



MARLING  
SIXTH FORM  
*Downfield Road*



# SPOTLIGHT

**Terms 5 & 6**

**2022-2023**

# Wave Goodbye - Say Hello

It is with much sadness we bid farewell to Head of Sixth Form Steve Farr. Steve has been with us for nine years, and throughout that time, overseen many changes. We've seen student numbers increase dramatically, following the introduction of a co-educational Sixth Form in September 2019. Girls now make up a third of our sixth form and we are a popular choice locally, receiving hundreds of applications each year. Steve is off to New College Worcester as Vice Principal to take on an exciting new challenge. We thank Steve for everything he has done and wish him all the best for the future!

Many congratulations to our new Head of Sixth Form, Louise Harris. Louise brings much experience to the role, having worked alongside Steve throughout the development of the new sixth form. Currently Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development and Inclusion, Louise will lead the sixth form from September.

Louise said:

'I have enjoyed working with Steve immensely and will miss him hugely. His are large shoes to fill, but I am excited to take on the role, having been so invested in making the sixth form what it is. I am looking forward to building on Steve's excellent work and taking Marking Sixth Form into the future. I wish Steve lots of luck for his next step.'





# Senior Spring Concert



Our Senior Spring Concert on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many musical talents of our Marling students, especially the Y11 and Y13 leavers! The concert celebrated performances from the Marling Jazz Band, Downfielders Folk Group, Senior Choir, Senior Strings and our joint Orchestra with SHS, as well as solo and ensemble items presented by our senior department musicians. Well done to all of our performers and a huge thank you to those who came along to support! To our Y11 and Y13 leavers, you will be so very missed!



Senior Choir



A Level Musicians



A Level Music Class

# Biologists Bring Home the Awards

We had 29 A Level biologists take part in the British Biology Olympiad (20 Year 12 students and 9 Year 13s). The British Biology Olympiad is designed for year 13s and is a competition run in conjunction with the Royal Society of Biology. It aims to stimulate students with an interest in biology to expand and extend 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 our students receiving these awards: 1 Gold, 10 Silvers, 7 Bronzes, 4 Highly Commended, 5 Commended and 2 for Participation. Congratulations to Josh (Year 12) for achieving a Gold award, and to all of the year 12s who did particularly well! We are very proud of all those that took part.



## ALUMNI

Who knew Old Marlingtonian Professor Peter Hennessy was a Chas & Dave fan?? In conversation with Lauren Laverne.

Peter recalls his time at Marling School and inspirational History teacher, Eric Pankhurst.





# Students Get in the Groove at Cheltenham Jazz Festival



On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, our Marling Jazz Band performed at Cheltenham Jazz Festival under the inspiring leadership of Al Swainger. For some of our Marling students, this was their first public performance in a jazz ensemble, and it was wonderful to celebrate their talents! Well done to all students involved!





# Chemists Take Wins in Olympiad



25 students across year 12 and 13 competed in the UK Round One of the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad in January. Of these students, 21 scored bronze – gold certificates, representing the some of the top Chemistry students across the country. Special commendation to Lucy (Year 12) who scored silver and Danil and Peter who scored gold, and represent the top 9% of the candidates. (left)





# Students Make it Through to The London Finals

Congratulations to our 3 Marling School teams who made it to the London Finals of Junk Kouture:

Archie and Hope with Nomad (Year 13)

Noah and Ben with Veiled (Year 12)

Hannah, Chiedza and Carys with End of an Era (Year 12)

