



MARLING
SIXTH FORM

Downfield Road



SPOTLIGHT

Term 1 & 2

2022-2023

Dear students, parents and carers,

Merry Christmas and welcome to this edition of Spotlight; our 6th form magazine celebrating the events and achievements of Marling Sixth Formers. You'll find in this edition another amazing array of achievements from individual excellence to team sports and from gene technology workshops to parliamentary experience at Westminster.

Back in August it was wonderful to celebrate the exam results with our outgoing Class of 2022; the way they conducted themselves through their very first external examinations since they completed KS2 SATS at age 10 was amazing and a credit to their resilience and attitude. The new Yr 12 and returning Yr 13s have continued this since September and it is wonderful to continue to work with the young people of Marling Sixth Form. This term, amongst many other things, staff and tutors have been hard at work sending off university applications as well as holding mock interviews for students applying for apprenticeships, and I'm pleased to say our students have already got offers to start both university and paid apprenticeship courses after their exams next summer.

On behalf of myself and the whole Sixth Form team, we wish each of you a peaceful, relaxing Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



SJ FARR
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Amnesty Group

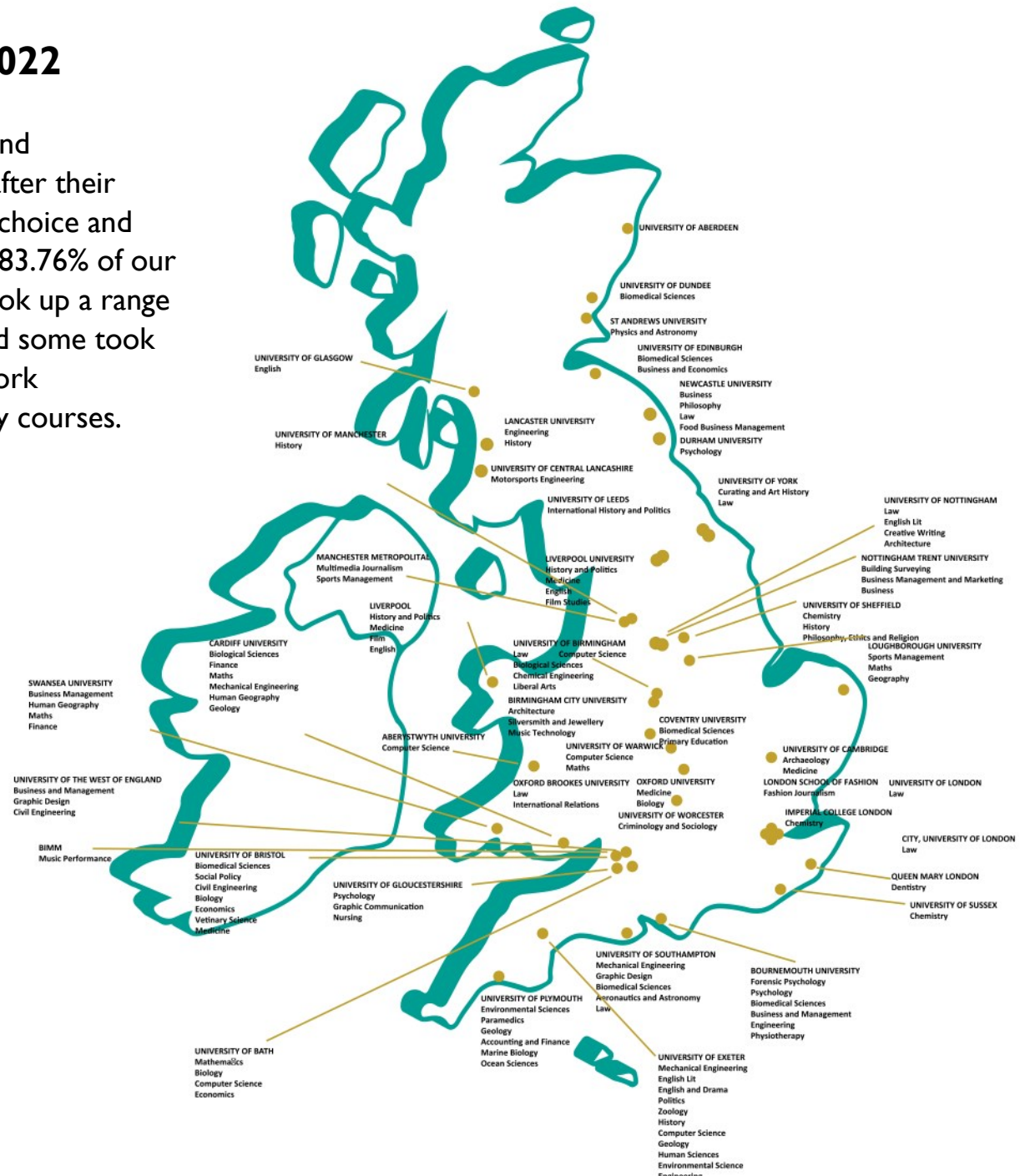
Students at Marling School had the rare opportunity to pose questions to their local MP, Siobhan Baillie and they were rewarded with an unexpected scoop: in questioning her, they discovered that she is backing Rishi Sunak to be the next prime Minister of the UK, after the resignation of Liz Truss earlier in the week. Ms Baillie, who is coming to the end of her recent maternity leave, also brought her daughter along to the Question and Answer session at the school. She answered at length, questions about Ukrainian refugees and whether Britain was doing enough; she spoke about the cost of living crisis and austerity and about her campaign against online abuse. Ms Baillie, who was invited by the school's active Amnesty group, commended the pupils, which included A Level Politics students, for their well thought-out questions.



