



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

# Parents' Pastoral Conference

*Ellis Theatre, Marlborough College*  
*20 January 2019*

Parents of pupils in the Lower School are warmly invited to join us for a series of presentations on pastoral issues relevant to parenting young teenagers.

We have again invited three fantastic speakers, all acknowledged experts in their fields. The day includes lunch, and, at the end of the day, you are warmly welcomed to join HMs for tea and the chance to chat about some of the pastoral issues addressed during the day.



# Parents' Pastoral Conference Programme

**10.15am** Welcome and opening reflections –  
The Master, Mrs Louise Moelwyn-  
Hughes and Lady Cayley (Deputy Head  
(Boarding))

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**10.30am** Dick Moore – How can parents support  
the mental wellbeing of their children?

Dick has been a housemaster, English teacher, rugby coach and headmaster, and he has a passionate interest in the emotional wellbeing of young people. Dick is an instructor in Youth Mental Health First Aid and an ambassador for the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust.

He is a great friend to Marlborough College, and comes to the College annually to train staff in the 'front line' of supporting the mental and emotional wellbeing of pupils, and to talk to pupils in the Hundreds about learning to 'dance in the rain'.

Having spoken at last year's inaugural Pastoral Conference, Dick returns to share with parents advice about how best to support their children's good mental health – and how to spot when additional help is needed.

[www.dickmoore.org](http://www.dickmoore.org)

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**11.45am** Claire Harvey MBE – Navigating  
diversity, practising inclusion – and why  
it matters to young people

Claire became the CEO of Diversity Role Models in 2017. She developed her expertise in diversity and inclusion through roles in the Criminal Justice System, Financial Services Authority and Youth Sport Trust. She started her career in the prison service. After 8 years as a fast-tracked prison governor she joined the Ministry of Justice to lead policy on young adult offenders. Most recently, she led KPMG's two-year progression from 156th to 10th in Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index. She is a GB Paralympian and was awarded the MBE in 2017 for services to Diversity, Inclusion and Sport.

Claire came to Marlborough in 2018 to present to staff about the work of DRM and their aim to create

a world where young people feel valued and respected for themselves, and value and respect others around them.

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**1pm** LUNCH

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**2pm** Richard Daniel Curtis – AWOL:  
The Missing Teenage Brain

Richard is a renowned behaviour expert and former teacher, with a focus on mindset and psychology. He is the founder of The Mentoring School, which works with charities, schools and colleges, universities, corporates and government. He is the author of The Curtis Scale, a tool to assess the social and emotional development of children and launched The Root of It – to support schools and provide special needs services, in 2013. He is an experienced broadcaster and writer about issues affecting young people.

He has written extensively on emotional issues surrounding adolescence, including The Parent's Guide to the Modern World and The Young Person's Guide to the Modern World.

His talk will address such common parenting questions as: Why do teenagers stay up so late, then sleep all weekend? Why are they so moody? Why is everything a drama? Where has my child gone?

His latest book, *AWOL: The Missing Teenage Brain*, covering brain development, common mental health issues and strategies for parents and professionals, is available to pre-order for a discounted price of £10 (RRP £12.99) on <https://df186.infusionsoft.app/app/storeFront/showProductDetail?productId=321>

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**3.30pm** Tea with HMs

HMs will be available for informal discussion of any of the issues raised by the day's presentations – or indeed other issues related to parenting young teenagers.

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**4.15pm** Conference ends