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## **SUMMER SCHOOL 2021 ON SALE NOW**

**Relishing the opportunity to try something different this summer? Keen to delight in the social side of life again as you explore the Great West Way? You will be excited to hear that Marlborough College Summer School is welcoming bookings for 2021.**

Marlborough's much-loved Summer School will return from **11 July to 7 August 2021** with more than 500 courses and a wealth of entertainment suitable for all ages and interests. Enjoy a stress-free staycation with family and friends, develop a skill or an interest you discovered during Lockdown or relax while the children are amused for a week, this unique event at the heart of England's Great West Way truly offers something for everyone.

While the majority of courses that Summer School were hoping to run last summer have been carried across to 2021, some new additions have been added to the programme. In usual eclectic style, these range from topical titles such as Mankind Versus the Planet and State of Emergency to practical courses on Basic Bike Maintenance. You can discover the History of the Motor Car, enjoy Painting in Acrylics or even explore Inside the Mind of a Murderer! For those interested in taking away from their Great West Way trip more than just happy memories, there are also a number of courses providing insight into Wiltshire's diverse scenery, wildlife, and prehistoric sites.

New courses for young people are equally diverse encompassing everything from Calligraphy to Building Resilience and playing Polo to Dungeons and Dragons. Perennial favourites such as Fly Fishing, Horse Riding and Mountain Biking make the most of the great outdoors surrounding Marlborough College.

Marilyn McGee from Corsham who has been enjoying courses at Marlborough College for 23 years says, *"I have learned so many new skills and acquired much more knowledge of various subjects. I can thoroughly recommend Summer School to anyone who wishes to be part of a friendly learning environment."* Marilyn adds, *"Why do I keep coming back? You are never too old to learn something new!!"*

After postponing the 2020 event, the Summer School team are delighted to be back on sale and giving both familiar and first-time attendees something to look forward to, whether booking solo or as part of a group.

*"When I arrived, it was a completely new experience for me and I loved it"* says Summer School guest, Richard Ellison of Stafford. *"As someone travelling alone, you are rarely without company. There's always someone to talk to."*

Sarah Cliff from Petersfield took her first life drawing class while on holiday with 3 generations of her family at Marlborough College Summer School. She says, *"Summer School gave me the opportunity to enjoy time focused on developing my practice while the rest of the family were off exploring their interests."*

Summer School Director, John Blake explains, *"Like Marilyn, Richard and Sarah many of our guests return year after year to renew friendships and enjoy the company of like-minded people. After we've all spent so much time at home over the past year, many in complete*

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*isolation, Summer School is going to be a wonderful opportunity to re-unite with others. Or perhaps, in the case of parents, a chance to enjoy some much needed me-time while we entertain and 'school' the children for you!"*

You can rest assured that Marlborough College will operate in line with any Government guidelines in place at the time of Summer School to ensure the wellbeing of all guests and colleagues. Additionally, if Covid-19 means that your plans need to change between now and the summer you can request a refund at any time up to and including 30 June 2021 without losing your deposit.

*"With many customers deciding to carry their booking over to 2021, and increased demand for UK staycations our courses are filling fast"* explains John.

Marlborough College's historic grounds are conveniently located so that during your stay you can take a tranquil walk on the Downs, or head down the bustling high street to enjoy some retail therapy and discover historic buildings like the Merchant's House. The World Heritage Sites of Avebury and Stonehenge are also within easy driving distance of the Summer School.

To ensure you don't miss out, head to [summerschool.co.uk](https://summerschool.co.uk) where you can browse and book the full range of courses and Gala entertainments on offer. Alternatively, you can give the Summer School team a call on 01672 892388.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

**Photos available on request.**

**For the full case stories of Marilyn, Richard and Sarah see; <https://summerschool.co.uk/your-summer-school-stories>.**

### **About Marlborough College Summer School**

Since the inaugural Marlborough College Summer School in 1974, this event has gone from strength to strength and can now lay claim to being one of the largest multi-generational Summer Schools in Europe. All courses run from Monday to Friday and last for either five full or five half days, giving you the opportunity to enjoy up to two different courses each week. The eclectic range of subjects encompass the creative arts, history and culture, landscape and architecture, body and mind, science and computing, life skills, country pursuits and sport. There is also an extensive entertainment programme featuring lectures, film nights, evening excursions, recitals and outstanding Gala Performances every Tuesday and Friday evening. With so much going on, many opt to take advantage of Marlborough's onsite accommodation package, which includes full board, free admittance to all entertainment and use of the College's state-of-the art sports and leisure facilities. The College's historic grounds are also conveniently located to enjoy Marlborough's famous high street, the beautiful Wiltshire countryside and the Great West Way.

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