



Our annual Sports Day was once again a great success and congratulations to Elliott House for winning the competition. Well done to all the students who took part in both the heats and the event itself, we had a number of school records broken, click [here](#) to read more. The scores from Sports Day were added to the accumulated scores from events such as [House Swimming](#) and lessons throughout the year and these were taken forward to the final house event this week, the House Music competition. We were treated to some wonderful and diverse musical performances from all of the houses with each house providing a solo and a group performance. When all the scores were added together Elliott House were the overall winners of the annual House competition and they enjoyed Period 5 off lessons with food, fun and games on the sports field.

Year 9 recently took part in a full day of engineering on the Lockheed Martin STEM challenge. The winning team of Arthur Richards, Elliott Austin, Otto Nederlof, Ben Ross and Cameron Nickerson will represent the school in the final at the Royal International Air Tattoo and we wish them luck. Congratulations to Alex Gowler and David Gurr for being awarded Arkwright Engineering Scholarships, the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK. They will now be supported through the two years of their A Levels, click [here](#) to find out more.

In Science, a record number of students took part in the Year 12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, which consists of a 90 minute written paper, taken under exam conditions. All participants demonstrated an aptitude for chemistry. Two students gained a gold award and were among the top 5% of 6600 entrants nationwide. Six students gained a silver certificate (top 30%) and nine gained a copper certificate. Click [here](#) to read more.

A Level Geographers enjoyed two days in Swansea and the Gower undertaking fieldwork for their coursework project and they stayed overnight at Swansea University which gave them a taste of university halls of residence. Click [here](#) to read more. Students have also enjoyed trips this term to Cadiz in Spain and Munich for the German exchange.

In sport, our U12 cricket team made it to the county finals before losing out to Sir Thomas Rich's School and our U14 team made it as far as the county semi-finals. Well done to Ben French for his selection for the Gloucestershire County U14 cricket team and to Dan Collins for the U17 squad, also to Rhys Cogbill for the North Wiltshire U15 team. Our golf team, made up of Danny Townsend, Jamie Berry and Daniel Berry entered the Gloucestershire County Schools Golf tournament and placed 3rd behind Hartpury Golf Academy's A & B teams. Well done to all of our teams this term.

We have had a number of individual achievements in sport this summer. Congratulations to Charlie Hughes for winning gold in the Double Mini Trampoline Fig D level for boys aged 11-14 at the national finals. He is the national champion for his level and age, read more [here](#). Well done to Ben Fielder, Dan Fielder, Alex Green, Archie Sheffield, Henry Sheffield and Oliver Wills for competing at the Swim England South West Summer Championships. Henry took bronze medals in both the 800m and 1500m freestyle events and his times have qualified him to swim at the National Open Water championships in August; click [here](#) to read more. Tom Powlesland competed in Croatia with the U13 England table tennis squad, playing exceptionally well and making it to the last 32 boys, read more [here](#). Jamie Berry has been selected for the Gloucestershire U18 squad at the South West Golf championships after his excellent performance representing the U14 squad, click [here](#) to find out more. Jamie also recently finished in 1st place at the Minchinhampton Golf Junior Open and well done to Daniel Berry for finishing 7th and Danny Townsend for placing 13th. In tennis Sahan Weerasekara has played for the Wiltshire U16s and Vrishin Guduru for the Gloucestershire County age group squad.

In athletics, Noah Lambert is now county champion after winning the senior boys 1500m at the County Athletics Championships. Ben McIntyre placed 2nd in the same race and became county champion for the senior javelin. David Bendle placed 2nd in the senior 800m. Henry Sheffield ran the 3rd fastest UK U13 1 mile of all time, clocking a time of 4:59.1, click [here](#) to read more. Following medal-winning successes at the county and county schools athletics

championships, Ben McIntyre competed in the Welsh Junior Championships. Ben brought home gold medals for the 400m hurdles and discus and silver for the 2000m steeplechase and javelin, click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulations to Miss James for winning the Goethe-Institut's Peter Boaks Prize which recognises an exceptional teacher of German near the beginning of their career. The award ceremony took place at the German Embassy in London with guest of honour, author Julia Donaldson.

