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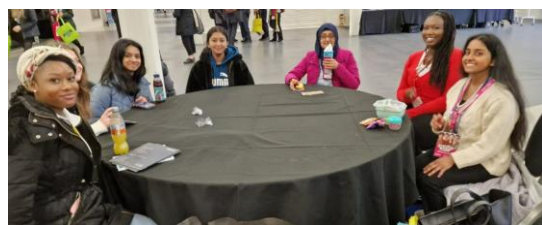


What happened last week in Sixth form

Year 13 have been helping to make positive change in the 6th form area by turning the silent study area into a library to make it a more relaxing and productive environment. On Monday students listened to an assembly on LGBTQ+ month where we discussed visibility within the community. On Tuesday, the up for discussion was on the changes made to Roald Dahl's books. On Wednesday the first 'Well-being Wednesday' which was a huge success. Students took part in Origami, mindfulness colouring, basketball, table tennis, Gaslands (a tabletop post-apocalyptic car game) and just dance. On Thursday many Y13 students came in to complete their coursework during the strike day and on Friday it was Mock The Week, a weekly quiz summarising the news of the week.



The new Sixth Form Library room



The Handmaid's Tale Lecture: Royal Holloway, University of London, delivered a lecture on The Handmaid's Tale to expand and consolidate student knowledge of the text.

Healthreach Workshop

A patient's journey: Students followed the journeys of patients during treatment and considered the multidisciplinary teams encountered along the way. They also started to learn some first aid, including dealing with asthma attacks and checking for vital signs. They also found out about heart rate, oxygen saturation and blood pressure.

Universities and Apprenticeship Fair year 12

Our year 12's spent the day thinking about their bright futures at the UK University and apprenticeship fair in Bristol. They had the opportunity to speak to lots of universities and attend seminars on the UCAS applications process, Student Finance, writing personal statements, student savings, social life, university rankings and making the most of Universities. There were also seminars on applying for apprenticeships, and Degree apprenticeships and the benefits of completing an apprenticeship.

What's coming up next week –

7th March – Dyson Robotics workshop

8th March – Alevel Maths inspiration trip



Virtual online masterclasses and super curricular activities

Taster sessions and days, talks, workshops, tutorial and conferences are being advertised at many universities. Visit the websites of your preferred institutions to view what they are

- **March 6 @ 12:45 - 13:45** insight4me Physics: Waves with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 6 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Computational Chemistry: Computational Chemistry - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 6 @ 11:15 - 12:00** Religious Studies/Philosophy: Skills & Insight - Meta-ethics - Cheating with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 7 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Aerospace Engineering: What Is Astrodynamics? Nottingham (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 7 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Classics/Drama: Sophocles' Theban Plays in the 21st Century with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 8 @ 17:45 - 18:30** International Women's Day: 'I Belong Here' – Science Study & Careers - UEA (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 9 @ 10:10 - 11:00** Extended Project Qualification: Developing Academic Writing Skills with Southampton (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [
- **March 9 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Health/Medicine: Skills & Insight – Supporting People With Mental Health Issues Through (Unrelated) Surgery/Treatment With University of Surrey [Find out more here](#)
- **March 9 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Think Tank – The Balance of Power – Government, Media, Markets? – Cutting Edge University Interdisciplinary Perspectives & Debate With Dr Jacob Mukherjee & Dr Paul Gunn From Goldsmiths, University of London [Find out more here](#)

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Year 13 UCAS information

- If you are dropping a qualification you MUST email the universities, including your UCAS ID number and informing them clearly about the change. You must also fill in this form for UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/forms/request-amendqualifications-listed-your-application>. If universities are not informed beforehand they have the right to withdraw their offer when they find out on results day.
- If you are going straight to university (even if you do not know which university) in September, apply now online for help with finance, including Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>
- If you have received an Unconditional Offer tell Ms Lewis if the offer comes with strings attached. The important thing is that you should not be bounced into accepting one as your Firm choice.
- Scholarships at universities are becoming more common, and this website may repay a visit <http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk>
- Free Gap Year Advice Session from Africa & Asia Venture (AV) gap year company. To book your session visit <https://www.avventure.co.uk/gap-year-advice/>
- The Language Gap offers a free consultation, with advice on the best language courses, teacher training, sports coaching, internships, volunteering and more. For more information visit <https://www.thelanguagegap.org.uk/>
- You might also like to consider applying for the Bulkeley-Evans HMC Scholarship Fund. For further details visit <http://www.gap-year-the-bulkeleyevans.co.uk/applications/> Applications should be made to the administrator at neil.mason1955@gmail.com by 31st May.

