



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

10 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break. As we step into the new year, we are excited to welcome our students back to school and look forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

We have a range of trips and extra-curricular opportunities coming up this term, which includes:

- Readathon: Years 7-9 have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored reading challenge, running from 13th-17th January. Interested students should collect their sponsorship card from the Foreign Language Office.
- Cyber Careers UWE- Students in Year 12 are going to the University of West England on January 17th to hear about potential Cyber careers.
- Theatre Trip- All Year 7 students have been invited to see 'Animal Farm' at the Malvern Theatre on 12th February.
- Javelin Park - Year 10 are visiting Javelin Park on 29th January, to learn more about the County's recycling initiative.
- Theatre Workshop: for all students participating in the School Play 'There's Something about Jamie'.
- Options Evening and Sixth Form Discovery days: to help students to make choices about their next steps in education.

We sincerely thank all parents and carers for your continuing support and cooperation. Together, we can foster a supportive and ambitious environment where our students can truly thrive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year! I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best wishes
Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Commencing 12 January

- Sun 12 Regional Y11 Table Tennis Championships at Eggbuckland, Devon
- Mon 13 GCSE Options Assembly
- Tue 14 KS3 County Badminton Competition at Rednock leave Marling at 12:15pm return 4:30pm
- Wed 15 Year 8 A & B Football v Wycliffe at Marling 2:30pm kick off
Year 7 A & B Football v Wycliffe at Wycliffe 2:30pm return 4pm
Senior Netball v SHS at SHS 2:30 tip off
- Thu 16 Y9 Options Evening 4:30pm - 7pm
- Fri 17 GCSE Solo Music Recordings
Y12 Cyber Careers UWE

Important Notice: ID Card Usage and Dining Hall Procedures

Students must carry their ID cards at all times for gate access, photocopying, and paying for food in the dining hall. If a card isn't working, visit reception to re-scan it. If forgotten, speak to a staff member before purchasing food, as Aspens staff need approval to serve without an ID card.

For lost cards, purchase a new one through ParentPay and report the loss at reception.

Some students are entering the dining hall without ID cards. Please remind them they need to present their ID cards to pay for food during break and lunchtime. Please also ensure ParentPay accounts are topped up to avoid inconvenience.

Attendance

Please remember to report absence or unexpected lateness by calling the school absence line on 01453 762251 (select option 1) or by emailing attendance@marling.school.



Eco-Club's Progress in Rehabilitating Science Block Land

After a successful presentation to Dr Godfrey where they outlined their intentions to rehabilitate a patch of land outside the Science block, the Eco-Club have made significant progress in clearing the dead material and weeds. They have learnt some new skills and how to use specific equipment, particularly the rotating composter which has now been filled.

Well done to the following for getting involved: Will, Hafiz, Liam, Adi, Sam, Josh, Paul, Adi, Rufus, Rafferty, Rauri, Sidhaan, and Seb. The goal is to clear the area in the next few weeks to plant new species and hopefully attract some wildlife.

Marling Music Achievements

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding musical achievements of our students! A huge well done to the following students:

Toby (Year 7) for achieving Grade 2 Music Theory and moving up to 1st Trombone in Cam Learners Brass Academy.

Zachary (Year 8) - Electric Guitar Grade 2 Merit

Seb (Year 8) - Clarinet Grade 3 Merit

Joel (Year 8) - Violin Grade 2 Merit

Anton (Year 9) - Piano Grade 3 Merit

Monty (Year 9) - Saxophone Grade 5 Merit

Paul (Year 10) - Saxophone Grade 3 Merit

Clement (Year 10) for being awarded Chalford Band's Young Musician of the Year

Luke (Year 10) - Piano Grade 5 Distinction

Jack (Year 12) - Flute Grade 7 Distinction

Isabella (Year 13) - Singing Grade 7 Distinction

Josh (Year 13) - Guitar Grade 8 Merit

Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication!

Don't forget to email bzs@marling.school with your musical achievement! We would love to hear from you!



Careers Information and Advice

Renishaw Early Careers Virtual Event

For those interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM), spaces are now open for Renishaw's early careers virtual event. This event will be held online via Microsoft Teams on January 21 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. It will provide students in Year 9 and above with the opportunity to learn about starting a career in STEM. The event will outline work experience opportunities, as well as a range of apprenticeships, summer and industrial placements, and graduate schemes. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Balcarras Teaching School Hub

Balcarras Teaching Hub are hosting a Teacher Taster Day on Thursday, 23 January 2025. This event aims to promote Initial Teacher Training (ITT) opportunities within the region and inspire potential future teachers. This will be from 08:45am - 1:45pm at Balcarras School in Cheltenham. To reserve your place please email ts-hub@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

NHS Cadets

St John Ambulance and the NHS have launched a free online programme called the NHS Cadets Programme to attract young people to healthcare careers and develop their skills. The 26-week programme (2 hours per week) offers hands-on NHS experience and targets 14–18-year-olds, especially those from underrepresented groups. Foundation and Advanced programmes start in January 2025, with sessions held once a week. Limited spaces are available, so interested individuals should apply soon.

For registration, click [here](#) or email Faieth.Ochelle@sja.org.uk for more information.