

MARLING SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 13 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we enjoyed a wonderful Bake Off competition for Years 8 and 10. Congratulations to our winners: Sam who came first with a decoration that resembled a camp fire, Rafferty who placed second and Ben who came third, all from Year 8. Their winning cakes are pictured below. Next monday it is Year 7's turn to take part, we are excited to see their creations.

This week the FameLab Final took place at The Roses Theatre, where our school finalist, Oliver, represented Marling brilliantly among competitors from other schools.

Looking ahead to next week, we are pleased to welcome parents into school for two events: the Year 10 Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday, where Mrs Eakin will be preparing for this summer's GCSE RE exam by offering guidance and support and then Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday for all subjects.

Year 9, 10 and 12 students will also be taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh Training Day, and our highest achieving students from the recent Intermediate Maths Challenge will be participating in the next stage, the UKMT Pink Kangaroo. In addition, a number of trips are scheduled: Year 12 students interested in Law will visit Gloucester Court, Year 13 A Level Biology students will attend the Gene Technology workshop in Oxford, and all Year 12 students will travel to Worcester for the UCAS Discovery Day.

Finally, Friday will be a non-uniform day in support of Comic Relief.

Thank you for your continued support.

Key Dates for the fortnight commencing 16 March:

- Mon 16 D of E Training Day
- Tue 17 Y10 Religious Education Parents Information Evening 5pm - 6pm
- Thu 19 UKMT Pink Kangaroo Maths Challenge
Y12 UCAS Trip
Y11 Parents Evening (in school)
4:30 - 7pm
- Fri 20 Comic Relief
Y12 Trip to Gloucester Court
Y13 Gene Tech Trip to Oxford

- Mon 23 Y11 Drama Exam
- Tue 24 Y11 Drama Exam
- Wed 25 Sports Award Evening 5:45pm - 7:30pm
Y11 Drama Theatre Trip
- Thu 26 Y13 Parents Evening (in school)
4:30 - 7pm
Sicily Y9/10/12 departs
- Fri 27 Last Day of Term

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



Medical and Dental Appointments

Just a reminder to please provide at least 48 hours' notice if you are requesting a school absence for medical or dental appointments. If leaving during the school day, Year 7-11 students must be collected in person from Reception by their parent/carer, they will not be permitted to leave the school alone.

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents

Marling School's open mornings for prospective students are being held on 13 and 19 May this year and the booking form is now available on the school [website front page](#) and Joining Us pages. Please do spread the word with prospective parents and do forward this newsletter as all the links are provided.

Comic Relief - Friday 20 March

Every year, Comic Relief supports projects that help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, and communities fairer. This Red Nose Day Marling School will be holding a non-uniform day. Donations of £1.50 can be made via ParentPay.

Great British Pies

Aspens is delighted to bring a special Great British Pies menu to the Dining Hall on Wednesday 18 March. Students can look forward to a delicious selection of traditional favourites, including:

- 'Full English' Pie – a hearty mix of sausages, tomatoes, rosti and baked beans
- Roast Chicken Dinner Pie – chicken, roast potatoes, stuffing, vegetables and rich gravy
- Cottage Pie – a comforting classic
- 'Pies the Limit' Veggie Pie – veggie bangers served with mash and mushy peas



Open Mic Night

Marling's latest Open Mic Night was a fantastic celebration of the musical talent across the school. Students from Years 9 to 13 took to the stage with an exciting variety of performances, including rock classics, contemporary pop, musical theatre favourites, and even a beautiful classical violin solo. Well done to all who took part.



Marling Music Achievements

Well done to Zander in Year 7 who has achieved ABRSM Grade 5 piano.



Artist's of the Month

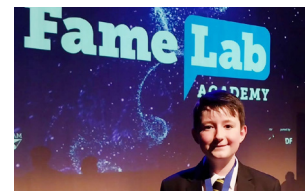
This month's 'Artist's of the Month' go to Year 7's Jon-Li and Buddy, who have been working really hard on their natural forms page. Year 7 have been working on their observation drawing while exploring a range of techniques and materials.

A Level Biologists Shine in the British Biology Olympiad

Seventeen of our A Level Biology students recently took part in the prestigious British Biology Olympiad, a global competition run with the Royal Society of Biology that challenges and inspires young people to extend their knowledge. With more than 10,000 students from over 700 schools worldwide participating this year, we are incredibly proud that our students achieved outstanding results, earning three gold, three silver and two bronze awards. Congratulations to Finn, Phoebe and Safeer for securing Gold, and well done to all our Year 12 students for their brilliant performances. Our three Gold Award winners have also been invited to take part in Round 1 of the UK Olympiad team selection process—a fantastic achievement—and we wish them the very best of luck.

Fame Lab Final

Oliver in Year 9 competed in the FameLab Academy Gloucestershire Final, he gave a fantastic talk "Space is an Apple!", brilliantly explaining how wormholes work and 4-dimensional travel. Well done Oliver!



Odd Poetry Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Odd Poetry Competition last week. It was wonderful to see so many creative and impressive poems! Each year group worked with an 'odd' poetry form — from Fibonacci poems in Year 7 to tricubes, nonets and tankas. Students followed a set theme, mind-mapped ideas, and created something original. Our Year 12 Creative Writers judged the entries, selecting a winner and an honourable mention for each year group. The standard was high and the judging discussions were intense!

The winners are:

- Year 7:** Lucas - praised for strong rhyming couplets and a hopeful, community-focused tone.
Honourable mention: Matthew
- Year 8:** Rupert - recognised for excellent technical control and accurate use of form.
Honourable mention: Alex
- Year 9:** Woody - noted for a subtle, effective interpretation of the theme ("Show don't tell").
Honourable mention: Jack
- Year 10:** Cosmo - celebrated for vivid imagery and a dramatic take on the theme of discipline.
Honourable mentions: Daksh and Barney
- Year 11:** Akhil - admired for philosophical insight and a standout final couplet.
Honourable mentions: Max and Oscar
- Year 12:** Lia - recognised for beautiful imagery exploring spring and new beginnings.
Honourable mention: Matthew