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QUICK FACTS

- **FULL BOARDING, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL**
1013 pupils; 56% male, 44% female
- **5 YEAR GROUPS**
(8th-12th grade equivalent)
- **150 MEMBERS OF TEACHING STAFF**
- **32 STUDENT PREFECTS**
- **OUR PUPILS** reside in 40 countries, represent 43 nationalities and 35 ethnic groups, with 15 languages spoken at home.
- **GRADUATING CLASS SIZE c.200**
98% go on to attend 3 - 4 year university courses.
- **10% of our pupils** are fee-assisted.

2023-24 SCHOOL PROFILE (CLASS OF 2024)

THE SCHOOL

Marlborough College, founded in 1843, is a highly regarded, nationally and internationally sought-after co-educational, full boarding school. We are situated 75 miles west of London in the charming market town of Marlborough. The 1013 pupils who are currently enrolled, grades 8-12, live in 16 boarding houses situated on an extensive campus. Marlborough offers the GCSE and GCE A level curriculum.

OUR MISSION

To deliver the best independent, co-educational, full boarding education in the UK and to be recognised for this globally. Set in a beautiful environment steeped in history, it is a welcoming community where ambition and scholarship are highly valued, creativity is celebrated, diversity is embraced and where each pupil is encouraged and challenged to be the best that they can be.

OUR VALUES

Ambition, community, service and initiative: these are the values that form the strong foundation of our boarding school and enable everyone to contribute, to feel valued and to fulfil their potential.

CURRICULUM ROUTES

Lower School (Grades 8,9 & 10)

Shell (8) – Broad based curriculum, which includes Mathematics, Science, Form (an innovative integrated Humanities course), Languages and Geography.

Remove (9) & Hundred (10) – A core of compulsory subjects plus a choice of up to five more from a wide range of options. A typical pupil will take 9 (I)GCSEs with the option of additional subjects such as Astronomy (we have an Observatory on-site), Latin, Greek and additional Languages and Arts subjects. (I)GCSE exams are completed at the end of the Summer Term of the Hundred (10) year.

Upper School (Grades 11 & 12)

Lower Sixth (11) and Upper Sixth (12) – Marlborough is a single-track system where all pupils now take A level. Pupils can choose to study 3 or 4 subjects. 13% graduated in 2022 with 4 subjects (UK universities require just 3 subjects). In addition, pupils can undertake the highly prized Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and additional courses such as Creative Writing.

CURRICULUM CALENDAR

The College runs on a Trimester system with courses rotating on a two-week block cycle, with 55-minute periods, six days a week.

GRADING SYSTEM

Pupils take public examinations at the end of their sophomore year ((I)GCSEs). They take senior year (GCE A level) public examinations at the end of the Upper Sixth (12).

INFORMATION PROVIDED IN TRANSCRIPTS

Final (I)GCSE exam grades will be shown with number grades (1-9).

Predicted A level grades will show a letter grade (A*-E).

MIDYEAR grades are used at the end of January to indicate current progress or any change to the Predicted Grade.

FINAL grades are not available until August after the pupil graduates.

STATEMENT ON CLASS RANK

Marlborough College does not calculate class rank or grade point average; instead academic achievement is reported through the public examination results. We do not 'rate' our students on the Common Application.

GRADUATION

This depends upon the completion of 3 A level examinations. Examination results become available circa. 15th August in 2024.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE MALAYSIA

In the Johor Peninsula; a genuine expansion of Marlborough College UK with management and governance directly linked. Pupils and staff take part in regular exchanges to enhance teaching and learning.

We welcome email or telephone communication from Universities should any details – whether general or specific to an applicant – need clarification. Please contact Alys Langdale (details above).

COURSES OF STUDY

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM 2023-24

The web page below contains a pdf brochure of our latest Sixth Form Curriculum Handbook which outlines each subject in greater detail.

