



PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Message from the Principal

Overall another good week back, it certainly felt busier with all students back all week, but nice to see so much learning. Adjusting to new expectations has gone well.

I am asking parents/carers to ensure that their child has a face covering with them in school or if they are exempt they have asked for an exemption card from their SDL. If/when we need to make face coverings in school compulsory in some situations we want to be prepared to move to this swiftly.

While school has started well, I have to remind a small number of parents /carers of their child's responsibilities in the community. We can and do take action where students are not behaving appropriately or not following COVID guidance, but this is not something we can easily enforce when students are not in school, so please reinforce your expectations to your child if you allow them out on their own. This will be even more important as restrictions on the number of people allowed to gather are reduced after this weekend.

Take care, Shaun Simmons. Principal

Detention Emails

For the small number of students who are set after school detentions, please do not reply to the email address used for a detention message, this email address is not constantly monitored. To discuss the detention, please contact your child's SDL directly by email or via school Reception by telephone.

ParentPay Lunch Monies

Currently all students have a £5.00 per day daily limit unless you have requested for this to be reduced. If you would like to reduce your child's daily limit, please contact the Finance Office. If you wish to see what your child has purchased for lunch you can check this by logging in to ParentPay and selecting 'balance history' or 'transaction history'.

Satchel One

Our Home Learning platform, Satchel One (SMHW) is back up and running. Please ensure your child checks their Satchel One daily to keep on top of any Home Learning tasks being set.

Upcoming Assessment Windows

Year 10 - Internal assessments across all subjects will take place w/c Monday 19th October, with progress reports being sent to parents and carers week commencing 17th November. If there are any variations to this, students will be informed directly.
Years 11 and 13 - Pre-public Examinations will commence on Monday 9th November and run until Friday 20th November. Students will sit examinations in all subjects they study. You will soon receive a copy of the timetable of examinations so you cannot support your child with their preparations for these.

School Reception

School Reception is only open for the collection of uniform ordered via the school website or to collect your child. When in reception you must wear a face covering unless exempt. If you wish to contact your year group team please email them.

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October – last day of Term 1

Week beginning Monday 14 th September	Week A
Week beginning Monday 21 st September	Week B
Week beginning Monday 28 th September	Week A
Week beginning Monday 5 th October	Week B
Week beginning Monday 12 th October	Week A
Week beginning Monday 19 th October	Week B

Student Absence

Please could parents/carers be precise with reasons for absence when texting or telephoning as 'sickness/not well' is not sufficient information in the current climate.

SIMS Parent App

Many parents are already using the SIMS Parent App but if you haven't already registered we strongly recommend you do. The app enables you to view your child's achievements, behaviour record, timetable, diary events and attendance information. This year we are also providing parents with progress reports via the app. A registration email was sent to all parents at the start of term and will be resent today, please follow the link on the email. Parents can also access the site online if they prefer not to have the App. If you are experiencing any difficulties logging onto the App, please email ITSupport@marshacademy.org.uk

We will send you an email invitation....

1. We will send email invitations using the email address you have supplied us upon registering your child at The Marsh Academy
2. Open the email from marshacademy@marshacademy.org.uk (you may need to check your junk mail folder)
3. Click on the 'Accept Invitation' link as shown below

Download the App or go online....

When downloading the App please select SIMS Parent and not SIMS Parent Lite (SIMS Parent Lite is a restricted version)

Sign in with your existing account

You will need to sign in using an existing account, for example if you already have a Facebook account click on 'Sign in with Facebook'. Please do not select SIMS ID. If you need to create a new account as you do not have an existing account we recommend you set up a Google Account.

Registration

You will have received an invite code from either Capita SIMS for a new service or from your school administrator if you are being invited to join a school network. Please enter the code below and tap or click Register.

Sign in with: Facebook, Google, Twitter, Microsoft

Registration - Answer Security Questions

You are required to provide a second piece of information to confirm your identity. Please answer the following question.

What is your date of birth? (dd/mm/yyyy)

Enter your child's date of birth in the format dd/mm/yyyy and then click on Verify

You can access...

The school

- The schools calendar – terms dates
- School diary events – notifications
- Update your family information

Your child

- Detailed calendar – all events for your child
- Day to day timetable
- Assessment grades
- School reports
- Attendance history

Notifications

- School diary events
- Attendance summary
- Conduct

Home Dashboard Conduct Timetable Reports Messages Data Collection

Year 11 Information Evening

On Thursday 17th September we will host our first Year 11 Information Evening. Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the survey about attendance at the evening. To enable social distancing to be maintained we have offered three separate 45 minute slots:

- 16:30-17:15
- 17:30-18:15
- 18:30-19:15

The survey has now closed but if you did not indicate attendance and would now like to attend, please email asharp@marshacademy.org.uk with your preferred time slot. We will try to, as far as possible, accommodate your preference but depending on numbers, you may be offered an alternative slot. For those who have already responded to the survey and indicated attendance, you will receive details of the slot you have been booked into on Monday 14th September.

To ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible, we would ask you to adhere to the following:

- Face coverings must be worn for the duration of the event
- Only one parent/carer can attend and your child (Year 11 student) will attend with you
- If you have other children, unfortunately they **cannot** attend
- The one way system must be followed at all times
- You must sanitise your hands on entry to and exit from The Academy
- You must maintain social distancing from staff and other parents/carers/students at all times
- You **MUST NOT** attend if you have been told to self-isolate
- You **MUST NOT** attend if you or someone in your household is symptomatic
- You **MUST NOT** attend if you or someone in your household is awaiting test results