



MARLING
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e-Newsletter 2018-2019 (Edition 5)

It has been a busy but exciting 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's who leave us after their exams and go on to the next stage of their lives. On behalf of both year groups, 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 boys every success in their examinations and look forward to celebrating with them in August.

You may recall the success of the Sixth Form Marling Biologists at the Biology Olympiad last term. Ben Robinson was one of only 16 out of 9,465 students nationally to be shortlisted for the UK team after taking a Gold award at the British stage. His success in the 3 day selection process, which took place at the University of Warwick School of Life Sciences means that he will now travel to Hungary for the prestigious international competition along with 3 other students. The UK team will compete against students from over 60 countries at the International Biology Olympiad, now in its 30th year, in a series of practical tasks and theoretical exams aimed to test their bioscience skills. Please click [here](#) to read more.

The Marling School media team were recently interviewed by BBC Radio Gloucestershire about their work, including live streams of a National eSports tournament and podcasts on mental health and student wellbeing. The team talked about the impact that the podcasts and eSports broadcasting has on encouraging younger programmers, allowing them to get involved with projects that they would never have seen before and how Marling is trailblazing in such an exciting new industry. To listen and watch some of their latest productions, please find links [here](#). Congratulations to media team member Scott Hiatt who took part in a hackathon event where teams of four had to create usable software or hardware with the goal of creating a functioning product. Scott's team finished that event as one of the four finalists and then went on to win the final at the "FusionONE for Business Leaders" conference in the Tobacco Docks, London. To find out more, click [here](#).

In Science, two teams of Year 9 students have been awarded Bronze Crest Awards for their investigative work. The awards are given by the British Science Foundation for in excess of 10 hours of practical work accompanied by a report. The group consisting of Joe Halliwell, Tom Edwards, George Biddlecombe, Dan Barnard and Alfie Arthur used Fourier Transform Infra-Red Spectroscopy (FTIR) to investigate the link between the chemical composition of a crude oil and the location of the oil well. The second group consisting of Ishan Bhardwaj, Arvid Briscoe and Peter Parker used Capillary Column Gas Chromatography (GC) to look for limonene from orange oil in shower gel formulations. Please click [here](#) to read more. Science will be running a STEM club during Thursday lunchtimes (1:30-2:10pm) next term for Years 7 and 8. This will run for 6 consecutive weeks on the theme of witchcraft and wizardry in the real world.

The Geography department have had a busy term with Year 9 and 10 students visiting [Iceland](#) where they were able to see waterfalls, volcanoes, geysers and geothermal power plants and experience walking on a glacier. Year 10 geographers also visited the University of West of England to get a flavour of geography beyond GCSE and to deepen their understanding of some key aspects of the curriculum. As part of their GCSE they had a trip to a local farm to study how farming techniques affect ecosystems and biodiversity. Click [here](#) to read more. Finally, Year 8 Geographers enjoyed a day off timetable for the informative Energy Futures Day where students experienced 7 inspirational sessions, please click [here](#) to find out more.

Well done to Milo Sanbrooke-Conner in Year 7 for achieving 3rd place at the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts for his performance of Blues by Gerard Hengeveld. Milo competed in the 13 and under category for solo, piano and jazz.

If you managed to make it to 'Jazz it Up' at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival this year you would have seen our wonderful Marling Big Band performing. Congratulations to all the performers who, as always, did a brilliant job and made us all proud. A special thanks to those Year 13 players who now leave us after so many fabulous musical performances.

