

# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal

11 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we conclude a long but productive term, we're excited to announce the much anticipated results of the Learning Community Football. Carter and Elliott are tied for first place, Greenstreet takes second, and Bennett and Fuller share third place.

The events continue in to the Easter break, with students from Years 9 and 10 are on the Normandy trip this week, enjoying French culture and practising their language skills, and the Canada ski trip due to depart on April 16th until April 23rd.

Over the Easter holidays, work doesn't stop for students entering exam periods (or their teachers), revision sessions take place in school for Religious Studies and Art GCSEs. Subject teachers have provided plenty of resources for those students revising for GCSEs or A levels at home. Year 11 students will be following their shadow timetable from May 7th – May 22nd. Year 13 study leave starts on Friday May 9th.

I would like to thank all of the students and staff for their hard work this term, and all parents and carers for your continued support.

We have a brief but focussed four week term when we return, so I look forward to seeing students refreshed and ready to learn on Monday 28th April.

Best wishes,

Dr Jules Godfrey



### Key Dates: Commencing 28 April

Mon	Back to School
Tue	GCSE PE Moderation Day
Wed	Y8-Y13 District Athletics Trials at Deer Park leave 3pm return 6pm Y7 Football County Cup Quarter Finals v Leckhampton School (away) leave 1:15pm return 4:30pm
Thu	Senior Spring Concert 6pm
Fri	A Level PE Moderation Day Non Uniform Day

## Non Uniform Day in memory of Harry

At the beginning of this year, you will have all received the very sad news of the loss of one of our Sixth form students following a period of intensive treatment for cancer. As we continue to remember and honour Harry's wonderful spirit and contribution to Marling School we will be hosting a non-uniform day on Friday 2 May. In memory of Harry, we would like to raise money for Longfield Hospice, an organisation that provided invaluable support to both Harry and his family in his final weeks at home and we hope to support them as they continue to do that for so many others.

We are asking for an optional donation from £1.50-£10 paid via [ParentPay](#) for anyone who wishes to participate in the non-uniform day. Your generosity will help Longfield Hospice continue their compassionate work and support other families in similar situations. We appreciate any contributions to this meaningful cause.

## New Summer Menu!

Please click [here](#) to see the new summer menu.

## School Clubs

An updated list of all the school clubs has been added to the school website. Please click [here](#) to see what is available.

## LAMDA Lessons

From September 2025, the school are considering offering LAMDA lessons for students. Students can sign up for solo or small group sessions in the following areas: Public Speaking; Musical Theatre; Acting; Verse and Prose. LAMDA lessons would happen during the school day, one lesson per week for 30 minutes. The cost is approximately £24 for a solo lesson, £16 for a lesson with one other student, or £11 for a lesson with two other students. LAMDA qualifications are highly recognised, with the highest grades having attached UCAS points. If this is something that your child would be interested in signing up for, please complete the following form so that we can get an idea of numbers to pursue this further: [LAMDA expression of interest](#)

## Spring Concert

Tickets are now on sale for the Spring Concert! Available on [ParentPay](#) at £4 a ticket. Thursday 1 May 6pm in the Music Hall. The Spring Concert will celebrate the musical talents of our students, and will include contributions from Jazz Band, Orchestra, Strings, Downfielders Folk Group, and our choirs, as well as solo and ensemble items presented by our senior department musicians from Year 11 and Year 13.

## UCAS Discovery Day

On Monday, our Year 12 students embarked on an exciting trip to Newport for the annual UCAS Discovery Day. The event featured stalls from all UK universities, including prestigious institutions including Oxbridge others from the Russell Group. Our students represented the school superbly, engaging in meaningful conversations that will undoubtedly help them plan the next steps in their educational journeys.

## Year 12 Senior Physics Challenge

24 Year 12 Physics students entered the Year 12 British Physics Olympiad Senior Physics Challenge. A challenging set of physics problems set by Oxford University. 7 students managed to achieve a silver award putting them in the top 25% of students!

