

September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Marshland Year 11 Update

As Assistant Headteacher in charge of Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11), my role is to support your child to be fully prepared to fulfil their potential in their GCSE exams, and their onward education and career once they leave us after Year 11. My aim is to encourage, recognise and reward your child's endeavours, whilst encouraging them in lessons and interventions. I am looking forward to working with you and your child in this very exciting, yet demanding year, and to meeting you in person in the coming weeks and months.

At Marshland High School we are interested in offering our students a variety of opportunities to further extend their knowledge and understanding of a subject beyond the normal classroom situation. Therefore, we have created an intervention plan, designed to give students a tailored approach to the additional support that they may require. The October PPEs start on Monday (timetable attached) and our Intervention plans will be shared once they are complete.

In the meantime, attached is a list of key dates, to help you plan how you can support and encourage your child. These are always available on our website and updated throughout the year.

Next Steps

Students will initially be identified as needing to attend after-school sessions or Saturday morning sessions from teacher's knowledge of effort, gaps in core knowledge, concerns about end of course predictions, coursework that must be completed to the required deadlines or the opportunity to increase grades. The impact that these interventions had on last year's GCSE students' progress was significant, with students achieving between half and a full grade higher than their expected grade when they actively engaged.

Students at risk of not meeting expectations to reach their potential will be required in school from 3.15pm until 4.15pm for subject specific intervention sessions or at an allocated time (between 8am-11am) on a Saturday morning.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact your child's teacher or Head of Department in the first instance.

During December, we will send you a detailed guide to your child's exams which outlines rules and regulations as well as FAQs (frequently asked questions).

Attendance

Attendance to school has always been vital but never more important than in year 11. Data from Marshland's Summer 2023 GCSE results, demonstrated that students whose attendance was 96% or higher, achieved a grade higher than their predicted grade in all their subjects, whilst children with an attendance below 93% achieved a grade lower than expected. This clearly highlights the importance of your child being at school every day.



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ATTENDANCE Percentage	Above or below expected grade
96% and above	1 Grade Higher than expected
Between 93% and 96%	Achieved expected grade
Below 90%	1 Grade or more lower than expected

Leavers Prom and Reward Trips

Plans have started for our celebration Leavers Prom next Summer. Those students whose attendance to school and interventions is 94% or higher, have an excellent attitude to learning and strong progress will be rewarded with an invite to attend on Friday 28th June 2024. The Prom is not an entitlement for all students. It is a reward for those students who consistently follow the expectations of the school. Students with attendance lower than 94%, do not have a good attitude to learning and therefore are not making good progress are at significant risk of not receiving an invite to attend the school prom. I am sure that you will work with us to ensure that your child is invited to what is a very special occasion for them.

Students will have the opportunity to participate on two reward-based trips during Year 11. Both reward trips will take place after the PPE exams in November 2023 and March 2024 with students invited based on their excellent attendance, attitude to learning and strong progress in preparing for each set of assessments. Further details will follow.

On our first Super Learning Day on Wednesday 22nd November, I am hoping to arrange a University trip. This will broaden your child’s horizons at a key time when making decisions about their futures. Again, further details will be shared in due course.

Class of 2024 Leavers Hoodies

A google form for consent to include your child’s name in next year’s design has been sent out this week with a deadline of 1st December 2023. Thank you to everyone who has already responded promptly.

Post-16 Options

A key area for Year 11 students is preparation for life after Marshland High School and Post-16 Options. We work closely with the University of East Anglia (UEA), who will provide guidance and support in making informed decisions regarding future options. Attached you will find information to help you understand the ‘Open Day’ process that sixth forms and colleges offer and how you can support your child with their next steps.

We look forward to a successful Year 11 for all of our students, and as always thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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