

MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 6 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and exciting week at Marling. We are delighted to confirm that 150 students have been offered places to join Year 7 this September. With allocations now finalised, we look forward to welcoming our new cohort and meeting them in the months ahead. New parents and carers will receive a Welcome Pack in mid-April, and our Admissions Team is on hand for any questions at admissions@marling.school. Internal applications for current students wishing to join the Sixth Form closed on Monday.

This week, we were pleased to welcome parents and carers of Year 11 students to an Exam Information Session, helping families prepare for the upcoming exam season.

On Thursday evening, our students wowed us at Open Mic Night, delivering a brilliant variety of performances — we are incredibly proud of their talent and confidence. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We'll be sharing more details and photos in next week's newsletter.

Our Sixth Form also hosted Harvey from Talk Consent, who led an important and engaging session on consent for Year 13 as part of their preparation for life beyond school.

We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with a vibrant mix of book-themed activities across the school, including poetry challenges, special assemblies and our ever-popular "decorate a door" competition.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Key Dates for the fortnight commencing 9 March:

Wed 11 Y9 Fame Lab Regional Final
Thu 12 A Level Music Recital Exam

Mon 16 DofE Training Day
Tue 17 Y10 RE Parents Information Evening
6pm
Thu 19 Y12 UCAS Trip
Y11 Parents Evening In School
4:30 - 7pm
Fri 20 Comic Relief
Y13 Gene Tech Oxford
Y12 Gloucester Court Trip

Click [here](#) for the PE Newsletter containing fixtures, match reports and PE Kit information.

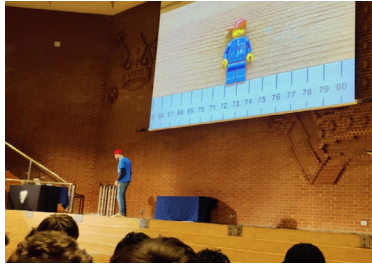


Lost Property

Lost property is already starting to build up. A reminder that any items found are usually placed outside the Student Support hub in West Campus, or in PE. Students should retrace their steps, and check in these places to look for any items they have lost. We try to reunite items with their owners however we can only do this, if items are named.

Allergy and Dietary Requirement Information

We kindly ask all parents and carers to log in to [ParentPay](#) and check that your child's allergy and dietary requirement information is up to date. Recently, some students have mentioned changes to their dietary needs. If a restriction is recorded on a student's ParentPay account, the kitchen must follow that information and cannot sell products that conflict with the list of dietary requirements. Ensuring these details are accurate helps us keep all students safe and allows the kitchen team to serve them appropriately.



Maths Fest

On Thursday 26 February Year 12 maths students went to London to partake in Maths Fest. There were some very inspirational speakers such as Sophie Maclean – *The Primer*, Alison Kiddle – *Taking Risks, Making Choices*. A Statistician who faced Jeremy Clarkson and won £250000 on who wants to be a millionaire. James Grime – *Secrets of the Digital world*, where our own Evan in Year 12 took to the stage to see if he could become the ultimate signal blocker. The event finished off with Steve Mould and the phenomena that took the world by storm known as the Mould Effect, as seen on the One Show. The students had a great day and were exceptionally well behaved.

Year 11 Students Attend ACE Cyber Security Final

Over 1600 students (including 40 from Marling) competed nationally in the preliminary round with universities across the country hosting finals for the top groups across the country. The Usernames (Nathan, Sam, Teddy, Lucas) and Ghostrunners (Laolu, Asish, Raiden, Kavin) competed last Friday in one of the finals held at the University of South Wales in Newport. Teams competed in Capture the Flag (CTF) style competitions led by employers with the Usernames coming 2nd in the CTF led by Bridewell and Ghostrunners achieving 4th place in the physical CTF challenge led by the NCC. The minibus on the way home was full of conversations of different successes from the day, how to approach questions and reviewing the leaderboards. Our Year 9 students will be attempting to emulate their success with the Cyber Explorers competition taking place in a few weeks time.

Lessons from Auschwitz

We have 8 students on this year's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project, via the Holocaust Educational Trust. This is a program open to every school in the country, with each school given two spaces. We routinely send 6, but this year were given two additional spaces due to the great application letters and enthusiasm for the experience. A brilliant declaration of supercurricular citizenship from a number of students with great application letters.

Bake Off Competition

If any students would like to enter the Bake Off Competition, to bake a sandwich cake with at least two sponges and any filling. They can decorate it however they like. Cakes will be judged on presentation and taste. The sign up sheet is on Mrs King's desk in DT2.

Cakes need to be brought to Reception before morning tutor time, then collected at the start of lunch and taken to DT2 for judging. Judging dates: Wednesday 11 March - Years 8 and 10, Monday 16 March, Year 7, Tuesday 24 March - Years 9 and 11.



Eco Club

Marling School's Eco-Club has been hard at work improving our school environment this term. With support from the Woodland Trust, students have begun planting a new hedgerow as part of our progress toward the Green Tree Schools Silver Award. Eco-Club members—Rafferty, Rafe, Oliver, Benji, Regan, Finn, Jonty, Jack and Dylan—prepared the ground and planted the saplings. Once grown, the hedgerow will support wildlife, boost biodiversity, and create a lasting legacy for future students. The club is also growing a range of crops, with broad beans and garlic already thriving, and potatoes planned for planting as the weather warms. We would welcome donations of plants, compost, or fertiliser to support our ongoing sustainability projects. Contributions can be brought to school reception.



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World Book Day

This week, students and staff took part in a series of creative activities to celebrate World Book Day. The festivities began with teachers decorating their classroom doors with artwork inspired by a favourite book or author, with displays prepared in time for judging on 6 March. As the week continued, tutor groups worked on the Odd Poetry Competition, where each year group was challenged to produce a unique style of poem based on a set form and theme, using two tutor sessions to craft their entries as they competed for prizes. On Thursday, teachers were encouraged to "go all in" by weaving reading-related tasks into their lessons in whatever way suited their subject, from cold-read challenges and headline rewrites to logic puzzles, script performances, and even drawing activities inspired by descriptive passages. Altogether, the week offered a lively mix of creativity, collaboration, and literary celebration.



12 Reads for Students at Marling School