<https://www.marlbroughcollege.org/academic/curriculum-overview/>

CLASSICS

Classical Greek: OCR (H444)
Latin: OCR (H443)

ENGLISH

Creative Writing: WEB (AFA)
English Literature: Eduqas 601/4870/6

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Extended Project (EP) Level 3: Edexcel (ZPJ3)

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics: Edexcel (9MA0)
Further Mathematics: Edexcel (9FM0)
Mathematics in Context: Edexcel (7MC0)

MODERN LANGUAGES

French: Edexcel (9FR0)
German: Edexcel (9GN0)
Italian: Edexcel (9IN0)
Mandarin Chinese: HSK level 3 and 4 qualification plus EPQ (Edexcel ZPJ3) in Chinese Culture
Spanish: Edexcel (9SP0)
Russian: Edexcel (9RU0)
French: DELF (B1)
German: Goethe Zertifikat (B1)
Spanish: DELE (A2/B1)

Marlborough certificate in Arabic
Marlborough certificate in Hebrew
Marlborough certificate in Japanese
Mandarin Chinese GCSE
Russian GCSE, Italian (I)GCSE

MUSIC

Music: Edexcel (9MU0)
Music Technology: Edexcel (9MT0)

PERFORMING/VISUAL ARTS

Art and Design (Fine Art): OCR (H601)
Art and Design (Photography): OCR (H603)
Design & Technology: Product Design: OCR (H406)
Drama & Theatre Studies: Edexcel (9DR0)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Exercise and Sport Sciences: OCR H555

SCIENCE

Biology: OCR 'A' (H420)
Chemistry: OCR 'A' (H432)
Physics: EDUQAS (A420QS)
Psychology: AQA (7182)
Computer Science AQA (7517)

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Business: Edexcel (9BS0)
Economics: Edexcel (9ECO)
Geography: AQA (7037)

HUMANITIES

History of Art: Edexcel (9HT0)
Classical Civilisation: OCR (H408)
History: OCR (H505)
Philosophy and Theology: OCR (H573)
Politics: Edexcel 9PLO

ACADEMIC EXTENSION – COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

At Lower Sixth, beyond the three or four main A level subjects, pupils have the option to study one 'extra', as part of our commitment to helping pupils discover new passions or feed existing ones. These include the Extended Project Qualification, Creative Writing AFA, Crest Gold Engineering Project and a number of (I)GCSE language options.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Now entering its eleventh full year, it is offered to both Upper and Lower Sixth pupils as an extra qualification. The EPQ is 100% coursework, internally marked and externally moderated. It is A level standard (graded up to A*) but worth the UCAS points of an AS level.

(I)GCSEs

A two-year course examined at the end of Hundred (10). Pupils normally take 9 or more subjects including English Language and Literature, a foreign language, Mathematics and two or three sciences. The results in the two tables here are for 2022 (the cohort of pupils now in year 12).

Grades	Percentage achieving Marlborough College	Cumulative % achieving Marlborough College
A* (8-9)	53	53
A (7)	24	77
B (6)	14	92
C (4-5)	8	100
D-E (3-1)	1	100

In 2022, Marlborough College pupils achieved 100% 9-3 grades with 77% 9-7.

Grades	Cumulative % achieving Nationally	Cumulative % achieving Marlborough College
A* (8-9)	16	53
A*/A (7)	27	77
A*/C (4-5)	73	100

A level

A two-year course examined at the end of Upper Sixth (12).

In 2023, 61% of our A level results were graded A* or A, 88% A*/A or B and 99% graded A* to D.

Grades	Cumulative % achieving Nationally	Cumulative % achieving Marlborough College
A*	9	24
A*/A	27	61
A*/B	52	88
A*/C	75	96
A*/D	89	99
A*/E	96	100

EPQ

In 2022/23, 102 pupils in the Upper Sixth carried out the EPQ with 48 A*, 31 A, 17 B and 6 C grades awarded.

Standardised Testing

Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad:

In recent years, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our pupils' applications.

Access to testing has been extremely difficult this year.

Standardised testing is not supported within the curriculum. However, we became an ACT test centre in September 2016 and are now offering ACT CBT testing.



CIE Pre-U Results for 2019

Subject	No.†	D1	D2	D3	M1	M2	M3	P1	P2
Art History	35	1	2	11	6	11	3	1	
Chinese	2				2				
French	18		3	6	4	3	2		
German	3	1			2				
History	31	1	10	11	4	4			1
Italian	5				3		1	1	
Literature & English	31	2	10	13	3	1	1	1	
Philosophy & Theology	52	1	8	10	7	9	8	8	1
Russian	3		1	1	1				
Spanish	14	1	4	4	3		2		
Totals	194	7	38	56	35	28	17	11	2

