



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

07 February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As February begins, we continue to see weather forecasts predicting snow. Interestingly, snow is statistically more likely at Easter in the UK than at Christmas; this seems like the perfect time to revisit our snow closure plan. In the event of extreme weather, information about school closures will be available on our [website](#) and through Gloucestershire media services, which will broadcast updates via radio and social media. Students will be provided with work to complete at home (after they've built a snowman, of course).

This week, we concluded the Community Championship 'Bake Off' Competition with impressive entries from Years 8, 9, and 10. The standard was exceptionally high, and all participants should be incredibly proud of their efforts. See the following page to find out the winners!

We've had an eventful and productive time recently. Our students visited the Javelin Park Waste Facility, gaining valuable insights into waste management. We are incredibly proud of Natasha in the Sixth form, who won a public speaking competition—an outstanding accomplishment! We also had the pleasure of hosting author James Barr, who spoke to our Sixth formers studying the Middle East from 1908-2011 about his book, *A Line in the Sand*. His visit provided a unique perspective on their studies. Additionally, we welcomed our new Sixth Form Leadership Team, who will be working closely with the main school on various projects. A special mention to Ben and Romy, who thoroughly enjoyed their roles on the 'Bake Off' judging panel.

Last Saturday, we hosted our external Sixth form candidates for a Discovery Day. They had the opportunity to explore potential Sixth form options and experience what life at Marling is like. Next week, on 13 February, we will offer the same experience to our current Year 11 students with a Taster Day, helping them plan their next academic steps. This week, we also held the Year 8 options event, allowing our Year 8 students to make choices that will shape their Year 9 curriculum.

A busy end of term lies ahead, so let's hope it doesn't snow! I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best wishes,

Dr Jules Godfrey

Key Dates: Commencing 10 February

Mon	Y11 Language Oral Exams Y9 Football v Archway (home) kick off 3pm Y11 Football v Archway (home) kick off 3pm
Tue	Y11 Language Orals Canada Trip Ski Lessons after school Y8 Football v Archway (away) Leave 2:45pm to return 4:30-5pm Y10 Football v Archway (away) Leave 2:45pm to return 4:30-5pm
Wed	Y11 Language Orals Y9 Fame Lab Y7 Animal Farm Trip 1st XI Football v Rednock (away) Leave 2pm to return 4pm KS4 County Badminton Championships at Rednock School Leave 12pm to return 4:30pm
Thu	Y11 Language Orals Y11 Sixth form Taster Day Y10 Birmingham University Y7 Football v Archway A (home) kick off at 3pm Y7 Football v Archway B (home) kick off at 3pm

Javelin Park Trip

Year 10 and 12 students recently toured the Javelin Park energy-from-waste facility to learn about Gloucestershire's sustainable waste processing. They observed how burning waste generates electricity, reducing landfill use, and discovered how emissions are monitored and byproducts like recycled metals and ash are repurposed. The visit reinforced GCSE topics on waste management and sustainability, while showcasing the crucial role of engineers and inspiring future careers.



Sixth Form Discovery Day

Discovery Day held last Saturday gave prospective external students a glimpse into the school's vibrant life. The event featured engaging activities and taster sessions for various A-Level courses. Attendees met current students and staff, asked questions, and experienced Marling's supportive community.

New Student Leaders

Our newly elected Sixth form student leaders are:

Bennett: Romy and Ben

Carter: Charles and Sidratul

Elliott: Bryony and Alfred

Fuller: Amelia and Beau

Greenstreet: Bliss and Henry

Student Engagement: Natasha, Harry and Grace

Culture and Inclusion: Eva, Dan, Aliyah and Theo

Outreach and Publicity: Eve, Grace and Gabrielle

Wellbeing: Josh, Lewis, Finn, George and Alex

Charity: Jenny and Etien

Environment: Oscar and Aiden

This year, we have the largest team of student leaders ever elected, and they have already begun taking on their new responsibilities, including presenting assemblies to the lower school. You can read about a few of our student leaders as they are featured in the latest Stroud Times [Education Matters](#).



Artulation Competition

Natasha (Year 12) represented Marling in the regional heats of the Artulation public speaking competition on Thursday and won! The competition focuses on art, with participants delivering a 10-minute presentation on a chosen piece. Natasha's presentation on Banksy highlighted the cultural and political influence of street art. Well done, Natasha, and good luck in the next stage!

Marling Music Achievements

Stanley in Year 8 - Piano Grade 1 Distinction

Sixth Form Chamber Concert

A huge congratulations to our A Level Music students for their outstanding performance at the Sixth Form Chamber Concert on Thursday, 30 January. Your talent and dedication made the evening truly special!

Community Championship Bake Off Heats Up!

This week, the Bake Off Competition showcased the incredible baking talents of our Year 8, 9, and 10 students. The standard of cakes was so exceptional that we wouldn't be surprised to see some of our bakers on 'The Great British Bake Off' in the future! A huge thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a sweet success.

The results were as follows:

Year 8

- 1st: Woody
- 2nd: Jack and Charlie (joint 2nd)
- 3rd: Freddie
- 4th: Jake
- 5th: Charlie

Year 9

- 1st: Lewis and Corbus (joint 1st)
- 2nd: Jack
- 3rd: Louis
- 4th: Manni

Year 10

- 1st: Aiden
- 2nd: Henry
- 3rd: Zachary
- 4th: Seb
- 5th: Charlie



Sports Update

Sports results from this weeks fixtures:

Monday

- Year 11 Football v Rednock Drew 1-1
- Year 10 Football v Rednock Lost 2-1

Tuesday

- Year 9 Football v Rednock Lost 6-1
- Year 8 Football v Rednock Lost 2-0
- Year 7 Football v Rednock A Lost 2-1
- Year 7 Football v Rednock B Won 3-2

Wednesday

- 1st XI Football v Rednock Won 2-0



Corbus's cake



Lewis's cake



Woody's cake



Aiden's cake