Congratulations to our U14 rugby team for winning the County EDF Plate competition after beating Chosen Hill 12-10 in the final. Two Year 7 teams attended the County Rugby League 9s, where one team placed third in their pool whilst the other team just lost out in the final to St Peter's by the Golden Try, having come from 4-2 down. The 1st XI football team made it to the County U18 Cup Final but sadly lost 2-1 to Brislington School. In Handball, well done to Charlie Hardwicke, Ashley Ridout and Jake Crapper for their selection for the Men's U18 GB Handball squad. They will represent GB at the European Open Championships in Sweden in July. Congratulations to [Tom Powlesland](#) for winning bronze at the National Butterfly School Individual Championships for table tennis, where he represented Gloucestershire in the U13 category. The Marling golf team finished 3rd behind Hartpury Golf Academy's A & B teams at the Gloucestershire County School's Golf tournament, well done to Jamie Berry, Dan Berry and Danny Townsend. Congratulations to Archie Powis for being selected to represent the Stroud District at the County Championships for javelin, to Ben French for his selection for the Gloucestershire County U14 cricket team and to Rhys Cogbill for the North Wiltshire U15 cricket team. Click [here](#) for the termly sports round up.

In light of the continued squeeze on school finances I'm pleased to say that Gloucestershire schools are part of the 'WorthLess?' campaign who continue to lobby hard to promote an increase to school funding. The website <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/> shows clearly how schools like Marling have been affected and this of course makes it harder to replace equipment that enriches the experience for our students. Our Parent Staff Association has been a great source of support, as has the Old Marlingtonians' Association. However, if you would like to make a donation you can either use your ParentPay account or send a cheque made payable to Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust and you can see details of the Marling School Target Fund below. With many thanks in advance for your support.

Your support through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> continues to be brilliant with our PSA receiving a total of £7,156.44 through your efforts. Please keep supporting the School!

Please note the [term dates](#) for 2019 can be found on our website and we return to school after half term on Monday 3 June, which is a week 1. Please note, we have an INSET day on Wednesday 19 June and term ends on Thursday 18 July at 1:30pm.

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Marling Wish-List

Following requests from parents, students and our wider school community, the Finance team are pleased to announce the arrival of the 'Marling Wish-list'. We have added items to the Marling Amazon Wish-list that will enrich and enhance the delivery of subjects in all year groups, as well as some social resources for the students. We are most grateful to receive all donations, big or small, and will be pleased to recognise the contribution on the resource if you wish. Please click [here](#) to browse the list.

Summer Reading

The Library team are always being asked for reading recommendations. A useful source is the Marling Library homepage, this can be accessed via MarVLE or Edulink. It shows new books, recently returned and popular books. It's well worth having a look as the books are free and can be reserved. One of our favourite browsing sites is LOVEREADING4KIDS UK - <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk>. There are reading lists, reviews, age recommendations and best of all extracts to sample! It's free and a great place to pick up ideas which you can either buy from the site or take your wish list to your local independent book seller. I also use "Good Reads" - you might also find a good read for yourself there. Happy browsing!

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.

Open Mornings

For all those with friends/neighbours or younger siblings (*currently in Year 5*) looking at Year 7 Entry in September 2020, the Entrance Test takes place on Saturday 14 September 2019. If you would like an emailed '**reminder to register**' please request this via our website, click [here](#) to view. Our next [Open Morning](#) is on Tuesday 25 June 2019 – we look forward to welcoming you and your son(s).

Marling School Target Fund

The Marling School Target Fund is aiming to raise £5,000 to purchase a Key Stage 3 laser cutter. Mr Berry, Head of Design Technology said, "We strongly believe that all students of Marling School should have access to the latest computer aided manufacturing techniques. Our existing laser cutter is now in its eleventh year of operation and student demand on this specialised equipment has never been higher. The purchase of a new laser cutter would ensure all students can access this technology as part of their curriculum and have a greater frequency of use in their project work, enabling deeper learning and faster progression for all." If you would like to make a voluntary contribution towards this fund, please send a cheque made payable to Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust or visit your ParentPay account. With many thanks in advance for your support.

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.

Dates for the Diary - Term 5

Monday 3 June	Start of term
Tuesday 4 June	Y7 Farm Trip - 7E, 7C and 7G
Wednesday 5 June	Y7 Farm Trip – 7B and 7F
Wednesday 19 June	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 June	Open Morning
Tuesday 2 July	Y10 Taster Day
Thursday 4 July	Sports Day
Tuesday 9 July	KS3 Celebration of Achievement
Wednesday 10 July	Sports Day Reserve
Thursday 18 July	End of term – 1:30pm finish