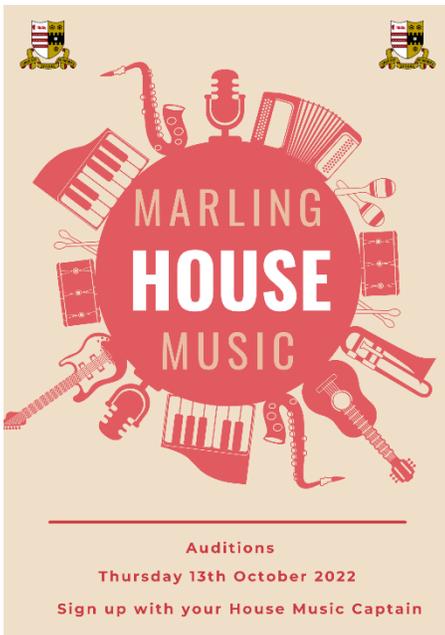




What a busy but fantastic end to the School year we have had!

Our annual Sports Day was once again a success despite the heat. Congratulations to Carter House for winning the competition. Well done to all the students who took part in both the heats and the event itself. The scores from Sports Day were added to the accumulated scores from other events and lessons throughout the year and Carter House were the overall House winners. They enjoyed time off lessons to celebrate with food, fun and games on the sports field.

Well done to the Marling Musicians involved in our fantastic Summer Showcase concert! The Summer Showcase celebrated our Marling Music ensembles, including Jazz Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, and Keyboard Club, and our joint ensembles with SHS Orchestra and Downfielders' Folk Group. The programme also included a variety of wonderful solo performances. A huge well done to all involved! Thank you to our Year 12 A Level Music students for a fantastic performance at Richmond Care Village in Painswick. The students created a varied programme of both solo and ensemble performances, and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the recital. We look forward to returning next year in preparation for the final A Level Music Recital.



Congratulations to the following students for their musical achievements:

Matthew McMahon 8G – Grade 1 Piano Merit
Nathanael Soares 9F – Grade 5 Bassoon Distinction
Oscar Jacques 9C – Grade 3 Piano Distinction
Caeden Goff 9C Grade 4 Cello
Yilmaz Ozkan 9F – Grade 4 Piano
Tom Kerley - Grade 8 Piano Distinction
Joe Halliwell 12STJ - Grade 7 Piano
Felix Gregory 12AAM - Grade 6 Piano
Jake Sidley 8G – Grade 5 Classical Guitar Merit
James Long 8B – Grade 4 Piano

Auditions for House Music will be taking place on Thursday 13 October 2022! Students will be able to sign up with their House Music Captain in September, when more information will be shared. The categories are Solo Performance, Ensemble Performance, and Music Technology – students are encouraged to have a think over the Summer to decide if they would like to be involved.

In Languages, students have been set an optional Summer Challenge of doing some immersion in their target language of choice (not just French/German/Spanish). Activities include listening to music, watching films, researching sports teams, turning the language on their phones to the target language etc. All the details are on the Foreign Languages and Classics Interactive Classroom and has been set as an optional homework on Edulink. Prizes are available and the deadline to submit booklets is Monday 19 September. The Year 10 French class had the opportunity to spend an hour speaking in French to some French speaking parents who gave up their time to give the students an immersive experience. Sadly, due to Covid the students had missed out on their Year 9 trip to France, but they still enjoyed the chance to chat in French and have some delicious crêpes provided by Aspens. We would love to offer this opportunity to students every year and for all 3 GCSE languages. If you speak French/German or Spanish and would like to be involved in speaking sessions with our classes, please contact Mrs Bedford (HCB@marling.school). We would really appreciate the input and expertise of our Marling community! A huge thank you to our Year 12 linguists who helped to plan and deliver lessons in French, German,

Spanish and Classical Civilisation to Year 6 students from Cam Woodfield Junior School (part of our CBAT Multi Academy Trust). The lessons were fantastic with students learning greetings in French and Spanish and all about the story of the Cyclops in Classical Civilisation. Feedback was wonderful and we look forward to running similar events in the future.

Lastly, at Marling we hugely value students' cultural and linguistic inclusivity and therefore, where possible, we enter students for exams in languages other than our standard offer of French/German/Spanish/ Latin. If students speak another language at home with their families, or if students have taken on the learning of an extra language in their spare time, we think this is wonderful! This year, students have taken extra qualifications in Polish, Turkish, Italian, Russian, Japanese and early German, French and Spanish, and we are extremely proud of them and look forward to their results on the GCSE/ A Level results days in August.

All of the Year 9 and 10 triple scientists took part in the [Biology Challenge](#), a competition for GCSE students in the UK, and held in conjunction with the [Royal Society of Biology](#). The competition consisted of two, twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers taken online under exam conditions. Questions were set on the school curriculum, but the competition also rewarded those students whose knowledge of the subject was increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. Congratulations to those students who gained gold, silver and bronze awards. Twenty-four Year 12s took part in the Intermediate [Biology Olympiad](#), a competition open to students in their first year of post-16 education anywhere in the world and is also run in conjunction with the [Royal Society of Biology](#) and Warwick University. Our students did extremely well, with 3 gold, 3 silver, 6 bronze, 5 highly commended and 2 commended. Special mention goes to Peter Parker, Tom Gibson and Jacob Robinson who achieved gold awards, putting them in the top 5% of students who took part!

