



## PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

### Message from the Principal

Well done to all, we have made it to the end of term.

I shall write to you in more detail in the coming days, to offer as much clarity as possible for what will happen in January. So will keep this message brief.

As we understand it, Year 11 and 13 will return to school as normal on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Other year groups will remain at home for the first week and will come into school from 11<sup>th</sup> January. Year 12 students who have exams in the first week back will come into school to follow a bespoke timetable. All of this will be confirmed once we have a little more certainty.

Key worker and vulnerable children will again be able to attend school as they did during the first lockdown, but given it will only be for 4 days, the provision will likely be supervision and access to IT resources to join the same online lessons they would have at home.

There is much speculation about schools providing COVID tests for students before they return. This is incredibly complex and we do not really know yet how it might work, so we will let you know once we have more detail.

Until my next letter, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

Shaun Simmons. Principal

### Diary Dates

WEEK NUMBERS TERM 3 2020/2021	
Week beginning Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Week B
Week beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Week A
Week beginning Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Week B
Week beginning Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Week A
Week beginning Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Week B
Week beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Week A

### Remote Learning

Following government announcements, we will release plans for remote learning before the start of Term Three. We will continue to use Satchel One and the Google Calendar as part of our commitment to ensuring students have access to their learning. Year teams are making contact with parents/carers who have already stipulated in the questionnaire that they do not have access to a device or who have not logged in to Satchel One in quite some time. If you have any difficulties with remote learning please get in touch and we will be happy to support.

### Equipment

Please ensure your child continues to come to the Academy fully equipped and ready to learn by ensuring they have the following:

Pencil case that is clearly labelled with their name and group	
2x pencils, a rubber and sharpener	2x black or blue pens and a red pen
A schoolbag	Highlighter(s)
Ruler	Glue Stick
Scissors (safety ones)	Water bottle (Labelled)
Protractor	Pair of Compasses
Scientific calculator preferably a Casio fx-83GTx	

Thank you for your continued support.

### Post 16 Parents Evening

Parents/Carers have received details on how to book appointments for our virtual parents' evening on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. The evening will run from 3.30pm to 7.00pm and appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis. Bookings will close on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 unable to attend please contact [ldommett@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:ldommett@marshacademy.org.uk). This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and recent performance in their assessments. **A reminder that there will be timer of 10 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 longer meeting on an alternative date.

Mr Doughty and Mrs Punnett would like to thank all parents and carers for their support with year 11 this year. We hope you all have a happy and healthy Christmas.

Miss Ball and Miss Gill would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all parents and carers of Year 7 students. They are a lovely year group and we really appreciate your support. Have a Happy Holiday!

The Year 10 pastoral team would like to wish all of the Year 10's and their families a peaceful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year



As 2020 draws to a close, the Year 8 team would like to wish all of our students and their loved ones a relaxing and safe Christmas with hope for a better 2021

Miss Wood and Mrs Winstanley would like to wish all our year 9 students and parents/carers a restful Christmas break and happy new year. We have really enjoyed getting to know the year 9 students and have seen them certainly settle quickly into their new routines. We have shared some excellent times so far this year and look forward to many more in 2021.

<b>YEAR 9 REWARDS TERM 2</b>	
<b>Rewards</b>	<b>Students</b>
<b>Miss Wood Head of Year Award</b>	Harry P 9D
<b>Mrs Winstanley SDL Award</b>	Danny S 9E
<b>Tutor Group Stars</b>	Shekeylee S 9A, Roarie G 9B, Jess G 9C, Reece C 9D, Callum W 9E, Ben P 9F, Ruby W 9W
<b>History Subject Stars</b>	Louis C, Kenzie D, Sam G, Luca M
<b>Geography Subject Stars</b>	Rhys M, Sion W, Tessa W, Harry A, Nadean M
<b>Maths Subject Stars</b>	Oliver K, Ellie C, Eva T, Mac C
<b>PE Subject Stars</b>	Leon C, Charlie J, Rhys M, Sofia A
<b>RE Subject Stars</b>	Hannah R
<b>English Subject Stars</b>	Luke A, Erin M, Lilly-Anne T, Louis S
<b>Science Subject Stars</b>	Nadean M, James LR, Carly M, Lucy S, Finley H
<b>Catering Subject Stars</b>	Lucy S, Mollie A, Luca M
<b>Art Subject Stars</b>	Livvy A, Byron C, Luke A
<b>French Subject Stars</b>	Jess G, Lily H

## ‘Online Safety Tips’

### Starting a conversation about online safety

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they’re doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they’re more likely to come and speak to you. It can help to:

- reassure them that you're interested in their life, offline and online. Recognise that they'll be using the internet to research homework as well talking to their friends.
- ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online or apps they’re using so you can understand them.
- be positive but also open about anything you're worried about. You could say "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here."
- ask them if they're worried about anything and let them know they can come to you
- ask them about their friends online and how they know they are who they say they are.
- listen for the reasons why your child wants to use apps or site you don't think are suitable, so you can talk about these together.
- ask your child what they think's okay for children of different ages so they feel involved in the decision making.

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
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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