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Well done to all our Marling musicians involved in the Senior Spring Concert on Tuesday. The concert showcased the work of our KS4 and KS5 students, and included contributions from the Marling Jazz Band, Orchestra, Downfielders Folk Group, Senior Strings, Senior Choir, as well as solo and ensemble items presented by our department musicians. It was a marvellous evening filled with brilliant performances. My thanks go to everyone involved.

To coincide with British Science Week, KS3 students across Years 7 and 8 explored this year's theme of growth, by trying to build the tallest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows. Monty Campbell-Black and Logan Stone won the in-house competition with a tower around 70cm tall that stood for 30 seconds with a piece of paper on top. Other students are continuing to take part with the Poster Competition, the top 5 of which will be sent off to be judged in the National Competition.

We had 38 A Level biologists take part in the [British Biology Olympiad](#) (26 Year 12 students and 12 Year 13s). The British Biology Olympiad is a competition run in conjunction with the [Royal Society of Biology](#) which aims to stimulate students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates. In total over 10,000 students from more than 700 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition with 22 of our students receiving awards: 7 silvers, 5 bronzes, 3 highly commended and 5 commended. Congratulations to Guy Bohm (Year 13) and Peter Parker (Year 12) for achieving gold awards! We are very proud of all those that took part.

Also in Science, 18 Year 12 and 7 Year 13 Chemistry students competed in the [Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad](#). The highest scorers were Felix Williams (Year 13) and Danil Sapojnikov (Year 12) who both achieved a gold certificate and performed in the top 9% of the whole country (8700 entries across the country). We had 6 students achieve silver, representing the top 23%, and 14 students achieve bronze, representing the top 32%. They did exceptionally well as a cohort, and the Year 12 achievement was particularly impressive.

You may remember reading in the last edition of the e-newsletter that two teams of students have entered the Astro Pi Mission Space Lab competition to have an experiment running on the ISS. Both projects were successfully submitted to the European Space Agency, and we are now waiting for news on the next phase of the project. Please click [here](#) to read more about their projects.

In DT, Year 12 students have been working hard in their own time to create fantastic fashion pieces from recycled materials. We have two entries into [Junk Kouture](#) and they are the first ever entries into the competition from the school. The aim is to create unique fashion from purely recycled materials. Archie has created a dress from recycled umbrellas, even going as far as to create shoes from scrap wood. Hope and Biba have created a dress from old t-shirts, scrap metal, old bike chains and scrap netting. Click [here](#) to read more. The Year 12 Greenpower Challenge team have been ensuring their vehicle is race ready for the first heat at Goodwood on 8 May. After some issues with the electronics, the team have now wired up the motors and had a very successful test run on the school field. Attention now turns to adding the body work to improve the aerodynamic performance. We wish them luck for the first heat, please click [here](#) to read more. The Year 8 team have made progress with their concept design for the Sustainable Transport Challenge. They have been required to research and analyse a wide range of issues relating to sustainable transport and their design has now been submitted to the competition and will be attending a presentation event at UWE in Bristol next term. During the event they will be presenting their design to a panel of industry experts and participating in a range of STEM activities and talks. Click [here](#) to read more.

It's been a busy term with careers activities, and we are delighted to be working with employers again after the pandemic. We have celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with tutor time activities, assemblies and debated the advantages and

disadvantages of apprenticeships versus university. We held a talk for students and parents about Demystifying Apprenticeships and heard from Caroline Noon and apprentices from the National Trust as well as Grace Noble, an apprentice from Sue Ryder charity. Year 10 visited the University of Birmingham to see first-hand what it would be like to study at a Russell Group university and took part in our two-day employability skills programme here in school. The employability programme culminated in practice mock interviews where Year 10 students were interviewed in person by a real-life employer. We are incredibly grateful to all parents/carers and contacts that gave their time to support this programme. For National Careers Week we ran tutor time activities, discussed careers in lessons and had the Unifrog next steps online fair for students and parents. We have invested in a comprehensive range of new careers books in the Library and displays across school with up-to-date information. You can also keep up to date with Careers Education, Information and Guidance work in school through our CEIAG twitter page – Marling Careers Education @MarlingCEIAG.

Year 9 Latin have finished learning about Pompeii and had an extended homework to create something that chronicles the final hours of the ancient city. Students made posters, statues, fact sheets, paintings, drawings, creative writing projects and a project on the chemistry of Vesuvius amongst other things. Fantastic work Year 9!

In sport, congratulations to Adam Walton (Year 10) for his selection to represent Gloucestershire at the 3-day U18s Inter Counties Badminton tournament at University of Nottingham over the Easter break. We wish him luck! Well done to Callum Fisher (Year 8) for placing 12th in his age group at the Welsh Alpine Champs Switzerland, where he raced against skiers based in France, Sweden and Switzerland. Callum has qualified for the National Schools Snowsports Association national finals in Derbyshire next term, and we wish him luck.

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 football team for their excellent 3-0 win in their District final vs Archway School. They will now play in the quarter finals of the County Cup. The Year 8 team also had a great season, making it to the District final, but just missing out on the champions title when they lost 3-2 to Farmor's School in extra time. The Year 11 team gave it their all at their District final, they went from not having a side a few months back, to reaching the final. Finally, Year 9 also played well but lost 1-0 to Thomas Keble in their District final. Fantastic effort by all teams!

We would like to remind parents/carers to be mindful of cyclists when parking in the cycle lane on Cainscross Road in the mornings and after school, and please remind students to use the pelican crossing when walking between the Sports Hall and the main school campus.

The [term dates](#) for 2021/22 and 2022/23 can be found on our website.

Enjoy the Easter holiday. We return to school on Monday 25 April, which is a week two.

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Open Evening aimed at Year 4s & 5s

For all those with friends/neighbours or younger siblings (*currently in 5*) looking at Year 7 Entry, September 2023, you may like to know that registration for the Entrance Test opens on 19 May and closes 30 June 2022. The entrance test takes place on Saturday 17 September 2022. Bookings for the May Open Mornings are full, but our **21 June 2022 Open Evening**, aimed at Year 4s & 5s, is now open for bookings – we look forward to welcoming you and your son(s). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the relevant webpage.

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.

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