This term, 46 Year 10 students successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition near Northleach. Despite the warm weather and numerous blisters, they still managed to cover over 50 km across the three days. It was lovely to hear from BXM, who help run the expeditions, that they were one of the best groups they had worked with!

Year 12 students held a cultural food sale on Friday 1 July as part of the We Are Marling celebration of culture and identity. Students from across the school brought in a fantastic array of foods from around the world, raising £202 for The Door charity in Stroud. Prior to the food sale, students took part in three weeks of assemblies about different faiths, culture and heritage and LGBTQ+ Diversity Week. In the final weeks of term students created their own identity flags as part of a huge artwork that will be displayed in the corridors of school as a visual representation and celebration of the diversity of our community.

We were delighted to offer a variety of careers activities this term. The University of the West of England worked with Year 12 Mathematicians on a Maths in the real world workshop. Year 9 students learned what employers are looking for when they undertook a recruitment exercise with Lloyds Banking Group. Some of our Year 9 students took part in an interactive healthcare simulation event with Oxford Brookes University learning more about careers in healthcare. Year 10 Food and Nutrition and Chemistry students were fortunate to work with a Food Scientist, to complete a hands-on practical and realised how Chemistry and Food Science are closely linked, as well as understanding job opportunities within this sector. As ever we welcome any involvement from parents that can support our careers programme. Please contact Sean Bailey ([SXB@marling.school](mailto: SXB@marling.school)) if you or your organisation would like to work with us.

We have had many individual achievements in sport this summer. As a result of their performance at the County Athletics Championships, congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Gloucestershire Schools at the South West Championships:

Junior Boys:

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| 100m | M. Erith | 200m | J. Wilks | 1500m | D. Martin (1st) & S. Wilson | |
| Long Jump | F. Wenteach – Stuart | | Discus | H. Dewar (2nd) | Javelin | S. Knowles-Jackson |

Inter Boys:

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| 100m | O. Jackson | 200m | J. Tanski (3rd) | 400m | G. Sparkhall | 800m | H. Sheffield & I. Boyd |
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Senior Boys:

Pole Vault H. Williams (1st)

Dominic Martin then went on to represent Gloucestershire Schools at the National School Championships and placed 10th in his heat for the Junior Boys 1500m running a PB of 4:19:86. Henry Sheffield finished 1st in his heat for the Intermediate Boys 1500m, and placed 8th in the final with a time of 4:04:98. Well done to them both!

In cricket, our Year 7 team have played fantastically this season and are through to the County Cup Final, playing Balcarras today. We wish them luck! Ben French was selected and captained the Gloucestershire County U17 cricket team and the Gloucestershire U19 team. Josh Newton (Year 7) was selected for the Gloucestershire U12 cricket team. Toby Downham (Year 8) was selected for the Gloucestershire School County U13 Development Squad. Congratulations! You may remember reading in the previous newsletter that Charlie Denton was selected to represent Great Britain at the 3rd Deaf Open U18 Tennis Championships in Germany. He played exceptionally well, coming away with Bronze in the Singles and Gold in the Doubles. In table-tennis the U19 team came 2nd at the Regional Zonal. Congratulations to Elliot Gregory for making it to the finals at the Gloucestershire Schools U19 Open and to Felix Gregory for representing Gloucestershire in the Junior County competition and making it to the semi-finals at the U19 Open. Well done to Tom Powlesland, Luke Sefton and James Charwood for representing Gloucestershire with the Junior squad.

We need our text books back please! – If your son is in Year 11, 12 or 13 and still has his textbooks at home we really need them back. These books need to be re-issued to new students in September and are a vital resource for the departments to be able to facilitate the learning of other students. Please can we ask for your help to ensure they are returned on results days.

This term we say goodbye to several of our colleagues who will be missed by everyone in the Marling Community. Tom Beer will be leaving the DT department. Marianne Grasty and Julie Hamilton will be leaving the Maths department and we will be joined by Alistair Hammond and Rachel Hardgrave, Lewis Jordan will be stepping up as Head of Maths. Jennie Roberts will be leaving Psychology. We say goodbye to Simon Williams whilst welcoming Richard Aherns, Naeema Goni and Hannah Mason to the English department. We say goodbye to Lauren Macey and Louise Turner, we wish them all the best. Ellis Woolford will be joining Science to teach Physics, Tianna George will be joining PE and Richard Jones to History. Maureen Shearman will be our new Personal High Needs Student Support and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Helen Martin our Academic Support Assistant. We look forward to welcoming them all.

The [term dates](#) for 2022/23 and 2023/24 can be found on our website.

That's it from Marling School for another year. Wishing you all a fantastic summer.

Glen Balmer - Headteacher (gcb@marling.school)

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Nearly New Sale

During the summer holidays, the PSA will be holding nearly new sales in the School Hall. The dates are Friday 22 July, 11am-1pm and Tuesday 23 August, 11am-1pm.

Pastoral Team

The pastoral team have an email address so that parents and students can contact the team directly about any pastoral concerns they may have. The email address is studentsupport@marling.school.

Interested in Training to Teach with Us?

Cotswold Edge Teaching Alliance (led by Marling School) is a provider of Initial Teacher Training. You would be placed at a local primary or secondary partner school and supported throughout the course by outstanding practitioners. Please contact Nikki Embling here at Marling (info@ceta.school).