University Destinations & Courses

Marling Sixth Form Leavers 2022

This map shows the wide range of courses and destinations our sixth formers go on to do after their A Level studies with us. 81.2% for their first choice and 4.84% got their insurance choice. A total of 83.76% of our students went onto university. The others took up a range of apprenticeships and employment roles and some took a gap year to work, travel or gain valuable work experience in preparation for their university courses.



Work Experience in Parliament



Nothing makes me prouder as a teacher than seeing my students putting in to practice their own learning to real life situations. Will and Iona got to spend time in the Houses of Parliament, meeting MPs, asking questions and witnessing PMQs. Not only did this complement their A Level Politics, UK studies, but it cemented their aspirations for a future career in politics.

Well done to you both!
Mrs Rogers
Teacher of History and Politics
Head of Year 13



Iona and I spent some time in Parliament doing work experience in the office of Colonel Bob Stuart. This was a great opportunity for the two of us as we both want to study Politics and International Relations at University. We spent time both in the Parliamentary office and in and around Westminster where we were lucky enough to meet several MPs, Cabinet Ministers and Senior Government Officials. The experience taught us lots about the structure of parliament, the roles of officials and has inspired the both of us to have a future in and around the world of politics. We sat in on the questions asked to the Chancellor and then went to Parliament in hope to get some tickets for PMQs that had been returned, luckily, we succeeded and so we're able to watch the first PMQs since recess. Overall, the two of us had a great time, we picked up so much knowledge and met lots of great people. I would encourage everyone to do Work Experience as it offers lots of opportunity and gives you a real idea of what you may or may not want to do in the future! Never has engaging with Politics been so important!

By Will



Black History Month

In celebration of this year's Black History Month students across the school watched a presentation from Sixth Form students, and then took part in a student-led discussion about diversity and inclusion in our community. To support BHM's 2022 theme of 'Time for Change: Action Not Words' each tutor group now has a culture & diversity representative who will work with students throughout the school to look at ways of celebrating diversity and tackling discrimination. Students have also been encouraged to create a poster for the BHM house competition on the theme of being an ally or tackling racism. As part of our 'We Are Marling' initiative, students and staff are focusing on putting unity through diversity at the centre of everything we do every day.