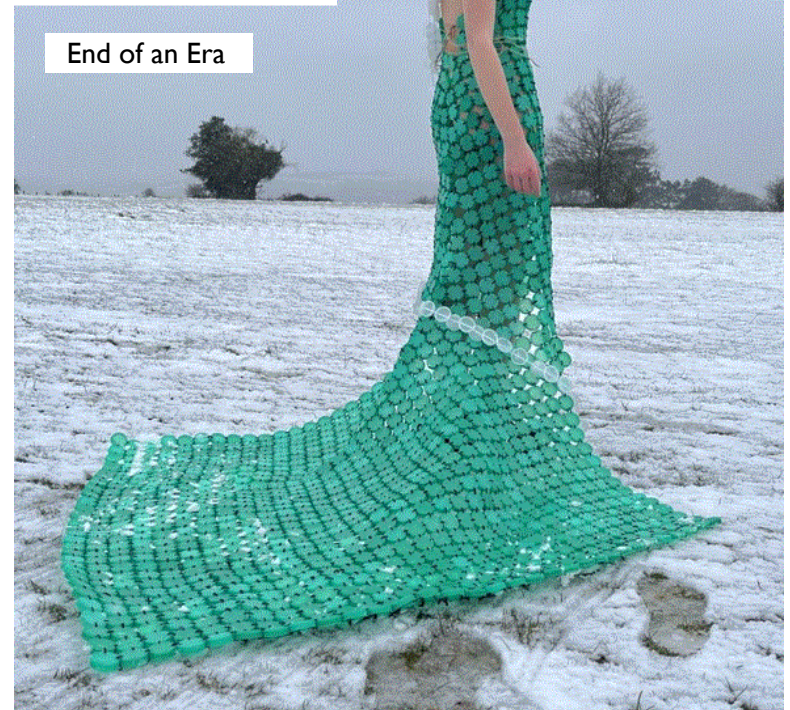
You can watch the showcase online through the Junk Kouture YouTube Channel to see the most incredible designs, all made by the students out of recycled materials.

We are an incredibly proud DT department, with all three of the designs being mentioned by the judges due to the amazingly high standard and creativity that Marling students have shown.

With stiff competition from over 60 finalists, only 10 places and only one entry per school allowed to go through, Marling School are also now into the World Finals of Junk Kouture for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running! Congratulations to Hannah, Chiedza and Carys in Year 12 who are through to compete in the world finals in October at the Wembley Arena in London!



# JUNK KOUTURE



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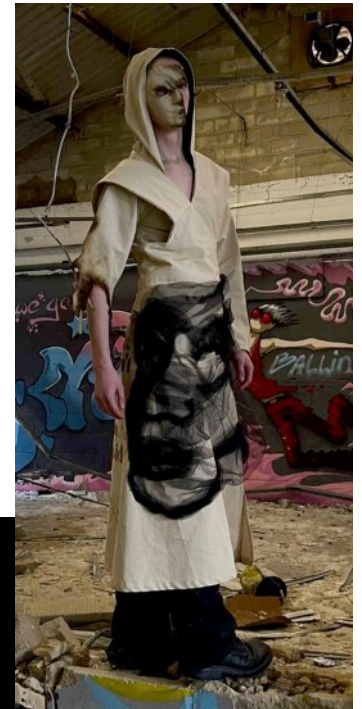
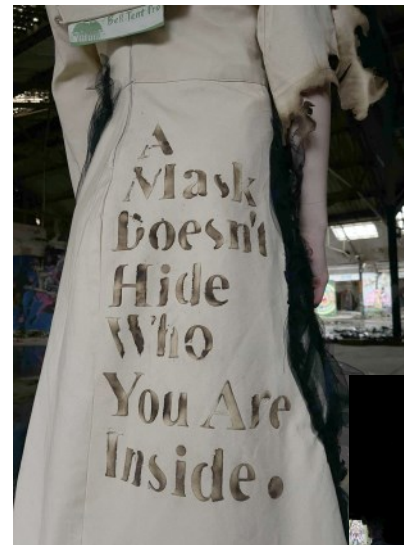
# Students Make it Through to The London Finals

The school also continues to be involved in Junk Kouture, with Archie (world finalist last year in Abu Dhabi) taking part in alumni panel discussions for Westfield Good Festival across multiple locations in London in a couple of weeks and Hannah and Chiedza's world final garment being displayed at this event too alongside interactive displays tailored to their design.

Congratulations to all involved!