Finance webinars to help you

March 16 @ 17:15 - 18:00 HE Guidance: Student Money – How Does It Add Up? Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

March 30 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Understanding Financial Support At University - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

April 27 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

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BURNING UCAS QUESTIONS

I've applied for 2023- What about Student loans ?

- You can apply for finance in March. You don't need a confirmed place at a university or college to apply. Apply for student finance via <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

I've received replies from ALL the courses I applied for. Do I really have to decide between my offers now?

- You have until June 8th to respond to offers on your Track account so, there will be time to visit a university if you wish to know more about it.
- When you are sure, indicate FIRM ACCEPTANCE (F) of one offer and INSURANCE ACCEPTANCE (I) of another. You have to Withdraw from all other courses that have been offered to you.
- Your insurance acceptance will usually, but not always, be offering lower grades than your firm one, as it will only come into play if you are rejected from your firm place. If the institution you most want to go to happens to offer lower grades, rejoice and put that one first! Sometimes a place will be confirmed even if your grades are not good enough, so your firm and insurance could be for the same grades. N.B. You will not be able to turn down your firm place in favour of your insurance.
- When you have made your response, you either have to stick to it or withdraw from UCAS, which you can do on Results Day in August. Quite a number of people do withdraw and re-apply through Clearing or in their gap year because they have decided to change their course, or their exam results are better than expected.

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- You should also get accommodation arranged as quickly as possible if there is competition for places.

I now think I applied for the wrong subject - what can I do?

- If you have been made offers, you will have to turn them down, unless you contact them and can persuade a university to transfer your offer to a different course. If you are not yet sure, however, it may be wise to accept two offers and see how you feel after results come out. You can withdraw at that stage, or before, using the facility on your UCAS hub. When you have withdrawn you will then (and only then) be allowed to submit a 2024 UCAS application.
- Remember - there is nothing wrong with applying two years running to the same university (having changed your mind). Over 30% of Marlburians apply or re-apply post results, and virtually all are offered a place.
- If you want a place on a different course for 2023, you must decline all your offers before the results come out. You will then be able to apply through UCAS Extra (which advertises spaces from February 25th onwards) and Clearing (open from Results Day) for a place on any course which happens to have a vacancy.

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I want to drop a subject or EPQ

- If you are dropping a qualification you must tell the universities, and also email UCAS at qualsupport@ucas.ac.uk Include your UCAS ID number and clearly tell them about the change.
- If you don't tell them you are scaling down, you run the risk of them withdrawing an offer on results day when they will be expecting to see all the qualifications on your UCAS application.

I would like to have a Gap Year but I applied for 2023. Can I still have one?

- Many departments will agree to let you postpone your place until 2024. Google the contact details and then call or email the Admissions Tutor of the Department concerned, or the general Admissions Department for the university. Give them your UCAS number and explain what you want to do in your Gap Year. Guidance will be very happy to proof-read a draft of your email if you wish.
- You can do this before you accept any offers, or when you have received an offer, or in August when you have won a place (or at all three times!).
- You will probably be asked to confirm your request in writing.

I have got five rejections - help!

- Don't lose heart - this is only Round One. On February 23rd UCAS will invite you to use UCAS Extra, which until July 4th will list courses which still have vacancies. You can apply to one of these at a time.
- After the results come out, more places are available through Clearing, and you will be eligible for this. You will also find it easier to re-apply to courses asking for the right level of grades once you know your results.

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I have some offers, but I don't think I'm now going to make the grades – what should I do?

