

Greetings and welcome to our final e-newsletter of 2022/2023.

As we draw to the end of another busy academic year, it is with much sadness we say farewell to some of our **Year 11 & 13 students**. It's been an intense time for all those who've sat **GCSE** and **A Level** exams. We wish each and every student success on results day and with your future studies and careers.

We also say goodbye to some of our respected colleagues. All the very best to **Cathy Heard** (Teacher of DT Food Nutrition), **Gariba Awudu** (Teacher of Maths, Economics & Business), **Karl Davis** (Head of Computing), **Alice Kennedy** (Head of Chemistry), **Steve Farr** (Head of Sixth Form), **Eleanor Chandler** (Pastoral Student Support), **Sam James** (Finance Clerk), **Vanessa Tyrell** (School Counsellor), **Alice Hanscomb- Retallack** (Finance Manager), **Laura Rojo Ruiperez** (Foreign Language Assistant) and **Vanessa Buswell** (Teaching Assistant).

This term, students have been making some wonderful memories inside and outside of school, starting with a successful **Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Swansea**.

Sixth Form Prom Night.



Year 9s excursion to **Normandy** was a thought-provoking and moving experience. The trip included a visit to a 360 degree circular cinema in Arromanches to learn about WW2, and the British Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer. We're so proud of how our students conducted themselves whilst visiting British, American and German WW2 graves.



Years 10 & 12 enjoyed a sunny and stimulating stay in South Germany for the **Stroud-Munich Exchange**. Now in our 4th decade of the exchange programme, students are carefully partnered with a German student and follow a planned programme of language, culture and environmental studies.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our teaching and support staff who organise and ensure the smooth running of school trips.

Well done to all **Year 10 students** who took part in the **National Scientific Thinking Challenge**. Click [here](#) for more info. Out of 147 students, 113 achieved an award, with a top score going to **Hamish Dewar** (pictured below).



Do you think you could answer one of the test questions? Why not have a go! The answer is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Working out 48% of 280 and adding this number to 280 ppm is one way of calculating today's atmospheric CO₂ concentration in ppm. Which of the following calculations gives you the correct answer?

A. $280 \times 1.48 = 414$

B. $280 \times 48 = 13,440$

C. $(280 \div 48) + 280 = 285.83$

D. $280 + 48 = 328$

Many congratulations to **Year 10s** who took part in the **Biology Challenge**. Click [here](#) for more info. Over 43,685 students from 621 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. Marling students attained **13 Gold, 8 Silver and 43 Bronze Awards**.

Our **Science** department recently won a **staggering** amount of money for their **'Tweet of the Week'**. Many congratulations! Try not to spend it all at once!



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Heading into a scorcher of a half term! Finishing the term off with thermite!

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#education #thermite #chemistry #ks3 #scienceclub

The weather's not been kind to us this term, but the **sun** actually made an appearance for **Sports Day!**
Well done to everyone who competed!



Many congratulations to **Year 11's Charlie Denton**, who has been selected to represent **Team Great Britain** at the **World Deaf Tennis Championships 2023** in Greece, at the end of September. Charlie was also one of three athletes shortlisted for the **Young Deaf Sports Personality of the Year Award**. The glitzy ceremony took place at the start of July at Twickenham Stadium.

Wimbledon fever is clearly sweeping through the school! Well done to our **Under 15s**, who won the **District Tennis Final** at Chalford Tennis Club against Thomas Keble!



For the second consecutive year, we were able to take **59 students** to go to see some top tennis action at **Wimbledon**. Looks like **Mr. Hammond** and **Mr. Awudu** enjoyed themselves!

Many congratulations to **Year 13s Danny Townsend** who came 2nd overall at the **South West Golf Championships** & qualified for the **English Schools National Championship**. At the Nationals, Danny came 12th overall.

Unfortunately, we haven't the room to include every individual or teams' sporting achievement this term, however you can read about our successes during 2022-2023 [click here](#)



Not quite **The Ashes**, but our **Staff Cricket Team** managed to dodge the showers and limp their way through the season. The team's been making their way around the county, enjoying fantastic settings, spending time with colleagues and feasting on food and refreshments! The scores on the board are:

Wins: 1

Losses: 2

Top Run Scorer - Mark Nicholson

Top Wicket Taker - Justin Koller

Best Captain: Ali Hammond

Meet the Teacher

Alice Bailey-Yip
Geography Teacher



Best thing about your job? Working with students and supporting them pastorally. Every day is so different, and you can never get bored!

Most inspirational teacher growing up? My geography teacher. He inspired my love for geography and gave me the enthusiasm for my subject. I wanted to teach, because of him!

