

MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 20 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week at Marling draws to a close, we can look back and appreciate the welcome sunshine we've enjoyed. Spirits were especially high on Wednesday when the decision was made—at the very last minute—to open the field at lunchtime. The students' cheer could be heard across the site!

This week also brought the second round of our Bake Off competition, with Year 7 presenting an impressive array of cakes (winning entries are shown overleaf). Next Wednesday, Years 9 and 11 will have their chance to showcase their baking skills. Students taking part should deliver their cake to Reception before tutor time and then collect it at the start of lunch to take to DT2 for judging.

House football has also been taking place throughout the week, please see the [PE newsletter](#) for the results and round up.

Earlier in the week, students completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award took part in a Training Day, and Year 11 families attended Parents' Evening as students approach the final stages of their GCSE journey. There was also a Year 12 UCAS trip to Worcester University, a visit to Gloucester Court for those interested in law, and a Gene Tech Biology trip to Oxford for Year 13.

Today we are recognising Red Nose Day / Comic Relief, with students wearing non-uniform to raise funds for the charity. Donations can still be made via [ParentPay](#) until Monday.

Looking ahead to next week—the final week of term—we have our Sports Awards Evening on Wednesday at the Subscription Rooms. For those attending, please note that doors will open at 5:20pm for a prompt 6pm start. On Thursday we host the Year 13 Parents' Evening, alongside the departure of the Geography trip to Sicily.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend, and may the sunshine continue!



Key Dates for the week commencing 23 March:

- Mon 23 Y11 Drama Practical Exam
- Tue 24 Y11 Drama Practical Exam
- Wed 25 Y11 Drama Theatre
Sports Award Evening. Doors open at
5:20 for a 6pm start.
- Thu 26 Y13 Parents Evening 4:30 - 7pm (in school)
Sicily Trip Departs
- Fri 27 Last Day of Term 3:10pm finish

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

Year 7 Trip to Bletchley Park

On 16 June the maths department are running a whole year trip for Year 7 to visit the historical site, Bletchley Park. If you wish your child to attend, please make payment via [ParentPay](#) by Thursday 26 April.

WhatsApp Messages

We have recently seen an increase in students being added to WhatsApp group chats, which could potentially lead to bullying. Please remember that WhatsApp is for ages 13+. Privacy settings can help prevent unwanted messages: **Settings** → **Account** → **Privacy** → set to **“My Contacts”** or **“Nobody”**. Encourage your child to **block** unwanted contacts and **leave** any group chats they are added to without consent. We will always support our students, but these steps can help reduce issues. We also strongly encourage parents to check which WhatsApp groups their child is in. If you have any concerns you would like to raise with the pastoral team, please email studentsupport@marling.school.



Year 7 Bake Off Competition

We were treated to an amazing selection of cakes - thank you to everyone who took part! After much admiration (and tasting!), our winners are:
 1st Place: Nestor, with a delicious creation featuring a delightfully square design.
 2nd Place: Jonah and Anthony
 3rd Place: William
 Well done to all our brilliant bakers!

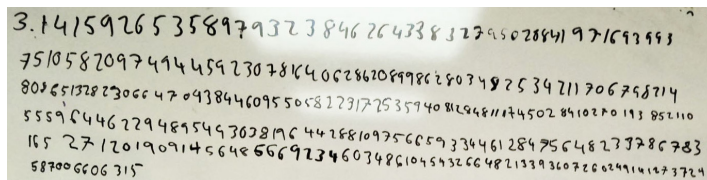
Year 9 Cyber Explorers Challenge

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 9 Computer Science students took part in the national Cyber Explorers competition. The challenge required them to identify security risks in a capture-the-flag-style event, testing their analytical skills and technical understanding. The atmosphere in the room was fantastic, with students demonstrating excellent teamwork and collaboration as they navigated a series of complex tasks. Their perseverance, problem-solving abilities, and passion for learning were evident throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, fingers crossed for a great result!



Pi Champion

Hayden in Year 8 is our Pi Champion 2026, reciting 250 decimal places! Hayden and the other winners can enjoy some Pi-zza next week.



UCAS Trip

Year 12 attended the UCAS Discovery Day at the University of Worcester this week. Over 100 universities from the UK had a stall and students engaged in conversations to get them thinking about their next steps after A-levels.



Bring and Share Lunch

At Marling, many of our students are bilingual and speak a variety of languages at home. To celebrate this diversity, the Year 7 Multilingual Club held a bring-and-share lunch on Tuesday 17 March, inviting friends to enjoy foods from different cultures. Students brought an impressive range of dishes, including pan-fried dumplings, fish, chicken biryani, vegetable rice, potato dishes, semolina halwa, sweet chilli chicken, Polish cake, mango puddings and a traditional Indian sweet. It was a real feast and a brilliant celebration of our school community. Thank you to all the students for their delicious contributions, and to Mrs King for her help and for lending her DT room.

Year 7 Geography

This term, Year 7 geographers have explored landscapes by creating their own 3D relief models. What began as lessons on mountains, valleys and contour lines became a hands-on project that brought Geography to life. Working in teams, students used cardboard, clay, papier-mâché, paint and recycled materials to build hills, coastlines and volcanoes, learning how contour lines on maps translate into real changes in height. The finished models were impressive, ranging from snowy mountain ranges to colourful cliffs and countryside. Many groups added rivers, forests, buildings and labels to show key features. The project also strengthened teamwork, problem-solving and design skills. As one student said, "It was like building our own little world!" Well done to all our creative geographers—your models brighten the department and show fantastic enthusiasm for learning.

