



PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2020

Message from Principal

I would like to congratulate some members of Post 16 who retook their English or maths GCSE exams in November and are receiving results. It is nice to see the improved grades and some students managing to get the 4 grade they were so keen to achieve.

I am also pleased that the behaviour of students around the school site has been much better this year than last term which allows staff to spend more time focusing on helping students and supporting with their work which is so important. We are aware that there have been a few issues in the community in New Romney and Lydd in evening and weekends so while these may not be related to our students, a reminder to the small number of parents whose children may be out in the evenings or weekends that it is really important that you know where your child is and what they are doing.

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

To give all of our Year 11 students the opportunity to celebrate the end of their exams and to have one last event together as a group, The Marsh Academy Leaver's Ball will take place on Friday 26th June 2020 at Folkestone Rugby Club. Coaches will leave The Marsh Academy at 6:30pm and return for 11:30pm. The cost of a ticket is £35.00 and must be paid by Friday 19th June. The cost of the ticket includes transport to and from the venue, bbq, 2 free drinks and a pick and mix candy stall. Students may wish to bring money for extra non-alcoholic drinks and photographs. Security staff will be at the door of the venue; please note that if any student is found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol, their parents or carers will be contacted to collect them from the venue immediately. We would love to see as many students as possible attend this event, if you have any queries, please contact Ms Cooper at the Academy on 01797 364593.

Relationships and Sex Education

Please see attached information sheet on RSE for KS3 students at the Academy

Year 9 Options Evening

The Year 9 Options Evening takes place next Thursday 23rd January. If any Year 9 parents have not yet returned their reply slip, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder to all Year 10 parents that the Year 10 Parents' Evening is on January 30th starting at 3:30pm until 7pm. There is a new online booking system on which parents and carers can book directly via this website <https://marshacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 11 students have the opportunity to purchase a Marsh Academy Leaver's Hoody as a memento of their time in school. The hoodies cost £25, come in a range of colours and sizes and will be available to buy on parent pay until 30th April 2020, delivery will be May/June 2020. Please see Ms Cooper to view a sample and to choose your size and colour.

Year 8 HPV Injections

If any parents of Year 8 students have not returned consent forms for HPV injections, please return these as soon as possible. The injections take place next week.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st January 2020 – Year 8 HPV vaccinations
 Thursday 23rd January 2020 – Year 9 Options Evening
 Thursday 30th January 2020 - Year 10 Parents' Evening
 Thursday 6th February 2020 – Post 16 Parents' Evening
 Thursday 13th February 2020 – Year 11 Exams Evening
 Friday 14th February 2020 – Last day of Term 3

WEEK NUMBERS TERM 3 2019/20	
Week beginning Monday 20 th January	Week 1
Week beginning Monday 27 th January	Week 2
Week beginning Monday 3 rd February	Week 1
Week beginning Monday 10 th February	Week 2



Relationships and Sex Education

Relationships and Sex Education will build on the teaching at primary school. It aims to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds.

Our school will cover content on what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like and what makes a good friend, colleague and successful marriage or committed relationship. At the appropriate time, the focus will move to developing intimate relationships, to equip your child with knowledge they need to make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress through adult life.

You can find further details by searching 'relationships, sex and health education' on GOV.UK

Current Guidelines

- Under the current SRE guidance, until September 2020, parents can choose to withdraw their child (up to the age of 18) from any or all aspects of Sex and Relationships Education that are not included within the statutory National Curriculum.
- This means that parents are not permitted to withdraw their child from elements of sex education (for example reproductive and biological aspects) that are within the science curriculum.
- Schools must make alternative arrangements for pupils whose parents choose to withdraw them from SRE lessons

Starting September 2020

- Parents will not be able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education.
- Parents will be able to withdraw their child (following discussion with the school) from **any or all aspects of Sex Education**, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16.
- After that point, the guidance states that 'if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.'
- Where pupils are withdrawn from sex education, schools should document the process and will have to 'ensure that the pupil receives appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal.'

KS3 Areas of Focus – Term 3 - RSE

Year 7

Different Types of Relationships
Positive and Negative Relationships
Peer Pressure

Year 8

Puberty and Hormones
Managing Our Emotions
Positive and Negative Relationships
Consent and Appropriate Contact
Domestic Abuse
Laws on Relationships

Year 9

Positive and Negative Relationships
Am I Ready? (Forms of physical Intimacy, independent decision making)
Sex Education (*Contraception / STIs*)
Parenthood and Family Planning
Consent and Appropriate Contact
Domestic and Sexual Abuse / Assault (*FGM*)