We Are Marling



Postcards from the 'We Are Marling' initiative





Canoeists Take to the Thames River



The Gold Award Canoe group saw 11 students in Year 13 navigate their way through locks down the upper Thames River for 5 days. Faced with some extremely windy weather the group still managed to cover over 90km of the Thames during the course of their expedition. There were some exciting moments with wasps and swans along the way.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TEXTILES



Congratulations to our two teams who got through to the London Final of Junk Kouture over half term. Both entries were very strong. Hope and Biba's entry, Disorder, was described by the judges as elegant and a stand out design for them and Archie's design, The Umbrella We All Fit In, was described as sophisticated, with strong impressive shoe design and the judges loved the composition and the creation of the textile, creating a desirable design. Following this final, Archie's design made the final stages of the competition and hence he has been invited to showcase his design in the Abu Dhabi world final in January. Archie, his model and Miss Teagle-Brown will be flying out to Abu Dhabi in January, all expenses paid by the competition to showcase the design, meet designers from around the world and participate in a fantastic live event at the Etihad Arena. This is an incredible opportunity for Archie and an amazing experience for Iona, his model. Congratulations Archie, you have worked hard on this! Enjoy it!



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TEXTILES

The DT department have recently taken delivery of a CAD/CAM Embroidery Machine to continue the textiles work we are integrating into the school, alongside more sewing machines.

This CAD/CAM machine enables students to design their own creations and using specialist software, they will be able to embroider them onto their textiles work.

The machine will also be used at A Level to support work on marketing and branding and will form part of the extracurricular offering in the Summer Term.



To add to this, we have also taken delivery of a set of clothing LED's, small portable battery packs and conducting thread. This will enable us to integrate wearable technology into our work, using skills learnt in both DT and Computer Science to develop programs for smart, interactive clothing. On top of all of this, we have also received a new sublimation printer which will allow us to print work to transfer directly onto textiles work and onto other Design Technology projects. Textiles at Marling is slowly coming together!

DRAMA



Drama students travelled to the Oxford Playhouse to see 'Othello'.



A Level Drama had a great time seeing Brecht's 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' at the Rose Theatre in London.

SPORT



Rugby



Netball

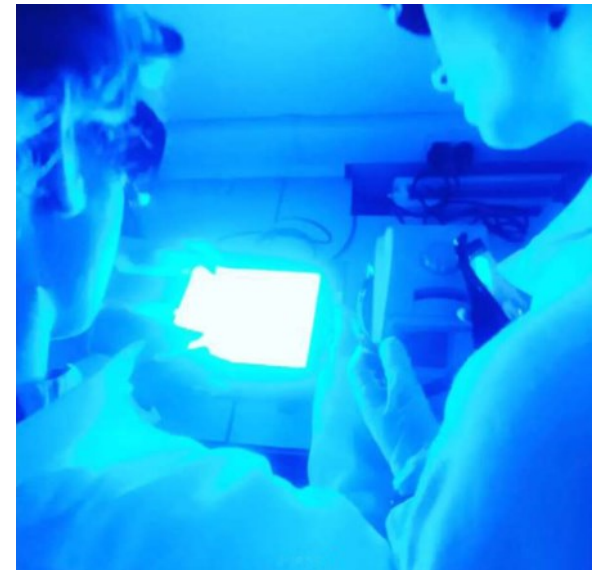
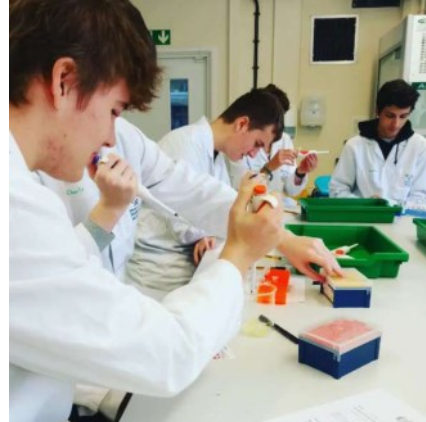


SCIENCE

Biologists Attend Oxford Gene Technology Workshop



The biology A Level students travelled to Oxford University to attend a gene technology workshop on Friday. They had the chance to analyse and compare their version of a bitter taste receptor gene to their ability to taste phenylthiocarbamide (PTC).



