



PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 2021

Years 10 and 12 Assessment Week

A huge well done to Years 10 and 12 who have just successfully completed their assessment week. Staff will now commence marking, moderation and uploading data. You should expect to receive your child's progress report just after the Easter Break on Friday 23rd April.

Year 7 and 8 Reading

From next week, students in Year 7 and 8 are being asked to bring in a reading book as part of their equipment check list. We are hoping to encourage more reading for pleasure and enable students to enjoy the academic and emotional benefits of having a healthy reading habit. If students do not have a book they are reading at home, they will be able to choose a book from our library during their Big Read lesson. In the words of JK Rowling 'I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book'.

Buses

It was drawn to our attention this week that some students who get the 102 public bus from Hythe in the mornings, have had difficulty on some days due to the public bus being at capacity and not allowing students on. This is due to the capacity limits for school buses being different to that of public buses.

We have communicated with Stagecoach and from Monday, a Crosskeys coach will follow the 102 bus that leaves Hythe at 0737 and gets to New Romney at 0803 which will pick up any students who are unable to get on the main bus. We strongly encourage students to get this bus rather than wait for the later bus which will not be followed by a backup coach. We hope this will alleviate any issues.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 31st March, via video link, from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. Instructions on how to book appointments have been sent out via email this week. If you have not received this information please contact ldommett@marshacademy.org.uk

We very much hope that you will be able to attend the video appointments to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and ask that you ensure your child attends with you. This will be prior to their formal assessment after Easter but please understand that teachers will not be able to discuss Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) in the meeting.

Year 9 Options Meetings

Whilst we are delighted that we have been able to support the majority of 1st preferences in option subjects, there are one or two subjects that are significantly oversubscribed. As outlined in the Digital Options Form, we have had to take into account additional information such as Behaviour for Learning (B4L) scores to ensure spaces are allocated fairly. Mrs O'Gormley will be meeting with students next week if they have not been awarded their 1st preference in an individual subject block. Confirmation of option subjects will be provided to students, parents and carers before the Easter Break.

Accessing Remote Learning

Students who cannot attend the Academy due to self-isolation and/or shielding should continue to access their lessons remotely through Satchel: One. They should follow their normal Academy Timetable, accessing their lessons daily and uploading completed work for their teacher to review. Lessons/lesson resources and support materials will be uploaded daily for your child to access in line with what is being delivered to students who remain in the building.

Diary Dates

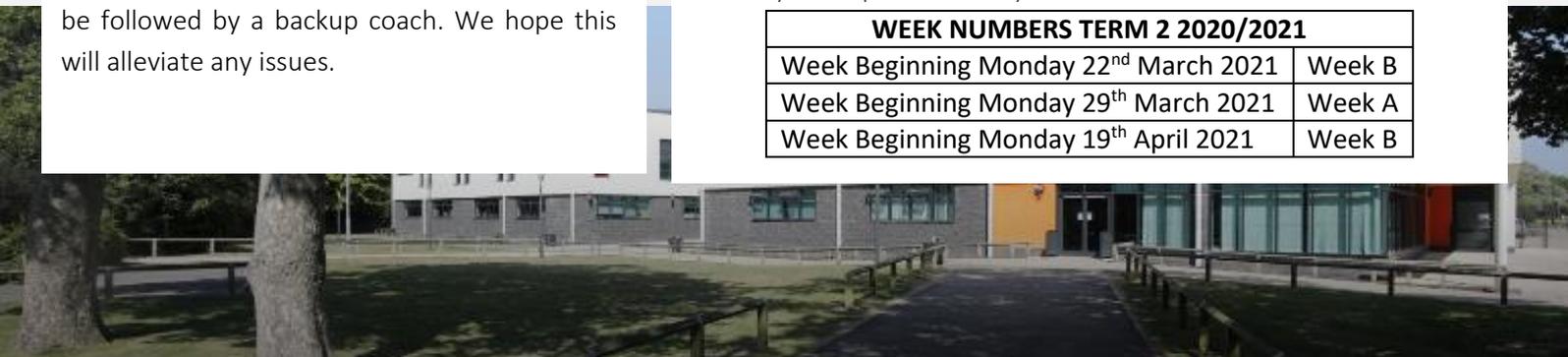
Wednesday 31st March – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 1st April – Last day of Term 2 Non-uniform day

Monday 19th April – First day of Term 5

WEEK NUMBERS TERM 2 2020/2021

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| Week Beginning Monday 22 nd March 2021 | Week B |
| Week Beginning Monday 29 th March 2021 | Week A |
| Week Beginning Monday 19 th April 2021 | Week B |





Year 11 Revision

Please see below the Year 11 End of Day Revision Timetable. Each session is 3:15pm – 4:00pm. Transport is available for those students who normally get the Hamstreet/Aldington coach.

| Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
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| History French | Science | Maths | Business Computer Science | No End of Day Revision |

COVID Testing

Home testing is now underway, and students have been given enough tests for the remainder of the term to test on a Sunday and Wednesday where possible. We will be providing another home testing kit before students break up for the Easter holidays. **Please ensure you report your child's result to the NHS** (information on how to do this is on Page 15 in the instructions booklet). If your child's test reads positive please inform us via the absence line or info@marshacademy.org.uk immediately. In the case of a positive test you must isolate and book a PCR test and send us your result. If your test indicates it is void, please carry out another test and if it still shows void let us know. Negative test results should be reported to us using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHeWOGk9F0heVadYWDRjzyJHtdXN85wNI1_iLKrWhrtf3sfA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember that the rules around isolating remain the same as they did before Christmas insofar as if anyone in a household has COVID symptoms (continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell) then the whole household should isolate until a PCR test has been completed. The Lateral Flow Tests we have provided should not be used where a person has symptoms.

I appreciate that the rules and expectations are very complicated and at times seem to be contradictory, so if you are in any doubt please check the NHS website or speak to us for clarity and we will try to help.

As we are edging closer and closer to a return to some normality, I would also like to urge you to ensure your child is still following the lockdown rules. We dealt with an issue this week that occurred outside of school in a park where groups of young people were gathering and while we dealt with the issue as we saw it, according to the current guidelines none of those children should have been gathering together in the park in the first place.

