



PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2020

Message from the Principal

As we go into our last week of school in 2020, I would like to confirm that students should not attend school on Friday and that Thursday will be a full day, although students will return to tutor groups for the last period of the day in order to still experience some of the festive activity planned. It will also be a non-uniform day.

I also know that many of you are concerned that we may ask you to self-isolate next week and even with a shorter 10-day isolation period, this will impact on your Christmas plans. I can assure you that staff all share that concern for our own families and making those phone calls is something we dread needing to do, so please support us by continuing to be vigilant with all our COVID requests. It remains the case that government will not allow us to authorise absence in the last week, but if you are concerned, please do talk to us, as many of you have done. Take care, Shaun Simmons. Principal

Post 16 Parents Evening

Post 16 parents/Carers will have received details on how to book appointments for our virtual parents' evening on **Thursday 7th January**. The evening will run from 3.30pm to 7.00pm and appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis. You will be able to book online from 4pm today and bookings will close on Monday 4th January 6pm. When you have selected the time slot which suits you best, you will receive a confirmation email with your appointments. If you are having difficulties booking your appointments or are unable to attend please contact ldommett@marshacademy.org.uk. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and recent performance in their assessments.

Year 11 Extended Day Revision

Extended Day Revision will not run next week on Monday 14th December or Thursday 17th December. Revision will run as normal on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Diary Dates

- Mon 14th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Thur 17th December – Last day of Term 2 (non-uniform)
- Tue 5th January 2021 – First day of Term 3
- Thur 7th January 2021 – Post 16 Parents' Evening

WEEK NUMBERS TERM 2/3 2020/2021

Week Beginning Monday 14 th December	Week A
Week beginning Tuesday 5 th January	Week B
Week beginning Monday 11 th January	Week A

Year 11 Pre-public Examination (PPE) Results

Year 11 students will receive their PPE results on Monday 14th December during a results' afternoon with their tutors and the Year 11 Team. Students will leave the Academy as normal at 3pm in preparation for Year 11 Parents' Evening. Parents/Carers will also receive a copy of their child's PPE Results and Progress Report via email at the same time as students receive their results in the Academy. How students approached their PPE Examinations was superb and overall, whilst we still have a long way to go, the results achieved by most students are positive at this time of the year, particularly against the back drop of last year. It is inevitable that some students may be disappointed with the results they receive, rest assured we will do everything we can to support all students in building on the results they have achieved and fulfilling their potential come the Summer Examinations. If you have any queries/concerns regarding results and these are not been resolved at Year 11 Parents' Evening, please do get in contact with us.

Year 11 Parents Evening

All Year 11 parents/carers should have booked appointments for our virtual parents' evening on **Monday 14th December**. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and recent performance in their mock exams with their teachers. **A reminder that there will be timer of 5 minutes on each appointment which will automatically cut out**, this is preprogramed and we are unable to add time. If you need to discuss an issue that will require more time, please let us know and we can arrange a call back. On the evening itself, if you experience any technical difficulties and need support please email itsupport@marshacademy.org.uk. This was very successful with our Year 9 students last month and we are delighted that technology can assist in keeping communication between the Academy and families active. If you are cut off and unable to reconnect, don't worry we will get in touch. Schoolcloud have made us aware that a small number of people may experience stuttering audio using Apple devices. If this does happen the teacher will arrange a call back. You will also receive a survey to complete after the evening. Any feedback you have will be greatly appreciated.

Examinations Timetable January/February 2021

Date	Start	Length	Exam
Weds 06 Jan	09:00	03:00	Enquiries Into Current Research in H&S Care
Weds 06 Jan	09:00	01:30	Dispute Solving in Civil Law
Thu 07 Jan	09:00	01:00	The Music Industry
Thu 07 Jan	10:30	01:30	Applied physiology for sport and exercise
Thu 07 Jan	10:30	01:30	Applied physiology for sport and exercise
Thu 07 Jan	13:00	01:00	Patterns of Child Development
Fri 08 Jan	09:00	01:15	The UK Travel and Tourism Sector
Fri 08 Jan	11:00	01:30	Functional Anatomy
Mon 11 Jan	09:00	01:30	Working in Health and Social Care
Wed 13 Jan	09:00	02:00	Applying the Law
Wed 13 Jan	13:00	01:45	Info Tech: Undrstndng Tool Tchnqs Wtn
Thu 14th Jan	13:00	00:45	Cert in Financial Studies (CeFS) Unit 1 Part A
Thu 14th Jan	13:00	01:00	Dip in Financial Studies (DipFS) Unit 3 Part A
Mon 18 Jan	09:00	01:45	Cert in Financial Studies (CeFS) Unit 1 Part B
Mon 18 Jan	09:00	02:00	Dip in Financial Studies (DipFS) Unit 3 Part B
Tue 26th Jan	09:00	06:00	GCSE Drama
Wed 27th Jan	09:00	06:00	GCSE Drama
Mon 01 Feb	13:00	02:00	GCSE Drama
Fri 05 Feb	13:00	02:00	Health and Wellbeing



Amazing Donations

The food and toy donations from parents and staff of the Marsh Academy have been amazing. A big bin full of toys was delivered to the Romney Resource Centre yesterday and all food donated will be delivered next week. We are still able to take last minute toy donations on Monday and the food collection will continue all next week.



The BIG Community CHRISTMAS

In a year like no other, our community are continuing to join together to support **anyone** needing a hand during this Christmas period.

This Christmas are you, or someone you know struggling with:

- Purchase of food
- Purchase of gifts and toys for children
- Loneliness and isolation
- Caring for a family member, friend or neighbour

Do not hesitate to get in touch, just one simple referral could make Christmas much easier.

There is support out there and it is easy to access, either by visiting the web-page and completing the short online form, or by calling **01303 269602 or 01797 208590**

All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.
www.ageuk.org.uk/hytheandlyminge
www.rmdc.org.uk/christmas2020



The BIG Community CHRISTMAS

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may be finding this year difficult?

Donate Toys New, unwrapped gifts for families in Hythe and Romney Marsh & Surrounding areas can be left at:

- Age UK - Stade Street, Hythe
Mon-Fri 9-3 / Sat 10-1
- Romney Resource Centre - Mountfield Road NR
Mon-Thur 9-5
- Hythe Salvation Army - Portland Road
Wed 10-12 or by appointment

Donate Food Unopened and in date items can be donated at the following locations:

- Romney Marsh Community Centre
Tuesdays between 5.30 and 7pm
- Lydd Hardy Hall
Fridays between 6.30 and 7.30pm

Collection points also located at Dymchurch Post Office, and Sainsbury's Hythe



'Online Safety Tips'

Are you concerned about your child's online safety and their online habits? Would you like to know more about how to keep them safer online? Get Safe Online are offering a FREE webinar aimed at parents and carers giving invaluable tips and advice on online safety.

Staying Safe Online Children's Digital World -The good, the bad and the in between

Thursday 14th January 10.00am - 11.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130672796853>

Thursday 14th January 1.00pm - 2.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130673852009>

Thursday 14th January 6.00pm - 7.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130674098747>

OR

Digital dangers and keeping yourself safe online

Whether you are new to using internet enabled devices or you already do and feel pretty tech savvy, this webinar is for you! Join to learn more about how to stay safe online, the risks, benefits, and top practical tips you can implement to be more secure.

Thursday 10th December 10.00am - 11.15am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130685075579>

Wednesday 13th January 1.00pm - 2.15pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130685563037>

Friday 29th January 11.00am - 12.15pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130685805763>

Further e-safety tips can be found here: <https://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/>