



MARLING
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INFORMATION PACK FOR PARENTS

2024 Entry

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,



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Marling School is a high achieving 11-16 grammar school for boys with a co-educational sixth form. The school is rated by Ofsted as an Outstanding Provider, with Ofsted highlighting that *"students make excellent progress and their attainment is well above average"* and that *"the consideration students show their teachers and each other creates a harmonious atmosphere that supports the social and academic progress of all"*. We are very proud of these comments and of the quality of education we continue to offer our students.

Choosing a secondary school is a very important step so we want to help you make the right decision. At Marling School we are ambitious for our students and they thrive in a vibrant academic environment that provides pace, challenge and support as they each strive to reach their goals. We place an emphasis on the development of skills alongside knowledge so that our students become active and independent learners prepared for both further education and for their place in an increasingly global society. Our younger students benefit enormously from time spent with our sixth form students and the vast majority continue their A Level studies with us and go on to secure the university place of their choice.

At Marling School we know that every individual is unique and we want every gift, talent and ability to be recognised and developed. Through a balance of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, we empower our students and allow them to explore their interests and develop their full potential. Indeed we offer a vast array of clubs, activities and educational visits from music and sport, science and engineering, to drama and debating.

From our tutors to our heads of key stage we provide a strong and effective pastoral system that supports our drive for academic excellence. This system is founded on effective communication and positive relationships with parents/carers and students. The strength of these relationships is exemplified by the immense support we receive from our PSA who work tirelessly in their efforts to help us to provide the very best opportunities and facilities for our students.

I hope you find this information useful and instructive and you enjoy your visit to the school.

Kind regards

Mr Glen Balmer
Headteacher





What is the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Marling School?

150

How does my son gain admission for Marling School?

Marling School is a selective school. To gain a place your child must first sit and achieve the required standard in the Grammar School Entrance Test.

How do I apply for my child to sit the grammar school entrance test?

You must complete a Grammar School Registration to enable your son to sit the entrance test. Information on this will be found on the Marling School website www.marling.school at the appropriate time. If you would like to be added to the Year 5 mailing list for 2024 Entry, please complete the Google Form on our website ('Joining Us' tab), then complete the 'Year 5 Mailing List Form' in the Open Events section. It is preferable for you to register online and all communication can then be sent by email. However, if you are experiencing problems please contact the school well in advance of the closing date (the school is not open on Saturdays and Sundays). Once you have registered, as we approach the date of the test you will be posted a letter detailing the timings of the test day and what your son should bring.

What is the format of the test?

The test consists of questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. Instructions are provided by a prepared audio soundtrack. There are two papers each lasting approximately one hour which includes instructions and some worked examples. There will be a break between the papers.

Why do we use the GL Assessment test?

GL Assessment is the largest independent provider of educational assessments in the UK, also providing assessment materials to schools in over 100 countries worldwide. They have been developing selection assessments for over 40 years and provide tests to the majority of grammar schools in the country. GL Assessment works hard to develop its material such that all children are able to demonstrate their levels of attainment and academic potential without excessive preparation.

Is it possible to obtain some practice papers/sample questions beforehand?

A link is available on the school website to GL Assessment Familiarisation which gives samples of the types of questions used in the test.

How should my child prepare for the test?

Beyond the familiarisation material, GL Assessment advise that the best preparation for the tests is to read books that challenge the reader and practise mathematics on a regular basis.

When will I get the results?

In a typical year, results are issued in October, prior to the Common Application Form (CAF) deadline of 31 October. As soon as a decision is made on the actual date it will be published on the Marling School website.

What is the Common Application Form (CAF)?

The CAF is the form on which parents put their choices of secondary school in preference order. This forms the basis for the county council to allocate secondary schools. The deadline for submission to county council is 31 October.

How do I apply for a place at Marling School?

You can apply for a place at Marling School by completing the Local Authority's CAF for allocation of school places. If you want your son to come to Marling School, we strongly recommend you put Marling as your first preference.

