

Marlborough News

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We say a big thank you and good luck in their exams to our Head Boys and Head Girls who relinquish their posts soon in order to focus on their studies. Elliot, Kathy, Karine and Alex have been tremendous ambassadors for the school and splendid role models their whole time in office. In terms of what they have achieved I am particularly impressed with the systems in place to formalise student cabinet meetings. I am also really excited about their proposals for the launching of 'The Fridge', a place for younger students to go to for support during lunchtimes if they just need a bit of advice or somewhere quiet to go with their friends to or do activities. Thank you also to all of you for your loyalty to the school and for working so hard to 'put something back' - you have been a great group to work closely with.

We welcome Jonathan Leigh, Ayesha Akhal, Jamarl Billy and Amber Vincent as they take over in the roles of Head Boy/Head Girl and supporting Head Boy/Head Girl. They were voted in to their posts by staff and students based on their very strong presentations and powerful manifestos. I wish them every best wish for a successful year in office and I look forward to working with them. Good luck to you all in forthcoming exams.

Ms Thomson

Parent Consultation Evenings

Year 8 Parent Consultation evening is on Wednesday 23rd March and Year 7 is on Monday 28th March both starting at 2.30pm and school will finish at 2.05pm on these days. For the Year 10 Consultation Evening on Tuesday 15th March school will finish at the usual time of 3.05pm and consultations will start at 3.30pm.

Please note that there is no Homelearning club on the days school finishes earlier.

Work Experience

4th – 8th July 2011

The Year 10 students should now be well on the

way to choosing their work placements. If your son/daughter has not been online to look at the Herts Career Service placements they should do so immediately. The students have the details and their personal PIN number to use the webview. **If they are organising a private placement they should return these forms as soon as possible and no later than 25th March 2011.** Please can I remind you that the parental consent form should be signed and returned to the school immediately if you have not already done so. If you have any queries please call me on 01727 731399.

Please note that our Work Experience week is held at the same time as two other local schools. Thank you

Mrs Lewis
Careers Co-ordinator

PTA Quiz Saturday 12th March

Venue will now be Da Vinci Hall not Pascal Hall
Please book your tables soon by phoning Jane Sullivan on 01727 759604 or e.mail pta@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Romeo and Juliet



The main school production of Romeo and Juliet will be taking place on 29th March – 1st April 2011. Tickets will cost £4 adult/ £3 concession and performances will start at 7.30pm each night. The production will be a modernised version of the play and has been abridged in places to maintain the fluidity of the piece. The play contains a live band, music, singers, dances, an extremely well designed set, gymnastics, stage combat and graffiti artistry. As with all of Shakespeare's tragedies the play contains some violent scenes which we have



rehearsed with expert advice. There are explosions, loud reports, strobe lighting and special effects which will all make for a very exciting production but you may need to consider its appropriateness for very young children.

Mr J Griggs



Don't forget Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March and our dressing up theme for this year will be 'Heroes and Villains'. For those new to our school everybody dresses up accordingly to the theme and pays £1. We have assemblies throughout the day with a mix of educational and fun items and fund raising events throughout break and lunch times. Cucina will be coming up with a Red Nose Day menu and across the school as with previous years there will be one or two surprises. Red Noses are now available to purchase from Reception.

Please can I remind students not to bring in any toy weapons even if they are part of your fancy dress costume.

The day has always been a great day for us.

Ms Thomson

Free School Meals

Please click [here](#) for a guide to free school meals for parents and carers.



Prae Wood Primary School



Prae Wood Primary School will be celebrating their 40 years and to celebrate are planning a picnic / BBQ on Sunday 22nd May from 12 -3pm (whatever the weather).

We'd like as many past pupils, families and staff (as well as current ones) to come along. There will be photos and memorabilia, and the first Headteacher, Mr Stafford is coming along and the school will be open to wander around and reminisce.

For further details contact Helen Marshall on admin@praewood.herts.sch.uk or 01727 751930. They will need to know numbers for BBQ so please RVSP.

