



# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

28 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we begin the new term, we are focussing on recognising achievements. This week I had the pleasure of leading the Learning Community assemblies, where we celebrated both individual and collective successes with students and staff. We acknowledged some fantastic sporting and extra-curricular accomplishments. Each term, I ask every tutor to nominate one student who exemplifies one of our school values, and these awards are presented in our assembly. For Term 3 it was:

Bennet- Respect  
Carter- Academic Excellence  
Elliott- Passion for Learning  
Fuller- Inclusion  
Greenstreet- Perseverance

Looking ahead, this term is a busy one, with our Year 11 and 13 students beginning their last stages of preparation for their exams. On 5th March there is an Information Evening for Year 11 which will contain a lot of really important information about the next few months as well as some useful exam preparation support. There are also a number of exciting trips leaving this term, including Normandy and the Ski Trip. Our students participating in DoE begin their practice expeditions and this term the Learning Community competition is football.

We have the school production to look forward to on the 2nd and 3rd of April, you will notice a change of venue for this, this year, as we have moved the production to the Cotswold Playhouse. Students are looking forward to being able to tread the boards in a real theatre, and performances are expected to sell out, so get your tickets as soon as they go on sale! Details to follow next week.

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

Best wishes,

Dr Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Commencing 3 March

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| Mon | A Level PE Workshop Wycliffe<br>Sixth form trip to Berlin departs<br>Y7 District Football Tournament<br>at Rednock leave 2:45pm return 5:30pm<br>Y8 & Y11 Football v Maidenhill (away)<br>leave 2:30pm return 5pm                   |
| Tue | Y9 & Y10 Football v Maidenhill (home)<br>3pm kick off   |
| Wed | Y11 Exam Information Session<br>virtual 6:30pm<br>Y10 RE Exam Information Session<br>Lecture Theatre 5-6pm<br>1st XI Football v St Peters (home)<br>2:30pm kick off<br>2nd XI v Holmleigh Park (away)<br>leave 1:15pm return 5:15pm |

## Communication Policy

Please take a few minutes to complete our communication survey by clicking this [link](#) or scanning the QR code. Your feedback will help us improve our home-school communication strategy. Click [here](#) for our current policy.



## ParentPay

Please keep ParentPay accounts topped up. Students with a deficit over £4 cannot purchase food in the dining hall and will be directed to reception for parents or carers to add funds.

## Uniform

Please ensure all clothing, shoes, and trainers are clearly labelled. We have a large amount of unlabelled items in lost property, making it difficult to return them.

## Exams - Summer 2025

Exam entries for Summer 2025 have now been made. Students can find their individual exam timetables on Bromcom, while a timetable of all exams can be found on the school website.

Please note that practical exams and language speaking tests will not appear on the exam timetable. These will occur before the main exam season; with dates set internally. Students will be informed of these closer to the time.

There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2025 exam season: the afternoon of 11 June and the morning and afternoon of 25 June. Students should be available on these dates even if they do not have an exam. These contingency dates are created to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning. During any exam season there are always exam 'clashes', when a small number of students will have more than one exam timetabled at the same time. We will be in contact with those students affected over the next couple of weeks. The clash can usually be resolved by sitting one exam in the morning session and the other in the afternoon.

Should you have any issues or questions regarding exams, please contact the exams team, Mrs Ann Bijkerk and Mrs Rachael Peet at [examinations@marling.school](mailto:examinations@marling.school).

## Focus on Revision Fortnight

Over the next two weeks, we'll focus on revision techniques in all subjects and tutor times. Teachers will discuss the best ways to revise, share resources, and offer tips. We'll also send home a video on how the brain learns and effective revision methods. This aims to help Year 11 and 13 students, as well as all year groups, revise successfully.

## Teachers Development Trust

Marling School is proud to announce that we have received a Bronze award from the Teacher Development Trust for Continual Professional Development. The TDT praised our staff's commitment to professional learning and continuous improvement, noting our research-informed approach and collaborative ethos. We thank the PSA for their support and look forward to further enhancing CPD for the benefit of our students.

## Food Tech

Year 11's have been completing their practical controlled assessment this week. 3 courses in 3 hours, related to a brief set by the exam board. Some exquisite dishes.



## Sports Update

Results from this week:

Wednesday 1st XI Football v Crypt Marling won 3-2

Scorers were Tom, Luke and Jake, with Jake being awarded man of the match.

## Handball Tournament Success

During half term Eughan (pictured scoring below) represented the South West of England in a handball tournament. He played well. Anyone interested in playing handball can contact Stroud Handball.



To sign up, students need to scan the QR code on the poster and complete the Microsoft Form by Monday 17 March. Performances can include singing or instrumental music - whether original songs or a cover versions!

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Open Mic night.

Sign up here >>

When? 27th March at 6pm!

where? The Music Hall.

who? Years 9 to 13.