

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all – it was fantastic to see our students back this week, with LFT testing running smoothly thanks to their sensible and supportive approach, meaning we got everyone back into classes learning with the shortest delay possible, with all 1440 students having had the opportunity to test by 10am on Thursday. We picked up 6 asymptomatic positive tests and now need your support to encourage your child to keep testing regularly to keep Covid-19 out of the school as much as we can to keep student and staff attendance high and learning face-to-face where we all want it.

The days are getting longer again, a full 19 minutes since the last parent bulletin – and we look forward to what the half-term has in store.

### Book Look Weeks and New Data Reports

We have been working for about a year with a focus group of parents to change the way that we share learning with home. As a result, we are now sending the new look data report home after the Christmas and Easter breaks, via email. At the same time – we are trying something new – **Book Looks**. Lots of books that students work in routinely stay in the classroom, others you may have seen regularly.

In Book Look week, staff will be sending home books for you to see alongside the data report, if you wish. To support this new initiative, we have a short explanatory video [here](#) and look out for additional information coming soon. We are keen to hear your feedback through a survey we will send after the event, and we also have our dedicated email address at: [marbooks@mar.mmat.co.uk](mailto:marbooks@mar.mmat.co.uk) All feedback will help us to shape our summer term version.

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Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Year 11 Sweet DNA Models



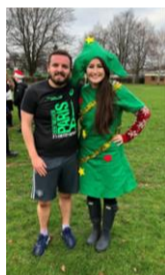
### Elite Athlete Program

Students recently had the opportunity to do a workout with Sean Kazab and Pete Pisani from Fiit, followed by a question and answer session with them. Sean and Pete shared an insight into working in the sports industry, as well as some advice for our athletes on their education and motivation.



### Year 11 Charity Fun Run

The final day before Christmas saw our first charity event of the year, supporting our chosen local charity **U&I counselling**. Thank you to all who donated online. Students joined in by paying to run the course, with badges for all students beating Mr Holmes and Mr Pritchard, both sub 4-hour marathon runners – who decided to handicap themselves by running together as a cow. The event was led by the Year 11 students, with the total raised to beat by other year groups being £529.88.



### Become a St John's Cadet

NHS Cadets is a new scheme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS, providing opportunities to explore skills, knowledge and volunteering roles within healthcare. It is aimed at young people aged 14 to 18 who are from communities currently under-represented within the NHS and St John Ambulance.

It is a free programme, consisting of weekly, 2-hour sessions for 11 months. Cadets will be supported throughout their volunteering journey by the NHS Cadets Team.

Follow the [link to apply](#)



## FOCUS

### Marches Reward Shop is Open

Students can spend the points they earn through lesson grading and treat themselves to something for their hard work. Izzie in Year 8 was the 1st student to place an order this year. She chose an Aico lunchbox, from the items donated by Aico. Izzie is now looking forward to earning more points to spend. Students can find the shop via the link on the House Team and will need their school email address to access it. Rewards points can be found on student's Arbor login. Thank you to **Aico** for their support with our rewards programme.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Years 12 and 13 Exam weeks begin.
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 Geography Field Trip.
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 Resilience Day and Parent Event.

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



## NEWS

Click here to view our latest news articles.

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