



# MARLING SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

May 9th 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We say a temporary goodbye to Year 13 students today, as they have completed their A level lessons and start their study leave. They attended school in their 'old' school uniform yesterday and it was interesting to see the variety of different schools our sixth formers join us from, in addition to our Marling students. It really made it clear how inclusive our sixth form is and how no matter where students have come from, they are really part of Marling by the time they leave. Today they will be celebrating their last official school day with a special assembly and short celebration, before they settle down to their revision and exams. We are looking forward to celebrating with them again on 3rd July at the Year 13 prom at the Stonehouse Court Hotel.

Year 11 are also focused on their exams as they settle into their shadow timetable and make the most of their last week before their GCSE's get fully underway. A number of practical and oral exams have already taken place, but we would like to wish all students sitting exams in the next few weeks the best of luck and look forward to seeing the outcome of their hard work in the summer.

Marling had a great week in sports. The Year 10 rugby team did well at the Rugby Festival at Kingsholm, and the cricket teams also had a fantastic week of strong efforts and achievements with the Year 8 team advancing to the next round of the County Cup. A special thanks also goes to the Duke of Edinburgh team for supervising a successful silver expedition.

Next week, on Wednesday 14th May we have the first of the two Spring Open Mornings, and I am looking forward to welcoming prospective new and returning parents and students to the school. We also have parents' evening for Year 7B and 7C on Thursday 15th May. The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh departs near the end of next week, we hope they have good weather for their expedition.

As the weekend approaches, I look forward to seeing the students focussed and ready to learn again on Monday.

Best wishes,

Dr Jules Godfrey

Key Dates: Commencing May 12th

Mon	Y8 Assessments Start Y10 Cricket v Newent County Cup at Marling 2:15pm Start Year 7-10 ESSA Round 1 Athletics at Prince of Wales, Cheltenham Leave 11am, Return 5:30pm
Tue	Y10 RE Exam
Wed	Open Morning for Prospective Parents Y7-10 County Rugby League Tournament at Churchdown Leave 12pm Return 5:30pm
Thu	Y7 BC Parents Evening (in school) Y8 & Y10 District Athletics at Kingshill Leave 2pm Return 6pm Y9 Bronze D of E Expedition departs

## Labels in Blazers for Easy Identification

Please ensure that blazers have names in them. We are experiencing a high number of blazers being handed into lost property at the end of each lunch break. Students often take them off to play football, leaving them in a pile and forgetting about them or being unable to identify which blazer is theirs.

## Work Experience

In Year 11's assembly this week, Mrs. Bedford discussed the fantastically long summer Year 11 have ahead of them and how it presents a great opportunity to organise some private work experience. Students were recommended to ask people they know for opportunities and to think outside of the box e.g. if you want to be a vet and can't get work experience this summer, could you do work experience at a boarding kennels?

We hope students make the most of this time available to them. Students will have the opportunity to do work experience through the school in Year 12.

## Marling Students' Emotional Auschwitz Visit

Marling Sixth Formers recently had a deeply emotional and impactful visit to Auschwitz. This experience provided them with profound insights into history and the importance of remembrance. Click [here](#) to read more about their journey and reflections in the Stroud Times.

## Year 7 Parents Evening

Students are encouraged to attend the Year 7 Parents' Evenings this month. These evenings offer a valuable opportunity for students, parents, and carers to engage with teachers, discuss academic progress, and receive feedback. It's an excellent chance for students to reflect on their achievements, identify areas for improvement, and set future goals.



## Junk Kouture Fashion Competition

This year, we have two teams in the City Finals of Junk Kouture: 'Don't Waste Your Education' by Chiara and 'Shattered Expectations' by Meg, Frida, and Holly (pictured left). Tune in to the Junk Kouture YouTube channel on Friday, 16th May at 4pm to support them and see if either team is announced as world finalists!

## Sixth Form Leavers Day

Marling Sixth Form celebrated Year 13's last day of lessons on Thursday with a 'Traditional Old School Uniform Day.' On Friday morning, they enjoyed a bacon butty breakfast provided by the school, basking in the garden sunshine. The final assembly included a welcome from Ms. Harris and a speech by Mrs. Rogers. Students performed songs, and one read a poem. Student Leaders presented fun awards like 'Most Likely to Win Love Island,' 'Best Hair,' and 'Most Likely to Be Prime Minister.' The student voted 'Most Likely to Appear at Glastonbury' closed the assembly with a performance by his band.



## Students taking exams this year...



Please return your textbooks to the [red book returns box in the sports hall](#) after your final exams.

- Write your name and form in pencil on the inside cover.
- If you forget, return books to Mr. Avery in the library by 23rd/24th June (Y12 induction days).
- Textbooks cost around £30 each. Let's make sure they all come back!

Thank you!





### ...and All That Jazz...

A huge well done to our amazing Jazz Band for a fantastic performance at Cheltenham Jazz Festival on Saturday!

### Sports Update

Year 10 10-a-side Rugby Festival at Kingsholm (GRFC)

Marling came 3rd out of 6 teams. They beat Cleeve, drew with St. Peters (eventual winners), and defeated Dene Magna for 3rd place. The squad played exceptionally well, especially considering their smaller team size.

Year 7 Cricket v Westonbirt County Cup. Marling beat Westonbirt by eight wickets.

Notable performances by Hamish who scored 42 'not out' and Sean, delivering tight bowling with 4 overs, 2 maidens, and just 12 runs.

Year 9 Cricket v Westonbirt County Cup.

Westonbirt won the toss and chose to bat first. Our fielders took some time to settle, leading to a few errors and dropped catches. Advik bowled impressively, taking 3 wickets in one over. Patrick excelled as keeper, and Arjun showed strong captaincy. Chasing one 130, Arjun and Patrick opened with a solid start. Patrick scored 35, with good contributions from Thanav, Arjun, and Advik. Despite excellent running between the wickets, we fell short by 6 runs in our 20 overs.

Year 8 Cricket v Westonbirt County Cup.

In a tight first round, Westonbirt won the toss and chose to field. Marling set a target of 119, with standout performances from Malintha (54 runs) and Elian (25 runs). We bowled Westonbirt out for 104, thanks to excellent bowling by Alex and Charlie, who each took 3 wickets. We now advance to the next round.



The Year 10 Rugby Team with Mr Stephens at Kingsholm



### Silas Wins Gold in Rowing!

Congratulations to Silas in Year 8 for winning Gold in the J13 class 500m sprint at Evesham Regatta, triumphing over rowers from across the region! Impressively, he might have been the youngest competitor at the event. Fantastic job, Silas!

### Mitchell's Cricket Success!

Congratulations to Mitchell in Year 8 who has been selected by Wiltshire County Cricket Club to play fixtures for them. His next match being again Marlborough College. Well done Mitchell and good luck.

### Rohan achieves a Black Belt!

Rohan in Year 7 has successfully passed the black belt test at Leadership Martial Arts, Swindon (HQ). Starting from white belt, he progressed through various coloured belts, mastering increasingly complex techniques. Preparing for the black belt test was an intensive process, requiring Rohan to perfect advanced techniques, forms, and demonstrate exceptional skill in sparring and breaking. After six years of consistent training, Rohan has achieved this prestigious milestone.

