



PARENT BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2020

Message from the **Principal**

I hope you are all managing to stay as safe and well as you can, and I know that while for many of us, the gradual easing of lockdown is a great relief, there are also many of us feeling very anxious and apprehensive. If we can support you at all, please do contact us.

Through the many announcements since my last bulletin, we feel we now have a better idea of how our journey back to some sort of normality in September might look. I will share those thoughts elsewhere in this bulletin, of course with everything being subject to change and hopefully managing to maintain a sensible middle ground, though unavoidably some may feel we are going too fast and some that we are going too slowly.

Unfortunately, I also need to share with you that this academic year will be Mrs Palmer's last with us as Red/Yellow Mini School Leader. I am sure most of you will know Mrs Palmer and many will have benefited hugely from the dedicated way she has helped look after our students for many years. While Mrs Palmer will be missed, I am delighted that she will continue supporting you through to the end of this year and has agreed to work with us next year in a reduced capacity to support some of our families.

For next year, Mr Doughty will be the Mini School Leader for Yellow and Miss Wood will be the Mini School Leader for Red. I am sure the good work in Red and Yellow will continue.

I also wanted to share this memory cushion made for a parent of a student who is leaving us. What a lovely way to remember his time at the Marsh.

Shaun Simmons. Principal.



KMPF Resources

I would like to thank KMPF for their very kind a generous support to fund so many work packs, particularly for Year 10, with revision guides, stationery, calculators etc. I know it has really helped a lot of our students.

School Uniform

We have had a number of parents contact us about school uniform for September. We are currently working on a contactless system for existing parents to order and collect school uniform, alongside the larger operation for all new Year 7 to be able to purchase the uniform they need. Based on what most parents have told us, they would prefer to wait as late as possible so that children get the right size, so we anticipate most of this being done in August.

Although it is possible that we may have a period at the start of the year where blazers are not worn for hygiene reasons, we do not expect this to be for long if at all and we anticipate students wearing the rest of their uniform from the start. It may be that on days that students have PE, they come into school wearing PE kit, to avoid the need to use PE changing rooms, but this will be clarified nearer the time.

We are aware that the lockdown means that some students will have outgrown uniform that is still in good condition. Please consider passing this on to friends or family who might benefit from it and we always welcome donations of uniform in good condition that we can pass on to families going through financial hardship.



Celebration of **Students**

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

- 'Could I please mention Jess and Luca for their continued hard work in Science... their efforts are very much appreciated.' Mr Fisher
- 'Edward H (Year 7) has been providing me with work that he has done nearly every day. From the work he has been sending me he has obviously been putting in a lot of effort and focus. Quite proud of him.' Miss Baldock
- 'I wanted to show you the fantastic work one of our year 9 students has done since the end of May. James has managed to create a pool out of pallets and a pool liner – he did this with only a little help. He has already taken down a shed and made a smaller one out of the bits he could salvage and has taught himself to play the guitar. This is as well as being motivated to complete all of his school work, while his mum is working.' Mrs Winstanley



Plans to **September**

We have made some decisions about how we get through to September, most of which we will send out more details nearer the time, but I have summarised below for you.

- End of term for all students currently attending on site (Y10 and Key Workers) will be Friday 17th July.
 - **There will be a complete break from any online learning for w/c 27th July.**
 - **Year 7-9.** We will offer all students the opportunity to come into school during the last 2 weeks of term for a face to face meeting so we can review their work and support with any further plans until September. Weekly assemblies will start shortly for all and continue through the summer.
 - **Year 10.** Staff have kindly volunteered to keep going with some online lessons through the summer, to help catch up. Details to follow.
 - **Year 11** who are joining Post 16. We will host a P16 Induction on site on 20th July. Details to follow.
 - **Year 12.** We hope to have the opportunity for you to have individual meetings with all your subject teachers on 21st July in school. Some staff have kindly volunteered to provide online lessons through the summer.
 - **Year 11 & 13.** We anticipate a relatively normal Results Day in August, but will keep you informed.
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Letter from the SENCo

Dear Parent/Carer,

As some of you will know, I am due to go on maternity leave from mid-August. I am writing to inform you of the operational plans for our SEN Department during the next academic year whilst I am not in school.

Mr Cartwright (Assistant Principal) will be Acting SENCO and will oversee the strategic management of SEN across the school. Mrs Read (SEN Interventions Teacher) will work collaboratively with Mr Cartwright. Mrs Read is currently completing the National Award for SEN Co-ordination (NASENCO) and will oversee the day to day running of the SEN Department.

Any queries with regards to SEN should still be sent to SEN@marshacademy.org.uk which is monitored closely by Mrs Cook (SEN Administrator) and Mrs Read.

I will be remaining in contact with Mr Cartwright and Mrs Read throughout my maternity leave and I hope to be back in school later in the academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all over this last academic year and look forward to working with you all again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Katy Jackson
Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)
