



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

14 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already three weeks into term, with the Easter break approaching fast. The weather has been quite unpredictable recently, so I encourage students to continue wearing a coat to school, as the morning weather often does not reflect the afternoon conditions.

This week's highlights:

Trips and events: Our chess team took part in the Junior Chess Challenge on Monday at Bristol Grammar School and performed incredibly well. We also had a successful Year 11 Parent's Evening last night, with a huge turnout.

Fundraising: The cake sake for International Women's Day was a great success on Friday 7th March and raised just under £300 for Stroud Women's Refuge and Fear Free.

Upcoming events:

INSET Day: Next Tuesday, 18th March, is an INSET day. However, some students will be in school preparing for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition, while others will be rehearsing for our school production, 'Everybody's Talking about Jamie,' which will be held at the Cotswold Playhouse on the 2nd and 3rd April. This promises to be a fantastic showcase of our students' talents. Tickets are now on sale.

Year 10 Parents' Evening: This will take place in person on Thursday, 20th March.

Fundraising: On Friday, 21st March, is a non uniform day in which students are invited to wear red to raise money for Comic Relief. More details can be found overleaf.

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 17 March

	Y11 Football District Semi-Finals at Marling begin this week
Tue	INSET day
	Duke of Edinburgh Training Day
Wed	1st XI Football County 1/4 Finals at Marling
Thu	Y8 Football v KLB (home) 3:30pm kick off
	Y10 Parents Evening (in person) 4:30-7pm
Fri	Red Nose Day (non uniform)
	GCSE Music Ensemble Recordings

Duke of Edinburgh Training Day

This coming Tuesday 18 March we have the Duke of Edinburgh training day, this is mandatory for students completing Duke of Edinburgh at all levels through the school. The day starts at 9am and students should be collected at 2.45pm. Students need to bring comfortable clothes, a packed lunch and a pen and paper.



Comic Relief

Every year comic relief works to support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families to be stronger, women safer, communities prouder and millions of lives fairer. This Red Nose Day, on Friday 21 March 2025 Marling School will be supporting the organisations 40th anniversary, by hosting a wear red, non-uniform day. We are asking for a small voluntary donation of £1.50 via ParentPay per student that wishes to participate in the non-uniform day. All proceeds will be donated to comic relief supporting local and national projects, click [here](#) if you would like to find out more about the organisation and ways you can help.

School Production: Everybody's Talking About Jamie: Teen Edition

The show is at the Cotswold Playhouse on April 2nd and 3rd at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm). Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased through ParentPay.

Primera Cita

Year 9 and 10 were treated to a spanish play by Onatti titled 'Primera Cita', meaning "first dates" on Thursday afternoon. This extremely entertaining play gives the audience an hilarious insight of two teenagers, Carlos and Maria, preparing for their first date. It is a performance that speaks to the students no matter what their level of Spanish.

Revision Focus Fortnight

Videos were played in tutor time with tips about how best to revise to help students reinforce what they already know and to find out and learn what they don't know. Lots of other useful tips were shared. Here are some links to the videos that were shared. Click here to access the first video: ['How the Brain Learns'](#) and the second here: ['Effective Revision Strategies for Students'](#).

Year 12 Particle Physics Group Achieves Breakthrough in Ionising Radiation Detection

The Year 12 Particle Physics Group had a major success this week when testing their Raspberry Pi and camera to detect ionising radiation. They were able to demonstrate the device consistently detecting beta particles and not gamma rays. The aim is to detect cosmic rays through the detection of muons (short lived heavy electrons).

Junior Chess Challenge

Hafiz, Atharv, Dylan, and Shaun competed in a Junior Chess Challenge at Bristol Grammar School on Monday, winning 3 out of 4 rounds and finishing joint 2nd out of 18 schools. Meanwhile, Will, Ashish, Ben, and Sam played well in the online National competition but were missing team members, ending their run of success. There's always next year!



Arkwright Engineering Scholarship

Congratulations to Oscar in Year 11 for successfully navigating the rigorous selection process and earning an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship! These prestigious scholarships provide invaluable support throughout A Levels, encouraging recipients to pursue engineering, computing, or technical design at university or through higher-level apprenticeships, ultimately steering them towards rewarding careers in these dynamic fields.

Open Mic Night on Thursday, 27 March at 6pm in the Music Hall!

This open mic event is for students in Years 9-13. To participate, students must sign up by Monday, 17 March using the QR code on the posters displayed around the school or by clicking [here](#). Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to showcase your talents!



Marling Music Achievements

Well done to our Marling musicians who have achieved the following:

Toby (Year 11)

Grade 4 Piano Merit

Josh (Year 9)

Piano Grade 5 Distinction

Sports Update

Another successful sporting week for Marling. The results from this weeks fixtures are:

Football

Monday :

Year 7 v Kingshill

Won 1-0 (pictured right)

Year 11 Football v Archway

Won 5-2 so top of their table and through to the District Semi-final.

Tuesday:

Year 9 v KLB

Lost 5-1

Wednesday:

1st XI v Archway

Won 3-1



Year 7 Triumph at Stroud and Cotswold District Football Finals!

In a thrilling semi-final, they beat Kingshill 1-0, then won the final against Rednock 2-0 to become Stroud and Cotswold District Football Champions! We eagerly await their next opponents in the Gloucestershire Schools quarter-finals. Well done, team!