



MARLING SIXTH FORM

Downfield Road

Marling Diamond: SPORT

Sport For All

Sixth formers at Marling achieve notable success in a range of curricular and extra-curricular sports.

At Marling our programme is based upon the principle "Sport for All" and, as such, we offer a varied and inclusive sporting experience. The school maintains a very competitive fixture list, with games taking place during the week against other local grammar, comprehensive and independent schools. In the Sixth Form we provide the opportunity for students to pursue sports that feature in the lower school curriculum, such as football, rugby and cricket, as well as new and alternative sports and activities including basketball, netball and personal training in our fully equipped gym. Our students also take part in a wide range of independent extra-curricular options from equestrian events to cross country to sailing or tennis. Some of our students' most recent and notable successes are highlighted here.



'I first qualified for the South West squad and became part of the British Youth Sailing programme, training with the top sailors in the UK, becoming part of the National Squad the following winter. In 2018-2019, I gained a 5.3 national squad (GBR) place and completed in the Worlds in the Netherlands and the nationals. I have now transitioned into the current Olympic 1-man dinghy, where I was selected for the National Squad and GBR team for the Euros. I have also been selected for the Aero 5 National Squad, training for the Olympic 1-man dinghy in the 2028 Olympics.'

Florence Hawker (left)

'I competed in the Laser 3000 National Championships at Carsington Water, Derbyshire. The competition was tight, but I raced hard through all six races against 30-35 knot winds. I won the Championship becoming the 2019 *Laser 3000 National Champion*. Not only did I win the youth category but I also won the adult category too - the first time in the history of the class that this had ever happened.'

Max Buswell (right)



'Captaining the football team was great for me. I joined Y12 from Deer Park School, so it was a good opportunity to meet new people with similar interests and get fully involved in the life of the Sixth Form.'

Jed Ainsley Bridger, University of Birmingham

'My involvement in the rugby team helped me considerably in my school life. Playing in a team helped to relieve stress, keeping me mentally and physically healthy, and playing competitively in a team taught me a lot about how to work with others.'

Arthur Mills, University of Southampton



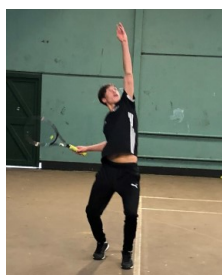
'It was a great experience playing for GB, in the ESSA England vs Australia match. It made me realise that if you truly work hard for something you can achieve it!'

Crystal Hulls, GB Water Polo Team



'I've been riding for about 12 years now and have had my current horse Bomber for just over 3 years. Some of our achievements over the past years include one day events, such as competing at Gatcombe international horse trials in the summer. I am planning to compete at British show jumping events and hope to be in the National Pony Club Tetrathlon championships.'

Frankie Hobbins



'I have been playing tennis for 8 years, after my Dad introduced me to the sport. In this time I have reached 7 regional finals, national finals for 2 consecutive years and county finals. I have achieved county doubles championship and a career high of 66th in the country at my age group. I stopped playing to focus on my GCSEs, but I am competing again now.'

Luke Fullard (left)



The 2021-22 Marling Netball Team