Science Students Travel to London

science **live:** A-level

Sixth Form students travelled to the Dominion Theatre in London to hear lectures by prominent people.

The Scientists appearing on the Biology day were...



Professor Jonathan Van-Tam
Questions of COVID and Beyond



Professor Alice Roberts
Tamed: Human Domestication of Other Species



Professor Robert Winston
Human Progress



Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore
The Teenage Brain



Dr Adam Rutherford
A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived

Science Students Travel to London

science **live:** A-level

A Level chemists students travelled to Science Live to attend 5 lectures and 2 exam advice sessions.

The Scientists appearing on the day were...

Professor Andrea Sella

Nerve Agents: Chemistry's Dirty Secret

Professor Serena Cussen

The Hunt for New Batteries

Dr Peter Wothers

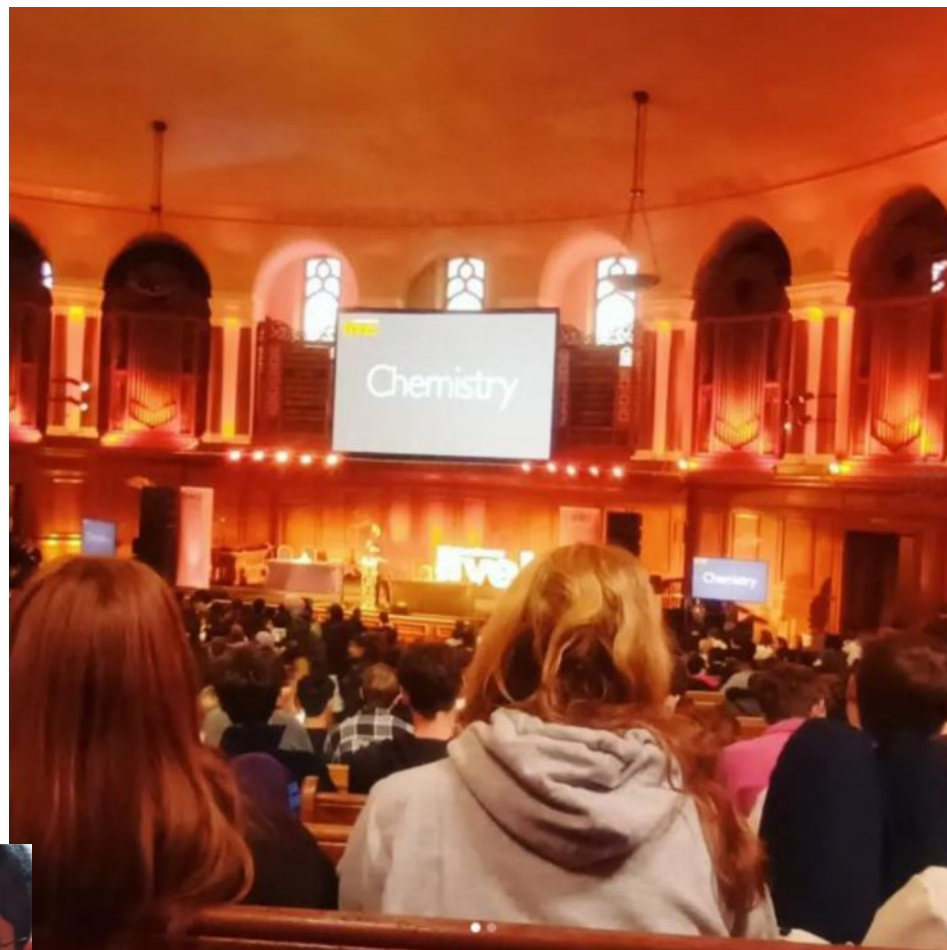
Understanding the Periodic Table

Professor Lucy Carpenter

A Round-the-World Tour of Atmospheric Chemistry

Dr Tim Gabriel

Chemistry and Careers



Remembrance Day Service



Our Remembrance Day Service included some lovely handmade wreaths. Year 7 students created poppies in art. They were assembled to create House wreaths. Head Boy read a Roll Call of Old Marlingtonians. Head Girl read For the Fallen. And thanks to Dylan for the reveille.