Does the school have a catchment area?

Marling School does not have a catchment area.

Does the school give priority to candidates who have been in state care / adopted at any time / subject to special guardianship orders or child arrangements?

Yes, any candidate who meets the qualifying standard will be prioritised if they meet the 'looked after chld' (LAC) criteria, as detailed in our Admissions Policy. This can be found on our website under the 'Joining Us' tab in the 'Admissions Policy' section.

Does the school give priority to candidates from families entitled to claim Pupil Premium (PP)?

Yes, any candidate who meets the qualifying standard will be prioritised if they are eligible to attract low income Pupil Premium funding in accordance with our Admissions Policy. Independent and verifiable evidence of Pupil Premium entitlement will be required prior to sitting the test. Contact the Admissions Officer for details. (Please note this does not include Service Pupil Premium).

Key Dates for 2024 Entry (current Year 5)

Register to sit the Entrance Test in Year 5	Between noon, Monday 22 May and noon, Friday 30 June 2023
Entrance Test	Saturday 16 September 2023
Results	Usually in October, prior to CAF deadline (tbc)
Local Authority 'Common Application Form' (CAF) deadline	31 October 2023
Local Authority Allocation	1 March 2024
Local Authority notify parents of the outcome of second round allocations	After 29 March 2024
Waiting List ongoing	Those who have requested to go on the waiting list, will remain on it until 31 December 2024. Once the second round of allocations have been processed, further requests to be included on the waiting list can be actioned, providing the candidate has met the Marling School qualifying standard. The waiting list is held strictly in rank order, not by date of request to be included.
Appeals	Appeals must be logged in April 2024 for the hearings to take place in June 2024. Details of the appeals process and deadlines can be found on our website.



Week 1

	8.40 - 9.00	Period 1 9.00-10.00	Period 2 10.00-11.00		Period 3 11.20-12.20	Period 4 12.20-13.20		Period 5 14.10-15.10
Mon	Registration	English	Music	Morning break (20 mins)	Maths	PE	Lunch (50 mins)	Life Skills
Tues		Maths	Science		RE	Design Tech		French
Weds		Art & Design	RE		Geography	Science		German or Spanish
Thurs		RE	PE		French	science		English
Fri		History	Design Tech		Science	English		Geography

Week 2

	8.40- 9.00	Period 1 9.00-10.00	Period 2 10.00-11.00		Period 3 11.20-12.20	Period 4 12.20-13.20		Period 5 14.10-15.10
Mon	Registration	Art & Design	PE	Morning break (20 mins)	German or Spanish	English	Lunch (50 mins)	Design Tech
Tues		French	Computing		Science	Geography		History
Weds		English	Drama		PE	Maths		German or Spanish
Thurs		French	Maths		History	Science		English
Fri		Life Skills	Drama		Maths	Computing		Music

Design Technology subjects Food Preparation/Nutrition, Design and Technology projects are usually taught on a carousel in Year 7 to enable students to experience working with a range of material areas and processes.

***Languages** – all our Year 7 students study French. Additionally, German or Spanish are allocated, enabling our students to experience two foreign languages.

Minor alterations may be made to the Year 7 timetable in subsequent academic years.

