Weekly Newsletter

MARLING SCHOOL

25 September 2026

The Fortnight Ahead

Tue 29	**Y7 Pastoral Meeting (Virtual)**
Wed 30	**School Photos**
Thu 1	**Open Evening 4:30pm - 7:30pm (1:50pm School Closure to Students)**
Mon 5	**Y11 Food NEA**
Tue 6	**Y11 Food NEA**
Thu 8	**Y11 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4:30-7:30pm**

Extra Curricular Activities

Please click **here** to view the clubs we offer.
For instrumental tuition information click **here.**

For the PE Newsletter please click **here.**

A Wild Welcome to Marling

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic time at the annual Year 7 Camp, a much-loved Marling tradition that gives new students the chance to get to know one another and build friendships at the start of their secondary school journey.
Camping in the woods, students took part in a range of exciting outdoor activities, including shelter building, camouflage challenges and a giant game of hide and seek. They showed great teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm throughout the experience, making it a memorable introduction to life at Marling.
A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make the camp such a success.

School Photographs this Wednesday

School photographs will take place on Wednesday for all students. Please ensure that students attend school **in full school uniform** on this day and not in PE kit.

Open Evening on Thursday 1 October - Early Closure

Please be aware that school will close at 1:50pm on Thursday 1 October to allow staff to prepare for our Open Evening. School transport will be operating at the normal times, please click here to complete a form to advise us if your child will be leaving at the earlier time or will be remaining onsite.

11+ 2028 Entry Announcement

The Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test for entry to Year 7 in September 2028 will take place on Saturday 3 July 2027. Registration opens on 8 February 2027. For more information please visit our website.

ParentPay Balance

Please can you log into your ParentPay accounts this week to review the current balance for school meals.

If your account shows a negative balance or an outstanding amount for your child's meals, please settle this balance as soon as possible. Maintaining up-to-date balances helps ensure our school meal service runs smoothly for all students.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, suspect there may be an error with your account balance, or believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office directly at reception@liftmarlingschool.org so we can support you.

Cowcombe Hill Road Closure

We are aware of a temporary road closure at Cowcombe Hill from 29 September to 9 October 2026, which may cause delays to some students travelling to school.
If your child is affected, please remind them to follow the usual late arrival procedures:

- If they arrive between 8:40am and 9:00am, they should sign in at the Late Gate.
- If they arrive after 9:00am, they should sign in at Reception.

When signing in, students should give the reason for their lateness, for example, delays caused by the Cowcombe Hill road closure.
We recognise that any delays resulting from the road closure are beyond students' control and, where this is the reason for their late arrival, students will not be penalised for being late.

LIFT IT Transition

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As part of the Lift IT transition, staff and students are adapting to their new login credentials and becoming familiar with our updated systems, transitioning from Teams to Google.

A reminder that all staff and students now have a new login and email address with our new domain @liftmarlingschool.org. Until the end of Term 1, all staff and students still have access to their old emails to support the transition.

Please can you contact us on our new emails:

- Staff - initialsurname@liftmarlingschool.org e.g. bsimpson@liftmarlingschool.org
- Attendance: attendance@liftmarlingschool.org
- Reception: reception@liftmarlingschool.org
- Data: data@liftmarlingschool.org
- Pastoral Support: pastoralsupport@liftmarlingschool.org
- Trips & Health Concerns: trips@liftmarlingschool.org
- Student Device Scheme: devices@liftmarlingschool.org
- Finance: finance@liftmarlingschool.org

We have been made aware from some parents that some emails sent from new @liftmarlingschool.org staff accounts are being delivered to parent junk folders. This is to be expected with a new domain and unfortunately, there isn't anything we can do to prevent this in the short term. We advise parents to check their junk emails and mark the emails as trusted senders so that they go to your main inbox.

There are a few snagging issues for parents to be aware of:

- **Bromcom student portal** - We have switched student Single Sign on to Google. Students should login with their new logins. There are instructions on how to login in on page 9 of this guide.
- **Student data migration** - due to the quantity of data, this has taken a little longer than anticipated. Staff data migration has been prioritised, with Year 11 and 13 taking priority among our students. All student data will be migrated from students' OneDrive to new Google Drive account automatically and no action is needed from students. If students are waiting for NEA (Non-Exam Assessment/Coursework) work to be transferred, they should work with their classroom teachers who will be able to support them.
- **Google Classroom** - We believe the majority of issues where students have 2 accounts have been rectified. If your child is still experiencing problems, please ask them to go and see IT in person at break or lunchtime.
- **Parent Homework Visibility** - We are working on the link for parents to view a copy of their child's homework and will update you when this has been resolved.
- **Single Sign On** - Although Bromcom Single Sign On has been switched over to Google, other apps such as Educake, Dr Frost have not been transferred to new Google accounts yet. This means that students should continue to access these sites through their old @marling.school account.

