



MARLING
SCHOOL

e-Newsletter 2020-2021 (Edition 1)

Well, we have come to the end of another extraordinary term of this 2020/21 academic year. I am so proud of the way our staff and students have adapted to new ways of working with Covid-19 restrictions in place and I'm delighted that most students have had an uninterrupted term of teaching and learning. It has been an exhausting experience for all and everyone now deserves a very well earned rest.

This term we said well done and thank you to the out-going student leadership team of Head Boy Joe Hollier, Head Girl Katy Owen, and Deputy Head Boys Pablo Carrington and Mikolaj Metel and Deputy Head Girls Caitlin Griffiths, Imogen Grover and Lauren Taylor. They have worked incredibly hard and shown real commitment to the school whilst having to adapt to being student leaders under lockdown as well. I am delighted to introduce you to our new student leadership team who were selected after a very challenging process of presentations and interviews. They are Head Girl Jess Lingard and Head Boy Scott Hiatt who will lead our School Council, and Deputy Head Girls Joanna Fajkowska, Lily Doak and Tasmiyah Mota and Deputy Head Boys Alex Caton-Bradley and Matt Page. We wish them the very best for the year ahead and we are confident that they will have a significant impact on the school.

Congratulations to Harvey Randall and Alex Vale in Year 12 who have been awarded the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, the most esteemed scholarship of its type in the UK, designed to inspire students to pursue their dreams and change the world as a future leader in engineering. The scholarships are awarded to hard-working 16-year-old students through a rigorous selection process, and will support them through their A Levels. Click [here](#) to read more. Well done to our A Level Chemists for their fantastic Cambridge Chemistry Challenge results; five students received a Silver Award for finishing in the top 25% and two students gained a Gold Award for being in the top 10% of 6000 plus entrants.

We would like to congratulate Charlie Denton in Year 9 for competing at the National Deaf Tennis Championships 2020 and becoming the Junior Singles winner. Congratulations also go to Joshua Dyer in Year 8 for being selected for the Gloucestershire Cricket County/Development Winter Performance Squad. We love to hear of individual successes, please do get in touch.

Thank you to parents, students and staff for all your kind donations this term, we have helped Stroud Foodbank collect Christmas treats, raised £1670 for Children in Need, filled 61 boxes for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme, delivered gifts to the residents and a hamper for the staff of Scarlet House and lastly our Christmas Jumper Day raised £1497 for Save the Children.

We hope to be able to offer more extra-curricular activities sometime in the New Year and will let you know as soon as we receive guidance that it is ok to do so safely.

If your son/daughter cycles to school, please ensure they have lights on their bike when we return in January.

For all those with friends/neighbours or younger siblings (*currently in Year 4 or 5*) looking at Year 7 Entry in September 2021 or 2022, we are running a virtual Open Evening on Wednesday 20 January 2021, please see the [website](#) for details.

Please note the [term dates](#) for 2021 can be found on our website. Please look out for an email from Mr Balmer regarding the staggered return to school in January.

In the meantime, I wish you all a well-deserved break and a wonderful Christmas.

Stuart Wilson – Executive Headteacher (ssw@marling.school)

Services for Young People

Did you know you can still get help from the school nursing team over the Christmas holidays? You can send a text via ChatHealth for confidential and anonymous advice on all kinds of health issues, like emotional health, sexual health, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns. It's available over the Christmas holidays 09.00 – 16.00hrs excluding Bank Holidays (with automatic bounce-back responses to incoming messages out of hours). The text number for the service in Gloucestershire is 07507 333 351 or visit [the website](#) for useful information.

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.