

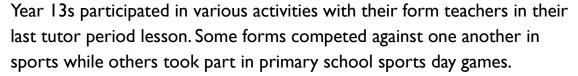


# SPOTLIGHT

**Terms 5 & 6** 

2021-2022





























A huge well done to Marling Jazz Band for a fantastic performance at Cheltenham Jazz Festival. A lovely day celebrating the return of live music!



A fantastic performance from St Vincent and the Grenadines, featuring our very own Marling sixth form students, at Cheltenham Jazz Festival.

# **Cheltenham Jazz Festival**







Well done to our Y12 A Level Music students for a fantastic performance at Richmond Care Villages in Painswick! The students created and performed a varied programme of both solo and ensemble performances, and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the recital. We look forward to returning next year in preparation for the final A Level Music Recital.

Bach	Partita No 2 for Violin 'Sarabande' and 'Gigue'	
Rameau	Les Cyclopes, Pièces de Clavecin, Suite in D major, RCT3	
J S Bach	Fantasia in C minor, BWV 906	
J S Bach	Double Violin Concerto, BWV 1043	
Tchaikovsky	Violin Concerto Op. 35, Movement 2	MARLING
Debussy	Rêverie	e) MUNCA
Janacek	In the Mists	
Hopekirk	Air (No. 3 from Suite)	
Gershwin	Prelude No. 2	

"That was the best performance I have heard for a long time." "That was brilliant, thank you Kay and the school for organising this." Residents

Well done to the following students for their recent musical achievements! Felix I2AAM - Grade 6 Piano |oel2ST| - Grade 7 Piano Tom I2ST - Grade 8 Piano Distinction

### **Summer Showcase**



Well done to the Marling Musicians involved in our fantastic Summer Showcase concert on Tuesday 5th July! The Summer Showcase celebrated our Marling Music ensembles, including Jazz Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, and Keyboard Club, and our joint ensembles with SHS: Orchestra and Downfielders Folk Group. The programme also included a variety of wonderful solo performances. A huge well done to all involved!



# Cambridge Chemistry Challenge



In June 2022, 14 year 12 students sat the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge to stretch and challenge their knowledge of Chemistry. The questions took them significantly beyond the syllabus and encouraged them to think about science in the way they would at university. Of the 14 students, 4 achieved Copper (Hayden, Arvid, Henry and Jonathan), 2 achieved Silver (Charlie and Matthew) and 3 achieved Gold (Peter, Thomas and Danil).

#### **AWARDS**

# **Biologists Take Wins in Olympiad**





24 year 12s took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. The competition is open to students in the first year of post-16 education anywhere in the world and is run in conjunction with the Royal Society of Biology and Warwick university.

Our students did extremely well! We received 3 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze, 5 Highly Commended and 2 Commended.

Special mention goes to Peter, Tom and Jacob who achieved Gold awards, putting them in the top 5% of students who took part!

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGES & CLASSIC CIVILISATION

The Foreign Languages and Classics Department has had a very busy few terms. Firstly, we took two of our students to Berkeley Primary School to help out with the 'Celebrating Spanish People' day. A huge thank you to Noah and Alfie and to Miss Warner and Laura, our Spanish Assistant for all of their hard work.

We are proud to be the first department to have run a residential trip since Covid and 32 students set off to the North during the Easter Holidays. We went to Chester, Hadrian's Wall and York and lots of people followed the trip on Instagram. The students were fantastic and a great time was had by all learning about the Romans in Britain which is part of the current GCSE Latin course.



A surprise gem to the trip was the reconstructions in the Arbeia Roman Fort in South Shields.



The Roman Army museum on Hadrian's Wall.



Vindolanda, despite the (atmospheric) rain, was incredible and we were able to witness a live archaeology and excavation in action.



The weather was lovely for a stroll around the city of York on the final night which was followed by a fun evening of bowling.

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGES & CLASSIC CIVILISATION**

The Year 12 Classical Civilisation AS course also enjoyed a trip to the Ashmolean in Oxford to see some of the artefacts relating to their Imperial Image and World of the Hero courses for AS Level.

Finally, after a very full on few weeks with speaking assessments for languages, some students went to Oxford to do their speaking exams for Italian, Turkish and Japanese. We have also had students taking extra qualifications in Polish and Russian this year.



Y12 Classical Civilisation visited the Ashmolean Museum to help with their looming AS exam. It was interesting to see what we have studied in person.

#### **AWARDS**



We had 38 A Level biologists take part in the British Biology Olympiad (26 Year 12 students and 12 Year 13s). The British Biology Olympiad is a competition run in conjunction with the Royal Society of Biology which aims to stimulate students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates. In total over 10,000 students from more than 700 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition with 22 of our students receiving awards: 7 silvers, 5 bronzes, 3 highly commended and 5 commended. Congratulations to Guy (Year 13) and Peter (Year 12) for achieving gold awards! We are very proud of all those that took part.