- Sometimes a department will let you in with lower grades e.g. BCD instead of BCC, or ABC instead of BBB. But don't assume that this will be the case (especially in the case of the most competitive courses/universities, or Scottish and Welsh universities who have number caps). If you are rejected in August, you become eligible for Clearing.
- If your grades are not good enough for a degree course, you may still be eligible for an HND, Dip HE or Foundation Degree. These are one or two-year courses, and if you do well you can transfer to the second or third year of a degree programme, so getting your degree.

I am interested in USA Higher Education, either in America or in this country

- The US system provides a more flexible set of entry requirements. Contact ACL about applying during a Gap Year.

I am interested in Irish universities

- Trinity College Dublin is particularly popular with Marlburians, but look at the guideline scores for entry on their website <http://www.tcd.ie> and contact FSM if you need assistance.

I'd like Direct Entry to Employment

- Each year a small number of Marlburians go straight into careers or apprenticeships, though opportunities may be limited. Progression up a career ladder may be slower for non-graduates, but Degree Apprenticeships mean you study while you work, and you get paid while avoiding tuition fees! See Firefly's Guidance area for information and links.

What about re-sits?

- Be realistic - but don't give up! With hard work you might make those grades. Don't get into a 're-sit mentality' too soon.

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Apprenticeships

[Uptree's opportunity listings](#) click on the link for weekly updates of lots of apprenticeships

- Allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk is a good place to find out more about the different types of degree apprenticeships available <https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/jobs/degree-apprenticeships>
- DLA Piper is offering a 6-year Solicitor Apprenticeship. You become a qualified solicitor with a degree LLB (Hons), in the Birmingham or London office. You will also work towards the Solicitors Regulatory Authority's (SRA) centralised assessment, the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE). Deadline to apply is 5pm Friday, 17th March 2023 [DLA Piper Early Careers - Apply \(dlapipergraduates.com\)](#)
- KPMG is offering apprenticeships including degrees in Audit, Consulting and Tax & Law. For more information visit <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice>
- Lloyds Bank Group is offering degree apprenticeships. For more information visit <https://www.lloydsbankinggroupalent.com/our-programmes/apprenticeships>
- Jisc is offering apprenticeships in ICT, legal and finance. Jisc is the UK's digital, data, and technology agency focused on tertiary education, research, and innovation. If you are interested in working in tech, visit <https://beta.jisc.ac.uk/jobs/graduate-and-apprenticeship-schemes/apprenticeshipscheme>
- Engineering and manufacturing apprenticeships with Muller Müller is one of the nation's favourite dairy brands, sourcing milk from 1,300 farmers in Britain to develop, manufacture and market a wide range of branded and private label dairy products for the UK market. Müller UK & Ireland is wholly owned by Unternehmensgruppe Theo Müller which employs over 31,000 people throughout Europe. In the UK, Müller develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of branded and private label dairy products made with milk from 1,300 farmers in Britain. [Apprenticeships with Müller \(getmyfirstjob.co.uk\)](#)

Work experience

- Visit Springpod to view the latest virtual work experience and insight days with companies such as NHS, Atkins, Jaguar Land Rover, Nestlé, Siemens, Barclays and Vodafone and in various sectors such as teaching, nursing, finance, law, journalism, software development, business management, investment banking, fashion, TV & film. For more information and to create an account visit <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?status=Open>
- The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is offering virtual work experience 3- 14 April. The programme features sustainability & climate change, managing infectious diseases, healthcare and future transport and includes e-learning materials, activities, videos, quizzes as well as access to live webinars with industry experts. For more information and to register by 27th March, visit <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/mechanical-engineeringvirtual-work-experience>
- Insight into University helps school leavers and undergraduates with companies across the UK. Vacancies in Year in Industry Placements include technology, computing, science, engineering, business, marketing and finance – from leading FTSE 100 companies to small innovative start-ups. For more information, visit <https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>
- PwC is offering a virtual Insight Programme designed to provide students with an understanding of different business areas, and the chance to build their network whilst developing their employability skills. For more information and to apply by 10th March, visit <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/ourprogrammes/insight-weeks.html>
- Get Into Medicine conference on Sunday 5th March 10am-3pm. This will help guide you through every stage of the UCAS application process for medicine, including tactically choosing universities, personal statements, UCAT and BMAT, interview skills, medical leadership programmes, awards programmes, extracurricular activities, work experience, building a CV and applying for scholarships. For more information and to register, visit <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-nationalhealthcare-weekend/>

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STUDENT SUPPORT MENTORING SESSIONS

1-2-1 15 minute sessions for Year 9-13 every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 15:00-17:00.

