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QUICK FACTS

- **FULL BOARDING, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL**
  1011 pupils; 56% male, 44% female
- **5 YEAR GROUPS**
  (8th-12th grade equivalent)
- **150 MEMBERS OF TEACHING STAFF**
- **30 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.
- **12% of our pupils** are fee-assisted.

2024-25 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 1011 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, English, History, Religious Studies, 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 take A level. Pupils can choose to study 3 or 4 subjects. 13% graduated in 2023 with 4 subjects (UK universities require just 3 subjects). In addition, pupils can undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and additional courses such as Creative Writing.

CURRICULUM CALENDAR

The College runs on a Trimester system with 40 minute teaching 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 (9-1).

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. 14th August in 2025.

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 2024-25

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

https://www.marlboroughcollege.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 twelfth 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*) and is weighted as half an A 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 2023 (the cohort of pupils now in year 12).

Grades	Percentage achieving Marlborough College	Cumulative % achieving Marlborough College
A* (8-9)	47	47
A (7)	25	72
B (6)	16	88
C (4-5)	11	99
D-E (3-1)	1	100

In 2023, Marlborough College pupils achieved 99% 9-3 grades with 72% 9-7.

Grades	Cumulative % achieving Nationally	Cumulative % achieving Marlborough College
A* (8-9)	13	47
A*/A (7-9)	22	72
A*/C (4-9)	70	99

A level

A two-year course examined at the end of Upper Sixth (12). Pre-U courses will not be offered from the academic year 2023-24.

In 2024, 60% of our A level results were graded A* or A, 86% A*/A or B and 99% graded A* to D.

Grades	Cumulative % achieving Nationally	Cumulative % achieving Marlborough College
A*	9	20
A*/A	28	59
A*/B	54	86
A*/C	76	96
A*/D	90	99
A*/E	97	100

EPQ

In 2023/24, 108 pupils in the Upper Sixth carried out the EPQ with 41 A*, 38 A, 20 B and 8 C grades awarded.

Standardised Testing

Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad:

In recent years, our students have had less access to SAT 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.

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 once a year.

INTERNATIONAL ACAC
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UK Universities attended by Marlburians

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
University of Exeter	30	45	17	25	27
Durham University	24	22	21	32	38
University of Bristol	24	22	17	18	7
The University of Edinburgh	21	14	14	27	19
Newcastle University	15	22	24	31	20
University of Manchester	13	7	4	3	14
University of Leeds	10	6	7	10	3
University of Bath	9	9	2	2	5
Cardiff University	9	7	4	5	6
Oxford Brookes University	6	9	18	7	8
King's College London, University of London	6	2	4	5	3
University of St Andrews	5	2	0	0	3
University of Oxford	5	6	7	4	3
UCL (University College London)	5	4	2	4	4
University of Nottingham	5	1	3	4	3
Loughborough University	4	1	7	0	2
University of Liverpool	2	2	3	0	2
City, University of London	2	0	0	0	0
University of Cambridge	2	1	4	2	6
University of Warwick	2	1	1	0	2
University of York	1	2	3	2	2
University of the Arts London	1	5	0	0	1
Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London	1	1	4	2	1

GCE A Level Results by Subject for 2024

Subject	No.†	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	%pass	%A*AB
Art	39	11	15	12	1				100	97
Business	36	5	14	6	7	4			100	69
Biology	24	3	7	10	1	3			100	83
Classical Greek	2	1	1						100	100
Chemistry	28	6	10	7	3	1	1		100	82
Classical Civilisation	2			1		1			100	50
Computer Science	12		6	4	1	1			100	83
German	9		5	3	1				100	89
Theatre Studies	9		4	5					100	100
Design Technology	6	2	3		1				100	83
Economics	80	7	34	27	8	4			100	85
English	47	15	16	15	1				100	98
Further Maths	16	4	10	2					100	100
French	19	5	11	3					100	100
Geography	39	6	17	12	4				100	90
History	30	2	16	9	3				100	90
Art History	30	1	11	11	6	1			100	77
Italian	6	4	1		1				100	83
Latin	5	1	3	1					100	100
Mathematics	62	18	23	8	9	3	1		100	79
Music Technology	3		1	1	1				100	67
Music	6	2	4						100	100
Physical Education	14	2	3	5	2	2			100	71
Physics	22	4	9	3	4	1	1		100	73
Politics	69	18	28	15	7	1			100	88
Psychology	30	1	7	11	5	5		1	97	63
Religious Studies	34	8	10	11	5				100	85
Russian	13	11	2						100	100
Spanish	20	5	10	4	1				100	95
Totals	**712**	**142**	**281**	**186**	**72**	**27**	**3**	**1**	**99.9**	**85.5**

Over 90% of the **Class of 2024** achieved their first-choice university.
Over 80% 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*
Amsterdam University College*
Arizona State University
Babson*
Bard College*
Barnard College*
Barry University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music*
Bocconi University-Italy*
Boston College
Boston University*
Brown University*
Bucknell University*
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
Columbia College Chicago*
Columbia University*
Cornell University*
Curry University
Denison University*
Dickinson University*
Duke*
EHL-Switzerland*
Emerson College *
Emory University
George Washington University*
Georgetown University*
Georgia Institute of Technology*
Hamilton College
Harvard College*
Haverford*
HKUST*
IE University Madrid*
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Cabot, Rome*
John Hopkins University*
LeHigh University
Leiden University*
Lynn University
Maastricht University*
Manhattanville College
McGill University*
MICA
Michigan State University*
Middlebury College
New York University* (incl. NYUAD*)
Northeastern University*
Northwestern University*
Notre Dame*
Old Dominion University
Pace University*
Pratt
Princeton University*
Rhode Island School of Art & Design
Ringling
Santa Clara University*
Savannah College of Art and Design*
Skidmore College*
Sophia University – S Korea
Stanford University*
Suffolk University
SUNY Stony Brook
Swarthmore
Syracuse University*
The New School (Parsons NYC)
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University*
Tulane University*
UC Berkeley
UC Boulder
UC Los Angeles
*UC Riverside
*UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
University of Chicago*
University of Oregon*
University of Alberta*
University of British Columbia*
University of Denver
University of Maastricht*
University of Melbourne*
University of Miami*
University of Michigan
University of New Brunswick
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*
University of Notre Dame*
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Southern California*
University of Sydney*
University of Texas Austin*
University of Toronto*
University of Utrecht*
University of Virginia*
University of Washington, Seattle*
Utrecht University*
Vassar
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Wesleyan University
Western University
Yale College*
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