Shepton Mallet Prison Trip

Year 13 Sociology & Psychology students visited Shepton Mallet Prison to complement the topics of Crime & Deviance in Sociology and Forensic Psychology in Psychology. They experienced what it is like to be a prisoner and a cell break out.

Y13 Psychology and Sociology students visited Shepton Mallet Prison this term. They were given the full prisoner experience with a prison guard who gave them prisoner suits to wear for the day! To begin, they were asked to create groups and identify their 'gang' name and crime for their punishment in preparation for their cell escape. During this cell escape, they had to work out an extremely difficult puzzle in a real-life prison cell. They thoroughly enjoyed it. One quote from a student 'those cells are so small, I cannot believe what prisoners had to endure'. We then were split into 2 groups for a psychology/sociology haunted tour. Both tour guides took the pupils around the prison where they experienced a prison cell from 1600s, the most haunted gatekeeper room in the building, and how prisoners spent their small amount of free time in the yard. The students were very enthusiastic and dived into the world of prisons!



Year 13 Students had a Particle-ary Fantastic Time Visiting CERN

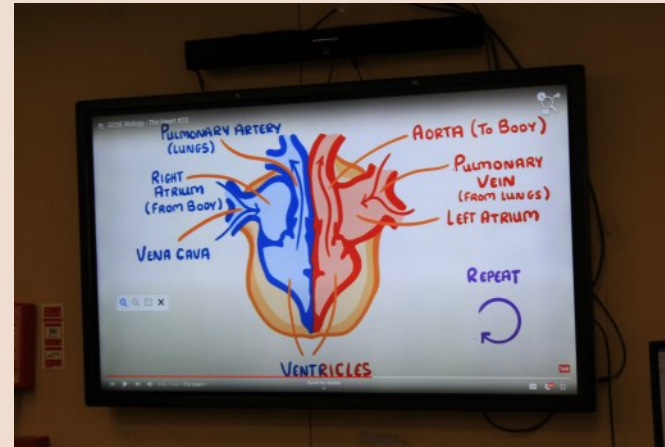


The trip to CERN was a really great experience. We were lucky enough to get to meet some really interesting people. Marcella, our guide was fantastic and definitely made the day as interesting as it could have been. She studied at Queen Mary's university in London and explained to us how the antimatter factory worked. We then had a talk from Mick who showed us where the internet was founded. I was really intrigued by the ASACUSA experiment and I was able to really look at it and try and understand how it worked. On top of the educational parts to this trip we had a traditional Swiss dinner with a live musician playing the alpine horn and yodelling for us as well as us being served cheese fondue and cervelat. During our time spent in Geneva we were able to see the fountain, a Christmas market and loads of watch shops. The trip to CERN is one I will never forget.

