



MARLING  
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## e-Newsletter 2019-2020 (Edition 1)

It was great to have so many of you visit the school again for our Parent Information Evenings this term and to welcome those of you with younger sons at our Open Evening.

The year started with a celebration of academic success and another great set of GCSE and A Level results for our students. Please click [here](#) for the full GCSE story, and for the full A Level story click [here](#).

Our new Year 12 have settled in well this term and made a really positive start. They are the first co-educational year group in the school's history and comprise 192 students in total, including 63 girls, who have joined us from schools around the area. It was great to see so many of them volunteering as ambassadors at our Open Evening where I know they impressed our many visitors.

Congratulations to Arthur Richards, Elliott Austin, Otto Nederlof, Ben Ross and Cameron Nickerson for winning the Lockheed Martin Engineering Challenge at the Royal International Air Tattoo, after competing against 7 other schools. The team were asked to design and build an aerodynamic vehicle that would travel along a track and then remotely trigger a catapult. To read more, click [here](#).

The Languages department are now offering Classical Civilisation AS Level as a breadth option in Year 12 and this term the students on the course attended a performance of Julius Caesar at the Cotswold Playhouse. The play was excellent and a very interesting interpretation with women taking on the leading roles for Brutus, Caesar and Octavian. The play by Shakespeare features on the secondary reading list for Classical Civilisation AS because the students are currently studying the Imperial Image of Augustus Caesar. For more information about taking this qualification in Year 12, students can see Mrs Bedford.

The Languages department also celebrated European Languages Day this term (26 September). However, as there are over 30 languages spoken within the Marling School community, we chose to extend the celebration to World Languages, and a variety of activities ran over the course of the week including International Bake Off, Guess the Language, assemblies to KS3 and 4 about the importance of learning languages and signage throughout the School featuring some of our students' additional languages.

Also during the term, Year 13 Biologists visited Oxford University for a Gene Technology workshop. They were able to gain experience of molecular biology practical techniques using research-quality equipment not available in school. The workshop was a great success and enjoyed by all, click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulations to Toby Colliver for his selection to represent the Gloucestershire FA County U16 team in the South and West Counties Championship, Toby is the only U15 player, playing up a year. Well done to [Elliot](#) and [Felix](#) Gregory for representing Gloucestershire in the U15 Table Tennis Championships and to [Henry Broadley](#) for placing 14<sup>th</sup> at the Pentathlon GB – National Triathlon in Birmingham. Henry also completed in the Pentathlon GB South West Regional Modern Biathlon where he came 4<sup>th</sup> in the U15 and secured himself a place in the British National Modern Biathlon Championships. Congratulations also to [Henry Sheffield](#) for finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the U14 Pentathlon GB South West Regional Championships meaning he will also compete at the British Nationals. Well done to Jamie Berry for passing his black belt grading for Tae Kwon Do.

The **Oliver** production has now been cast and rehearsals have started. The show dates are Wednesday 11 – Friday 13 March but there will be a taster song at the **Christmas Concert**, which will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 7:30pm in the Music Hall. Tickets for the concert will go on sale after half term.

Our **Sixth Form Open Evening** is on **Thursday 14 November** from 5-8pm. The evening is an opportunity to see some of our facilities, learn about how we work and what we can offer, meet students, find out about A Level choices and talk to subject teachers. To find out more about the Sixth Form, please visit the new Sixth Form [website](#).

The [term dates](#) for 2019/20 and 2020/21 can be found on our website. Please note that we have an INSET day on Friday 29 November.

At the end of this very busy first 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))

### Additional Languages

An email was sent to parents on 15 October asking if any students who can speak another language would be interested in taking a qualification in them. We can only offer exams where they are available and sadly that isn't the case for all languages spoken at Marling, but if you are interested and have checked to see if an exam is available, please contact Mrs Bedford by the beginning of December.

### 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](mailto:studentsupport@marling.gloucs.sch.uk).

### 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](mailto:info@ceta.school)) or visit <http://www.ceta.school/itt/> for further details.

### Parent Staff Association (PSA) News

Our Annual PSA Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 7 December, 11am – 3pm in the School Hall and Dining Hall. We have traditional stalls, a Christmas café and much more. We are looking for stallholders for the fayre, so if you are interested, please email [marlingpta@gmail.com](mailto:marlingpta@gmail.com)

### Dates for the Diary - Term 2

Monday 4 November	Term 2 starts
Thursday 14 November	Sixth Form Open Evening – 5-8pm
Tuesday 19 November	Y10 – 13 Drama Trip to Oxford Playhouse
Thursday 21 November	Year 11 Geography Trip to Bristol
Thursday 21 November	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Friday 29 November	INSET Day
Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 December	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip
Thursday 5 December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Saturday 7 December	PSA Christmas Fair- 11am-3pm
Tuesday 10 December	Year 12 Geology Trip to Natural History Museum
Wednesday 11 December	Christmas Concert – 7:30pm Music Hall
Friday 20 December	Final Day of Term (Early Finish 1:30pm)