



# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

21 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday was the spring or vernal equinox, which marks the first day of spring, and although it felt a little more like summer, it was lovely in school to see everyone outside and enjoying the sunshine. The field is fully open at the moment, which means that students can really benefit from stretching their legs during break and lunchtime.

We have had another busy week event wise, with the school open to some students on the INSET day to undertake their expedition training for Duke of Edinburgh and some rehearsing for the school production 'Everybody's Talking about Jamie'. Today we have a non-uniform day, with students wearing something red to raise money for Comic Relief. Donations of £1.50 can be made via parent pay.

Next week we have an Open Mic Night on Thursday (27th March) in which students from Years 9-11 will be demonstrating their talents. This is an event run in partnership with the Parent and Staff Association (PSA) who will be selling refreshments to raise money for school resources. Please do come to support the children, tickets can be bought from ParentPay.

As we approach the weekend I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, focussed and ready to learn.

Best wishes,

Dr Jules Godfrey



Key Dates: Commencing 24 March

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| Tue | Y11 District Football Final v Rednock at Cirencester Town FC leave 12:45pm return 4pm  |
| Wed | Y8 and Y7 Football v Wycliffe at Marling 2:30pm kick off<br>1st XI Football v Pates GS County Cup Semi-final at Pates leave 12:45pm return 5pm |
| Thu | Y11 Matinee - Romeo and Juliet<br>Open Mic Night 6pm Music Hall  |

## Red Nose Day

Thank you to all the students and staff for wearing red and generously donating to Red Nose Day. Money raised helps provide essential services like education, healthcare, and shelter to those in need. So far, we have raised £932.50. Donations can still be made on ParentPay until Monday.



## Textbooks

In a few months, Year 11 and 13 students will be taking exams. It's crucial to return textbooks after exams to ensure future students have the necessary resources. Each textbook costs around £25, and teachers have noticed spares missing from classrooms. More information on returning textbooks will follow, but if you have a spare at home, please return it ASAP. If you've lost a textbook, consider purchasing a second-hand replacement on Amazon.

## Modern Languages and Classics: Upcoming Language Speaking Exams

We would like to congratulate Year 13 and Year 11 linguists for completing their second round of speaking mocks. They conducted themselves in a calm manner, and we were really impressed with their conduct. The actual speaking exams will take place between 30 April and 8 May and students will be given their date and time by their Language Teacher. In the meantime, we encourage all students to attend the regular speaking sessions with our native language assistants.

## K'nex Donations

Does anyone have any K'nex they can donate to our K'nex club? We have many boys attending now and could use more kit. Donations can be brought to reception. Thank you!

## Year 12 Share Cosmic Ray Findings with University of Birmingham

Following on from the breakthrough made last week, the Year 12 Particle Physics students have shared their findings on detecting cosmic rays with the Physics Department at the University of Birmingham. Professor Cristina Lazzeroni has invited the students to visit the department and to share their work with specialist detector physicists.

## Maths Trip

30 Year 10 students recently attended a Maths in Action event at the Emmanuel Centre in London. The students enjoyed entertaining and interactive talks on topics like the Science of Smoke Rings and the Maths of Luck. Although they didn't win the Maths Game Show, they finished in a respectable 5th place.

## Year 13 Team Achieve 1st Place at UWE Cyber Security Finals

We are excited to announce that our Year 13 team, 'Phish Phingers,' won the recent Cyber Security competition at UWE, showcasing exceptional skills and teamwork. Congratulations to Billy, Sam, Jasper, and Nathaniel for their remarkable achievement! We look forward to seeing their continued success beyond Marling. Good luck to our Year 9 students competing in the Cyber Explorers Cup soon!

## Marling Music Achievements:

### 'Out of this World' Performance from our Marling Musicians

Young musicians across Gloucestershire were invited to come and learn Holst's 'The Planets', concluding with a fantastic performance at Cheltenham Town Hall on Sunday 16 March as part of Gloucestershire's Music for Youth festival.

A huge well done to the following students for taking part:

Jack in Year 12, Seth in Year 11, Archie in Year 11, Alex in Year 8, Anton in Year 9, Caeden in Year 12, Jedd in Year 11, Alfred in Year 11, Beau in Year 12, Seb in Year 8, George in Year 7 and Toby in Year 7.

Also a huge well done to the following in their recent music exams:

Oscar in Year 7	Piano Grade 2 Distinction
Finn in Year 8	Piano Grade 2 Distinction
Oscar in Year 8	Piano Grade 4 Distinction
Ronnie in Year 9	Piano Grade 5 Merit



Thursday 27 March 6pm Music Hall  
Tickets still available on ParentPay



## Junk Kouture

Congratulations to Meg, Charlotte, and Lucy for reaching the top 60 at the World Final of Junk Kouture in Dublin! Their design, "Mer Made of Plastic," used scrap materials to highlight ocean waste. Lucy modelled the design at the Helix arena after participating in industry led creativity labs and networking events.

### Junk Kouture Submissions 2025

Well done to our Fashion and Textiles students for completing their 2025 Junk Kouture submissions:

**Roped Up:** Gabrielle designed a corset from scrap fabric and old ties, symbolising our connection to the earth.

**Don't Waste Your Education:** Chiara created a ballgown from old textbooks, highlighting education in less developed countries.

**Shattered Expectations:** Meg, Holly, and Frida used a wrecked corset, donated bedsheets, and broken mirrors to reflect societal pressures on women.

We are proud of your hard work and dedication. Good luck in the competition!



## Sports Update

This weeks football results:

Monday	Year 11 v Thomas Keble in the District Semi-finals
Wednesday	1st XI v St Bedes County Quarter Final
Thursday	Y8 v KLB

Won 1-0, so we are now through to the District Final v Rednock next week.  
Won 3-1, and we will now play Pates in the County Semi-final next week.  
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