



# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

7 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It was World Book Day this week and you will see from some of the photos that a number of staff and students really threw themselves into the spirit of celebrating literature and literacy. I really enjoyed walking the school and discovering the creative and inventive ways which classroom doors had been decorated to represent different books. A number of other events took place including: a bake sale for International Women's Day and a biochemistry trip to Berlin and a trip to London for 'Maths Fest'.

We have continued the theme of celebration this week with great success in the Year 7 District Football Tournament which means that the team are through to the district finals. Congratulations, and we wish them the best of luck for the final on Monday.

We were excited to be able to open up the field on Thursday lunchtime, after a dry spell, and will continue to do so, as long as we don't have any persistent spells of rain. We have needed to portion off some areas, which are still too saturated to use, but there is plenty of green space for all.

We have several exciting events on the horizon. Next week, we will host the Onatti Spanish play, we also have a maths trip, and a chess competition. Additionally, tickets for our school production are now available, a lot of dedication and effort has gone into its preparation and we are looking forward to seeing it.

As usual, there's plenty happening here at Marling. I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best wishes,

Dr Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Commencing 10 March

Mon	School Production Rehearsal Y7 Stroud & District School Football Finals at Rednock leave Marling 3pm Y11 Football v Archway (away) leave Marling 3pm return 5pm Chess Competition Bristol
Tue	Y9 Football v KLB at Marling 3:30pm kick off Canada Ski Trip Meeting 6pm
Wed	1st XI Football v Archway 2:30pm kick off
Thu	Onatti Spanish Play Y10 Maths Trip Y11 Parents Evening (in person) 4:30pm - 7pm

## Devices Years 7-10

Please can we ask that you remind students that they should fully charge their devices for the start of the school day. If students do not have their own device, they should be organised and go to the library at the start of the school day or break and lunchtime to minimise disruption to lessons. Any borrowed library devices are expected to be returned to the library at the end of the day.

## Vandalism

Recently, there has been significant vandalism in the toilets, making them unusable until repaired. This causes financial loss and extra work for our site and cleaning team. We will contact parents of students responsible for the damage to cover repair costs and consider other sanctions per the school behaviour policy. Thank you for your support.

## Tickets Now on Sale! For the School Production

We are excited to announce that tickets are now available for the school production of 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie: Teen Edition,' performed by students from Years 7 to 13. The show will be held at the Cotswold Playhouse on April 2nd and 3rd at 7:30pm, doors will open at 7:00pm. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased through ParentPay.

## National Careers Challenge

On Tuesday, 10 June, Year 9 students will participate in the National Careers Challenge. During this challenge students will work in teams to develop and promote a business idea inspired by the skills and heritage of our local area. They will consider how to promote their new business to the local community and explore ways to scale up the business in the future, they will then present their ideas. The winning team will attend the National finals in London. A £12 donation via ParentPay is requested to cover costs.

## Inspiring Visit from Local Illustrator Tim Sadler

This week, A Level Art and Design students were visited by local illustrator Tim Sadler. He shared his journey to becoming an illustrator, including his work on the Sunday Times Bestseller 'Put a Wet Paper Towel on It.' Tim discussed his creative process and encouraged students to showcase their portfolios and talents. To see more of Tim's work, visit his Instagram [@SadlerDoodles](#)

## World Book Day

For World Book Day, teachers decorated their doors, and the library hosted a book swap event. Students also enjoyed extra reading time in their tutor groups.



## Maths Fest

On Thursday, 27 February, 34 students attended the Maths Fest at Kensington Town Hall in London. They enjoyed talks on various topics, including the mathematics of Rubik's Cube, video game arcade maths, medical statistics, puzzles, and the beauty of mathematics. It was a lovely day.

## Berlin Biochemistry Trip

Year 12 and 13 students had an amazing trip to Berlin this week. They enjoyed laboratory sessions, visited landmarks like Berlin Zoo and the TV Tower, and experienced the city's rich history, culture, and delicious food.



## Bake Sale to Raise Money for International Women's Day

The sixth form student leadership team hosted a successful bake sale for International Women's Day, raising nearly £300 for Stroud Women's Refuge and Fear Free. Thank you to everyone who supported this important cause. This month's [Education Matters](#) article in Stroud Times highlights the achievements of some of our sixth form girls.

## Marling Music Achievements

Toby (Year 7) has achieved Piano Grade 1 Distinction. Well done Toby.

## More Chess Success

Our amazing chess players, Will, Jonny, Gavin, Ashish, Ben and Sam made it through Repechage C in the online ESCC National schools tournament. They came 6th out of 22 schools to qualify for Repechage D. Repechage D takes place on 10 March, we look forward to hearing how they do.

## Sports Update

### Table Tennis

The Under 16 Team (Niall, Benji, Sam, and Will) reached the National Table Tennis Semi-Finals in Birmingham last Saturday. Despite facing top 30 ranked players, they finished 4th due to countback. Although disappointing, being in the top 8 teams in the country is a fantastic achievement, especially with two more years in this age group.

### Football

#### Monday

Year 11 v Maidenhill	Won 4-0
Year 9 v Maidenhill	Won 5-1
Year 7 District Football Tournament (pictured right).	

#### Tuesday

Year 10 v Maidenhill	Won 1-0
Year 9 v Maidenhill	Won 5-1

#### Wednesday

1st XI v St Peters	Won 5-2
2nd XI v Holmleigh Park 1st XI	Lost 2-1



The team beat Rednock, Maidenhill, Archway and KLB without conceding a goal. They now return to Rednock on Monday 10 March for the District Finals.