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## e-Newsletter 2019-2020 (Edition 3)

Welcome to our end of term 3 e-newsletter.

The annual Futures Day for Year 11 and 12 students took place on Thursday 30 January in the Sixth Form Centre. Year 12 students took the opportunity to attend a choice of over 30 talks on post-18 options and were then able to explore a careers and further education market place including over 50 employment, apprenticeship and gap year providers and representatives from universities from near and far. Year 11 attended a talk on post-16 opportunities and then had a chance to visit the fair and meet with post-18 providers. It was delightful to see all of the students exchanging views with our visitors and discussing their future options; the feedback from visitors showed how impressed they were with our students. Continuing the theme of careers, advice and guidance, Year 10 spent the day visiting the University of Birmingham for a taste of university life and to find out what courses this top Russell Group university can offer.

In Drama, Old Marlingtonian Tim Mahendran came in to talk to KS4 and 5 students about his journey to becoming a West End performer. Tim took part in multiple performances whilst at Marling School and is currently starring as Francois in the acclaimed new musical '& Juliet' at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London. Students had the opportunity to ask Tim questions and get tips and advice ready for our own production of **'Oliver!'** which opens on Wednesday 11 March for 3 evening performances. Tickets are on sale now and a letter has been emailed home with details of how to purchase. Related to Drama, congratulations to Josh Glover for his performance at the Wootton Bassett Festival winners concert where he was awarded the chairman's trophy for excellence in speech and drama. Click [here](#) to read more.

Year 9, 10 and 12 linguists joined Gloucester Rugby's and ex-Marling Head Boy Simon Linsell, to talk about studying and careers in languages. Simon studied Arabic and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Exeter, as well as being captain for the university rugby team. He now plays as part of Gloucester Rugby's Senior Academy squad. To read more, please click [here](#).

Three teams of Year 12 students have been working on their entries to the Greenpower Car Challenge, requiring them to design and build a battery powered vehicle that will travel the greatest distance within a 60 minute time limit. If you feel you could offer any assistance, funding or materials for the project, this would be very welcome. Please click [here](#) to find out more. Fourteen students were lucky enough to enjoy Science Live at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. It was an amazing opportunity to see guest lecturers speak about their fields of expertise in science. Click [here](#) to read more.

Thank you to parents and friends of Marling for the contributions to our Target Fund via ParentPay. We have now taken delivery of our new Laser Cutter, which will be used by all of our students in their Design Technology lessons. Click [here](#) to see the new equipment. Thank you also to parents and students for their help in fundraising for Great Hope through our non-uniform day and cake sale. As a school we reached the £2000 target and we will update you when ex-student Josh Edwards reports back to us on how the funds have been used.

Congratulations to our U15 Rugby team for making it to the semi-finals of the Natwest Bowl having beaten Plymouth College 50-0 in the quarter finals. The team now wait to meet the winner of The Duke of York's Royal Military College vs Warden Park Academy for the semi-final at home the week after half term. Our Year 9 team have made it through to the County Cup final to be played at Kingsholm on 11 March. They have done incredibly well, winning against Farmor's School (33-7), Castle School (49-0), Pate's School (22-7) and The Cotswold School (17-12) to get to the final. We wish both teams good luck!

A big congratulations to the Marling U16 table tennis team who can now add Zonal TT champions to their existing District and County TT championship titles this season. For the second time in three years the Marling U16s boys have won their way through to the top 16 schools in the English Schools' Table Tennis Championships. The Under 13s table tennis team reached their zonal competition too, claiming District and County championship titles along the way. Also

representing Gloucestershire, the team managed to get through their group stage only to be beaten at the semi-final stage of the day. To read more, click [here](#). The KS4 badminton team recently went forward to the county finals after winning the District championships last term. The team finished in 3rd place, missing out by just a couple of very close games which could have gone either way. Click [here](#) to read more.

Well done to [Henry Sheffield](#) for winning the England athletics South West Cross Country Championships in Yeovil, which secured his place in the South West team for the Virgin London mini marathon in April. Henry also won the Bob Hussey memorial trophy at the 2019 Gloucestershire AAA award ceremony. The trophy is awarded for the best performance by a county track athlete male or female and Henry is the youngest athlete to have ever received this award. Click [here](#) to read more. Congratulations to Ben Stone and [James Stone](#) for receiving their Black Belts in Tae Kwon Do. Well done to Henry Exworthy for qualifying for the British Youth Championships in fencing after receiving the Bronze medal at the championships, click [here](#) to find out more.

The [term dates](#) for 2019/20 and 2020/21 can be found on our website and we return to school on Monday 24 February, which is a week 2. Please add to your calendar that we have an INSET day on Monday 16 March.

At the end of this very busy term, I wish you all a well-deserved half term break.

**Stuart Wilson – Headteacher** ([SSW@marling.school](mailto:SSW@marling.school))

### Keeping School Updated

A reminder, please keep the school updated of any changes in circumstance that would be useful for us to know about. That could be as simple as changes to mobile or work phone numbers or email addresses. Similarly please do share anything that is happening at home that could impact on your child's wellbeing or behaviour in school. Please email [admin@marling.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@marling.gloucs.sch.uk) with any changes.

### Open Mornings

For all those with friends/neighbours or younger siblings (*currently in Year 5*) looking at Year 7 Entry in September 2021, the Entrance Test takes place on Saturday 12 September 2020. If you would like an emailed 'reminder to register' please request this by sending an email to [admissions@marling.school](mailto:admissions@marling.school) with "Reminder to Register" in the subject line. Our next [Open Mornings](#) are on Thursday 2 April and Thursday 25 June 2020 – we look forward to welcoming you and your son(s).

### 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](mailto:info@ceta.school)) or visit <http://www.ceta.school/itt/> for further details.

### Dates for the Diary - Term 4

Monday 24 February	Term starts
Thursday 27 February	Y8 Parents' Evening

Sunday 8 March	Production Rehearsal 10am-4pm
Friday 6 March	Y10 Employability Day
Monday 9 March	Y11 PE Revision Day @ Wycliffe
Tuesday 10 March	Y13 PE Revision Day @ Wycliffe
Wednesday 11 March	Y8 Forensics Day
Wednesday 11 March	School Production 6:30pm
Thursday 12 March	Y11 Bristol Field Trip
Thursday 12 March	School Production 6:30pm
Friday 13 March	School Production 6:30pm
Monday 16 March	INSET Day
Tuesday 17 March	Y10-11 Drama Trip to Bath
Wednesday 25 March	Y13 Geography trip to Bristol
Friday 27 March	Y10 Crown Court Visit
Friday 3 April	End of Term