Nomad



Veiled

JUNK  
KOUTURE



# Going for Gold in Biology!



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!

## GOLD DofE

Students visited London to celebrate their Gold DofE achievements and came across some previous Marling students.



# GEOLOGY

I am excited to report the recent visit by Elena Jones, a Cardiff University Graduate, to our 6th form Geology students.

Year 12 AS Level Geology students had the privilege of welcoming Elena Jones, a distinguished Cardiff University Graduate, who gave an enlightening talk about Earth Science degree routes, the experience of Earth Science based degrees, and sustainability in Geoscience.

Elena began her talk by emphasising the accessibility of Earth Science degrees to students with diverse qualifications. She reassured our students that a passion for Earth science and a curiosity about the world around us are the key ingredients for success in this field. Regardless of their previous qualifications or academic backgrounds. Earth science degrees welcome students from various educational pathways, offering them the opportunity to explore and excel in this fascinating subject.

To make the learning experience more immersive, Elena brought along a collection of rock, fossil, and mineral specimens for the students to view up close. Students had the opportunity to examine the intricate details of fossils and marvel at specimens of garnets from southern Spain. Furthermore, Elena highlighted the importance of fieldwork and practical experience in Earth Science based degrees. She shared anecdotes from her own experiences, emphasising how field trips and hands-on research projects played a vital role in deepening her understanding of the subject matter. Her stories ignited a sense of adventure among our students, inspiring them to look forward to future opportunities for fieldwork and practical application.

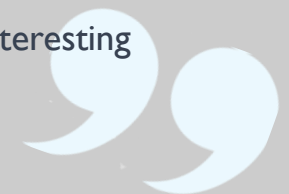


The final part of the talk focussed on sustainability in Earth science. This field encompasses a wide range of considerations, including the energy industry, geothermal resources, and deep-sea mining of minerals. Within the energy sector, Earth scientists play a vital role in promoting sustainable practices and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Elena for her visit and for bringing the captivating world of Earth science to life for our students

I would also like to express my appreciation to our Geology students for their warm welcome and the interesting questions they posed during Elena's visit.

Miss Butcher





# GEOGRAPHY

## Swansea, Sun and Sand Dunes!

Y12 geographers went to sunny Swansea and the Gower to do their fieldwork. Fieldwork included Place Identity and Character of Swansea and Mumbles, as well as Coastal Landscapes and Sand dune succession on the Gower Peninsular.

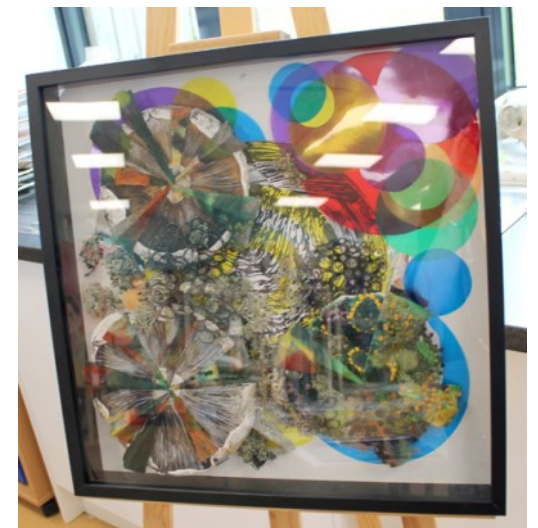
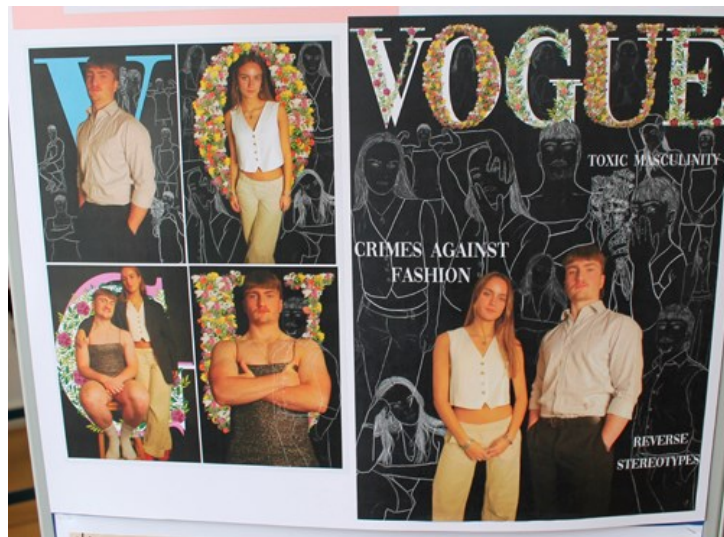