By Jacob

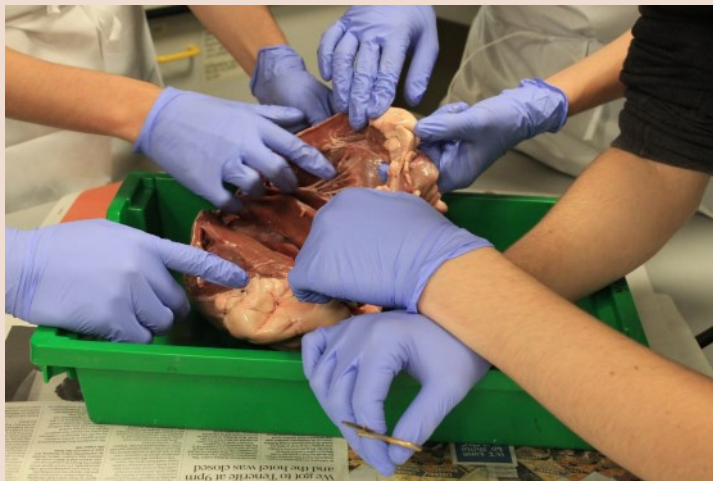


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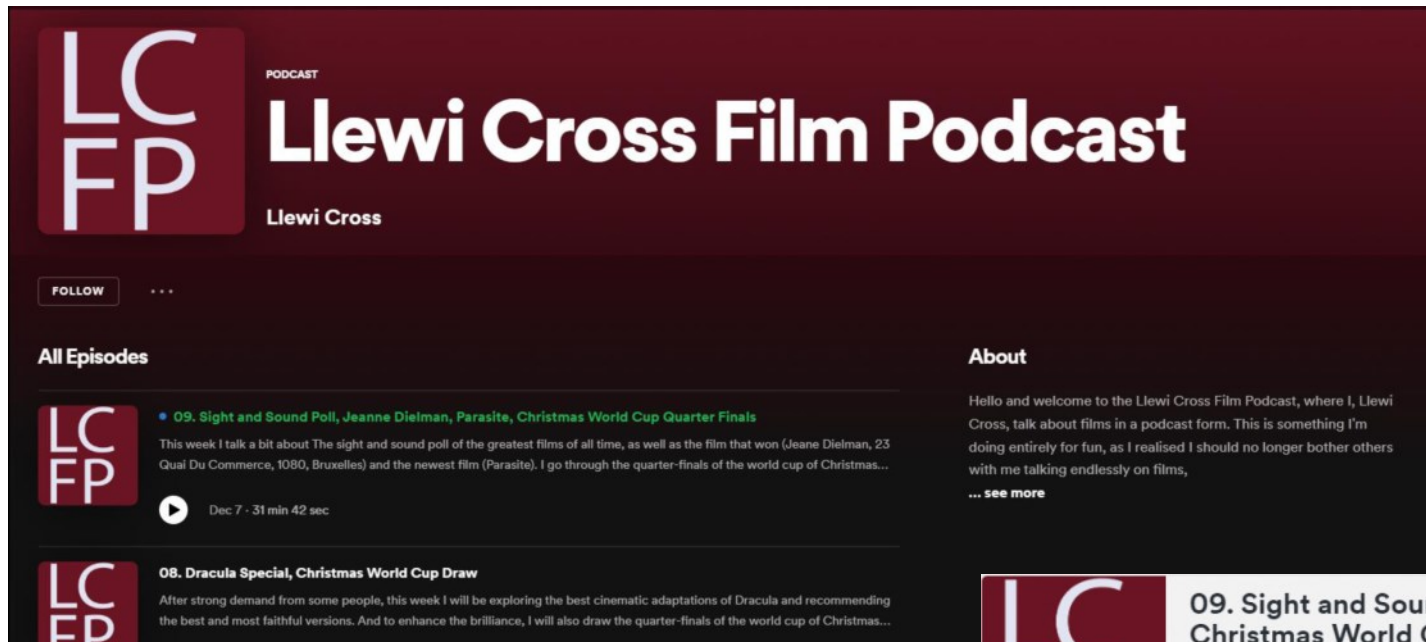


Dissection Club

The club was designed to enrich the learning of pupils who are interested in biology, exploring the structure of organs, want to practise using clinical equipment and develop their observational skills.



