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## e-Newsletter 2020-2021 (Edition 3)

It was fantastic to be able to all get together for our annual Sports Day a few weeks ago, another step to returning to a more normal year. The event was a great success and congratulations to Greenstreet House for winning the competition. Well done to all the students who took part in both the heats and the event itself, we had three school records broken, click [here](#) to read more. The scores from Sports Day were added to the accumulated scores from other House events and lessons throughout the year to make Fuller House the overall winners of the annual House competition, beating Greenstreet by only 10 points! Fuller House and a select group of academic achievement winners from the other houses enjoyed an afternoon off timetable celebrating on the sports field with time on the water slide.

Congratulations to our Year 10 triple science students who all took part in the Biology Challenge 2021, a competition taken in conjunction with the Royal Society of Biology. The competition consisted of two, twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers, taken online under staff supervised exam conditions. Questions were set on the school curriculum, however the competition also rewarded those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. We had some excellent results; 26,828 students from 348 schools took part in the competition, 44% of our students gained a bronze, silver or gold award compared to 28% nationally and 88% gained a commended or higher, compared to 56% nationally.

We must also congratulate our Year 12 biologists who took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. This is a highly prestigious competition for A Level biology students taken in conjunction with the Royal Society of Biology. The competition consisted of a one-hour multiple choice paper taken online. Questions were set on topics that students are likely to have covered at GCSE and in their first year of A Level. In total 8873 students from 449 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition with 34 of our students participating, 22 of those receiving awards: 2 silvers, 9 bronzes, 8 highly commended and 3 commended.

Year 7 Geographers enjoyed a trip to a working farm in Tetbury to practice their fieldwork skills this term. Photos of the students in action can be viewed on our social media accounts. Year 7 Drama Club were excited to finally start their extra-curricular experience at Marling after a long winter lockdown. Students enjoyed taking part in drama games, character exercises, and working on scripted duologues from a range of well-known plays. It was great to see students enjoying being creative again, click [here](#) to read more. Also in school we celebrated School Diversity Week with students involved in LGBTQ+ educational sessions, tutor time activities and an LGBTQ+ assembly, finishing with Rainbow Day when staff dressed in a range of colourful items. We hope the week raised the importance of supporting the LGBTQ+ community, educating students about the challenges they face and celebrating the diversity within our school. Please take a look at a collection of photos from the day on our social media accounts. Thank you to staff, students and parents for your support with Charity Week, a total of £251 was raised from the various lunchtime events including Sponge the Teacher and Penalty Shoot Out. The total will be divided between the chosen House nominated charities.

Years 7-10 recently travelled to Drayton Manor Theme Park to celebrate the end of what has been another challenging school year with the pandemic changing so much of what we do. Thank you for the positive feedback, it really is lovely to hear that the students enjoyed their day. Again, please take a look at our social media accounts to view some photos from the trips (Instagram @marling.school and Facebook @marlingschool).

Congratulations to Toby Colliver in Year 11 for his selection for the Gloucestershire Schools U16 football team and for refereeing the Cheltenham League Men's Cup finals. Also in sport, Old Marlingtonian Jack Cope won a dramatic four-hole-play-off to win the prestigious St Andrew's Links Amateur Golf Trophy, he has also now climbed to 22<sup>nd</sup> in the newly published World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) – his highest ever position. Well done Jack!

At the end of this academic year we say our goodbyes to a few of our staff. Caroline Gunn (Science Technician), Sally l'Anson (Teacher of English), Shane Ward (6<sup>th</sup> Form Student Support), Oliver Clark (Teacher of English) and Amanda Oxberry (PA to Headteacher) they are all leaving us for new adventures. We welcome back Mrs Rumaysa Patel (Teacher of English) and Miss Aimee Taylor (Teacher of Mathematics) from their maternity leave. Meanwhile we are being joined by some new colleagues in September and these include Miss Bryony Swinger (Head of Music), Miss Cerys Dyke (Teacher of Geography & Sociology), Mrs Heidi North (Teacher of Mathematics), Miss Abigail Jenkins (Teacher of German) and Mrs Nicola Barrett (Teacher of Science). We look forward to welcoming them to the Marling family.

Your support through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> continues to be brilliant with our PSA receiving a total of £10,613.58 through your efforts. Please keep supporting the School!

The [term dates](#) for 2021/22 can be found on our website.

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

*Stuart Wilson – Executive Headteacher ([ssw@marling.school](mailto:ssw@marling.school))*

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

There will be an opportunity for parents to buy items from the PSA's available stock of second hand uniform (and to donate your son's outgrown uniform, if you haven't already done so) on Thursday 22 July, 2-4pm. The sale will take place in the School Hall, with space for parents to browse.

### **Polite Reminder**

Please can we remind parents, for health and safety reasons, not to pull in to the main gates in the mornings or after school when dropping or picking up your child at school. Also, can you remind your child that should they become unwell during the school day, they need to go to Student Services and not phone home during the school day.

### **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.