



PARENT BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2020

Message from the Principal

Firstly, I hope that you are all safe and well.

Yet again I feel the need to address some of the media speculation regarding schools. There has been much this week, some of which may turn out to be true, but we are told there will be an announcement on Thursday regarding how schools might open in September. Until we get this formal announcement, do not pay too much attention to other stories. Once we receive the official guidance we will ensure we are able to open as fully as possible in September, hopefully full time for all students, while following the guidance and ensuring staff and students are as safe as possible.

Take care and stay safe. Shaun Simmons. Principal.

Show My Homework

Show My Homework, which I know you have all been using to access online learning, has unexpectedly been rebranded as 'satchel:one'. We understand that nothing has changed except the name, but wanted to allay any concerns.



satchel:one

Year 12 Appointments

On Tuesday 21st July, we will be running appointments for you to meet with your teachers to discuss your progress and how we can support you through to September. You will shortly receive details from the Post 16 team of how to book appointments through the normal parents' evening app, but for now save the date!

Key Worker / Year 10 Groups

Please remember that on site lessons for Year 10 and the Key Worker groups who have kept going throughout this period will be finishing on 17th July. This will also be the last day that our primary school groups will be with us.

Free School Meals Vouchers

We will continue to send vouchers to eligible families with the last term time voucher due on 16th July. A single larger voucher to provide support throughout the summer holiday will be ordered for each family to be issued on 17th July. For families with 3 or more children at our school, this will be split into 2 separate vouchers.

Years 7-9 Appointments

From 6th July to 17th July we plan on offering parents/carers and students the chance to have a face-to-face appointment with a member of the pastoral team. These appointments will be an opportunity for you discuss any concerns you may have about your child's welfare and an opportunity for us to offer any additional support you may need. An appointment can now be made on the Parents' Evening App and will close Sunday evening.

<https://marshacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Years 7-9 Online Lessons

From next week, we will be giving Year 7-9 students the opportunity to join some stand-alone online lessons in a variety of subjects and give access to our weekly online assembly. We hope that these will enable students to start re-engaging with teachers and school as well as being valuable learning experiences in their own right. Parents / carers of KS3 children will be sent details of how to access these in a separate email.

Post 16 Induction

We will be holding a socially distanced Post 16 induction event for year 11 who are joining Post 16 in September on Monday 20th July. The Post team will be in touch, but please keep the date free.



Year 11 Leavers

We now have a completed Year 11 Yearbook and Leavers' Hoodies have started to arrive. At the moment we plan to distribute these on results day, but we will confirm arrangements nearer the time.

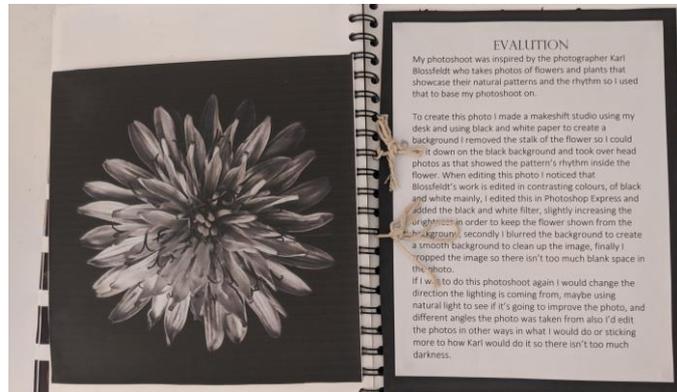
Missing Online Lessons

We know that there has been some minor frustration that some students who are coming into school are unable to access online lessons that are going on at the same time. Unfortunately, the logistics of having a quarter of Year 10 in school each day make it difficult to avoid. However, we expect to give students access to lessons they have missed or so they can watch again for revision purposes. We are resolving some technical issues around safely doing so, but will let you know how to access them shortly.

Celebration of Students

I would like to recognise the following students for their work during this time, nominated by their teachers.

- Congratulations to Taylor, he has completed over 1000 tasks on SAM Learning during lockdown, logging over 200 hours of time. Fantastic!
- Well done to Tessa for using lockdown to develop a love of baking. This example looks fantastic – I hope we get to sample some in September!
- I am also delighted to share the outcome of Jessica's Photography portfolio:



- Continuing with the baking theme, Lou and Ellie have both created these amazing cakes following the Diversity Week theme – well done!

