



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

4 October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a busy and exciting week here at Marling School, full of activity and events that have brought the school community together.

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting our Year 7 Information Evening and PSA event, where we welcomed many Year 7 parents into school. It was a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the school, meet staff, and engage with the wider Marling community. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a positive evening.

We've also had individual photographs taken for students in Years 7, 9, 11, and 12. Unfortunately, the weather got the better of us, preventing us from taking the group photographs outside. Rest assured, we are actively seeking another date in the calendar to reschedule these group shots. Hopefully, the weather will be kinder to us next time!

Meanwhile, the rugby season is now fully underway, and our teams have been out representing the school. It's fantastic to see the hard work and dedication of our players on the pitch and we are starting to see this pay off as the season progresses.

Looking ahead to next week, we begin our cycle of Parents' Evenings, starting with the Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening. Parents will be able to sign up for appointments online. More details have been provided shortly, so please keep an eye out for the information.

As we approach another weekend, I look forward to seeing the students focussed and ready to learn again on Monday.

Best wishes,

Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Week Commencing 7 October

Mon 7 INSET

Tue 8 Y10 Apprenticeship Show

Y11 An Inspector Calls

Y9 Rugby v Westonbirt (away)
leave 1:15pm

Wed 9 Y11 Apprenticeship Show

Y8 Rugby v Westonbirt (home) 3pm

1st XV v Crypt National Vase
first round (home) 2:30pm kick off

Y7-11 Individual Park Run

at Sir William Romney

District Table Tennis Championships

at Marling 4pm start

Thu 10 Y11 Parents Evening virtual appointments
between 4:30-7:30pm

The Target Fund

We are deeply grateful to the parents who generously donated the remaining balances of their ParentPay accounts to 'The Target Fund' last year. Thanks to your contributions, we have raised £736, which will be used to provide alternative lunchtime activities for our students. The fund is now closed, and we appreciate your support in enhancing our school community.

House Music Auditions

House Music auditions will be taking place on Thursday 10 October. Details of your audition time and room will be shared with your tutors on Tuesday 8 October, so please check the Tutor Noticeboard.

Babcock Trip

Babcock International Group recently welcomed local secondary schools for an immersive experience in the world of engineering. Year 13 students eagerly participated in a variety of hands-on STEM activities, including augmented reality welding challenges. They also had the opportunity to engage with apprentices, gaining insights into engineering careers and apprenticeship programs. This initiative aims to inspire the next generation of engineers and encourage their entry into the industry.



Inspiring Sessions with the



Last week, students from Years 9 to 13 had the privilege of attending inspiring sessions hosted by The Amy Winehouse Foundation. This organisation is dedicated to supporting and uplifting young people through various initiatives, such as building resilience and self-esteem, providing recovery housing for young women overcoming addiction, offering music therapy for children, and supporting young people in addiction recovery. They also run international music projects, extending their positive impact globally.

During the sessions, speakers shared their personal stories, highlighting the importance of seeking help and expressing emotions during challenging times. These impactful talks focused on building resilience and equipping students with valuable life skills, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved.

Languages Day

Bonjour! Guten Tag! ¡Buenos Días! Buongiorno! Dzień dobry! Здравствуйте!



Last week, the Languages Department celebrated European Day of Languages with the theme "Languages for Peace." Students in Years 7-11 attended assemblies to learn about the benefits of learning another language and the drawbacks of relying on tools like Google Translate and ChatGPT. Marling's diverse home languages enrich our community, and students were informed about support from Mrs. Harrison, our EAL coordinator.

We also launched the European Day of Languages Challenge Handbook, featuring fifty challenges for students to complete. It was wonderful to see students working together, and we look forward to awarding community points for their efforts. A big "well done" and "merci/danke/gracias/grazie/dziękuję/спасибо" to all participants.

Sports Update

Here are the results from the recent rugby matches against Malmesbury:

Year 7 lost 40-10

Year 8 won 47-25

Year 9 won 36-17

Year 10 won 17-7

1st XV won 24-12

Great job to all the teams for their efforts and congratulations to the winners!



Badminton Success

Last month, Adam (Year 13) clinched the Gloucestershire Badminton Under 18 Boys Doubles title and secured the runner-up spot in the Under 18 Mixed Doubles. We're thrilled to announce that Adam has been re-selected for county training and is entering his fourth year representing Gloucestershire in the Under 19 national league. Congratulations, Adam!



Black Belt Triumph

We are thrilled to announce that Tom (Year 9) has achieved a significant milestone by earning his black belt from his Taekwondo academy! This accomplishment required mastering several patterns, writing a thesis on martial art weapons, and maintaining a journal of personal goals and achievements. After 7 years of dedication and hard work, Tom has reached this impressive goal, well done Tom.

