



MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

12/04/2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 5.

I hope that you all had a wonderful break. It has been a busy start to my first term at Marling School and I have been enjoying getting to know the staff and students, as I deliver assemblies and visit lessons. Everyone has made me feel most welcome and the students have really impressed me with their attitude and conduct. One important topic I have been talking to the students about is our vision for Marling and I am asking for their help and yours with this. I would like to ensure the vision for Marling is created and owned by all of us; students, parents and carers and staff. To start this process, I have included a link, which will take you to a short survey to help me to better understand what you see as important for Marling. I will use this feedback to work with students and staff to create our vision for Marling for the future.

Please click [here](#) to access the survey.

As the evenings get longer and the weather gets warmer, we had hoped this week that the field would finally be dry enough to open back up for the students. Sadly, the weather at the start of the week did not cooperate and this has delayed use of the field a little longer. We will continue to check the field daily, as we are as keen as the students are for this to be open. Term 5 also sees the final build up to GCSE and A-Level exams for our year 11 and 13 students; their subject teachers and the pastoral teams are working hard to support them in these last few crucial months. Next Thursday, I am hoping to attend the Senior Spring concert and experience first-hand, music from our talented musicians. I would love to see some of you there. I hope that your sons and daughters have a great weekend and return ready to work hard next week!

Best wishes
Jules Godfrey

Key Dates: April

- Mon 15 Y11 Drama Practical Prep Day
A Level French Oral Exams
- Tue 16 Y11 Drama Practical
Y10 District Football Final vs
Cirencester Town FC (away) 3pm
- Wed 17 GCSE Spanish Oral Exam (Mrs Harrison)
Seniors Basketball v St Peters HS
(home) 2pm
Y10 Cricket County Cup Vs Chosen Hill
(home) 2:30pm start
Y8 Cricket County Cup vs Chosen Hill
(away) leaving 1:15pm
- Thu 18 French, German & Spanish GCSE (Mrs
Harrison, Dr Tilly, Ms James, Miss Jenkins)
Senior Spring Concert
Y10 GCSE RE Guidance Talk 5:30-6pm

Upcoming Foreign Language Exams

Next week marks the commencement of foreign language oral exams in French, German, and Spanish. GCSE students, take note: bring your revision materials! You'll have some precious time before the exam to polish those language skills.

Onatti Plays: A Multilingual Delight

In the final week of term, our FLC department treated linguists to a captivating performance by Onatti. The talented troupe staged plays entirely in Spanish and German, immersing our students in the target languages. Some lucky participants even took the stage themselves! We're excited to repeat this experience next year.

German Exchange Program: A Tradition of 40 Years

Last term, we welcomed students from our partner grammar school in Munich, Germany. Our families graciously hosted these visitors, creating lasting memories. Now, it's our turn! In July, Marling students will embark on an enriching trip to Munich. German enthusiasts in years 10 and 12, get ready for an unforgettable cultural exchange.

Calling All German Enthusiasts!

Ms. James invites students in years 8, 9, 10, and 11 who are currently studying German to participate in an exciting competition. For details, check out the posters in the Languages department on the student noticeboard or speak to Ms James. Viel Glück!

Marling School Sports Update

At the British Schools Judo Championships, our indomitable Year 9 student, Humphrey Willems, secured an impressive 3rd place in the M8/9-66 category. Remarkably, he achieved this feat despite nursing a badly injured foot!

Yr10 Football Team: They clinched a resounding victory in the semifinals against Farmors, securing a 3-0 win. Now, they gear up for the district final this coming Tuesday. Let's rally behind them!

Our Y8 Table Tennis dream team—comprising William Richards (Year 8), Niall Walker (Year 7), Harvey Benson (Year 7), and Benji Day-Lewis (Year 8)—powered their way to the National Semifinals at Filton College. Their skillful play and unwavering determination left a lasting impression, even though they narrowly missed out on a spot in the National Finals. This achievement marks the farthest any Marling side has advanced in the competition over the past decade.

On Sunday, April 7th, the cream of Gloucestershire's Junior Table Tennis talent converged at the YMCA in Arle Road, Cheltenham for the Gloucestershire Junior Closed Table Tennis Championships with Marling added against the relevant names. These young athletes battled it out to determine who would be crowned the County's finest. The paddles clashed, the rallies intensified, and the spirit of competition soared. In the picture we have Niall Walker on the left and William Richards on the right here celebrating winning the U13 Boys Singles.

Additionally, Luke Sefton and Benji Day-Lewis are also members of the squad. Stay tuned for updates on our local table tennis stars!

