



## PARENT BULLETIN

THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### Message from the Principal

We have made it to the end of term one! Thank you all for your support during this difficult time and I would like to **thank all of our staff for their hard work** in making school as normal as possible over the past eight weeks.

You will have seen the decision by MPs not to extend Free School Meals into the half term break. I know many of our parents/carers will find it difficult, so **please do get in touch with us if you are struggling** and we will do our best to help.

We continue monitoring all aspects of school life, but one worth highlighting is uniform. We have agonised over opening PE changing rooms after half term as the weather changes, but have decided, for now, that students will continue to attend in kit on days they have PE or Dance.

We are also reviewing uniform expectations as we move towards the colder months as the expectation will be that windows remain open to maintain good ventilation. We already allow a plain black jumper (tie visible) to be worn underneath the blazer but I realise many students do not have one or it is not sufficiently warm. Therefore, for term two I am relaxing that rule to allow **any plain dark jumper or sweatshirt to be worn under the blazer** and will allow a subtle logo. Those who have the Marsh Academy optional PE top may choose to wear this under the blazer. As the weather gets colder we may review this further.

Take care. Enjoy half term. Shaun Simmons

### Health & Social Care

I would like to say a huge well done to our fantastic Health & Social Care students. Over the last 4 weeks we have been building relationships within the community and the students have set up a pen pal service with local care settings. Students from Year 10 upwards have written such heartfelt letters promoting kindness and compassion for residents who have not been able to have visitors since March, due to Covid-19.

Loneliness is currently at its highest with our elderly community and our fantastic Marsh Academy students have recognised this and gone above and beyond in their own time to help reduce this. A wonderful act of empathy, support and thoughtfulness.

### Years 11-13 Behaviour for Learning and Home-Learning Progress Reports

Reports for Years 11-13 will be emailed to you on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October outlining students' Behaviour for Learning and engagement with Home-Learning this term. All other year groups will receive their progress reports along with their internal assessment outcomes next term.

### Years 11 Extended Day Revision

Despite it being the last week of term, Year 11 attendance at revision this week so far has averaged 75%, a superb turnout. Students are engaging with revision and intervention superbly and should be incredibly proud of their achievements this term. During the weeks of the PPEs, Year 11 Extended Day Revision will **not** run, students have been made aware of this.

### Year 7 Assessment Week

Year 7 students will be assessed in their lessons the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November on their topics from Term One. You will receive their results in their Progress Report on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### Year 9 Parents Evening

All Year 9 parents/carers will receive details on how to book appointments for our virtual parents evening on **9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Please book your appointments as soon as possible and if you are unable to book or attend please contact [ldommett@marshacademy.org.uk](mailto:ldommett@marshacademy.org.uk). This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and we are looking forward to hosting our first virtual parents evening.

### Year 11/Post 16 Half-Term Revision

There are some revision sessions running for students who are sitting Public Examinations at the beginning of next term. Sessions will be online and students have been made aware of these directly including how they can access the lesson via the Google Calendar. A reminder that the rules and guidance laid out in our Remote Learning Policy should be adhered to at all times.

- Post 16 English (resit) Revision – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 1pm.
- Post 16 Maths (resit) Revision – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 11am-12pm
- Year 11 NCFE Revision – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 9am-11am



### Online Safety Tip - Games Consoles

Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console – what is okay and not okay to use it for? What are the risks? Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to take a step away from the console and tell an adult.

Explore parental controls that are available on the console, your home WiFi, or both. It's a good idea to talk through these controls with your child too. An open conversation with your child is the most important thing, but parental controls can also be a helpful tool to manage your family's use of technology.

Think about the location of the console. Will it be in a shared family space (best for younger children) or in a bedroom? If it is to be in a bedroom, think about: setting time limits on when and for how long they can use it; reminding them about the risks of other players; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.

### Young People's Mental Health

Looking after our mental health is as important as looking after our physical health. If you feel that a young person needs support, please look at these links. Both provide insight and support into many areas, including anxiety and depression.

<https://healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk/resource-centre/apps/>  
<https://www.kooth.com/video>

### 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 - clearly labelled with their name and group	
A schoolbag	Highlighter(s)
2x pencils, a rubber and sharpener	2x black or blue pens and a red pen
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.

### Diary Dates

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Parents' Evening (1)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Parents' Evening (2)

#### WEEK NUMBERS TERM 2 2020/2021

Week beginning Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Week A
Week beginning Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Week B
Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Week A
Week beginning Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Week B
Week beginning Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Week A
Week Beginning Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Week B
Week Beginning Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Week A

### Year 9 Term 1 Rewards & Successes

#### Tutor Group Attendance Reward

9B Winners (sweets for all) with 95.14%

#### Miss R Wood Head of Year Award

Harry A (9E) Excellent improvement in behaviour, focus and attitude

#### Tutor Group Stars of the Term

9A – Tessa W  
9B – Joshua H  
9C – Maddison S  
9D – Hannah R  
9E – Lilly T  
9F – Rui L  
9W – Nadean M

