



PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Message from the Principal

It is genuinely a pleasure to send this bulletin with all year groups back in school today. The last few months have been difficult and the school feels very different with the changes made to make it safer, but having some sense of normality with children in classrooms learning has been fantastic.

I have today also sent out the updated Student FAQs document which we will keep reviewing as the situation changes and a reminder of the Uniform Policy. I would like to make a few observations or reminders now we have been back a few days.

- The vast, vast majority of students have come back maturely and dealt with the new situation very well.
- Uniform has been generally good, but some of the older year groups have needed to be reminded of our expectations, please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. In particular, trousers should not be elasticated or overly tight and should not show the ankle and skirts should be suitable for school and not too short or tight.
- Students have dealt with the social distancing requirements between bubbles well, though I urge parents when they pick up their child, to stay in their cars and if walking, not to congregate at the gate.
- We are reviewing a couple of areas based on our experience this week. We are still expecting students to attend school in PE kit on days they have Dance or PE (they are allowed to wear a black sweatshirt, coat or blazer over the top), but realise it is a difficult to balance the risks of this approach with those of changing for PE.
- We are monitoring the use of face coverings in communal areas. At this stage we encourage students to wear them in communal indoor areas, but have not made it compulsory. It is vital though, that students who get on buses wear face coverings. If they do not this may result in a ban from the bus.

Thank you all for your support this week and during lockdown, I hope your children have enjoyed being back in school this week.

Take care,

Shaun Simmons, Principal





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School Reception

School Reception is only open for the collection of uniform that has been ordered via the school's website or in exceptional circumstances to collect your child. All other contact with the school should be done remotely via email or telephone in the first instance.

If you wish to make an appointment with your year group team please email one of the following:

YEAR 7 – Miss Gill

vgill@marshacademy.org.uk

YEAR 8 – Mrs Smith

ksmith@marshacademy.org.uk

YEAR 9 – Mrs Winstanley

cwinstanley@marshacademy.org.uk

YEAR 10 – Mr Shell

vshell@marshacademy.org.uk

YEAR 11 – Mrs Punnett

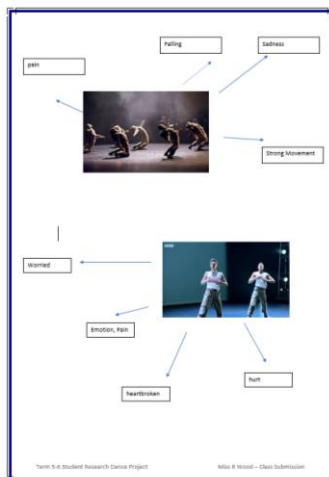
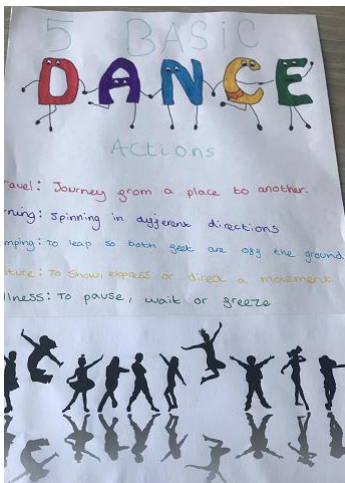
lpunnett@marshacademy.org.uk

POST 16 – Mrs Christmas

schristmas@marshacademy.org.uk

Dance Projects – Excellent Student Work

Dance students produced some excellent projects during lockdown, particularly: Alfie, Isabel, Ryan, Sophie, Kiah, Jake, Katie and Holly. Clear effort, research and time has been put into many dance projects over this time. All students have received Marsh Merits for their hard work from Miss Wood and some examples of their work can be seen below.



Lockers

Any students wishing to have a locker should purchase a combination padlock via parent pay, collect it from Finance (SDLs will help with this) and take it to their mini school who will allocate them a locker.

Satchel One

Satchel One are currently experiencing technical difficulties that the Academy is working to resolve. We are hoping that this can be rectified quickly so that students can return to completing their Home /Remote Learning. We will let you know as soon as the issue has been resolved.

Student Absence

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

Phone Calls Home

Unless an emergency, student will, during the current situation, not be able to use school phones to call home for equipment, lunch money etc. Please ensure your child has all necessary equipment each day and their lunch cards are topped up.

Film Making



If you are interested in developing your film making skills, please click the link below to find out more information about this exciting local project. This is open to people of all ages and skills levels.

<https://www.screensouth.org/fifth-continent-on-film/>

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th September – Year 11 Information Evening (COVID-safe details to be confirmed)

Thursday 22nd October – last day of Term 1 for students

2 Week Timetable Term 1 2020/21

Week beginning Monday 7 th September	Week B
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