## YEAR 13 OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY







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## YEAR 13 PICNIC LUNCHES









## YEAR 13 LAST DAY OF LESSONS CELEBRATION





PICNIC LUNCHES





#### **OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY**







The Year 13s celebrated the end the school year with a trip to Alton Towers.



# Year 13 Final Assembly



Staff and students enjoyed some poems, readings and musical performances from some of our talented Year 13s. We said goodbye in their final assembly. Thanks and recognition went out to Tutors and the Student Leadership Team.











#### **ENRICHMENT**

## **Cosmic Ray Detector**

The Year 12 Cosmic Ray Detector team have had fun working with very large helium balloons in their quest to lift the detector off the ground. The raspberry-pi detector can now successfully communicate its location using a SIMS card. The fine tuning of the camera module to detect the cosmic rays is the final hurdle to overcome.



#### **GREENPOWER CHALLENGE 2022**



The Year 12 Greencar Team had a very promising first race event at Goodwood. The car performed well, running in the top 10 for most of the race. Pit stops proved costly, eventually finishing 14th out of 28 vehicles.

# Wimbledon 2022



Sixth Form students took a visit to Court Two at Wimbledon to watch three matches.

## YEAR 12 ENRICHMENT



The Marling Rounders Team took a win against SHS at Home 27-19.







#### **DRAMA**





Year 12 and 13 Drama enjoyed a theatre trip to see SIX the musical.

### **MUSIC & DRAMA**





Year 12 Drama and Music took a visit to see Chicago at the Oxford New Theatre.

#### **GEOGRAPHY**



The year 12 geographers have spent four days on fieldtrips this term. A day in Bristol investigating how the character of Bristol varies across the city, a day in the woods, collecting and interpreting data on the movement of water down a slope, and then a two day residential trip, working in various locations around Swansea and the Gower peninsula doing preliminary fieldwork for their individual investigations.

### **ART & DESIGN**

On June 28<sup>th</sup> the Art department enjoyed a private view of the A Level exhibition, showing a wide range of work including Fine Art, Textiles, 3D, Graphics and Photography projects. They were joined by friends and family of the Year 13 students to celebrate and enjoy the fantastic collection of work.











## **Sports Day**

The Sixth Form Leadership Team were tasked with gathering volunteers from each form to compete in a mixed 4 x 100m relay at Sports Day. Despite some initial reluctance from potential competitors, they managed to pull 6 teams together! Students really got into the spirit of things and were really excited to be either taking part or cheering on their friends and form groups. The atmosphere was so positive and there was a real sense of community, teamwork and achievement. Well done to all involved!





### YEAR 12 GOLD DofE

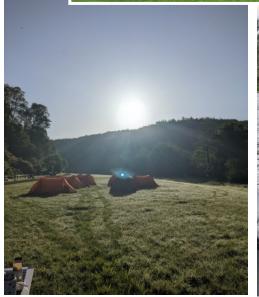




This year saw 27 Marling students undertake their Gold DofE Award. The hiking group completed their qualifying expedition in the Brecon Beacons and covered over 80 km across the four days! They demonstrated excellent resilience, teamwork and determination in completing their expedition. The canoe group have completed their practice expedition down the River Wye and will be heading down the Thames River for their qualifying expedition in October 2022.









### **DIVERSITY WEEK**

# **Rainbow Day**









Thank you to the Aspens Catering team for the rainbow cakes and pizza on offer in the Dining Hall.

# We Are Marling



Y12 students shared their identity stories in an assembly as part of our We Are Marling celebration.







Y12 students organised a cultural food sale as part of the school-wide 'We Are Marling' celebration of our diverse community. Students brought in a delicious array of foods from around the world, raising £202 for The Door charity in Stroud.







#### **CHARITIES**





To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a non-uniform day was held. Students were encouraged to wear red, white and blue. Marling staff held a cake sale. An amazing £869 was raised in aid of Brain Tumour Research.











A non-uniform day raised £738.82 for Stroud Food Bank.

# YEAR 13 PROM

The Year 13 Prom was held at Manor by the Lake in Cheltenham





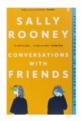
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#### Sixth Form Summer Reading Suggestions

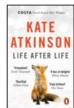
#### As seen on screen

From the jaw-dropping World War II story Operation Mincemeat to the sci-fi classic, Dune.







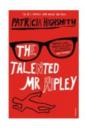






#### Long hot summers in literature

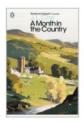
Literature loves a fateful summer – especially as the backdrop for a coming of age novel







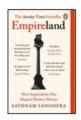


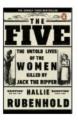




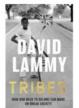
#### New in non-fiction

A brilliant selection of thought-provoking reads...







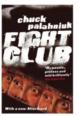






#### Sixth Form Book Club recommends

Our favourite books from the last 2 years – be warned, they're nothing if not dark!













# **AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**



Danny (5<sup>th</sup> from left) & Jamie (5<sup>th</sup> from right) were members of the Gloucestershire U18 Golf team that won the 4 Counties Tournament.