

# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

28 March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting our Eco Club and observing the progress they are making with their school plot. The students, under the guidance of Mr. Waterfield, have made significant strides in clearing a small patch of land and are now preparing the ground for planting. It will be wonderful to see how this project develops throughout the year and what they manage to grow! I am reaching out to any parents or carers who can donate some topsoil to please get in touch. Details are provided overleaf.

On Thursday, 27th March, we hosted our first Open Mic night for students in Years 9-13. It was a fantastic event, featuring standout performances from Alistair in Year 9, Eve in Year 12 and Milo in Year 13. Marling is home to many talented students, and it is a privilege to witness their performances. Additionally, Year 11 students attended a performance of Romeo and Juliet at Bristol Old Vic, which will aid their preparation for the GCSE English literature exam. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events.

Next week promises to be busy and exciting. We kick off with the Learning Community Football Championship, a highly anticipated event with strong competition expected for the top spot. Well done to the 1st XI who are through to the County Cup Final next week. Good luck to all participants! Following that, we have the School Production of Everybody's Talking About Jamie on the 2nd and 3rd of April. There are a few tickets remaining, which can be purchased through Parent Pay. Another eagerly awaited event is the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition on the 3rd and 4th of April. Our staff have dedicated a lot of time and effort to these fantastic opportunities for our students, and they are sure to be memorable experiences.

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 31 March

Mon	Y9-Y12 Latin Trip to the British Museum Y9 House Football Periods 1-3 Y7 & Y8 Football v Westonbirt (away) leave 2:15pm return 5pm
Tue	Y8 House Football Periods 1-3 Student Council
Wed	Y11 House Football Periods 1-3 Y11 B Football v Westonbirt (home) 2:30pm kick off 1st XI Football v Cleeve School (away) Gloucester City FC's Ground 2:30pm kick off Y8 Flying Start Final Y9 DofE Practice Whole School Production
Thu	Y7 House Football Periods 1-3 Y10 Football v Westonbirt (home) 2:30pm kick off Y9 Bronze DofE practice expedition departs Whole School Production
Fri	Y10 House Football Periods 1-3 Y9 Bronze DofE practice expedition returns 4pm

## Open Mic Night

A huge well done to all the students who participated in our inaugural Open Mic Night! This new event for the Marling Music Department showcased a fantastic variety of musical talent and provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform in front of a live audience. Special thanks to Miss Swinger our Head of Music for organising and the PSA for providing refreshments.



Milo (Year 13) performed Debussy: La Catherdrale Engloutie.



Natalie (Year 13) performed an original song titled 'Internal Organs'.



Max and Will (Year 11) performed Love Yourself by Justin Bieber.



Will (Year 11) performed 'Panama' by Van Halen.



## Romeo and Juliet Theatre Trip

Year 11 students had the unique opportunity to attend a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Bristol Old Vic. This rendition of Shakespeare's classic play was creatively reimagined with rap and R&B music, offering a fresh and modern twist. It was an excellent experience for the students, who are studying this play for their GCSE English literature exam. The ushers and front-of-house team also praised the students for their exemplary behaviour and respectfulness in the auditorium.

## Fame Lab Final

Last week twelve Year 9 students from our science department attended the FameLab Academy county finals at The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury. Our school winner, Archie, delivered an impressive performance but was not shortlisted as a county finalist. Our students enjoyed an afternoon of excellent talks. Well done to all Year 9s for their efforts!



## Marling Musical Achievements

Well done to our Marling Musicians of the Term!

Spencer 7G - commitment to Choir rehearsals  
Adam 8B - fantastic advert composition  
William 9C - great start to drum lessons

Paul 10C - fab performances in Jazz Band  
Daniel 11E - fantastic result in his mock exam  
Louie 13A - arranging music for the school production

A huge well done also to Jonty in Year 8 for performing Piano in the Under 13 category of Swindon Music Festival this week.

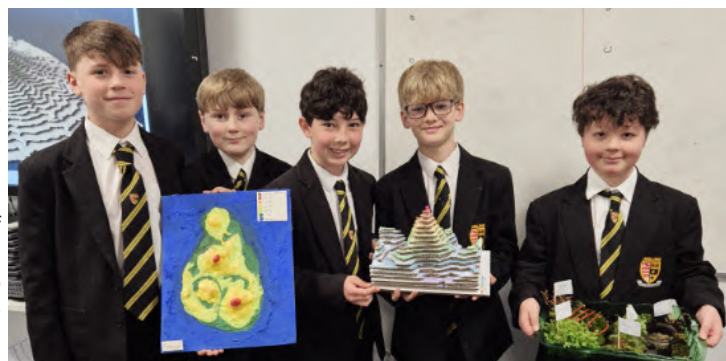
## Eco Club - Help Us Enrich Our Soil

Our Eco Club needs your help! We're collecting topsoil, manure, and coffee grounds to improve our soil's pH levels for healthy plant growth. If you can assist, please email [lap@marling.school](mailto:lap@marling.school).

## Geography - Year 7 Relief Models and Presentations

Our Year 7 Geography pupils have been busy with an exciting Map Skills project, creating 3D relief models of various landscapes using materials like clay, papier-mâché, and recycled items. Each group researched their chosen landscape to ensure accuracy and then presented their models to the class.

Students enjoyed the hands-on project, with one remarking, "It was fun to build something with my hands and see how landscapes are formed." We're proud of their effort and enthusiasm, which has deepened their geographical knowledge and developed their research, collaboration, and presentation skills. This project will also help them with their Year 7 assessment week, as Map Skills is a section that will be assessed.



## Year 7 Art Club

The Year 7 Art Club has been diligently working on their exciting dragon project and recently completed stunning dragon eye rocks. This creative endeavor showcases their artistic talents and dedication. The club meets every Thursday during lunchtime in room 4a, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their creativity and collaborate on unique projects. Details of all lunchtime clubs can be found [here](#).

## Sports Update

This weeks football results:

### Tuesday

Year 11 District Final v Rednock

Lost 3-0

### Wednesday

Year 8 and Year 7 v Wycliffe

The games were highly competitive, and everyone involved had a great time.

1st XI v Pates GS County Cup Semi-final

Won 5-2. They now advance to the County Cup Final next week v Cleeve School at Gloucester FC's Ground.

### House Football Next Week:

Students should arrive in their PE kit, along with their school shoes and blazers as they will be changing into their school uniform afterwards.

Monday	Periods 1-3: Year 9
Tuesday	Periods 1-3: Year 8
Wednesday	Periods 1-3: Year 11
Thursday	Periods 1-3: Year 7
Friday	Periods 1-3: Year 10