

MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 27 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy and exciting week at Marling as we settle back into the rhythm of school life following the February half term. While many of us were enjoying a break, a group of our Year 8 and 9 students embarked on an unforgettable trip to Florida – a fantastic experience they'll no doubt remember for years to come.

Tuesday was Taster Day, giving our Year 11 students the chance to experience life in the Sixth Form. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the day such a success.

Also on Tuesday, our caterers Aspens marked Lunar New Year with a delicious Pan-Asian menu in the Dining Hall, which was very well received by students and staff alike.

Thursday was another eventful day, with some students heading to Dean Close School to take part in the Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz. Meanwhile, our Year 12s enjoyed an inspiring day at Maths Fest.

Looking ahead, allocation letters for places at Marling will be sent out next Monday, and we're excited to welcome our future students.

Next week is National Careers Week, and the school will also celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. Festivities will include decorated classroom doors, an Odd Poetry Competition during tutor time, and a variety of engaging, reading-focused "Go All In" activities led by staff. The celebrations will continue into the evening with an Open Mic Night—open to everyone and a wonderful opportunity to showcase and enjoy the talents within our community.

Following the success of *We Will Rock You*, the Drama Department is preparing to launch auditions for the upcoming summer production of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*.

We hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend.



Key Dates for the fortnight commencing 2 March:

Wed 4 Y11 Exam Information Session 6pm
Thu 5 World Book Day
Open Mic Night 6pm
Fri 6 GCSE Music Performance Recordings

Wed 11 Y9 Fame Lab Tewkesbury
Thu 12 A Level Music Recital Exam

Click [here](#) for the PE Newsletter containing fixtures, match reports and PE Kit information.



Florida Trip

Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed an action-packed science trip to Florida, packed with unforgettable experiences. A standout moment was seeing the Artemis II rocket up close at the Kennedy Space Center. They also braved some of Florida's biggest rollercoasters and explored the wildlife of Animal Kingdom. The trip finished with swimming with manatees and an airboat ride through the wetlands in search of alligators. Several venues complimented us on the excellent behaviour of our students. To see more of what students got up to please see our [Instagram](#) and [facebook](#) pages.

Exams - Summer 2026

For students taking external exams in the summer, entries have now been made. Students can find their individual exam timetables on Bromcom. A timetable of all exams can be found on the school website. Practical exams and Language speaking tests won't be shown on the exam timetable. These will take place before the main exam season; dates will be set internally. Students will be made aware of these dates nearer the time. There is a contingency day within the exam season – Wednesday 24 June. Students should be available on this date even if they do not have an exam. This date is created to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning. If you have any questions about exam arrangements, please email examinations@marling.school.

Open Mic Night

Marling is hosting an Open Mic Night next Thursday 5 March at 6pm. Tickets are £3. Performance slots are open to all students in Years 9 to 13. Sign up [here](#).

National Careers Week Next Week

Next week marks National Careers Week. Answer the questions on the worksheet located [here](#) to have a conversation with your child about their aspirations and give them an opportunity to find out the jobs you've done and the subjects you enjoyed at school!



PSHE Survey

As part of our Personal Development and PSHE curriculum, Year 8 and 10 pupils will be invited to take part in a confidential and anonymous survey on health and wellbeing, led by Gloucestershire County Council. This survey helps us gather pupil voices and identify areas for improvement; this process adheres to UK GDPR and has been approved by the council's Information Governance team. Year 8 and Year 10 students will be invited to take part in the survey in their PSHE lessons this term.

Gloucestershire Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz

Last night, Marling Geographers from Years 8, 9 and 10 (pictured above) travelled to Dean Close School to take part in the annual Gloucestershire Geographical Association Quiz. They put in a huge effort and were quizzed on a wide range of geographical topics, including Landforms, Places, Human and Physical Processes, Environmental Issues and Geopolitics. They truly embodied the Marling ethos, showing great tenacity and resilience throughout. The team finished 2nd overall, just 6 points behind Sir Thomas Rich's School, and placed ahead of last year's winners, Pate's, as well as other high-performing local schools such as Dean Close.

Marling Music Achievement

Well done to Oscar in Year 9 for achieving a distinction in his Grade 5 Piano exam. Congratulations also to Jenny in Year 12, who has been awarded a full scholarship and a place at the Oxenford Summer School in St Andrews, Scotland. This fantastic opportunity will provide her with lessons and masterclasses from a world-class faculty of vocal teachers, along with unforgettable concerts, cabaret, opera scenes, and choir. Brilliant achievement, Jenny!

Reuben Achieves National Success in Prestigious English Essay Competition

Reuben, Year 12 English Literature student and member of the 6th form Student Leadership team, has won 3rd place in The Quotation Bank's national Year 12 English essay competition, in partnership with Oxford University. The judges commented that Reuben's essay was 'truly outstanding' and 'were blown away by the level of literary insight and sophistication.' Reuben will be attending an Awards Day at Oxford University, including a tour of the English faculty and Bodleian Library. He has also won a mentorship for university applications in the future, as well as a set of revision guides for the school. A fantastic achievement - well done, Reuben!

Ritangle Maths Competition

Ritangle 2025 launched on 8 October and attracted an impressive 1,854 active teams from 23 countries. Of these, 454 teams successfully unlocked Stage 3 — a demanding milestone that reflects real perseverance and mathematical skill. More than 150 teams went on to submit work of a notably high standard, showcasing creativity, rigour and a strong understanding of the underlying ideas. Marling was the only school in Gloucestershire to reach this top group of 150, a fantastic achievement for our students.