UK Universities attended by Marlburians (where more than 1 pupil has attended)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Exeter	45	17	25	27	21
Bristol	22	17	18	7	12
Durham	22	21	32	38	12
Newcastle	22	24	31	20	27
Edinburgh	14	14	27	19	24
Bath	9	2	2	5	6
Oxford Brookes	9	18	7	8	14
Cardiff	7	4	5	6	3
Manchester	7	4	3	14	7
Leeds	6	7	10	3	7
Oxford	6	7	4	3	10
Reading	5	1	1	1	0
University of Arts, London	5	0	0	1	0
LSE	4	1	1	1	2
UCL	4	2	4	4	8
King's College, London	2	4	5	3	3
Liverpool	2	3	0	2	0
York	2	3	2	2	0
Cambridge	1	4	2	6	3
Courtauld Institute of Art	1	4	2	1	0
Loughborough	1	7	0	2	1
Nottingham	1	3	4	3	4

GCE A Level Results by Subject for 2019

Subject	No.†	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	%pass	%A*AB
Art	29	7	10	11	1				100	97
Biology	15	2	4	7	2				100	87
Business	36	3	7	15	8	1	2		100	69
Chemistry	23	3	10	8	1	1			100	91
Classical Civilisation	5		2	2	1				100	80
Computer Science	5		1	1		2		1	80	40
Design	10	1	1	4	1	2	1		100	60
Economics	43	2	16	13	10	2			100	72
Geography	18	2	8	6	2				100	89
Greek	4		4						100	100
Latin	6	2	3			1			100	83
Mathematics	73	11	17	20	14	8	3		100	66
Mathematics (Further)	10	4	2	3		1			100	90
Music	7	1	3	3					100	100
Music Technology	7	1	3	3					100	100
Physical Education	5		2	2	1				100	80
Physics	29	3	12	9	4	1			100	83
Politics	58	1	14	28	12	3			100	74
Psychology	11		3	4	2	2			100	64
Theatre Studies	5	2	3						100	100
Turkish	1		1						100	100
Totals	400	45	124	138	61	25	6	1	99	77

87% of the **Class of 2023** achieved their first-choice university.

74% of the cohort accepted an offer from one of the Russell Group universities.

Our international university application rate is consistently double the UK Independent school average.

Every year 10% of Marlburians matriculate from international universities with North America the dominant destination.

Marlborough College International University Acceptances (*denotes matriculation)

American University*	Georgetown University *	Pratt	University of British Columbia*
Amsterdam University College*	Georgia Institute of Technology *	Princeton University*	University of Denver
Arizona State University	Hamilton College	Rhode Island School of Art & Design	University of Maastricht*
Babson*	Harvard College*	Ringling	University of Melbourne*
Bard College*	Haverford*	Santa Clara University*	University of Miami*
Barnard College *	HKUST*	Savannah College of Art and Design*	University of Michigan
Barry University	IE University Madrid *	Skidmore College*	University of New Brunswick
Bentley University	Indiana University-Bloomington	Sophia University - S Korea	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*
Berklee College of Music*	Ithaca College	Stanford University *	University of Notre Dame *
Bocconi University-Italy *	James Madison University	Suffolk University	University of Pennsylvania *
Boston College	John Cabot, Rome*	SUNY Stony Brook	University of Southern California *
Boston University*	John Hopkins University *	Swarthmore	University of Sydney*
Brown University*	LeHigh University	Syracuse University *	University of Texas Austin*
Bucknell University*	Leiden University*	The New School (Parsons NYC)	University of Toronto*
Colgate University	Lynn University	Trinity College	University of Utrecht*
College of William and Mary	Maastricht University*	Trinity College Dublin	University of Virginia *
Columbia College Chicago*	Manhattanville College	Tufts University *	University of Washington, Seattle*
Columbia University *	McGill University*	Tulane University *	Utrecht University*
Cornell University*	MICA	UC Boulder	Vassar
Curry University	Michigan State University*	UC Los Angeles *	Villanova University
Denison University *	Middlebury College	UC Riverside*	Wake Forest University
Dickinson University *	New York University * (incl. NYUAD*)	UC San Diego	Wesleyan University
Duke*	Northeastern University *	UC Santa Barbara	Western University*
EHL-Switzerland *	Northwestern University*	UC Santa Cruz	Yale College*
Emerson College *	Notre Dame*	University of Chicago*	Yonsei University - Japan
Emory University	Old Dominion University	University of Oregon*	
George Washington University*	Pace University *	University of Alberta*	