



Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

As we enter the exam season the VLE becomes very useful providing a wide range of resources to help support the students with their revision at home. Students can login to the VLE using the same username and password as they use to access the school computer system.

As we continue to develop the VLE we are planning to enable access for parents. Amongst other things this will allow parents and guardians to view attendance data, behaviour information and grade card data online for their children. I will be contacting you as parents this coming term with further details. If you would like to be involved in the development of this initiative I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact **Mr Doug Eve** at doug.eve@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

DISABILITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Joe Fundrey Year 9 was honoured with the 'Disability Athlete of the Year' Award from the Stevenage and North Herts Athletics Club. Joe competes in Javelin, Discus and Shot and is the first athlete to have competed for their disability & mainstream teams.



'Joe competed throughout last year for the region at national, regional and county disability championships. He was always keen and eager to improve his performances and worked hard in training all year. This year he has made his debut for Stevenage and North Herts Athletic club in the Eastern Young Athletes League and has joined in holiday Master Classes, but it is off the track that our Javelin Joe has stood out! Joe's effort and enthusiasm have made a huge contribution to our disability fundraising group supporting all events but also running a cake sale at his school!

Joe is a 'A true club member'! Joe gained the award of Disability Athlete of the Year for his contribution to all sections of the athletics club, his friendship, humour and willingness to join in and make a contribution to the wider aspects of club participation.'

Stevenage and North Herts Athletics Club

*'We are incredibly proud of Joe and all his achievements—he is destined for great things'.
Ms Thomson*

HSBC Visit

On Wednesday 24th June Year 12 students had a visit from HSBC; representing the company were a team of employees including members of the local St Albans branch and a graduate worker.

Students were given advise on budgeting while at college and university and informed about the benefits of saving money for future plans i.e. starting on the property ladder. The students felt that the visit really focussed on their particular needs and it was made even more special by the distribution of HSBC goody bags!

Mrs Rutherford
Senior Learning Manager for Year 12

'I found that the people from HSBC gave me a good idea about budgeting and how to spend my money. Also it gave me more opportunities for future careers and widened my options. They were very helpful and gave a huge amount of good advice.'

James Fancourt Year 12

SchoolComms

The school has started operating a 'First Day Response' system whereby the parents/carers of a student who is registered as absent from registration and period one without an explanation, will receive a text before 11.00am to determine why the student is not at school. If you do receive a text please contact the school by either phone or by replying to the text as soon as possible with the reason for the absence. We would therefore ask you to notify the school if your child is going to be absence or late for school for any reason, including doctor/dentist/orthodontist appointments.

Thank you

Mrs Smith
Attendance Officer

Marlborough News

This will be the last Marlborough Newsletter sent home via email. All future news articles will be put onto the school website which can be accessed via www.themarboroughscienceacademy.herts.sch.uk and click on the NEWS tab at the top of the home page. Why not save this as a favourite on your computer and regularly check in for details of our students' achievements and school notices.



Don't forget to let any family members that attended St Julians or Marlborough know about the Anniversary Tea on Sunday 12th May 12pm-4pm. This is an event for all ex students and staff and there will be guided tours, a chance to catch up with old friends and see some displays of their time at the school. Please register attendance on the school website.



English Star of the Month

The following students have all been awarded the English Star of the Month. Their names will go in a prize draw for a special gift at the end of term and their names will be put on the English notice board.

Year 7—Ellen Tait, Megan Parles, Chloe Lewis, Albert Smith Davis, Ritchie Suragh, Tasmin Baldwin and Faith Stacey

Year 8—Jessica Parkin, Nihal Rahman Shah, Jack Mooney, Nikki Li, Eve Briscoe and Antonia Loader

Year 9—Demi Jade Leigh, Ben Gipps, Natasha Chen, Charlie Irvine, Louise Bateman, Michael Ran, Finnian Barrow and James Blackley

Year 10—Emily Taylor, Zara Danton, Izaac Thomas, Sam MacKenzie, Chloe Salvage, Billy Grace and Sam Smeeth

Year 11—Emma Gilson, Sam Mortin, Yasmin Temple, Harry Thomas Bolton, Caitlin Wakefield, Bliss Goldie and James Fox

Year 12—Sarah Fabian and Jack Burge

Year 13—Alex Smith

Roll-up, read all about it!"

The second edition of the student newspaper, 'The Mo', is waiting for you in your form rooms, in the LRC and online. The Mo is written by the students, for the students - if you'd like to get involved come to S6 on Tuesday early lunch, speak to Maria de Silva, Jack Burge or Ms Redfern. Alternatively, you can email Ms Redfern directly.

The English department would like to offer their huge congratulations to former Year 9 student, Leoni Hughes, whose creative writing piece, 'Definition', has been shortlisted for the finals of the AQA creative writing competition.

The AQA Be Creative is a national competition for students aged between 14-19, to get this far is a phenomenal achievement and we keep our fingers crossed that she gets placed in the finals

St Albans Half Marathon – 5K Race (Aged 13 -16 years) – Sunday 9th June – 9.00am

We would like to encourage school pupils to take part in the 'Secondary School Challenge' – this is awarded to the school with the highest number of entries in the 5K race. NB To qualify towards the challenge pupils must be aged 13 – 16 years and must attend the school they are running for. Size of school will be taken into consideration for the challenge winners. *Please note that the winners of the Secondary School Challenge receive a cash donation for the school and trophy.*

The 5K race is chip timed, note the course is a single loop course all within the grounds of the Verulamium park. The race starts at 9.00am and participants must complete the full 5K. The St Albans Half Marathon event is a non profit making, charity event raising money for several local charities. It is also part of the Sports and Development Team which promotes a healthy and active lifestyle in St Albans.

Please note that there are **No late entries** on the day.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR SCHOOL NAME IN YOUR REGISTRATION. ENTRIES CLOSE ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE AT 12 NOON. ENTER ONLINE AT www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 June at 7:30pm

Our popular **Quiz Night** raised **£785** this year and the challenges and questions were enjoyed by teachers, parents and students. Thanks to the Rodways for more of their imaginative rounds and to all the participants for entering into the spirit and having a go. We are also grateful to Jane, Richard, Lynnette and Ollie for organising the bookings, and manning the bar on the night.

And the sun shone brightly. ..

Our first **Vintage & Carboot Sale** was

a great success and added **£637** to PTA funds whilst bringing together parents, friends and neighbours from the school and local community. Thanks to Julie, Dee and Jo for organising, and all the volunteers who directed cars, decorated the hall, donated cakes, cooked bacon, made tea and tidied up afterwards. And to Ron

who opened the gates early to let in all the eager sellers



Be a part of the M Festival 4

Advertise your local business in our programme

Book tickets for friends and family for a memorable day of music, food and fun

Volunteer to help on the day or to set up on Friday night/take down on Sunday

For further details see the school website or email

pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Available for hire

Year 7 and 8 Parents

You're invited to join us on 15th May at 6:45 for half an hour or so to discuss ideas for a social evening to help you meet other parents while we entertain the students with a disco in the school hall. For more information call Jo on 01727 835957.

Need a gazebo or two for your next party?
Rent a pop-up from the PTA for £20 or two
for £30.00

Deposit required

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