If your child encounters technical difficulties and they are unable to resolve the issues independently, please reach out to their tutor. Kindly note that the IT team is unable to respond directly to queries from individual parents.

Digital Learning and IT Systems Parental Guide - This document will support parents navigate our online systems. We will be updating this document and continuing to notify parents via the newsletter as the transition to align with Lift's IT systems continues to progress. Please be aware, that this is a large document that also includes subject specific homework platforms that may not be applicable to all year groups. We advise you to use this as guidance rather than needing to check your child is able to login to all systems.

The Great Focaccia Bake Off!

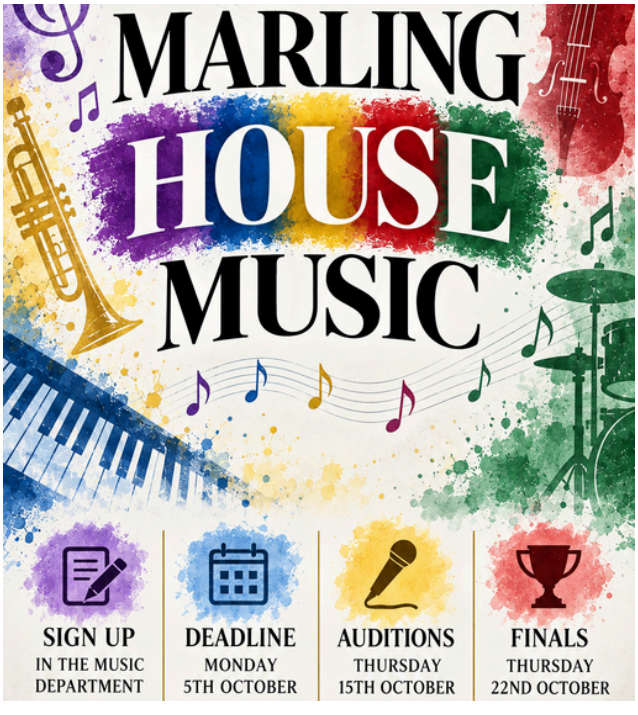
Students in our Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition class recently took part in a focaccia bread competition, combining their practical baking skills with creative decoration techniques. The standard of entries was exceptionally high, with students producing a range of beautifully presented and delicious focaccia breads. Sam was the overall winner, with Freddie in second place followed by Henry in third place.

Chef of the Week

Each week Mrs King will award a Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 'Chef of the Week'. The prize is a queue jump pass for the Dining Hall. Winners can see Mrs King to collect their prize. This weeks winners are:
KS3 Benji in Year 8
KS4 Sam in Year 10

Marling Musicians Reach Royal Albert Hall Finals

Congratulations to Will (Year 13) and Harry (Year 12), whose band has been selected as one of the final eight acts in the prestigious Future Makers competition.
As finalists, they will perform at the Royal Albert Hall in November in front of an audience of more than 6,000 people, an incredible achievement and a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talents on a national stage.
Throughout the competition, Will and Harry will be proudly representing Marling School while gaining valuable experience of live performance and the professional music industry. We are immensely proud of their success and wish them the very best for the finals. Good luck, Will and Harry!



Young Geographer

The Geography Department has been extremely impressed by the high standard of entries submitted for this year's Young Geographer of the Year competition. Congratulations and thank you to all students who took part. The winners of our in-house competition are outlined below. Their entries will now be submitted to the Royal Geographical Society to be considered as part of the national competition. Best of luck!
From Year 10 - Sebastian
From Year 9 - Zane, James, Will, Seb, Rufus, Rohan and Jonathan
From Year 8 - Henry and William.

Luke's Luxuries: Making a Difference Through Kindness

A huge well done to Oscar in Year 7, who has been sending care package to a hospices across the UK. Inspired by his brother Luke, who sadly passed away in 2025, Oscar and his mum create thoughtful gift bags filled with treats to bring comfort to patients and their families.
Through fundraising and donations, Oscar is helping to deliver Luke's Luxuries care packages to hospices, spreading kindness and keeping Luke's memory alive. Pictured above are the staff at St Margaret of Scotland Hospice in receipt of one of Oscar's packages. We are incredibly proud of his compassion and dedication to helping others.