



## Marling School e-Newsletter 2017-2018 (Edition 3)

Welcome to our end of Term 3 e-newsletter.

Our annual Futures Day for Year 11 and 12 students took place on Thursday 1 February. Year 12 students took the opportunity to attend a variety of talks on post-18 options and were then able to explore a careers and further education market place including over 40 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. For more information on Futures Day please click [here](#). 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.

Our Languages department held a successful 'Languages in Industry' event for Year 9 this term. Representatives from Airbus, DAC Beachcroft, the United Nations, the University of Bath and Dyson spoke with students about the benefits of learning a language, and to help them make a decision about their language GCSE choices. Well done to all involved. Read more [here](#).

We have had some fantastic sporting successes this term. The U13 and U16 table tennis teams were crowned both District and County Champions. They then went on to compete at the Regional Zonal where the U13 team finished as semi-finalists and the U16 team won the tournament for the first time in 3 years. Congratulations to both teams, click [here](#) to read more. The KS3 badminton team competed at the County Badminton Championships in Cheltenham and finished 4<sup>th</sup>, missing out on 3<sup>rd</sup> place by a single game, a great effort from the team. Our Sixth Form basketball team has performed well this term, winning 2 out of 3 games, we wish them luck for next term. In rugby, congratulations to Ben Wilkes, Patrick Courts, Lewis Barker and Lucas Robert-Davis for taking part in the county festival, representing the Stroud District team. In addition, Arthur Mills and Harry Lightfoot for representing the Gloucestershire U18's team. Well done to Harry for his selection for the South West U18 squad and we wish him good luck for the divisional weekend in Birmingham. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Congratulations to Tamas Tomcsanyi, Sam Mason, Miki Metel, Dylan Miles and Jack Peglar for their selection to represent the Stroud District U15 schools football squad and well done to the U15 football team for reaching the national quarter finals of the English Schools FA Cup, they were the last remaining team from the South West. Well done to both our U13 and U15 handball teams for winning the District Championships, they are currently training for the County Championships. Also congratulations to Charlie Hardwicke, Ashley Ridout, Jake Crapper, Isaac Powell, Oliver Davies, Tom Day, Joe Day and Jack Abis for their selection to represent the Gloucestershire U16 Handball team. Charlie, Ashley and Jake will also be joining the South West Regional U16 Handball Academy. Max Hardwicke has been asked to attend the U19 Great Britain handball trials.

Our senior cross country team travelled to Coventry for the 48<sup>th</sup> King Henry VIII School relay race and finished 20<sup>th</sup> of the 46 squads that took part, a commendable effort given the presence of many of the country's best young athletes. The winning school completed the course in the second best time ever recorded – falling a few second's short of the mark set by Marling School's famous 2005 team. Well done to team captain Jerome Boyd, Freddie Wilson, Adam Davison, Ben McIntyre, Seb Rosch-Isles and David Bendle. Click [here](#) to read more. Finally, in tennis, Vrishin Guduru was recently selected to play in the tennis U12 Premier Tier, to read more, please click [here](#) and to read the termly sports round up, click [here](#).

If you visit the Museum in the Park in Stroud during half term, look out for the portrait of Sir Samuel Marling currently on loan to them from the School. The portrait is a feature at the 'Cathedral of Cloth' exhibition, which revolves around Ebley Mill and the Founding Fathers of Stroud. Visit the Museum in the Park's [website](#) for details on the exhibition.

Tickets are now on sale for our joint school production of “We Will Rock You”. Performances take place on Wednesday 28 February, Thursday 1 March and Friday 2 March. Tickets can be purchased through [ParentPay](#) and then collected from Marling Finance Office. Don’t miss your chance to see this incredible show!

We recently received a letter from ex-student; Lawson Falshaw wanting to share his experience from his time in Italy where he studied and worked as a teacher. It is always wonderful to hear from our ex-students and see what they have been achieving. If you would like to read Lawson’s report “A Year Abroad” click [here](#).

The Old Marlingtonians’ Association are holding their annual get together on Saturday 17 March 2018, this year it is a lunch. They would like to invite all ex-students to this event to get together and reminisce about old times and the future development of the school. To find out more, please click [here](#).