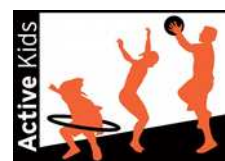
PE News

Year 11 Football - Quarter Final District cup
Roundwood Park 1 - Marlborough 4
Well done to the team and the goalscorers were Sam Law (1), John Vasey (1) and Jack McNamara (2)

Mr Cockram

Herts Judo Competition

Congratulations to Jack Woods and Marcus Reeves who took part in Herts Schools Judo Competition in Berkhamsted. In their category 15-17 year olds under 60kgs Jack won Gold and Marcus won Silver.



The PE Department are now collecting the Sainsburys Active vouchers. We would be most appreciative of any vouchers and they can be handed in at Reception or to the PE Office. Thank you



Please let your family and friends know we are collecting the Tesco Schools Vouchers and there is a collection box in the Library. Thank you.

Fixed Penalty Fine Notices

Fixed Penalty Fines can be issued to parents of a student who has had at least 21 unauthorised absences in the current and/or the previous term (21 sessions equals 10 and ½ days), and the parent has not been willing to take responsibility for securing their child's attendance and has not co-operated with any proposed voluntary or supportive measures suggested by the school. This includes meetings etc with FT's, DOL's or the school's Attendance Officer. A parent who continually fails to provide an explanation for a pupil's absence in accordance with the school's procedures would also be the subject to an FPN. This includes telephoning the absence line or contacting via email, details of which are published weekly in the newsletter and are available on the website, and sending in a note to the form tutor on return to school. The taking of holidays during term time without the school's permission, in combination with other unauthorised absences, could result in a period

of unauthorised absence in the current school year which exceeds 10 school days .

This applies to every child within a family, and separate notice could be issued for each one.

Home Learning Club for students takes place in the Library each evening from 3.10pm to 4.20pm

Students sign in and there is a record of attendance. There are themed sessions/weeks to focus on specific areas of the curriculum. Students have, in the past, indicated particular staff members with whom they feel comfortable and able to work and attend on the days these members of staff are present at Home Learning club. Home Learning club is supported by the SEN department and they have extensive experience of the issues raised by home learning and methods to support and develop learning. Occasionally, target sessions can take place on a 1-1 basis to develop a particular area of learning. There are a number of computers for which the students can sign up and they can access the internet for research, write word and publisher documents and excel spreadsheets. Obviously there is an extensive range of reading material to develop learning and enjoyment. There is a form available from Mrs Tan, Librarian, which can be signed by parents/carers to confirm the students' attendance at Home Learning Club.

Homework satro satree der jonoh libaryteh jagar aseh bikalshomoy 3.10pm - 4.20pm. Satro satree steh parbeh homework club homeworker jonoh, ebong aponara books ar computers bebohar korteh parben. ek haneh manoosh takbeh shahajer jonoh. Doyah koreh aponarah aponader bacha der ker ootsha deben ek haneh asha jonoh.

School attendance

Please can we remind parents to call the Attendance Line on 01727 731368 or via the email absence@marlborough.herts.sch.uk, both of which are available 24 hours a day, if a student is not going to be in school. This includes doctor, dentist and hospital appointments, which in any case should be made outside school hours if at all possible. It would be very helpful if parents call, even if they have sent a note via the student's form tutor as sometimes notes get left in bags and planners. Thank you

Marlborough School Science College Website

Don't forget you can obtain all the latest news and view previous newsletters on the school website at www.marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

We welcome articles submitted from students about anything that they have been involved with, both in and out of school.

If you would like to write an article for Marlborough News please contact andrea.clegg@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Perfect Moment Flowers Ltd

We would like to thank Perfect Moment florists who supply Marlborough with all their floral requirements. Perfect Moment are at 25 The Quadrant and their telephone number is 01727 852389.