# ART DESIGN TEXTILES



An A Level art exhibition evening was held for students, parents and staff to showcase the amazing work from our Year 13 students.





# FOREIGN LANGUAGES

## Year 12 Languages & Classics Primary Day

A Level students gave a foreign language presentation to primary school students from Berkeley, Callowell and Cam Woodfield Primary Schools. Students rotated around rooms, getting a flavour of each foreign language.



**Classical  
Civilisation**



**French**



**German**

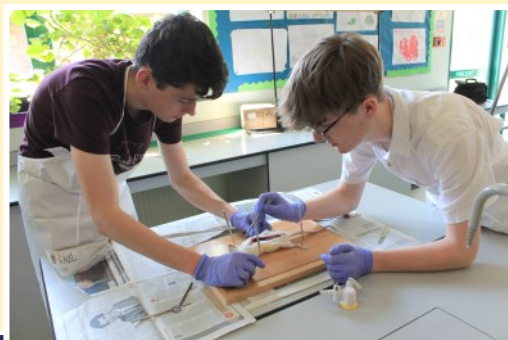


**Spanish**



# ENRICHMENT SNAPSHOTS

## DISSECTION CLUB

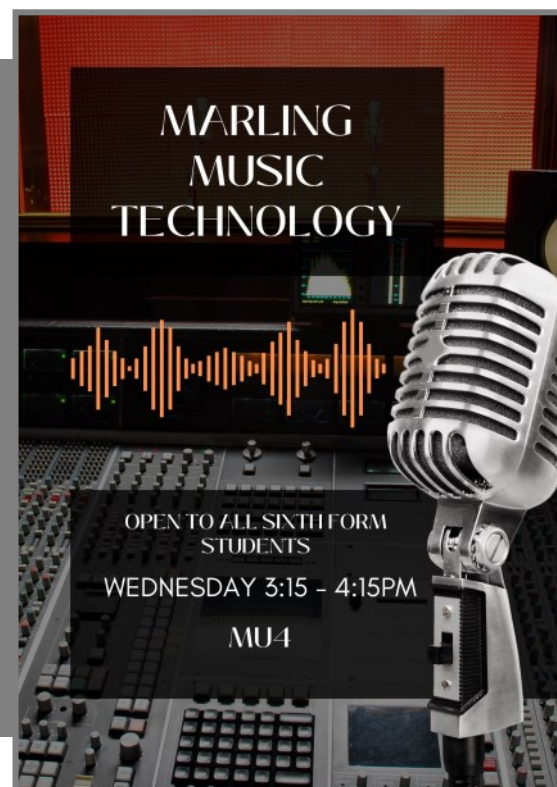


Students enjoyed dissecting rats in the dissection club (these were purchased from a biological supplier).



## CHESS CLUB

## MUSIC TECH





# Culture & Sport Showcase

Day 1 started with a Turkish mini lesson. Day 2 was Dress As Yourself Day and a Cultural Food Sale was held. The idea for Dress As Yourself Day is that everyone wears something which expresses their culture or identity. Students could wear cultural clothing or traditional dress which is associated with their heritage or somewhere they have lived or identified with. For others they could wear a costume or clothing associated with a hobby or interest, wear rainbow colours or dress to support a cause or charity they cared about. The aim was to show what a colourful, creative and diverse community we are and to celebrate this. The Cultural Food Sale took place at break time in the courtyard. Students joined in to celebrate foods from around the world. The money raised went to support our house charities. On Day 3, an Italian mini lesson took place as well as an evening Music Showcase Concert. On day 4, there was an afternoon Portuguese mini lesson. Then House Celebrations and an Awards Evening followed. Sports day for Year 12 students took place on Day 5.



