



## PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### Message from the Principal

We have one more week to go until a well-earned rest. Although the first term has gone well in the circumstances, I think all students and staff are starting to feel tired, so let's all keep going for one more week and reset before Term 2.

Nationally, it feels as though we are approaching another period of uncertainty as we head towards the winter and there may well be announcements over the coming weeks that impact life at school, but rest assured we will keep you updated as and when things change. One such change already announced is that the exam period has been moved back by broadly three weeks, so Year 11 and Year 13 will not be finishing in June as they have in previous years. This also means that results days in the summer will all be in the last week of August, which may have a knock on effect on the start of term for universities and other institutions.

Take care, Shaun Simmons

### Year 10 Assessment Week

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Year 10s will be completing their internal assessments across all subjects next week in lessons, attendance and punctuality to the Academy is therefore, as always, crucial.

### Year 11 Extended Day Revision

Another superbly attended week at Extended Day Revision for Year 11 – a huge well done to them and thank you to you for your support. With Pre-Public Examinations fast approaching, the additional support and revision will make a significant difference to student outcomes. During the weeks of the Pre-Public Examinations (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November), there will be no Extended Day Revision.

### Online Safety Tip

Mobile phone use, especially around bedtime, can have a negative effect on a child's mental health, really your child shouldn't use their mobile device in the hours before going to sleep. Children can suffer from a number of side effects, for example increased sleep problems, anxiety, depression, tiredness...and many more. Did you know you can use parental controls on your child's mobile phone to limit how long they are spending on their devices? You can even use this to monitor which apps they are downloading and set individual limits. However you do it, please consider the impact a mobile phone can have on your child's wellbeing.

### NHS Covid Symptoms Test

If your child is unwell and you are unsure if the symptoms are Covid related please try using the Check Your Symptoms section on the NHS 111 website at: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

### School Reception

School Reception is only open for the collection of uniform that has been ordered via the school's website or to collect your child. If you wish to make an appointment with your pastoral team please email one of the following:

YEAR 7 – Miss Gill [vgill@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:vgill@marshacademy.org.uk)

YEAR 8 – Mrs Smith [ksmith@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:ksmith@marshacademy.org.uk)

YEAR 9 – Mrs Winstanley [cwinstanley@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:cwinstanley@marshacademy.org.uk)

YEAR 10 – Mr Shell [vshell@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:vshell@marshacademy.org.uk)

YEAR 11 – Mrs Punnett [lpunnett@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:lpunnett@marshacademy.org.uk)

POST 16 – Mrs Christmas [schristmas@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:schristmas@marshacademy.org.uk)

### Diary Dates

Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 10 Assessment Week

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – First day of Term 2

### WEEK NUMBERS TERM 1 2020/2021

Week beginning Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Week B
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