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 7

- Saturday 12th March—PTA Quiz Night
- Monday 28th March—Consultation Evening
- Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April—School Production Romeo and Juliet
- Tuesday 3rd May—Friday 13th May—Exams Fortnight
- Thursday 12th May—Parents Think Tank 4.30pm
- Thursday 9th June—Whipsnade Zoo Trip
- Friday 17th June—Grade cards home
- M Festival of Music and Arts—Saturday 16th July
- Monday 18th July—Sports Day

Year 8

- Saturday 12th March—PTA Quiz Night
- Wednesday 23rd March—Consultation Evening 2.30pm
- Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April—School Production Romeo and Juliet
- Tuesday 3rd May—Friday 13th May—Exams Fortnight
- Thursday 12th May—Parents Think Tank 4.30pm
- Tuesday 17th May—HPV Vaccinations
- Friday 24th June—Grade cards home
- M Festival of Music and Arts—Saturday 16th July
- Monday 18th July—Sports Day

Year 9

- Saturday 12th March—PTA Quiz Night

- Tuesday 22nd March—Interactive Learning Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April—School Production Romeo and Juliet
- Thursday 12th May—Parents Think Tank 4.30pm
- Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May—Insight into Industry
- Friday 1st July—Grade Cards home
- M Festival of Music and Arts—Saturday 16th July
- Monday 18th July—Sports Day

Year 10

- Saturday 12th March—PTA Quiz Night
- Tuesday 15th March—Consultation Evening 3.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd March—Interactive Learning Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April—School Production Romeo and Juliet
- Friday 1st April—Geography Field Trip departs
- Tuesday 3rd May—Friday 13th May—Exams Fortnight
- Thursday 12th May—Parents Think Tank 4.30pm
- Monday 16th May—English GCSE Exam
- Wednesday 18th May—English GCSE Exam
- Thursday 16th June—Functional Skills Exam
- Monday 4th to Friday 8th July—Work Experience
- Friday 15th July—Grade cards home
- M Festival of Music and Arts—Saturday 16th July
- Monday 18th July—Sports Day

Year 11

- Saturday 12th March—PTA Quiz Night
- Tuesday 22nd March—Interactive Learning Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April—School Production Romeo and Juliet
- Thursday 12th May—Parents Think Tank 4.30pm
- Friday 13th May—Grade cards home
- Tuesday 24th May—GCSE English Exam
- Friday 24th June—Year 12 Taster Day
- Friday 1st July—Prom Night
- M Festival of Music and Arts—Saturday 16th July

Years 12 and 13

- Friday 4th March—Year 12 Progress Reports home

- Friday 11th March—Year 13 Progress Reports home
- Saturday 12th March—PTA Quiz Night
- Friday 18th March—Year 12 Geography Field Trip
- Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April—School Production Romeo and Juliet
- Thursday 12th May—Parents Think Tank 4.30pm
- Friday 13th May—Year 12 Study Leave Begins
- Monday 23rd May—Year 12 Applied ICT Resit
- M Festival of Music and Arts—Saturday 16th July
- Monday 18th July—Sports Day

TERM DATES Academic Year 2010/2011

Autumn Term 2010

Term starts Wednesday 5th January to Friday 8th April 2011

Easter Break: Monday 11th April to Monday 25th April 2011

Summer Term 2011

**Inset Day—Tuesday 26th April
Term starts Wednesday 27th April to Friday 22nd July 2011**

Royal Wedding Bank Holiday Friday 29th April 2011

May Bank Holiday: 2nd May 2011

Summer Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2011

Autumn Term 2011

**Inset Days—Monday 5th September and Tuesday 6th September
Term will start Wednesday 7th September
Year 7 and 12 students in all day
Year 8-11 until lunchtime
Term ends Friday 16th December 2011**

**Autumn Half Term
Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2011**

**Spring Term 2012
Inset Day—Tuesday 3rd January**

**Wednesday 4th January to Friday 30th
March 2012**

**Spring Half Term
Monday 13th February to Friday 17th
February 2012**

**Easter Break
Monday 2nd April to Friday 13th April 2012**

Summer Term 2012

**Inset Day—Monday 16th April
Term starts Tuesday 17th April to Friday
20th July 2012
Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday will be taken
Monday 23rd July 2012**

**Summer Half Term
Monday 4th to Friday 8th June 2012
May Bank Holiday — Monday 7th May 2012**

***There will be an Occasional Day in
November (to be confirmed)***

These dates are taken from the current school calendar. They are correct as of going to press. Please be aware that dates may change and you should always check with your son/daughter or the school to ensure that they are still as advertised. We will do all in our power to ensure that any changes are reflected on these pages as soon as we make the change