ENRICHMENT



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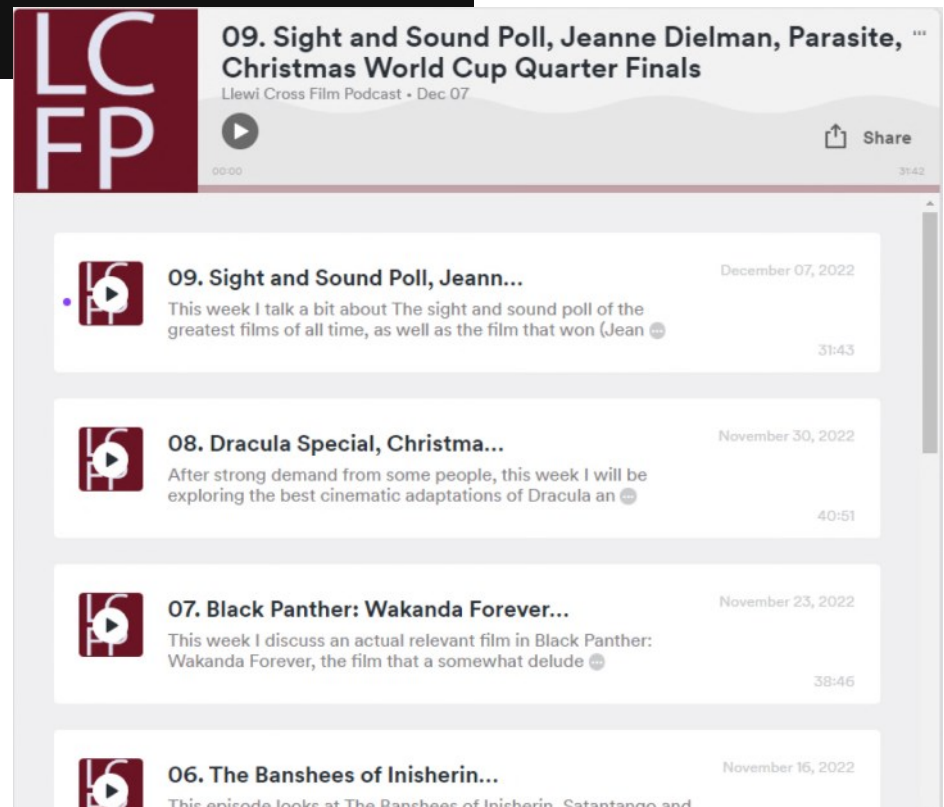
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Dec 7 - 31 min 42 sec

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About
Hello and welcome to the Llew Cross Film Podcast, where I, Llew Cross, talk about films in a podcast form. This is something I'm doing entirely for fun, as I realised I should no longer bother others with me talking endlessly on films,
[... see more](#)

One of our Sixth Form students has taken his film criticism hobby to another level. For his enrichment, Llew has created a film podcast. He has built up his listenership and has a nice podcast to add to his CV.



The screenshot shows a list of podcast episodes. Each episode entry includes the 'LC FP' logo, the episode title, a brief description, the date, and the duration. The episodes are listed in descending order of date.

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07. Black Panther: Wakanda Forever... November 23, 2022
This week I discuss an actual relevant film in Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, the film that a somewhat delude...
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06. The Banshees of Inisherin... November 16, 2022
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Gloucester Council Climate Group



As part of the Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group, I attended a meeting at Shire Hall and presented to approximately 20 councillors and council officers about the group's findings and thoughts about the Climate Action Plan- the council's published plan for tackling climate change in the next 5 years. We presented for 15 minutes and then took questions for over an hour. It was a useful discussion, and we hope that in future the council will expand upon listening to youth voice in the climate conversation.

By Tom

Eco-Committee



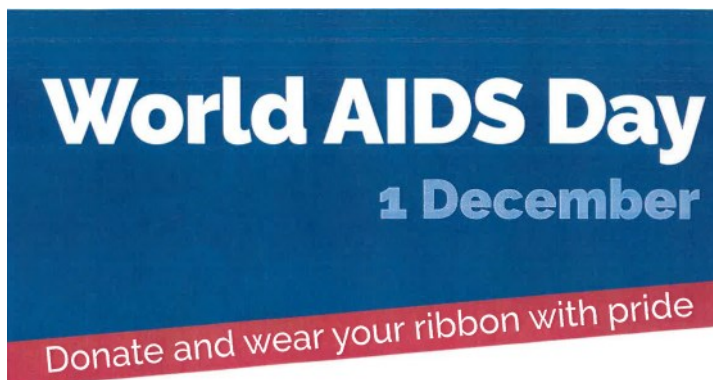
Our Year 12 Eco Committee students along with the Year 8 Geography class met up to watch the Green Careers panel whereby member of Green Careers discussed their own employment & how they got there. Students then discussed the info ready for the Eco reps to present to their tutor groups.

Our 6th Form committee students are Jamie, Tom, Miles, Oliver, Josie, Freya, Margot, Dominic, Josh, Arlo and Giovanni.