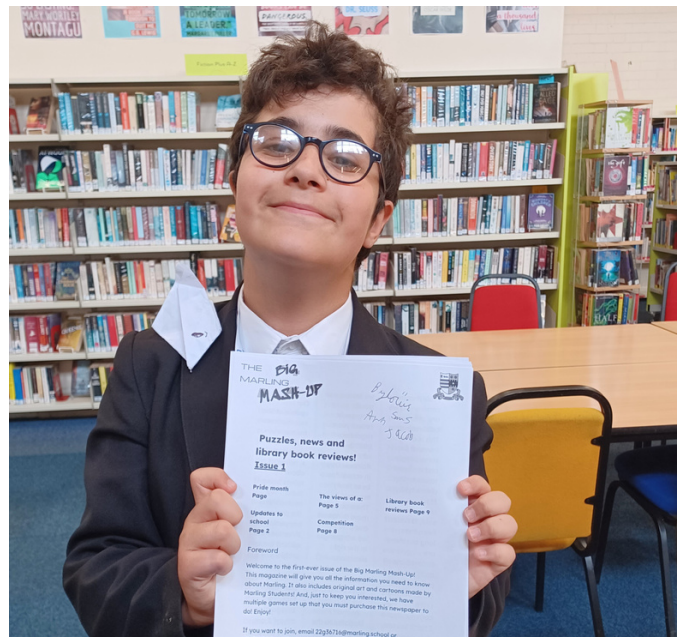
Tell us something we didn't know about you? My team and I recently won a netball competition. I have a t shirt and medal to prove it!

Which musician or band best describes your teaching style? 'Journey'. I love to travel and think that's the best professional development for my subject. I believe we learn something every day and should never stop learning. I am, and always will be, on a journey in my teaching career.

Favourite thing in the world? My family

The best advice you've been given in life? Don't bury your head in the sand. Be proactive and get things done before your to-do list builds up.

Congratulations to **Year 7's Louis Farr**, Editor of the new Key Stage 3 school magazine '**The Big Marling Mash Up**!' It includes news, puzzles and library book reviews. Louis says: "The dream is to go to print twice a year. After we cover our costs, any profit goes back to the school." Anyone can contribute to the magazine. Email 22g36716@marling.school



It's been an incredibly busy term for our **Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE students**, from **Years 9,10 and 12**. We've supported around **190 students** on their DofE journeys, through tough terrain and unforgiving weather conditions. Students demonstrated resolve and behaved exceptionally on expeditions to **Monmouth, The Lake District and The Cotswold Way**. What an amazing achievement!

Standby Elon Musk! **Year 9** have launched their own **Rocket Club**!

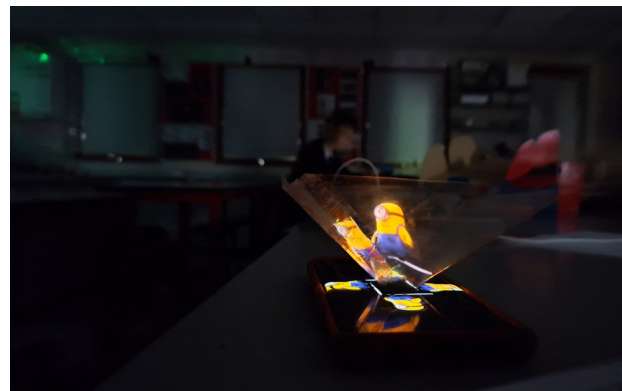
Students designed and built a **mini pocket rocket** complete with camera and sensors, which measure acceleration and pressure. Live data was sent back to the web from the onboard sensors. This image captures the moment the rocket orbited over the school! You can watch the rocket's inaugural flight [here](#)

If you're involved with engineering and design in the community and like to get on board with the next rocket mission, teacher **Steve Berry** would be keen to hear from you sjb@marling.school



We really enjoy hearing about new school clubs, societies and activities, and **The Lego and Puzzle Club** is no exception. **The Additional Educational Needs Department** launched the club this term and meet every lunchtime for students to enjoy solving puzzles and constructing. The club's already had a good take-up, but as yet nobody's managed to complete the **helicopter**. **Sounds like a challenge to me!**

Year 7 and **8 students** have been able to delve deeper into the fascinating world of science, through the Thursday after-school **Science Club**. This engaging programme offers a range of captivating sessions, including Fossils and Minerals, Microbit Coding and Making Holograms. How amazing is this mini Minion hologram!



We were very proud to host our first ever **Neurodiversity Day** along with the **ADHD Foundation**. The training event focused on ADHD, and was attended by primary and secondary schools, colleges, a university and Gloucestershire County Council.

Marling marked **Rainbow Day** this year. Staff wore a range of colourful clothes to represent the LGBTQIA+ flag.

All **Year 8** students participated in an **Energy Future's Day**. External speakers from Ecotricity, EDF, Gloucestershire County Council and Johnathan Allen from Frazer-Nash Consultancy, were invited to speak about energy and sustainability. The day links to students' work in **Geography** and is a great event for **career ambitions**. For more **Careers Education, Information and Guidance** [click here](#)

Over 100 parents, carers, students and staff were treated to an evening of Carol Ann Duffy's adaptation of **Grimm Tales**, performed by **Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students**. Our aspiring actors rehearsed in drizzle and wind, but the sun eventually made an appearance for this wonderful outdoor evening show. Audience members enjoyed picnic hampers and fizz as the cast performed superbly, with great enthusiasm and comedy. A huge well done to all involved!