Y12 student Deniz McGeachie, who speaks Turkish, held a language taster session with Y7-10 students. Students had a go at learning greetings, as well as discussing Turkish politics, food and the recent earthquake.



# Culture & Sport Showcase

Day 2 we had a Cultural Food Sale, where students could sample delicacies from around the world.





# Culture & Sport Showcase



## Music Summer Showcase Concert

Parents, carers and students enjoyed an evening of Marling musical talent!



Y12 students Phil Kalachev held a Portuguese taster session, which proved very popular with students and staff!

*Did you know almost 60 different languages are spoken by Marling students?*



Staff celebrated Diversity Week with a Rainbow Day.



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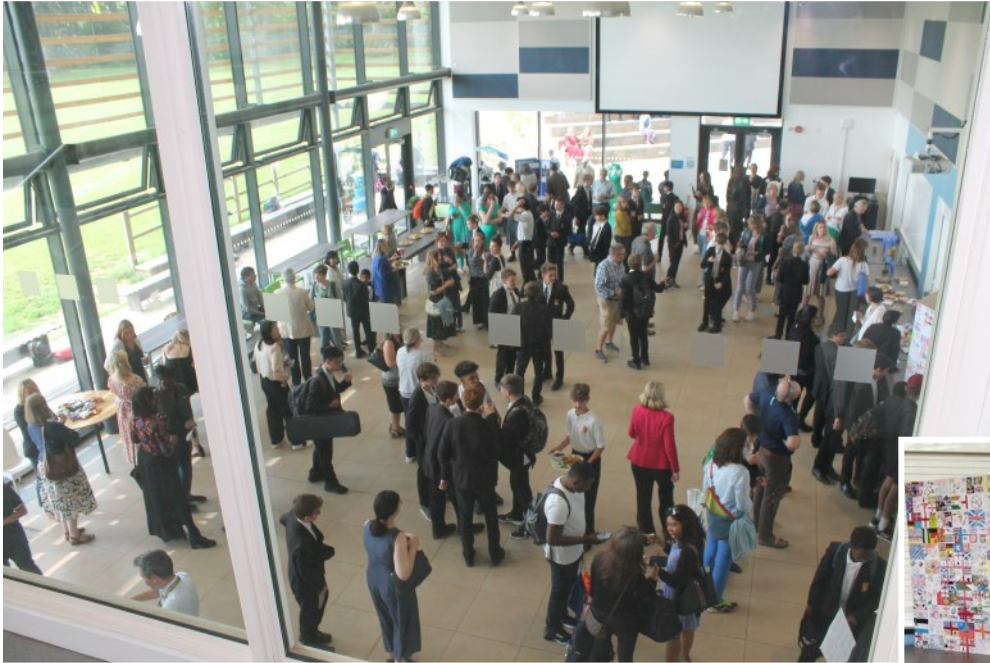
Day 4: A giant water slide, table tennis, badminton and rounders were just a few of the activities enjoyed by students at the House Celebrations !





# Culture & Sport Showcase

Following a week of culture and sport, we marked the end of term with an Awards Evening for student achievements. Entertainment included music and canapes, which were made and served by Year 9 Design Technology students.





# Culture & Sport Showcase

## Sports Day

Staff and students enjoyed some beautiful weather on Sports Day. Sixth Formers assisted on the finish line.





# Culture & Sport Showcase



## Sports Day

The Blue Ribbon Event at Sports Day - The Sixth Form Relay Teams versus the Staff Team. Well done to all those who participated!





# AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

## Making the Scotland Team

Ella Williams for being selected for the Scotland U19 Ladies for the Six Nations squad. Congratulations and well done Ella!

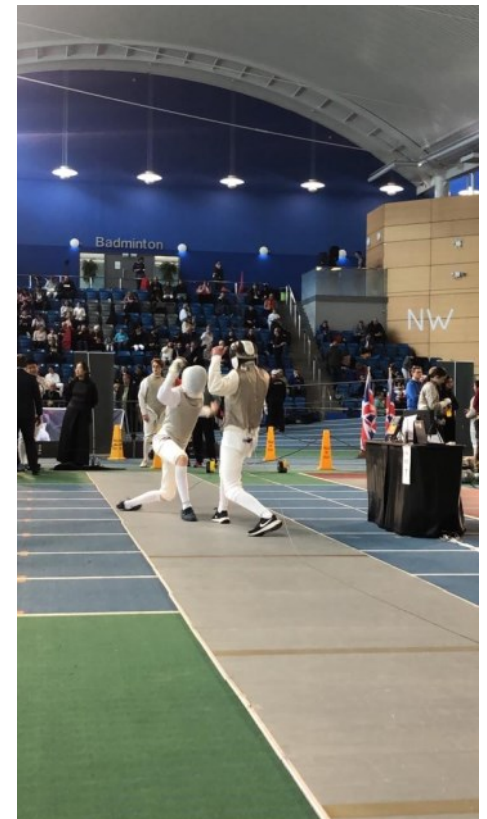




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## Moving up the Ranks

After attending the Southern Region qualifiers for the British Championships, I ended up qualifying in all three disciplines/weapons, which are Foil, Épée and Sabre. Each discipline uses a different sword, has a different target area, as well as different rules. At the time I didn't know, but later on found out that I was the only person to qualify for all three weapons in the U18 Men's in the whole of Britain! A few months later I travelled to the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield for 4 days, during which time I competed in the British Championships U18 Men's Foil, Épée and Sabre competitions. I ended up placing 37th in the Foil, 18th in the Sabre and 31st in the Épée. The most exciting event was probably the Épée, which is my main weapon. After a terrible pool round, I clawed it back in Direct Elimination, coming up against someone seeded more than 20 places higher than me in the Round of 64, however won 15-9, securing my place in the Round of 32. This time, once again, I was placed against someone seeded much higher than me, and unfortunately after a long bout lost 15-11. I was disappointed as I made quite a few mistakes during this bout, but ended up with a decent result nonetheless.





# AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

## Outside of School Awards

Gregory and Elliot joined as a team to compete in the National Junior League Table Tennis competition this season. After two dates they were promoted to the top half of the leagues, and after two more days of competition playing against other U19 teams including Cardiff, Weymouth, Portishead and Bromsgrove they finished in first place, taking home gold medals.



The following students have received some type of award or achievement :

Archie	Gloucestershire County U17 Rugby Team & played in both fixtures against Oxfordshire & Somerset.
Ben	County Cricket Training
Stan	Skate Boarding Achievements
Zac	FGR Professional Debut
Harry	Isaac Physics Stem Smart Phase I
Chandra	Parliament Visit
Bart	Selected for Scotland U18s Rugby team & played in their 6 Nations Tournament in Ireland.



Congratulations to Danny for finishing as the boys' runner up of the Golf County Championships at Lilly Brook Golf Club. There were 59 players from 22 schools and 23 clubs. Danny and Daniel will go on to compete at the South West Schools team qualifiers at Downes Crediton, Devon in May – we wish them luck!



