



MARLING
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e-Newsletter 2022-2023 (Edition 1)

We have come to the end of a very busy term.

Year 7 had a fantastic time at camp. The new venue was a huge success! Each of the students had a chance to rock climb, solve challenges as a team, navigate a low ropes course and finally fire arrows at each other! There were also plenty of songs and games around the campfire with a huge number of students having their first experience of sleeping in a tent.

Term 1 was a very busy term for Duke of Edinburgh groups. Year 10 had their final Bronze Award expedition in Berkshire. The group of 135 students navigated their way through the rolling hills and spirits remained high throughout. We were blessed with some great weather and many of the group are now looking forward to taking on their Silver DofE Award.

The final Silver Award expedition took place in beautiful Wiltshire. The group of 45 Year 11 students navigated over 50km throughout the 3 days. They experienced all weather conditions but demonstrated amazing resilience to complete their expedition with their heads held high. The assessors were extremely complimentary of this group and said it was one of the best groups they had worked with.

Finally, the Gold Award Canoe group saw 11 students in Year 13 navigate their way through locks down the upper Thames River for 5 days. Faced with some extremely windy weather the group still managed to cover over 90km of the Thames during the course of their expedition. There were some run-ins with wasps and swans along the way, but the group should be extremely proud of their efforts. However, many of them will not be getting into a canoe for a very long time! Please do follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to see photos from trips and school activities.

A huge congratulations to the House Music finalists, who performed in the House Music Celebration Performances in front of their year group and received a Gold Award for their performance. Well done also to all the Year 7-11 students involved for their fantastic auditions!

In celebration of this year's Black History Month students across the school watched a presentation from Sixth Form students, and then took part in a student-led discussion about diversity and inclusion in our community. To support BHM's 2022 theme of 'Time for Change: Action Not Words' each tutor group now has a culture & diversity representative who will work with students throughout the school to look at ways of celebrating diversity and tackling discrimination. Students have also been encouraged to create a poster for the BHM house competition on the theme of being an ally or tackling racism. As part of our 'We Are Marling' initiative, students and staff are focusing on putting unity through diversity at the centre of everything we do every day.

The DT department have recently taken delivery of a CAD/CAM Embroidery Machine to continue the textiles work we are integrating into the school. The CAD/CAM machine enables students to design their own creations and using specialist software, they will be able to embroider them onto their textiles work. The machine will also be used at A Level to support work on marketing and branding and will form part of the extracurricular offering in the summer term. To add to this, we have also taken delivery of a set of clothing LED's, small portable battery packs and conducting thread. This will enable students to integrate wearable technology into their work, using skills learnt in both DT and Computer Science to develop programs for smart, interactive clothing. Moreover, we have also received a new sublimation printer which will allow us to print work to transfer directly onto textiles work and onto other Design Technology projects.

Over the half term, our two London finalist teams will be competing in a virtual event to try and secure a place to the Junk Kouture World Final. The event will take place on Junk Kouture's Youtube channel at 7pm on Thursday 27 October. If you are around, please tune in to the event and virtually support our teams. Good luck to Archie, Iona, Hope and Biba who have all worked so hard to get their designs through! We are starting a new round of Junk Kouture again this year to hopefully build on the success we have already had as a school. We are looking for old tents, sleeping bags and plastic

milk bottle lids to use in the development of the garments. If you have any of these lying around at home and are happy to donate them, please drop them to Reception or DT8. All donations are gratefully received!

In sport, the 1st XV Rugby team made it to the 2nd Round of the NatWest Vase, having beaten St.Peter's, but unfortunately lost to Crypt. The U15s beat Wycliffe to make it to the 2nd Round of the NatWest Vase, where they won against The King's School to take them through to the 3rd Round. Our U14 team won against Westonbirt 24-17 in the EDF Cup and now go through to the quarter final. The U13s and U12s have had a great start to the season. In football, the 1st XI team made it to the 2nd Round of the ESFA Cup and played St.Peter's and unfortunately were heavily beaten which ends their run. The U16s won 8-0 against Sir Thomas Rich's in the 2nd Round of the ESFA Cup and await their next opponents. The U15s lost on penalties to a strong St. Peter's side in the 2nd Round. St. Peter's had made the ESFA Cup Final last season so to lose to them on penalties was a great achievement by the squad and the season after Christmas looks positive based on this performance. In netball, the 1st VII Netball squad have had a challenging start to the season but have acquitted themselves well. They were competitive at the County tournament, where they competed in the very high-quality top section. Well done to the team for never giving up. In the ESAA Cross Country Cup, both Junior and Inter teams got through to the second round after comfortable wins in the first County round at Churchdown School. Individually, Sam Wilson came 1st in the Inter boys with Dominic Martin just behind in second. Jack Pennell was runner up in the Junior Boys race with Oliver Wilson in 3rd.

The Marling Swimming team competed in the South West Division of the Secondary School's Team Championships at Millfield School. The team performed exceptionally well and held their own against some very fierce competition from Millfield School, Plymouth College and Mount Kelly College (all schools which have International and Olympic swimming alumni going back many years). The seniors were competing on the day against swimmers who could swim 50m freestyle in just over 22 seconds! The juniors, some of whom had only been at Marling School a couple of weeks, were exposed to the exceptional facilities and atmosphere at Millfield; they all enjoyed the day. All the competitors swam exceptionally well on the day with many of the swimmers achieving personal best times. We are incredibly proud of all the swimmers – well done!

Congratulations to Charlie Denton for retaining his National Tennis titles! Charlie won both the U18 Singles and the U18 Doubles, with his partner Ethan, at the National Deaf Tennis Finals at the National Tennis Centre in London. A huge well done to Callum Fisher for securing 9th place in his age category at the British Outdoor Ski Championships held in Llandudno, Wales. The competition brought together some of the best skiers from around the UK and Ireland. Callum went on to compete at the Irish Championships placing 3rd in the U14 age category!

The [term dates](#) for 2022/23 and 2023/24 can be found on our website.

Have a great half term break.

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Exam Invigilators Needed

We are looking for invigilators to join the exams team. If you or someone you know are looking for some additional hours then exams invigilation could be for you. Exams take place throughout the academic year at Marling School and culminate with six weeks of public exams at the end of the school year. Invigilation does not mean a commitment to every exam in the series, let us know your availability and we factor that into the exams schedule. The rate is £9.50 per hour.

Recruitment involves an application form, interview, references and is subject to DBS. If you are interested, please email examinations@marling.school and please write Invigilator Role in the subject header.

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.school.

Interested in Training to Teach with Us?

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 Nikki Embling here at Marling (info@ceta.school).