#### Tutor Group Marsh Merits Reward

9A Winners (rewards breakfast for all) with 403 points

#### Mrs C Winstanley SDL Award

Ruby W (9W) Excellent punctuality to all lessons and great attendance

#### Subject Star Awards

History – Luke A, Lucy S, Lucy G  
PE – Jess G, Maisie W  
Geography – Millie T, Owen H  
Art – Georgie K, Olivia W  
Maths – Livvy A, Oliver K  
English – Nadean M, Florence N, Sam G  
Catering – Carly M  
French – Tessa W  
Science – Loui N, Joshua H



**Years 11 and 13 Pre-public Examinations (PPEs)**

PPEs for Years 11 and 13 will run from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, a copy of the PPE Timetable is below. Students have also received individual copies of their personal timetables, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or concerns. Whilst many students will be planning on working hard and revising over the half-term break, it is important that they manage their time well and ensure they get lots of rest in preparation for returning to the Academy on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please refer to the Year 11 Information PowerPoint for details on how best to support your child throughout this examination period.

<b>Week Beginning Nov 9th Week B</b>					
	<b>Monday 9</b>	<b>Tuesday 10</b>	<b>Wednesday 11</b>	<b>Thursday 12</b>	<b>Friday 13</b>
<b>Tutorial</b>					
Prd 1 9:10 - 10:10	Resit Maths GCSE MA1 Paper 3 (1hr 30 mins)	<b>French Paper 3 - YEAR 11</b> 45Mins Foundation 1 Hr Higher	<b>Science Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr)		<b>Science Paper 2 - YEAR 11</b> 1Hr
<b>BREAK</b>					
Prd 2 10:30 - 11:30	Resit Maths GCSE MA1 Paper 3	<b>English Lang Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 45Mins)	<b>Maths Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>History Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr)	<b>Maths Paper 2 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)
Prd 3 11:30 - 12:30	Resit Maths GCSE MA1 Paper 3	<b>English Lit 1 A2</b> (1Hr 15Mins) <b>Business 1 A2</b> (2Hrs)	<b>Maths 1 AS/A2</b> (2Hrs) <b>Sociology 1 A2</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Media 1 A2</b> (2Hrs) <b>Biology 2 A2</b> (1Hr 30Mins) <b>Drama A2</b> (2Hrs 30Mins)	<b>Maths 2 AS</b> (1Hr 15Mins) <b>Maths 2 A2</b> (2Hrs)
<b>LUNCH</b>					
Prd 4 13:00 - 14:00	<b>Geography Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Computing Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Physical Education - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>French Paper 4 - YEAR 11</b> (1 Hr - Foundation) (1Hr 15 Mins - Higher)	<b>Drama - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)
Prd 5 14:00 - 15:00	<b>History 1 A2</b> (1Hr 45Mins)	<b>Biology 1 A2</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>BTEC Sport - YEAR 11 (TAC 4 ONLY)</b> (1Hr) <b>Business 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins) <b>Chemistry 1 A2</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>English Lit 2 A2</b> (1Hr 15 Mins)	<b>H&amp;S CARE L3</b> (1Hr 30Mins)

Please remember to bring the correct equipment to each exam. Be on time for the exams - they will start without you. No mobile telephones or MP3 devices permitted.

<b>Week Beginning Nov 16th Week A</b>					
	<b>Monday 16</b>	<b>Tuesday 17</b>	<b>Wednesday 18</b>	<b>Thursday 19</b>	<b>Friday 20</b>
<b>Tutorial</b>					
Prd 1 9:10 - 10:10	<b>Music - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr)	<b>Science Paper 3 - YEAR 11</b> {1 Hour}	<b>NCFE Health &amp; Fitness - YEAR 11</b> (1 hour 30 mins)		<b>History Paper 2 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr)
<b>BREAK</b>					
Prd 2 10:30 - 11:30	<b>Information Tech - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 45Mins)	<b>English Literature - Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 45Mins)	<b>NCFE Health &amp; Fitness - YEAR 11</b>	<b>Statistics - Paper 1 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Religious Studies - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 45Mins)
Prd 3 11:30 - 12:30	<b>Computer Science - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30 Mins)	<b>English Lit 3 A2</b> (1Hr 15Mins)		<b>Sociology 2 A2</b> (1Hr 30Mins) <b>Computing 2 A2</b> (2Hrs 30Mins)	<b>VTCT Level 3</b> (1Hr 30Mins)
<b>LUNCH</b>					
Prd 4 13:00 - 14:00	<b>Maths Paper 3 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Business 2 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30 Mins)	<b>Geography Paper 2 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Media 2 A2</b> (2Hrs)	<b>Statistics - Paper 2 - YEAR 11</b> (1Hr 30 Mins)
Prd 5 14:00 - 15:00	<b>Chemistry 2 A2</b> (1Hr 30Mins)	<b>Business 2 A2</b> (2 Hrs) Psychology 1 A2 (2Hrs)	<b>History 2 A2</b> (1Hr 45Mins)	<b>BTEC Travel Yr 12</b> (1 Hr)	<b>Business 3 A2</b> (2Hrs) <b>Psych 2 A2</b> (2Hrs)