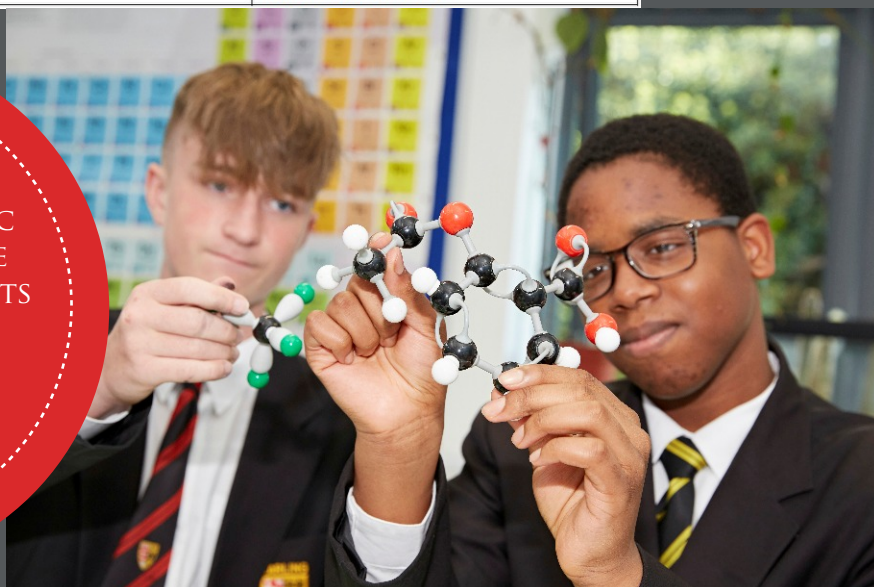
Marling School Extra Curricular Activities



At Marling School we believe that education does not end when formal lessons are over. Our DofE programme is incredibly popular with many of our students participating from Year 9 upwards. Students are encouraged to participate in clubs to widen horizons, provide relaxation and enjoyment and will, we hope, help to establish a life-long habit of participation and constructive use of leisure time. This is a sample of the lunchtime and afterschool clubs currently on offer:

Algebra Club	K'nex Club
Amnesty Club	Keyboard Club
Amnesty International	KS3 coaching
Athletics Club	KS3 Maths and Chess Club
Badminton Club - after school	KS3 Mentoring
Carnegie Reading Club	KS3 Puzzle Club
Chemistry A Level Drop In	KS4 Coaching
ChemSoc	KS4 Mentoring
Chess Club	Language Ambassadors Support
Comic Club	Latin Club - Y7 & 8
Creative Writing Club	Marling Tennis Club
Cricket Club - Y10	Maths Soc
Cricket Club - Y7	MedSoc
Cricket Club - Y8	Model UN
Cricket Club - Y9	Music Technology Club
Debating Club	Orchestra
Dissection Club	Phil Soc Club
Downfielders' Folk Group	Psychology support
Dungeons & Dragons Club	Rounders/Softball - 6th Form
Fencing Club	Rugby League
Games Club	Y11 After School Latin
Handball Club - Y8 & 9	Y12 Maths Support Sessions Term 1
Jazz Band	Y12 Maths Support Term 2
Junior Choir	Year Football Club

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TUITION IS AVAILABLE
FOR MANY INSTRUMENTS
AND THE CURRENT
BROCHURE CAN BE
FOUND [HERE](#)



Exam Results 2022 - GCSE



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% Grades 9 – 7	65%
% Grades 9 – 4	99%
% Students achieving 5+ Grades 9 – 7	67%
% Students achieving 5+ Grades 9 – 4	99%

Subject	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
Art and Design	12	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biology	29	33	28	24	10	0	0	0	0	0
Business Studies	4	10	2	5	3	1	1	0	0	0
Chemistry	26	24	28	31	8	6	0	0	0	0
Computer Science	7	7	6	8	1	2	1	0	0	0
DT	5	11	5	10	5	1	0	0	0	0
Double Science	9	7	10	14	10	6	0	0	0	0
English Language	29	38	26	40	16	3	0	0	0	0
English Literature	22	24	31	36	25	6	5	1	0	0
Food Technology	11	9	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
French	5	6	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Geography	16	18	14	11	7	2	0	0	0	0
German	1	8	2	3	4	5	2	0	0	0
History	18	20	20	15	9	2	2	0	0	0
Latin	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maths (General)	32	42	36	21	17	4	0	0	0	0
Music Studies	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Performing Arts	1	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Photography	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physics	28	28	29	26	9	4	0	0	0	0
Psychology	3	4	5	5	4	2	1	0	0	0
Spanish	1	4	9	4	8	4	0	0	0	0
Sports Studies	5	5	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	0