The Pi Challenge - Celebrating Pi Day

Who wants to be crowned Marling's Pi Champion?

To take part, students need to complete the Microsoft form posted on Teams.

Deadline for entries: 14 March

Submit your entry to Ms Thompson in WB15 or email it to nmt@marling.school.

The top three entries with the highest number of digits will be invited to the Pi-zza Party on the last week of term:

- Year 7, 9 and 11: Monday 16 March, lunch 4a
- Years 8 and 10: Tuesday 17 March, lunch 4b



The π Challenge



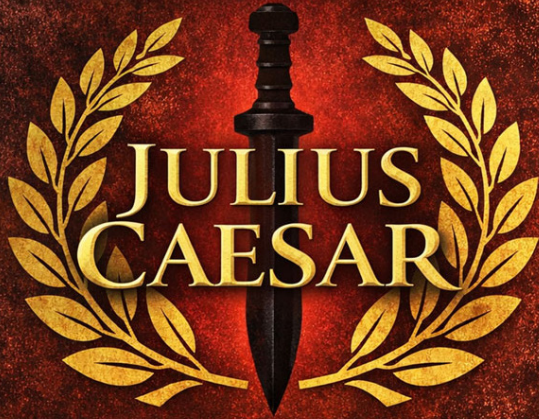
Using the digits 3 1 4 1 5 try to make as many whole numbers between 1 and 100 as possible

You may use any operations (+ - \times \div ! ...) but each of the five numbers must appear once only



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DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



A tale of power, loyalty and betrayal in Ancient Rome.

AUDITIONS

Year 9 – Monday 2nd March (Lunchtime) & Tuesday 3rd March (Lunchtime)

Year 10 – Thursday 5th March (Lunchtime)

Year 12 – Wednesday 3rd March

Sign up by Friday 27th February

Outside the Drama Studio

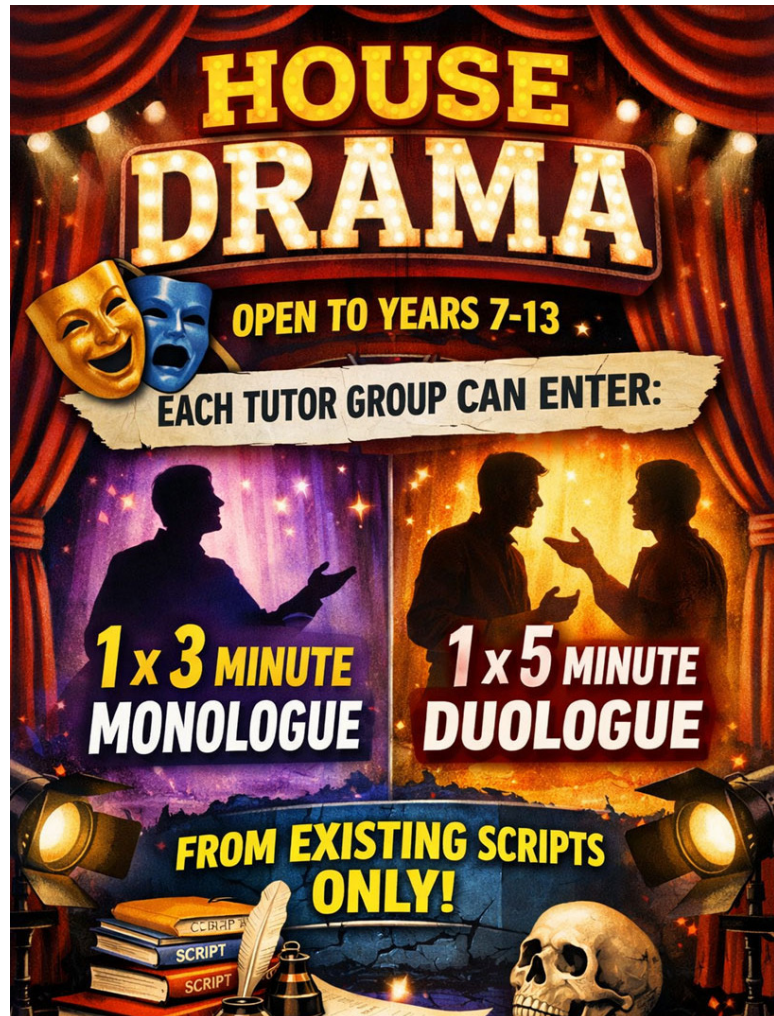
Drama Department



Summer Production - Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*

Friends, countrymen — lend us your ears!

Audition sign-ups for this the summer production of *Julius Caesar* are now open. Students wishing to take part must add their names to the audition list by Friday 27 February (today). Auditions will begin Monday 2 March. This exciting opportunity is open to students in Years 9, 10 and 12.



House Drama

House drama will take place on Friday 17 April with each tutor group encouraged to enter 1 x monologue (max 3 minutes) and 1 duologue (max 5 minutes). Open to Years 7-13. Tutors will provide full details.

**A national stage.
Four performance categories.
Young actors from across the UK.**

Entries are now open for the
National Youth Monologues 2026.

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National Youth Monologues Competition

We are excited to help students partake in the National Youth Monologues competition, open to Years 7 - 13. With four categories (contemporary, classical, screen, original) this is a great opportunity! Students interested in partaking need to see Ms Ashley or Mr Hart by Friday 6 March. Further details can be found by clicking [here](#).