Applying for an apprenticeship and want help with your application? Unsure on what you want to do and want to learn more about your options? These weekly sessions are where you need to be!

- CV & Cover Letter help
- Interview Prep
- Tips on producing a strong application
- Understanding what your options are

You can sign up for your 1-2-1 session with this link [here](#)



These sessions are run by Max - Head of Student Success



These sessions are available during term time



GetMyFirstJob
Where it all starts.

Online Masterclass: ITV

Wednesday 22 March | 12.15pm | Online Event

Do your students dream of working in Television?

Learn about the different career opportunities and pathways available at ITV and the steps you can take to make your way into this sector. In this masterclass, you will find out the key skills and attributes ITV looks for, gain an insight into their recruitment process and receive top tips for CV writing, networking and how to stand out in interviews.

National Care Conference

Tuesday 7 March | 10am-3pm | Online or in person | Years 9-13

A **FREE National Conference – Who Cares?** – on working in social care that we are running on behalf of Hallmark Foundation in Central London, at the Royal College of General Practitioners.



Thursday 9 March | 12.15pm | Online Event

Every minute 8 people are hired on LinkedIn, so how do make sure you get the most out of it?

Erevena are an executive search firm focused on recruiting senior executives and leadership teams for high-growth investor-backed businesses, covering a broad range of sectors including Software, FinTech, Consumer and Health Tech. They use LinkedIn extensively for researching candidates and are going to share some hints and tips on getting started and some quick wins!

What you'll learn from this session:

- Some Do's & Don'ts for setting your profile up
- Hints & Tips for getting the most out of LinkedIn
- Learn how to use LinkedIn as a tool for researching jobs
- Expert advice on applying for jobs using LinkedIn



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LAUNCH YOUR CAREER



Date: 23/03/2023 10-11am
Industry: Science
Booking deadline: 15/03/2023
Opportunity ID: 4215
More information [here](#)



Date: 19/07/2023 11-12pm
Industry: Apprenticeships at Uni
Booking deadline: 23/06/2023
Opportunity ID: 4125
More information [here](#)



Date: 26/04/2023 10-11am
Industry: Music Industry
Booking deadline: 31/03/2023
Opportunity ID: 4635
More information [here](#)



Date: 27/04/2023 10-11am
Industry: Animal welfare
Booking deadline: 31/03/2023
Opportunity ID: 4089
More information [here](#)



Careers at the beating heart of the NHS
Date: 27/03/2023, 10-2.30pm
Industry: Medical, Health & Social care
Booking deadline: 16/03/2023
More information [here](#)



Sustainable energy careers
Date: 14/03/2023, 1-2.30
Industry: Renewable energy
Booking deadline: 10/03/2023
More information [here](#)
For schools in Swindon, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bristol, Cirencester and Bath. See attached RWE flyer (contact me **for** group bookings)



Explore Engineering- Future Ready & get hired by Vodafone ready to start this September!
Date: 14/03/2023, 10-12pm
Industry: Renewable energy. **Booking deadline:** 09/03/2023
More information [here](#)
Educators can complete [this form](#) for up to 15 students.
Young people can apply [here](#).

EXPLORE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Year 11-13



5-day work experience placements in planning across the UK with employers!

The work experience will take place during Easter half term with an organisation local to you.

You'll get to learn about different factors that all affect Town Planning including environmental, construction, real estate, design, and many others!



IN-PERSON WORK EXPERIENCE

How to apply:



Receive a certificate for completing the work experience that you can put on your CV & LinkedIn!