Our inaugural **Culture and Sport Showcase** was a huge success! The Showcase included **drama, music, film, food, sport, languages and a Celebration Afternoon and Awards Evening**. Thanks to everyone involved!



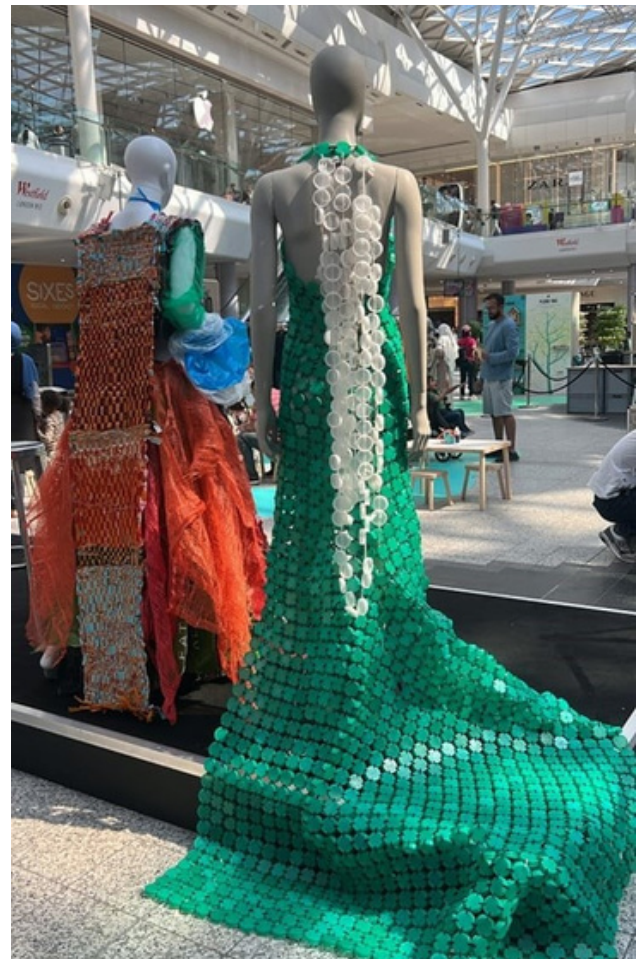
It's one thing to sing in tune and in time, but how about entirely in French! All **Year 7** tutor groups have been practising throughout this term in **French** lessons, to improve their French pronunciation. Every tutor group did amazingly well, but **7G** won us all over with their enthusiastic rendition of 'You're Welcome' from 'Moana'.

Year 7 students enjoyed a **Brass and Woodwind Workshop**. If your child would like to learn how to play an instrument, you can always find more information on our school website at **Instrumental Tuition** section [here](#)

Our **Music Summer Showcase** was a wonderful celebration of Marling musicians! The evening celebrated contributions from the **Jazz Band, Orchestra, Downfielders Folk Group, Junior Choir and Keyboard Club**, as well as solo and ensemble items presented by our department musicians. The programme included a wide variety of music to suit all tastes. Well done to all of the students involved!



Farewell fast fashion - hello sustainable style! A group of **Year 12** students took part in the **Junk Kouture challenge**, to design high-end fashion from recycled rubbish. Click [here](#) for more info. Many congratulations to **Hannah Pugh** who's qualified for this year's **World Final** in London in October! Hannah's entry entitled '**End of an Era**' is made from 1,4000 milk bottle tops. For more stories like this, our 6th Form have a dedicated newsletter '**Spotlight**' which you can explore here [link](#)



It was fascinating discovering our most **popular reads** for this academic year. Thanks to our **Library** staff for this revealing data.

Who knew **Old Marlingtonian Professor Peter Hennessy** was a Chas & Dave fan? In conversation with BBC radio presenter **Lauren Laverne** on **Desert Island Discs**, Peter recalls his time at Marling School and **inspirational History teacher, Eric Pankhurst**. You can listen [here](#)



We gave a tour to this group of **Old Marlingtonian** friends, who left us **50 years** ago! As one of the cohorts signed-in using our iPad in reception, he laughed and said: **"We never had computers in our day"**!

We always enjoy hearing about our students' achievements outside of school. Please send your news and photos to Communications and Marketing Coordinator Faye Breheny FJB@marling.school



The term dates for **2023/24** can be found on our website [here](#)

We begin the new term with **2 Inset Days** on **Monday 4th** and **Tuesday 5th September**. **Year 7 and 12s** are in on **Wednesday 6th**, and the remainder of the school starts on **Thursday 7th September**.

I'd like to end by thanking all parents and carers for your continued support, and wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer! Don't forget you can catch up on all the latest news at [Facebook.com/marlingschool](https://www.facebook.com/marlingschool) Instagram: [marling.school](https://www.instagram.com/marling.school) and Twitter [@MarlingSchool](https://twitter.com/MarlingSchool)

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