Exam Results 2022 - A Level 2022



% A* – A	44%
% A* – B	74%
% A* – C	90%

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
Art & Design Graphics	6	2	4	1	0	0	0
Art and Design 3-D Studies	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Art and Design Photography	8	5	3	1	0	0	0
Art and Design Textiles	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Biology	20	7	13	19	8	4	3
Business Studies	8	2	6	13	9	0	2
Chemistry	15	7	8	8	8	4	3
Computer Studies/Computing	5	2	3	2	3	1	0
D&T Product Design	3	1	2	1	1	0	0
Drama	2	0	2	5	1	0	0
Economics	6	3	3	6	4	3	1
English Literature	32	16	16	8	1	0	0
Fine Art	8	6	2	6	0	0	0
French	2	1	1	4	1	1	0
Geography	14	1	13	12	8	2	1
German	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
History	24	8	16	14	4	0	0
Mathematics	32	16	16	11	11	6	2
Mathematics Further	9	3	6	1	0	1	0
Music	2	0	2	1	0	0	0
Music Technology	0	0	0	4	3	2	0
Physics	12	5	7	8	7	6	2
Politics	8	3	5	6	2	1	1
Psychology	17	9	8	14	7	2	2
Religious Studies	2	0	2	9	0	0	0
Sociology	6	0	6	6	6	1	0
Spanish	1	0	1	1	3	0	0
Sport/PE Studies	2	0	2	2	2	0	1

Marling School Transport Information

Bus / Coach Services to Marling School (March 2023 pg1)			
Please refer to the service provider for accuracy, stop locations, further information and prices. <i>To find out if you are entitled to financial help with transport to school, please visit the County Council website.</i>			
Applegate - 01453 810 314 - info@applegates.co.uk - applegates.co.uk			
Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Little Farringdon, Fairford, Meysey Hampton, Poulton, Ampney Crucis, Cirencester, Frampton Mansell, Minchinhampton Common	Bay 10/11 Cainscross Rd	Bay 10/11 Nr Downfield Rd	SM6
Stratton; Cirencester; Chesterton Lane; Coates	Bay 10/11 Cainscross Rd	Bay 10/11 Nr Downfield Rd	SM7
Barnes Coaches - Private Hire - 01793 821 303 - coachhire@barnescoaches.co.uk - barnescoaches.co.uk			
Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Swindon Link Centre Swinley Drive; Oakhurst; The Orbital Shopping Centre; Cricklade Rugby Club.	Bay 3	Bay 3	Swindon-Cricklade
Ebley Coaches - 01453 839 333 - ebley.coaches@btconnect.com - ebleyexcursions.co.uk			
Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Hardwicke TESCO Express, Quedgeley Nass Lane Roundabout, Standish, Stonehouse Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse Gloucester Rd	Bottom of Downfield Rd	Nr Beards Ln	16A
igoBUS - 0845 226 8095 - sales@igobus.co.uk - igobus.co.uk			
Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Ashton Keynes, Somerford Keynes, Ewen, Kemble, Deer Park School layby	Bay 1	Bay 1	2
Golden Valley, Benhall, TGI Fridays, St.Georges Rd, Royal Well, Norwood Arms, Kidnappers La, Shurdington, Brockworth, Cranham Corner, Painswick	Bay 1	Bay 1	3
Link Centre, Swinley Drive - Russley Cl, Swinley Drive - Webbs Wood, Oakhurst, Asda – Thamesdown Dr, South Cerney - The Camp Bus Stop	Bay 1	Bay 1	4
Jackies Coaches - 01452 720 666 - jackies.coaches@btinternet.com - jackiescoaches.co.uk			
Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Bristol: Great Stoke, Webbs Wood, Willow Brook - TESCO Extra, Patchway - Aldi			Stroud 3
New: Thornbury – Falfield (along the A38); Bradley Stoke, Almondsbury, Fern Hill, Thornbury to Falfield. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jackies Coaches			
KB Coaches - Private Hire - 01453 825 774 - kbcoaches@yahoo.co.uk - kbcoaches.co.uk			
Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Epney: Arlingham, Epney, Upper Framilode, Saul Cross, The Bell Frampton, Three Horse Shoes, Vicarage La, Church La – Marina Junction, Wheatenhurst, Whitminster Sch, Whitminster Village Hall, Opposite KB Coaches, The Badger Eastington, Lay by A419 by Pelican Crossing	Cainscross Rd	Bay 13/14/15 Lodgemore La	Epney - Saul
Malmesbury - Cross Hayes, Co-op, Tetbury Hill – Opposite Reads Farm Path, Tetbury Hill - Nr Dyson, Long Newton, Tetbury TESCO	Cainscross Rd	Bay 13/14/15 Lodgemore La	Malmesbury
Bristol: Harry Stoke, Great Stoke Way, Webbs Wood, Willow Brook - TESCO Extra, Patchway - Aldi	Cainscross Rd	Bay 13/14/15 Lodgemore La	Bristol