Applications close 08/03/23

Scan/click this QR code to sign up

Work Experience Dates: Week Commencing 03/04/23 & 11/04/23



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<p>Monday 6th March 11am-12pm</p>	<p>Food for Thought Campaign: Marcus Wareing, Chef-Owner of the one-Michelin-starred restaurant Marcus & Judge on MasterChef: The Professionals</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>We are very excited to announce a broadcast with Celebrity Chef and Judge on Masterchef: The Professionals with Marcus Wareing. Marcus is one of the most high profile and celebrated British Chefs. In this broadcast, we will find out more about what it takes to have a career in the sector, the routes in and Marcus will share his top tips for young people who are considering a career in hospitality.</p> <p>Click here to register</p> <p>We have lots more on offer as part of this campaign, find out more here!</p>
<p>Monday 6th March 2-2:45pm</p>	<p>National Careers Week: My Career in the NHS (NHS75) Danny Mortimer CEO, NHS Employers</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>Danny is the CEO of NHS Employers, which is the voice of employers across the NHS and leads work relating to pay and conditions as well as employment and development on behalf of the NHS. Danny can give insight into all the different unexpected careers that are available in the NHS and can talk about his experience working for the NHS. Join us in this broadcast and get a chance to ask any questions you may have regarding a career in the NHS.</p> <p>Click here to register</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th March 2-3pm</p>	<p>National Careers Week: My Career as a Lawyer- Kathleen Harris, Partner, Arnold & Porter</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>Get a chance to ask Kathleen questions about being a lawyer in this broadcast, she is co-chair of the firm's Anti-Corruption practice where she represents companies and individuals in a wide range of industries. She is recognised internationally as a leader in her practice area. In The Legal 500 she is recognised as having a very keen intellect and is an accomplished litigator with extensive knowledge of and experience in matters involving internal and external investigations and prosecutions.</p> <p>Click here to register</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th March 11-11:45am</p>	<p>International Women's Day: Baroness Martha Lane Fox, President, British Chambers of Commerce & Portfolio Chair & Entrepreneur</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>Baroness Martha is an entrepreneur with a very varied career, Martha is the founder and executive chair of Doteveryone.org.uk, a charity fighting for a fairer internet and building a movement for responsible technology. During this broadcast, Baroness Martha will be helping us celebrate womanhood by talking about her career and experience as a female Entrepreneur. Register now to hear this exciting broadcast.</p> <p>Click here to register</p>



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<p>Thursday 9th March 11am-12pm</p>	<p>Food for Thought Campaign: Simon Rogan, Chef, and Richard Vines, Writer and Broadcaster</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>Think you'd be a great food critic? Want to work in hospitality? Do not miss this opportunity to hear from Chef Simon Rogan and Food Critic, Richard Vines, when we will be announcing the winners and runner-ups of our national competition!! Best of luck!</p> <p>Click here to register</p>
<p>Thursday 9th March 2-2:45pm</p>	<p>National Careers Week: My Career as an Architect, Amanda Levette, Principal Architect, AL A</p> <p>For 14-18 years old</p>	<p>Amanda Levette is a RIBA Stirling Prize winning architect and founder and principal of AL_A, an international award-winning design and architecture studio. Recent commissions include the expansion of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the remodelling of Galeries Lafayette Haussmann in Paris, a 1.5 million sq ft luxury shopping mall and hotel in Bangkok, among many more. Amanda will not only talk about her career as an Architect but all the hidden job roles within this industry.</p> <p>Click here to register</p>
<p>Friday 10th March 11am-12pm</p>	<p>Food for Thought Campaign: Alain Roux, British Michelin starred chef, and chef-patron of The Waterside Inn</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>The Roux family are well renowned in the hospitality sector. Speakers for Schools are delighted to welcome Alain Roux for a broadcast with a deep dive into the hospitality sector. Alain started his career journey in hospitality at 14 and we will be asking him questions about the training involved, what skills and attributes he's picked up along the way. A broadcast not to be missed if you are a foodie!</p> <p>Click here to register</p>
<p>Friday 10th March 1:30-2:30pm</p>	<p>Food for Thought Campaign: Clare Smyth MBE, Three Michelin Star Chef</p> <p>For KS3-5/S1-6</p>	<p>Clare Smyth MBE is the first and only British female chef to hold three Michelin stars in the UK. Join this broadcast to find out more about Clare's career journey, what it takes to win Michelin stars, and more about the different roles available in hospitality.</p> <p>Click here to register</p>