Further to our letter on Wednesday 7 February, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening on changes to our Sixth Form. The event will take place on Tuesday 20 February 2018, 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Marling School Main Hall and I will be joined by Mr Nigel Riglar (Chair of Governors), Mr Steve Farr (Head of 6th Form) and Miss Louise Harris (Assistant Head of 6th Form). If you wish to attend please respond by emailing the following address [adminoffice@marling.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@marling.gloucs.sch.uk) stating who will be attending; we will confirm receipt. If numbers exceed capacity for the venue we will run a second session at the same venue at 6:45pm and we will notify you that you have been allocated a place in the second session.

Please note the [term dates](#) for 2018 can be found on our website and we return to school after this half term on Monday 19 February.

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

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

### **Are you interested in being a Governor at Marling School?**

Being a Governor is a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to your community and to the lives of young people. The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one and they meet a minimum of three times a year. Do you have:

- An interest in our young people’s future
- Time, energy and enthusiasm
- A desire to make a difference
- Readiness to accept responsibility
- An ability to work as a team
- Are you happy to ask questions, listen and learn?

Then you could have what it takes to join one of the largest volunteer groups in the country, working with others to get the best for our young people. If you think you might be interested, take a look at the advert [here](#)!

### **Trustee / Non-Executive Director Vacancy – Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (Voluntary Position)**

Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (CBAT), which is a small but growing Multi-Academy Trust in Gloucestershire and currently comprises Marling School in Stroud and Berkeley Primary School in Berkeley, is looking for a Trustee (Non-Executive Director). Trustees play a key role in the development and oversight of the schools in their Trust. If you think you might be interested, please take a look at the advert [here](#)!

### **Tennis Plus Academy – Tennis Coaching Programme**

From Monday 19 February, Tennis Plus Academy will be running tennis sessions for people of all ages and abilities. They run serious and fun classes, single and double, beginner and pro classes. If you would like more information on joining fees and class times or would like to sign up visit their website [www.tennis-plus.co.uk](http://www.tennis-plus.co.uk), contact them on 07870620488 or Email: [tennisplusacademy@gmail.com](mailto:tennisplusacademy@gmail.com)

### **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. If you are interested in teaching in the primary sector please drop in to speak to us at Rodborough Primary School on Tuesday 20 February, 4:30-6:30pm. Please contact us here at Marling through Nikki Embling (info@ceta.school) or visit <http://www.ceta.school/itt/> for further details.

### Parent Staff Association (PSA) News

On Saturday 28 April 2018 at 7pm, Marling School will be hosting The Secret Police concert. Concert tickets are £12 before 28 February and £15 after, the balcony tickets are £15 before the 28 February and £18 after. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and available from Marling Reception.

### School Procedures

Please follow this [link](#) to ensure that you are familiar with our basic procedures including illness and injuries, absence reporting, late arrivals, bullying and lost property.

### No Dogs Allowed

We have an ongoing issue with some parents walking their dogs on our Sports Field and allowing them to use it as a toilet. Any trace of dog faeces can be picked up when your sons are playing sport and can cause a very serious condition called Toxocarasis, which can cause blindness. It is also very unpleasant when the boys get it on their hands or clothes. Please obey the signs around the field and do not walk your dogs on school property.

### Dates for the Diary - Term 4

Monday 19 February	Start of Term
Tuesday 20 February	Parent Information Evening on Sixth Form changes
Thursday 22 February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28 February	We Will Rock You production
Thursday 1 March	We Will Rock You production
Friday 2 March	We Will Rock You production
Friday 2 March	GCSE Languages Event – Spanish and German
Saturday 3 March	Gold DofE
Monday 5 March	GCSE Languages Event - French
Friday 9 March	Creative Arts Block Opening
Monday 12 March	INSET Day
Wednesday 14 March	Year 13 Invitational Parents' Evening
Thursday 15 March	Munich Exchange to Stroud
Saturday 17 March	OMA Annual Lunch
Thursday 22 March	Year 11 Invitational Parents' Evening
Saturday 24 March	End of Munich Exchange
Thursday 29 March	End of Term