# YEAR 13 OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY





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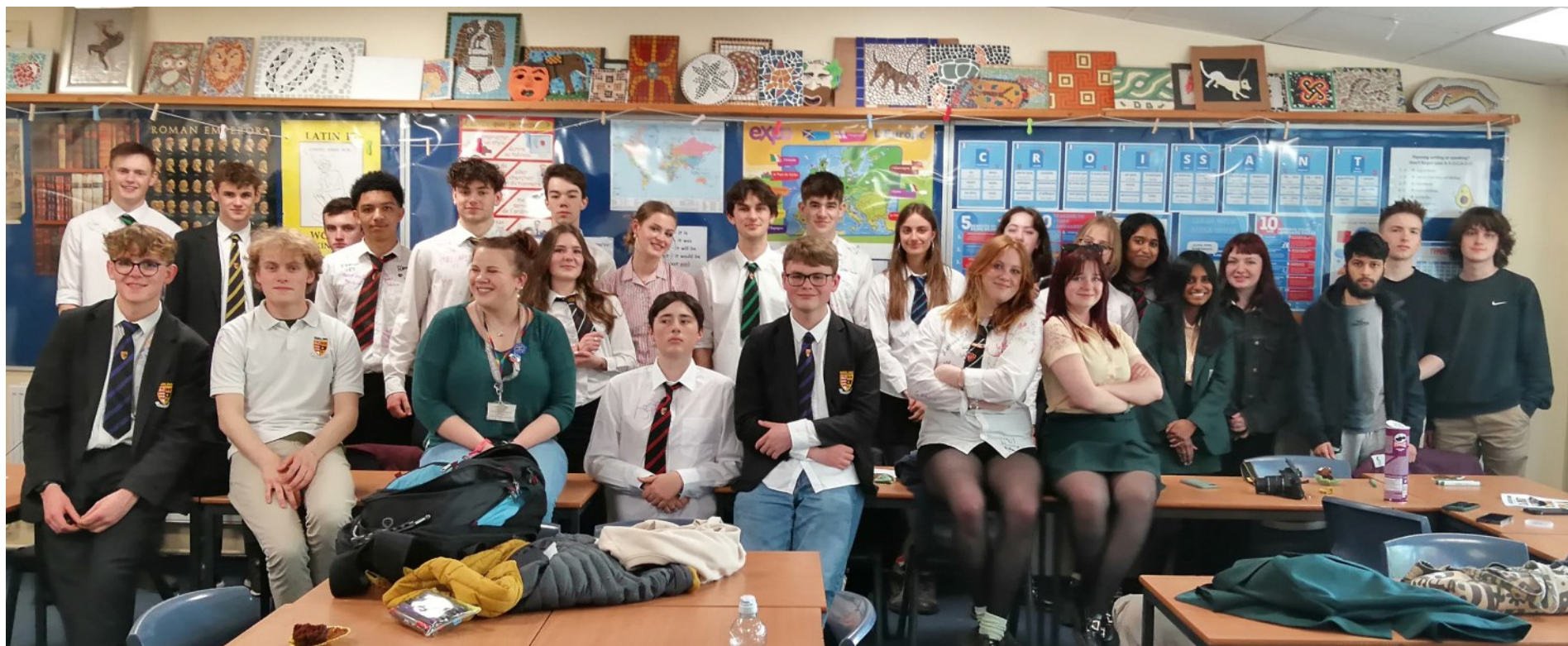


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## Year 13 Alton Towers Trip

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.





# Year 13 Final Assembly





# Marling Year 13 Celebrate at Stonehouse Court Hotel

**Marling students danced the night away at Stonehouse Court for their annual prom.**

More than 180 sixth-formers enjoyed an evening of music, fun and fabulous fashion.

Students arriving at the event took advantage of the sunny weather and beautiful grounds, and later, starry skies over Stonehouse Court, posing for photographs and selfies with friends.



Awards presented to students during the evening included 'student most likely to headline Glastonbury Festival' and 'student most likely to become Prime Minister'! Staff were also nominated for the award categories 'best hair' and 'teacher most likely to end up working for London Underground'!



# YEAR 13 PROM

The event was organised by students Alys Kerr, Charlotte Birtwhistle and The Prom Committee



Prom Organising Committee (left to right):  
Charlotte, Lily, Alyse and Maddie





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