



## PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### Virtual School Kent Awards Ceremony 2019

I am delighted that Mrs Whitewood was recognised recently at an awards ceremony for her 'Outstanding Contribution to Children in Care'. We are very proud that we have more children in care in our school than any other local secondary school and they are an important and valued part of our community. This recognition is well deserved for Mrs Whitewood and for the whole school community.



### Parent Forum

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October sees the start of this year's Parent Forum which will run from 5pm until 6pm. A Parent Forum is held termly with a range of topics discussed and the opportunity for parents and carers to learn about different aspects of the academy and to give us feedback. Further details of the topics are available on the academy website. This term's topic is 'Getting to know Key Stage 3'. If you would like to attend, please call reception.

### Year 9 Parent Evenings

Early notice that parents and carers of children in Year 9 will shortly be receiving information regarding parent evenings. This year we are using an online booking system to make your appointments and also splitting students over 2 evenings to ensure more parents can see all of the teachers they would like to. If your child is taught in the 'x band' then this will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and if your child is taught in the 'y or w band' this will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Both evenings will be 3.30 – 7pm.

### SIMS Parent App

SIMS Parent App was launched last week – if you are having any difficulties accessing information about your child/children please email: [itsupport@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:itsupport@marshacademy.org.uk). You should be able to see data such as contact details, timetables, attendance, assessment, achievement and behaviour information.

### PE Lessons

We would like to clarify our procedure for students who are not able to 'do a PE lesson' usually due to a temporary injury. Students must still get changed and participate in the lesson, even if they cannot do vigorous exercise, for example umpiring or giving feedback to other students. We realise it might seem unusual, but it is important that these students still change into their PE kit as this has reduced the number of children 'forgetting' their PE kit as a way of choosing not to participate in lessons. Failure to have any part of their correct PE kit will result in a 30 minute detention after school (in the first instance). If this is repeated in the same half term an hour detention will be set. At the end of each half term the process starts again.

### Rudeness to Staff

We have sadly had a recent increase in parents/carers being rude or even aggressive to staff. While we will always try to listen and resolve issues and understand that emotions can sometimes run high, it is never acceptable for staff to be treated this way and also undermines the example we are trying to set to our students of how to behave.

### Diary Dates

Open Day – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Parent Forum 1 - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
End of Term 1 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
First Day of Term 2 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

