



It has been a busy and intense term with students in Years 11 and 13 completing their formal lessons and beginning a period of revision and examinations. It was great to see them celebrating their last day at school this year and particularly the Year 13 who leave us after their exams and go on to the next stage of their lives. On behalf of the students, I would like to thank our staff for supporting them so well with lessons, revision sessions and extra help when needed. We now wish all of the students every success in their examinations and look forward to celebrating with them in August.

The Foreign Languages and Classics Department has had a very busy term. Firstly, two students visited Berkeley Primary School to help with their 'Celebrating Spanish People' day. A huge thank you to Noah and Alfie for all of their hard work. During the Easter holidays, 32 students enjoyed a residential trip to the North of England. They visited Chester, Hadrian's Wall and York and lots of people followed the trip on Instagram. The students were fantastic and a great time was had by all learning about the Romans in Britain which is part of the current GCSE Latin course. The Year 12 Classical Civilisation AS course also enjoyed a trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to see some of the artefacts relating to their Imperial Image and World of the Hero courses for AS Level. Finally, after a very full on few weeks with speaking assessments for languages, a group of students travelled to Oxford for their speaking exams for Italian, Turkish and Japanese. We have also had students taking extra qualifications in Polish and Russian this year. Click [here](#) to read more.



We are excited to announce that tickets will go on sale next term for our Summer Showcase to celebrate the work of our KS3 students. The Showcase will include contributions from the Marling Jazz Band, Orchestra, Downfielders Folk Group, Junior and Senior Choir, and Keyboard Club, as well as solo and ensemble items presented by department musicians. The programme will include a wide variety of music to suit all tastes. We hope to see many of you there!

We are proud to announce that the Year 10 Astro-Pi team have had their experiment selected to run on the International Space Station (ISS). Congratulations to Alex Hann, Thomas Daniell and Noah Sors; their experiment to measure the Earth's magnetic field from space has been awarded "flight status". The Marling team was one of 299 teams from 23 countries to have their experiment run on one of the two Astro Pi computers on board the ISS. They are now waiting for their data from the Space Station; once received they will analyse the evidence collected and use their findings to write a

report. 2021/22 is a special Astro Pi Challenge as it is the first time that young peoples' programs have run on the two new Astro Pi units. Congratulations to the team for making it this far into the challenge - this is a huge achievement given the number and quality of submissions that they received this year!

The Year 12 Cosmic Ray Detector team have had fun working with very large Helium balloons in their quest to lift the detector off the ground. The raspberry-pi detector can now successfully communicate its location using a SIMS card. The fine tuning of the camera module to detect the cosmic rays is the final hurdle to overcome. Year 9 Rocket Club are very close to the launch of the rocket loaded with sensors and a video camera. The evidence collected will be analysed and a report will be created. The Year 12 Greencar Team had a very promising first race event at Goodwood. The car performed well, running in the top 10 for most of the race. Pit stops proved costly, eventually finishing 14th out of 28 vehicles.

Congratulations to Owen Darlington and Luca David for being longlisted for their poems which were entered into the Poetry Society About Us poetry and coding competition. The About Us competition invited students to create poems exploring the many ways life across the universe is connected. The competition received over 1500 entries from across the UK.

In sport, well done to the Year 9/10 combined team for becoming County Champions after winning all their matches at the County 9-a-side Rugby League Tournament at Churchdown. The Year 7 team finished joint 2nd out of 7 teams and the Year 8s came 4th, also out of 7 teams. Click [here](#) to see a photo of the winning team. This term we entered a team into the County Schools Golf competition. Daniel Berry, Lorna Evans and Daniel Prashad became Gross team champions. Lorna Evans also became Girls Gross champion. Danny Townsend and Jamie Berry represented Gloucestershire U18s and won the 4 Counties Golf Tournament with their team. Daniel Berry finished 2nd at the Gloucestershire U16 Boys Championship. Well done to them all!

Huge congratulations to Charlie Denton for his selection for the squad of three players representing Great Britain at the third Open Deaf Youth Tennis Cup. The competition will be taking place from 3 – 5 June in Braunschweig, Germany – good luck Charlie! Well done to Callum Fisher for placing 2nd in the U14 regional round of the National Schools Snow Sports Association. In cricket, Ben French was selected for and captained the Gloucestershire County U17 cricket team as well as the Gloucestershire U19 team. Good luck to Mawgan Erith, Jonny Wilks, Dominic Martin, Sam Wilson, Francis Stuart-Menteth, Hamish Dewar, Sam Knowles-Jackson, Oliver Jackson, Jack Tanski, Gabriel Sparkhall, Henry Sheffield, Isaac Boyd and Harry Williams for the Athletics County Championships where they will be representing Stroud, we look forward to hearing how they get on.

Thank you to parents/carers for answering our plea for chess sets and donating some beautiful sets and clocks for our student led club. Thank you also to students Dan Pedoe and Mawgan Erith for leading the club which has now expanded to over 40 students.

The [term dates](#) for 2021/22 and 2022/23 can be found on our website.

Enjoy the half term break. We return to school on Monday 6 June, which is a week one.

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11+ Registration NOW OPEN for Year 5s

For all those with friends/neighbours or younger siblings (*currently in 5*) looking at Year 7 Entry, September 2023, you may like to know that 11+ registration is now open, closing at **noon on Thursday 30 June 2022**. The entrance test takes place on Saturday 17 September 2022. We still have some booking availability for our 21 June Open Evening. If you know anyone with a Y5 / Y4 son(s) who would like to visit, please direct people to the www.marling.school homepage.

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. A reminder that donations can be brought to Reception in School House ahead of the sales.

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).