



5th November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Marshland Update

At the start of this busy term we wanted to update you on some important areas.

Firstly, as outlined in our letter before half term, we are not intending to make any further changes to school arrangements to reflect increasing rates of COVID infections in the wider community. As stated in our letter, all parents' evenings, starting with the Year 7 settling in meetings this week, will be virtual until further notice.

Free Breakfast for ALL students from Monday 8th November

We are delighted to share with you that we have secured funding to be able to provide every student with a free breakfast bagel each morning from the canteen. Bagels and a choice of spreads will be available before tutor time from 8am to 8:40am Monday to Friday until further notice.

Jon Egging Trust

We are extremely proud that Mr Stannard and Mr Hudson were recognised as Unsung Heroes for their significant support for the [Jon Egging Trust](#), in particular continuing the programme throughout lockdown. Many of our students benefit from the Trust's work to inspire and enthuse young people to reach their full potential by increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and other vital life and work skills. Jon Egging was a Red Arrows pilot who lost his life during a display and the Trust realises Jon's dream of inspiring young people to overcome adversity, identify their strengths and work towards their ambitions. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for their children to take part in the sessions. Please see the [Wisbech Standard](#) feature story.

Mr Stannard and Mr Hudson accepting their Unsung Heroes Award at the Jon Egging Trust



Year 11 Support

Our Year 11 students are currently working hard on their PPE (mocks exams). There is a wide variety of support on offer for this important year and the timetable for extra [intervention sessions](#) is on our website.

Years 7 to 10 After-School Club

Our after school catch-up club for students continues this term. Sessions run every night Monday to Thursday for years 7 to 10 from 3:15 until 4:15pm in the Support Centre.

At these sessions students are supported to: access computers to use online resources via their school account; use their knowledge organisers to secure subject concepts, key facts and understanding in their long-term memory and complete work.

Parent Forum

Your views count – if you would like to join our Parent Forum please email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk. Mr Duce hosts three meetings per year to listen to your feedback, as well as share upcoming developments with you. The next meeting will be online on 17th November at 6pm.

Showjumping Competition

We are invited to participate in the School Showjumping competition run by Alderman Peel High School again this year. The event will be on Saturday 27th November at Lime Kiln Farm near Thursford. Classes are: 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 80cm pairs. If you would like your child to participate please ask them to speak to Miss Mowat in S4, or if you have any questions please email e.mowat@marshlandhigh.co.uk

Student Sickness Absence

Parents must call the absence line each day that your child is absent from school. This does not include COVID isolation where you have provided proof of the return date. If no contact is made with school, then absence will not be authorised and this could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Vacancies

If you would like to join the team as a part-time cleaner or catering assistant, please email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk for more information. The Trust's new [Facebook](#) page highlights all vacancies - <https://www.facebook.com/West-Norfolk-Academies-Trust-Vacancies-110648174753479>

Fundraising - Remembrance Day and Children in Need

A selection of poppies, pin badges, pencils, bracelets and reflectors are on sale in school for all students to buy with small amount of cash. Suggested donations range from 50p to £2. We will also be holding a bake sale on Friday 19th November in aid of Children in Need.

Show My Homework / Google Classroom

Over the last few years pupils have developed their use of Google Classroom within lessons and when working from home. Rather than using separate systems to set work in class and for homework, we are moving away from Show My Homework to place all work on Google Classroom.

Parents and carers will be able to monitor pupil information through logging on to Google Classroom, either using your child's login and password (useful especially for Y7 pupils), or by pupils inviting parents by adding their email address. Alternatively, teachers can also add parents to the account. This will allow you to receive email summaries of missing work, upcoming work and class activities. Parents can choose to receive proactive summaries daily, weekly or unsubscribe at any time.

Keeping in Touch

Why not keep up to date and follow Marshland on Twitter @MarshlandHS to find out about all the exciting activities taking place in school?

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