Parent Organised (March 2023 pg2)

Please refer to the service provider for accuracy, stop locations, further information and prices.

To find out if you are entitled to financial help with transport to school, please visit the [County Council](#) website.

Where parents have organised transport to Marling School or Stroud High School and have made us aware of the arrangement, we will be pleased to publicise the information via our website. We are aware of the following parent-led/parent negotiated services. If you find out that any of the listed services are no longer running, please let the School know on 01453 762251 opt 4.

Gloucestershire Minibus Scheme - 01453 762 221 - office@glosminibusscheme.co.uk - glosminibusscheme.co.uk

Good value, reliable and friendly minibus service, not-for-profit school transport to Marling and Stroud High, at cost, for over 15 years! Safety is a key priority: all drivers are MiDAS qualified and DBS assessed – and all vehicles are fitted with 3-point seat belts to all seats.

Route	Contact
Dursley	Contact Graham Stanley 01453 762 221
Cheltenham/A46 - The 'Moorend Park Road' bus stop - Shurdington Road, Toby Inn - Brockworth, Painswick Fire Station	Contact Graham Stanley 01453 762 221
Gloucester – a route is planned, for November (after the half-term break)	Contact Graham Stanley 01453 762 221
Wotton-under-Edge Spaces available for September 2023	Contact Kay Shearer on 07780 671 235 or wottonbusgroup@outlook.com

Public Bus Services

You may find it useful to look at the website www.travelinesw.com which helps you find a travel options on public transport.

Stagecoach West - 01452 418 630 - west.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Gloucester, Tuffley, Whitehill, Pagan Hill, STROUD, Woodchester, Nailsworth, Forest Green			63
Gloucester, Tuffley, Quedgeley, Whitminster, Gr Oldbury, Ebley			64
Dursley, Uley, Nympsfield, Dudridge	Beards La	Beards La	65 / 165
Cheltenham, Shurdington, Gloucester Business Pk, Abbeydale, Painswick			66

Cotswold Green - 01453 835 153 - route information via bustimes.org

Route	Drop off point	Pick up point	Ref
Cirencester, Frampton Mansell (Jolly Nice), Chalford (corner of Marle Hill), Brimscombe (opp Ware Memorial), Merrywalks	Cainscross Rd	Cainscross Rd	X54
Box – Halfway House, Amberley, Rodborough Common (The Bear), Rodborough (Opp King's Rd)	Cainscross Rd	Bay 5	127
Leighterton, Didmarton, Westonbirt (Hare & Hounds), Tetbury, Avening, Hampton Fields, Minchinhampton (Blue Boys Corner, Market Sq), Brimscombe (opp War Memorial)	Cainscross Rd	Bay 1	129

Rail Services

Stroud Railway Station is a 15 minute walk from school and is an option for those living near Swindon, Kemble, Gloucester and Cheltenham Railway stations.

Please see the www.nationalrail.co.uk website for timetable information.

For child season ticket enquiries tel: 08457 484 950.

Bicycle

We have covered bike Sheds should anyone wish to cycle to School.