them to envision their future academic paths. This inspiring visit has certainly motivated our students to aim high in their university applications.



Upcoming PSA Meeting

A reminder that the next PSA (Parent and Staff Association) meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 February at 7pm. This will be in person at the school or via video call using this [link](#). Please contact marlingpta@gmail.com for more information.

Pokemon Cards

It has been observed that some Year 7 students are bringing in large collections of Pokémon cards, many of which can be quite valuable. While their enthusiasm is commendable, there are concerns about the potential for damage or theft. Students are encouraged to enjoy their cards responsibly and consider leaving high-value items at home.

Warhammer Club

Our students have had a fantastic time painting figurines, setting up intricate scenery, and staging epic battles! Their creativity and organisational skills are truly impressive. It's wonderful to see how everything has been managed independently, from planning to execution. The group consists of a mix of very experienced players and complete novices, yet everyone is having a great time.



Check Mate! Chess Success at Bristol Grammar School

On 25 November 2024, Will, Gavin, Ashish, Ben, Sam, and James participated in the first stage of the English Schools Chess Competition at Bristol Grammar School. Ashish and Sam excelled, each winning three out of four matches. Although the team didn't automatically qualify for the next round, they advanced to the ESCC Repechage B Team Battle on 20 January, finishing fourth out of 19 teams, with Ashish being the second highest overall competitor. They now move on to Repechage C on 27 February.

On 27 January, Will, Ashish, Ben, and Monty competed again at Bristol Grammar School, winning all their matches and topping their section out of 16 teams. They now qualify for the finals!

If any Year 7 or 8 students are interested in joining a competition team, please speak to Ms Thompson in WB15. The next Junior Chess Challenge is at Bristol Grammar School on 10 March.



The Great Marling Bake Off!

Year 7 and 11 Learning Community 'Bake Off' was held this week where some delicious and creatively decorated cakes were presented. The winners were:

Year 7

- 1st Place: Benjie
- 2nd Place: Rafferty
- 3rd Place: Oliver

Year 11

- 1st Place: James
- 2nd Place: Charlie

Congratulations to all the participants for their fantastic efforts!

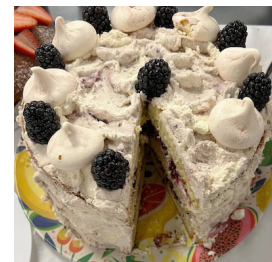
Looking ahead, the Year 8 and Year 10 Bake Off will take place on Tuesday, 4 February, followed by the Year 9 Bake Off on Wednesday, 5 February. Good luck to all the upcoming bakers!



Oliver's cake



Benjie's cake



Rafferty's cake

Marling Music Achievements

Isabel Rose - Acoustic Guitar Grade 6 Distinction.

Musician of the Term

Well done to our Musician of the Term stars from Term 2:

- Toby in Year 7
- Woody in Year 8
- Ronnie in Year 9
- Clement in Year 10
- Irwin in Year 11
- Jenny in Year 12

Please visit us in Music to read about your nomination!

Sixth Form Chamber Concert

A huge well done to our A Level music students for a fantastic performance at the Sixth Form Chamber Concert last night. Good luck to our Year 13 students for their final A Level music recital in April.

Sports Update

Sports results from this weeks fixtures:

Tuesday

- Year 10 Football v KLB Lost 5-0
- Year 7 Football v KLB A Won 8-2
- Year 7 Football v KLB B Won 7-0

Wednesday

- Year 9 Football v KLB Match was postponed
- Badminton v Westonbirt Won 15 games to 2 games.

Fantastic Fencing by Mikey

Last Sunday Mikey in Year 10 entered the British Fencing south west qualifiers, where he secured an invitation to fence at the British Youth Championship national tournament in Sheffield in May. Well done Mikey!

Unifrog



We are thrilled to announce that Marling School is ranked in the top 50 out of over 425 schools in the South West for our use of Unifrog! This highlights our dedication to helping students explore their educational and career options.

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Marling School

1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024



CAREER GUIDANCE INTERACTIONS

1803

Interactions logged

TOP GATSBY BENCHMARK
A stable careers programme

969
Students

SECOND GATSBY BENCHMARK
Encounters with Vocational and Higher Ed

483
Students

DESTINATION SHORTLISTS

163

Students made a shortlist

81%
shortlisted universities

28%
shortlisted apprenticeships

83%
shortlisted degree
apprenticeships or top third
university

1-1s

144

1-1s arranged

POPULAR LEARNINGS

- Curriculum
- University

QUIZZES

692

Completed a quiz

TOP PERSONALITY PROFILES

- ISTJ
- ESTJ
- INTJ