This term we say goodbye to Mr Balster, Mrs Battye and Mrs Clark. Between them they have given an incredible 101 years of service to the school and in their various roles they have had an enormous impact on the lives of so many of our students. Mrs Battye and Mr Balster in particular have been here 37 and 38 years respectively and have seen incredible changes. They started when J.D. Phillips was headmaster who in the early 80s was first discussing the idea of having a Sixth Form college on Downfield Road. Since then they have seen several changes of headteacher, the demolition and replacement of the long and short corridors, the increase in PAN to the lower school and now the change to co-education for the Sixth Form. They have had such a huge impact on the lives of so many and will be missed by all.

In September we welcome a number of new staff including Mr Green and Miss Teagle-Brown to the DT department and Mrs l'Anson to English. The Science department will be joined by Mr Raymer-Fleming and Mr Rawson. Mrs Edwards will be joining us to teach Economics and Business Studies and Mrs Eakin to teach Religious Education. The PE department will be joined by Mr Stephens. Finally, we welcome back from their maternity leave Miss Leggett, Mrs Bedford and Dr Harris.

Your support through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> continues to be brilliant with our PSA receiving a total of £7,461.96 through your efforts. Please keep supporting the School!

We need our text books back please! – If your son is in Year 11, 12 or 13 and still has his text books at home we really need them back. These books need to be re-issued to new students in September and are a vital resource for the departments to be able to facilitate the learning of other students. Please can we ask for your help to ensure they are returned on results days (see below for dates):

The important results dates to remember are:

- A Level Results Thursday 15 August 9am in the Sixth Form Block
- Y11 GCSE Results Thursday 22 August 9am in the Dining Hall
- Y10 GCSE Results Thursday 22 August 11am in the Dining Hall

Please note the [term dates](#) for 2019/20 can be found on our website. Year 7 and 12 return to school on Tuesday 3 September with the rest of the school returning Wednesday 4 September. Please note, we have INSET days on Monday 7, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 October. Term 1 ends for students on Wednesday 23 October.

That's it from Marling School for another year. Wishing you all a fantastic summer.

Stuart Wilson – Headteacher (stuart.wilson@marling.gloucs.sch.uk)

GCSE Results Day

Date: Thursday 22 August 2019 **Time:** 9am for Year 11 students and 11am for the Year 10s **Location:** Dining Hall

For further results day and exams certificate information, please click [here](#) to see the Exams section on the new Marling School website. If you cannot attend on Results Day you can send in a stamped addressed envelope to the Exams Office and results will be posted out to you. You can also nominate a person to collect results on your behalf by writing a permission letter and sending it in to the Exams Office. Please note that the nominated person would need to bring in a form of ID to ensure results are given to the correct person. Results cannot be given out by telephone or email.

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 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.lovereadings4kids.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. We 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.

Parent Support & Advice Line Gloucestershire

Are you worried about your child's mental health, emotional wellbeing or behaviour? Parenting can be hugely rewarding but it can also be really work, especially if you think your child is unhappy or you are worried about them. If your child is 0-25 years old and lives in Gloucestershire, you can drop-in to a free, anonymous, confidential helpline during open times and talk to one of their trained parent support advisors. The parent support line number is 0800 6525675 and the parent support web chat www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers

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 1

Monday 2 September	INSET day
Tuesday 3 September	Y7 & 12 only in school
Wednesday 4 September	All year groups in school
Monday 9 September	Senior Celebration of Achievement
Wednesday 11 September	Y12 Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 11 September	Opro mouth guard fittings 1:10pm in Sports Hall
Thursday 12 & Friday 13 September	Y7 Camp
Monday 16 September	Y8 & 9 Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 18 September	Y13 Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 18 September	Drama trip to Cheltenham Everyman
Monday 30 September	Y10 & 11 Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 1 October	Y13 Politics trip
Wednesday 2 October	Y12 2021 Expedition meeting 6:30-7:30pm
Saturday 5 October	Y10 Battlefields trip departs
Monday 7 October	INSET day
Thursday 17 October	Y7 Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 22 October	Y12 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 October	Last day of term

Thursday 24 October	INSET day
Friday 25 October	INSET day
Monday 4 November	Term 2 starts