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## e-Newsletter 2021-2022 (Edition 1)

At the end of a busy first term we would like to share some of our news.

We were thrilled to be able to restart extra-curricular clubs this term. Students have enjoyed chess, debating, drama, engineering, keyboard, Latin, philosophy, fencing, rugby, badminton and netball to name a few. Year 7 had a fantastic time on their camping trip and Year 12 enjoyed the thrills of Alton Towers theme park. Year 10 and 11 GCSE Latin classes visited Fishbourne Roman Palace, West Sussex and participated in artefact handling workshops. Please do follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to see photos from trips and school activities.

Events in school this term have included an introductory assembly into Black History Month, including some of the views about the month and key points in British Black history. This was followed by activities in lessons and a discussion in book club on 'Black and British' by David Olusoga. Finally, an assembly was led by Year 13 students on why Black History is important for Stroud with tutor time reflection tasks for students to begin to consider their own connection to black history. Staff wore yellow for Mental Health Day and assemblies were delivered to show young people they are not alone with their mental health. Please have a look at our social media accounts for photos from the day.

Year 13 biologists enjoyed a gene technology workshop at Oxford University where they investigated a bitter taste receptor gene. Firstly, students carried out a taste test to determine their taste phenotype (non-taster, mild taster or strong taster). They then isolated their own DNA from cheek cells and used the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to amplify a key fragment of the taste receptor gene. Students used a restriction enzyme digest of their PCR product to differentiate between 'taster' and 'non-taster' alleles, followed by using a gel electrophoresis to visualise their digested DNA to discover their genotype and compare this to their phenotype. They ended the workshop by discussing their results in the context of human evolution.

It has been great this term to welcome back inter school sport. In football, the U15 team are through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the ESFA Cup Vs Worle Community School, Somerset and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI team are through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the ESFA Cup Vs Sir Bernard Lovell School, Bristol. In rugby, the U14 team are through to the next round of the EDF Cup, the U15 team are through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the NatWest Cup and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV team are through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the NatWest Cup. The Junior and Inter Boys cross country teams are through to the regional round of the ESAA cup having won the county rounds and the Year 7 and 8 teams were victorious in the district relays earlier in the term. A great start to the season! Congratulations to Henry Sheffield for running the BMC Festival of Miles in London, representing the South West region. The event was the fastest under 15-mile race in the UK since 1985 and Henry's mark of 4:29.70 puts him on the British Athletics U15 all-time list. Click [here](#) to read more. Well done to our swimmers for competing at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Secondary Schools' Team Championships at Millfield School. They swam exceptionally well with 10 of the 17 swimmers achieving personal best times. The Junior team (Year 7 and 8) did particularly well finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of a field of 13 teams. Please click [here](#) to read more.

The **Christmas Concert** will be held on Tuesday 14 December at 7:00pm in the Music Hall and tickets will go on sale after half term. **The Addam's Family: A Musical Comedy** school production has now been cast and rehearsals have started. The show dates are Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 March 2021 so please save the date.

Your support through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> continues to be brilliant with our PSA receiving a total of £10,891.20 through your efforts. Please keep supporting the School!

The [term dates](#) for 2021/22 and 2022/23 can be found on our website. Please note, we return to school on Wednesday 3 November.

Have a great half term break.

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### **Polite Reminder**

Please can we remind parents, for health and safety reasons, not to pull in to the main gates in the mornings or after school when dropping or picking up your child at school. Also, can you remind your child that should they become unwell during the school day, they need to go to Student Services and not phone home during the school day.

### **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.