



Marriotts Weekly News

Aim high. Work hard. Be kind.

6th July 2018

Dear Parents, carers, students and families

I hope that you are well and continuing to enjoy the fantastic weather. It has been another busy week at Marriotts.

Year 7 returned from PGL on Monday and the students had a fantastic time and engaged brilliantly with all their activities. Photos have been shared on Facebook. A big thank you to all the staff who gave up the weekend to support students during this trip. The German exchange was also a great success and students were really involved with German life and culture. We will share some photos in next week's news. On Monday and Tuesday this week, Year 9 and 10 music students excelled themselves in their BTEC concerts. It was amazing to see how many talented singers and musicians that we have across both year groups. Thank you to all parents who attend these events and especially to the music department who worked tirelessly to help students put on a good show.

This week we are pleased to have received the International School Award in recognition of the work that we do in our languages department and with our various foreign exchange trips. The Award recognises our promotion of the International dimension across the school and our commitment to embedding internationalism in our curriculum.

On Wednesday our History department took a group of students on a trip to Berlin and we were very pleased to have a report from passengers on the plane stating how polite and kind our students were.

Students in Years 10 and 12 finished their exams this week and we have been really impressed to the students' hard work and approach to learning and also very pleased with our new look exam hall (photos shared on Facebook).

Yesterday year 10 took part in a fantastic event to do with university life (please see below). This morning we had our leavers' assembly for Year 11 and we gave them a moving send off. Year 11 students started the same year that I became Headteacher at the school and it was wonderful to look back at their year 7 photographs and see how much they have grown, matured and progressed since joining the school, and also to remember the journey we have been on with them. Tonight is their prom and we hope that they have a fantastic celebration.

Many Year 11s joined us this week for sixth form induction and we are thrilled that so many of them are continuing their learning journey with us next year.

Next week we are very much looking forward to our new Year 7 Parents' Evening for children and families who will be transitioning to the school from September and to Transition Day when the new Year 7s will come to the school for a taster day.

Also next week we have the Whipsnade Zoo and Kew Gardens trip on Monday, the Year 8 First Give presentations on Tuesday, the Year 9 Battlefields Trip and the Variety Performance on Wednesday and Sports Day on Friday, so we are looking forward to a very busy and successful week ahead.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Beth Honnor
Headteacher

Year 10 – My Perfect University

Year 10 took part a university event, called My Perfect University on Thursday 5th July. This event was organised to broaden students' knowledge about university lifestyle and to get them considering different career paths. Throughout the day students learnt to develop skills in: team work, project management, organising and designing and presenting to a large audience.

University staff selected 3 teams to go through to the final. They were chosen for their professional commitment to the project and their positive engagement. These students will now attend the finals to compete with other schools in Hertfordshire on Tuesday 10th July.

Behaviour throughout the day was exceptional. Students developed their confidence and were highly engaged in the project. Visitors to the school stated the behaviour of our students was the best they had seen in schools across the country in 11 years. Congratulations and good luck to our finalists.



Big Bang Show Eastern

On the 5 July, STEM Club students from Years 7, 8 and 9 visited the Big Bang Show Eastern at the University of Hertfordshire. This event exists to increase interest in STEM subjects and to encourage students to consider a STEM-related career. Our students, who conducted themselves impeccably at the show, finished the day super-enthusiastic about how much they had enjoyed the day and how much they had learned.

All aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) were represented at the show and the students engaged in a diverse range of activities including making paper, paramedic training and advanced computing.

Given the success and educational value of this year's Big Bang we hope to take a larger group of students next year and compete in the student competition. Until then, we plan to invite representatives from some of the show's exhibitors into school to lead activities that will further promote interest in STEM.



Two of our Year 7 students working to save a life with the paramedics.



Five Marriotts students and their new friend: an advanced humanoid robot that reacts to language and other senses.

Rewards and Recognition

Teachers regularly issue Achievement Points to students who are **Aiming High, Working Hard or Being Kind**. Rewards and recognition of achievement are given out by Achievement Points each week and we would like to congratulate the following students who have received a Green Slip.

Green Slips

The following students have received green slips during the period: 22nd to 29th June.

Victoria C	7D
Georgia H	7D
Levi McM	7D
Rae M	7E
Drew M	7G
Otis S	7G
Charlie S	8B
Jasmine A	8E
Leo M	8E
Phoebe P	8E
Samuel P	8E
Pali S	8E
Emily S	8E
Rebecca T	8E
Millie B	8G
Misbha S	9F
Aleesha W	9F
Terri F	9G
Katie J	9G
Marcel M	9G
Matthew McA	9G
Maddison M	9H
Cosan C	10A

In addition, each week Conduct Points are analysed (Achievement Points minus Behaviour Points) and awarded to the students in each year group. We would like to congratulate the following students who have received a Yellow Slip.

Yellow List

The following students have received yellow slips since from 16th to 22nd June.

Gaby K	10A
Sophia M	10D
Ashraful I	10D
Michael D	10A
Dan C	10E
Cosan C	10A
Abigail W	10A
Ryan S	10D
Ashraful I	10D
Jess B	10D
Yashil S	10D
Jess S	9F
Lois W	9B
Justin O	9B
Tony H	9B
Keiran S	9H
Felicia S	9H
Mofe K	9C
Amelia S	9A
Amy M-C	9A
Charlie P	9D
Cameron R-J	9D

Dates for your Diary 2017/18

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July 2018

July 2018

4 th -7 th	Berlin Trip
6 th	Year 11 Prom
9th	Year 6 Parents' Evening
12th	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
13th	Sports Day
13th	End of Summer Term for Post 16
16th	Presentation Evening for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
18th	Sports Award Celebration

20th

Last day of term, students leave at 12.20

August 2018

Thursday 16th - A Level results day. Students can pick their results up between 8.30am to 12.00pm.

Thursday 23rd - GCSE results day. Students can pick their results up between 9.00am-12.00pm

Dates for your Diary 2018/19

Please note further Inset Days and an Occasional Day have yet to be included in this year's calendar.

Start of term:

Monday 3 September (*Week 1*) - Inset Day 1 - school closed to students

Tuesday 4 September - Year 7 Bootcamp - school closed to Years 8-11. Years 12/13 to be confirmed.

Wednesday 5 September - normal school day for all year groups

Monday 10 September (*Week 2*) - IAG/Tutor Evening Year 7, 6-8pm

Tuesday 11 September - IAG/Tutor Evening Year 8, 6-8pm

Wednesday 12 September - IAG/Tutor Evening Year 9, 6-8pm

Tuesday 18 September - IAG/Tutor Evening Years 10/12, 6-8pm

Wednesday 19 September - Combined IAG and P16 Evening (time TBC)

Tuesday 25 September - Open Evening

Half term holiday: Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November 2018

Christmas holiday: Monday 24 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019

Half term holiday: Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019

Easter holiday: Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April 2019

Half term holiday: Monday 27 May 2019 – Friday 31 May 2019

Summer holiday: Thursday 25 July 2019 – Friday 30 August 2019