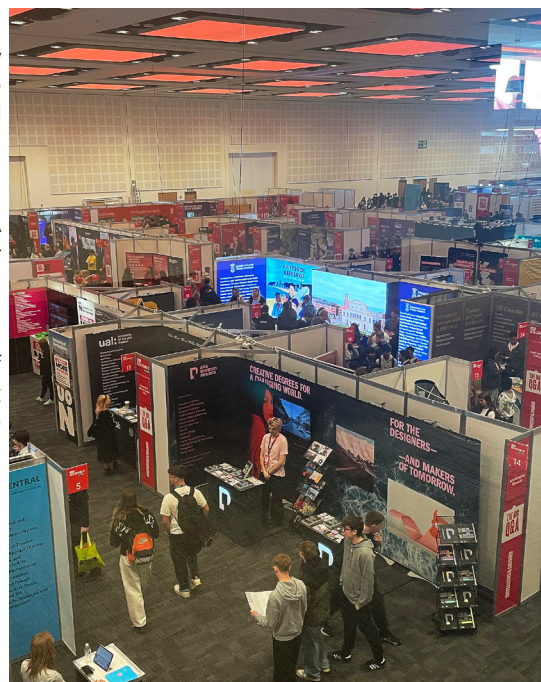
## Outstanding Success in the RSC Chemistry Olympiad

This year, a number of Marling's top chemistry students took part in the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Olympiad – a challenging national competition designed to test the very best young chemists in the country. With over 16,000 students from across the UK taking part, we are proud to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students.

Marling students secured a strong haul of awards, including:

- 1 Gold Award (Top 8.2% nationally)
- 13 Silver Awards (Top 25.2%)
- 13 Bronze Awards (Top 32.1%)

What makes these results even more impressive is that the Olympiad is designed primarily for Year 13 students – yet 14 of our award-winners were in Year 12, competing against students a year ahead of them academically. Their success highlights the strength, depth, and ambition of chemistry at Marling. Congratulations to all who took part.



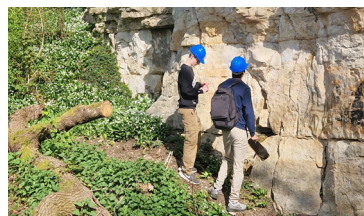


### Drama Exams

A huge well done to Year 11 Drama who completed their practical exams this week! The class showcased their talents by performing extracts from 'Journey's End', 'Lord of the Flies', 'One Man, Two Guvnors', and 'The Dumb Waiter'. Their dedication and hard work truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding performances!

### Commedia Dell'Arte

Year 7C and 7F Drama groups created their own character masks for their Commedia dell'Arte performances which they wrote, directed and performed to each other. A fantastic learning experience was had by all!



### Sixth form Geologists in the Field

Our Year 12 and Year 13 geologists swapped the classroom for the outdoors this week, heading to a quarry on the outskirts of Nailsworth for a morning of fieldwork. The visit with Miss Butcher offered a brilliant opportunity to study Jurassic limestones and develop field skills further. As part of the day, students analysed a notable fault structure, learning how tectonic forces have shaped the local area. For some students the highlight was finding beautifully preserved brachiopod fossils, gaining insight into the marine life that occupied tropical seas around 160 million years ago. Well done to all students who conducted themselves impeccably!

### Duke of Edinburgh

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all colleagues who supported the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) program. Over the course of two days, 122 Year 9 students undertook the challenging task of carrying their equipment and trekking from Stinchcombe Hill to Penn Wood and back, camping overnight and cooking meals in teams. Particular commendations to the team who made smores! This experience proved to be a significant challenge for many participants, yet they demonstrated remarkable resilience and perseverance. We eagerly anticipate the final event in May.

Upcoming DofE dates:

Bronze (Year 9) final: 15 to 16 May.

Silver (Year 10) practice: 5 to 7 May.

Gold (Year 12) practice: 22 to 25 May.

### Sports Update

#### Learning Community Championship Football Results:

Carter	125
Elliott	125
Greenstreet	100
Bennett	75
Fuller	75

Reminder to wear summer kit after Easter:

House vest, plain white T-shirt can be worn under the vest NOT instead of, white shorts, white socks and trainers. You may also wear your school blue training top, again, over your house vest NOT instead of.

Blue games kit is not to be worn.

The summer extra-curricular programme will also start after Easter, click [here](#) to view it.