During Green Careers week our eco-committee students took part in an online digital conference where they found out about various green career options which will help change the world for the better. They enjoyed the experience and had the opportunity to present back their findings to their form groups over the following weeks.

CHARITIES



Students and staff held raised funds in support of Children in Need.

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STROUD UKRAINE SUPPORT



Marling School has been supporting Stroud Ukraine Support throughout the year. Back in March the charity made two trips for donations the school collected.

Thanks to Miss Clark and Mrs Johnson and for organising the shoebox appeal this year. A fantastic effort by all.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



Salt Dough Making!

After a long term and in the lead up to Christmas, the students were offered a Christmas craft activity, making salt dough ornaments. They enjoyed the session and all agreed it was extremely relaxing and therapeutic – just what was needed for the festive season! Thank you to Mrs Bhambra for organising.



Christmas Cards of Kindness

Organised by Mrs Bhambra, the sixth form students wrote some 'Christmas cards of kindness.' These were sent to residents of Resthaven Care Home near Stroud. Some of the residents have little or no family visiting them so this will be a welcome surprise for them at Christmas.

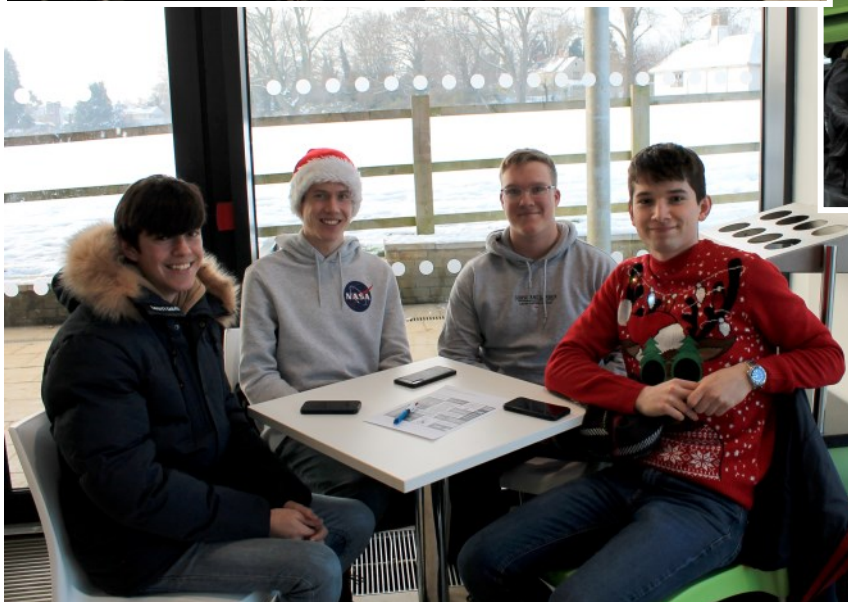
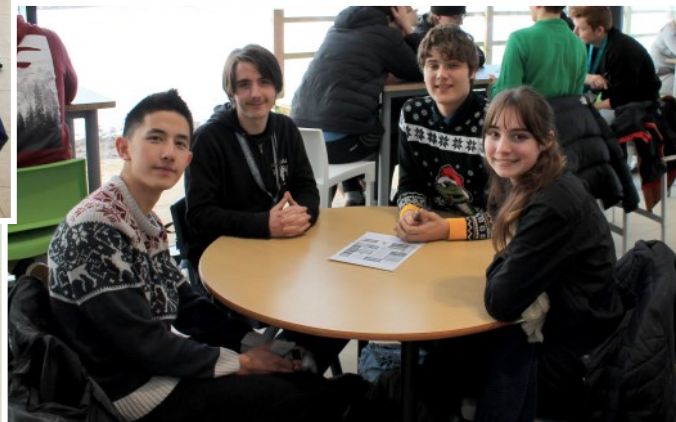
Many thanks to the sixth form students for their help with these at what can be a difficult time of year for some.

'Tis the season

AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, THE SIXTH FORMERS HAVE
BEEN GETTING INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT



Christmas Jumper Day raised funds for Save the Children.



Christmas Quiz & Meal

