



MARLING  
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## e-Newsletter 2019-2020 (Edition 2)

Welcome to our end of term 2 e-newsletter.

It has been a really super term at Marling School and I hope the students have enjoyed a busy but successful period at school; they certainly deserve a break!

Well done and a huge thank you to the out-going student leadership team of Head Boy Ciaran Sandhu and Deputy Head Boys Billy Arthur, Ben Williams and Marc Boixader Riera. They have worked incredibly hard and shown real commitment to the school; including leading meetings, presenting to governors, helping with school events, doing assemblies and giving speeches. I am delighted to introduce you to our new student leadership team who were selected after a very rigorous process of presentations and interviews. They are Head Girl Katy Owen and Head Boy Joe Hollier who will lead our school council, and Deputy Head Girls Caitlin Griffiths, Imogen Grover and Lauren Taylor and Deputy Head Boys Pablo Carrington and Mikolaj Metel. We wish them the very best for the year ahead and we are confident that they will have a significant impact on the school.

This term we organised and hosted a Model UN debating event for local schools. Teams of Year 11 from Marling, King's, The Crypt and Archway Schools represented countries from all over the globe and debated resolutions on the subject of the Turkish invasion of Northern Syria and displacement of the Kurdish people, click [here](#) to read more. The Politics department have been very busy over the election period. They held separate hustings events for Key Stage 3 and 4 students, and the Sixth Form, and then finished with a mock election for the whole school, read more [here](#). In the meantime a group of Year 12 politics students have been creating and publishing podcasts on a range of election related issues and these can be found [here](#). Elsewhere across the school, Year 10 and 11 Latin students enjoyed a trip to Aquae Sulis, Bath (click [here](#) to read more) while our Year 12 Geographers visited the Quantock Hills in preparation for their coursework, click [here](#) to read more. Sixth Form [Geology](#) students enjoyed a day at the National History Museum which linked with their recent studies of igneous processes and mineralogy while our Key Stage 5 Mathematicians participated in the Senior Maths Challenge.

Congratulations to Ned Harris for winning the Rotary Chef Competition, the standard this year was the highest we have ever seen and all of the students that took part are to be commended. Ned will now compete in February against other students in Gloucestershire, please click [here](#) to read more. Also in Food & Nutrition, Year 9 have worked extremely hard to make, design and decorate some amazing Christmas cakes this term. Related to Design and Technology, well done to Daniel Hicks for finishing in third place at a national competition where Air Cadets were challenged to build and fly a quadcopter, read more [here](#).

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Christmas Music Concert which was an incredible showcase of talent from the Marling Big Band through to the Year 7 and 8 Choir, and a taster from rehearsals of our new school musical production of Oliver. We had brilliant solos, duets and group performances covering a range of music from classical to jazz, and the first appearance for our new Sixth Form Girls' Choir. It really was a wonderful evening and my thanks go to all of the students and staff who worked so hard to create such a stunning event. If you have yet to attend one of our concerts, look out for further announcements about the school production; 'Oliver' taking place in March.

Huge congratulations to our U13 and U16 table tennis teams who retain their county championship titles for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row. An excellent performance from our U16 team meant they won all of their 24 matches with the U13 team winning 19 out of 24 matches. Click [here](#) to read more. Our U15 rugby team are through to the last 16 of the Natwest Bowl having beaten Monkton Combe School 66-0 in the previous round. They now go on to play Hampshire Collegiate School. Our newly formed Sixth Form [netball](#) team have played three fixtures this term winning two of them against The Crypt and Rednock School. The Marling U14 rugby team progress through to the semi-final of the EDF Energy Cup after

winning 22-7 against Pates Grammar School. Our KS4 badminton team won the District Championships and now go through to the county finals, and our KS3 team finish runners up, click [here](#) to read more. Well done also to all the students that have had individual sporting successes this term. [Rhys Cogbill](#) has been selected to represent Wiltshire for a cricket tour to India with the U16 county team. [Tom Kerley](#) made his county debut representing the Gloucestershire U18 badminton team in the South West league and [Preran Bukkapatnam](#) has had a number of successes representing the Gloucestershire U15 team. Well done to [Felix Gregory](#) for winning his first table tennis tournament and becoming Stroud U15 champion. Congratulations to James and Ben Stone for achieving their black belts in Tae Kwon Do and to [Matthew James](#) for achieving his in Karate.

Our PSA Christmas Fair was hugely successful again this year. There were lots of wonderful gifts to buy along with festive nibbles and competitions; thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets, donated prizes or attended the Fair. Please remember to use 'easyfundraising' whenever you can; we are now up to £8036.75 overall for the PSA but we still only have 404 supporters so I know we can do even better. The money raised all goes to help buy equipment for the boys.

The [term dates](#) for 2019/20 and 2020/21 can be found on our website.

Have a superb Christmas!

**Stuart Wilson – Headteacher** ([stuart.wilson@marling.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:stuart.wilson@marling.gloucs.sch.uk))

### **Trustee opportunity (voluntary position)**

Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (CBAT) is currently recruiting two Trustees (Non-Executive Directors). Trustees meet four to six times a year, usually at one of our schools, and are expected to work with the other Trustees to:

- Set the overall strategy of the Trust including overseeing the growth strategy
- Monitor the performance of all academies in the Trust ensuring that school improvement plans are enhancing the quality of education for all students
- Ensure that public funds are used effectively and appropriately.

CBAT is seeking talented individuals who have the ability to work strategically. Applications will be welcomed from individuals with education, public sector, charitable sector or business backgrounds, including from parents of children at any of the Trust's schools. Further information about CBAT can be found on our website at <http://www.cbat.academy/>.

What are the benefits of becoming a Trustee? CBAT Trustees find the role challenging, interesting and deeply rewarding because they can see how their work contributes to the well-being and prospects of pupils, academies and communities. It gives them a real opportunity to make a difference.

If you might be interested in applying to become Trustee, please contact David Dale, Clerk to the Trustees, email [david.dale@cbat.academy](mailto:david.dale@cbat.academy), for further information. The closing date for applications is 31 January 2020.

### **Polite Reminder**

Please can we remind parents, for health and safety reasons, not to pull in to the main gates in the mornings when dropping your child off at school? Also, can you remind your child that should they become unwell during the school day, they need to come to Reception and not phone home during the school day. Please click [here](#) for details of the school procedures.

### **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.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:studentsupport@marling.gloucs.sch.uk).

### Train to Teach with Us

Are you interested in becoming a teacher either in the secondary or primary sector? 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 us here at Marling through Nikki Embling (info@ceta.school) or visit <http://www.ceta.school/itt/> for further details.

### Dates for the Diary - Term 3

Monday 6 January	Term starts
Thursday 9 January	KS4 Options Fair – 4:30–6:30pm
Monday 13 January	South Wales Rugby Trip parents' meeting – 6:30pm
Thursday 16 January	Y7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 January	Y9 Geography trip to Stroud
Wednesday 22 January	Duke of Edinburgh Training Day & Info Evening (4:30pm)
Thursday 30 January	Y9 Parents' Evening (student attendance optional)
Thursday 30 January	Futures Day
Saturday 1 February	Sixth Form Discovery Day
Wednesday 5 February	Y11 Science Live - Birmingham
Wednesday 12 February	South Cerney PE trip
Friday 14 February	End of Term