



Marshland Parent Update July 2023

Firstly, as a reminder school finishes on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 12.30pm.

For most students, transport will be here for the earlier finish time with the exception of Bus 60 and those students will travel on Bus 46 to Wisbech. Lynx Bus 1 is a service bus with a standard timetable so is unable to arrive early. If your child usually travels on this, we would kindly ask you to make alternative arrangements for this day. If you are unable to arrange collection for your child please email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk

As we come to the close of this academic year it is usual for us to have to say goodbye to a few staff who will be leaving us. Mr Duce will be leaving at the end of this academic year to take up a role closer to home. Although he will miss Marshland, we know he will not miss the commute. Mr Nicholls, Mr Jennings and Miss Saunders have all gained promotions as their careers continue to go from strength to strength in their new schools. Mrs Brown and Mrs Pearce are both retiring. Mrs Brown will be retiring after 27 years as both an accomplished History and English teacher. Mrs Pearce will be putting her feet up and resting after 13 years at our school, initially as a teaching assistant but most recently as pastoral manager. We wish them both a long and healthy retirement. Mr Cook will be leaving us and the teaching profession. Two colleagues within our kitchen will also be leaving, Mrs Barrett will be taking a career break after 10 years of catering for our students and staff and Mrs Harding will also be leaving us to join the kitchen team at her children's school. We are sure you will join us in thanking each of them for their commitment to our school and our students.

Return to School

Year 7 and Year 11 are due to return to school on **Wednesday 6th September**.

All other Year Groups return on **Thursday 7th September**.

Attendance

Please make sure that your child attends on the first day as outlined above. A lot of important information is shared with students on their first day. Students should not be using their first day back as an extended holiday. In line with statutory guidance from Norfolk County Council, any holidays taken by families during term time will be classed as unauthorised absence and a referral to issue a fixed penalty notice will be issued.

School Summer Concert

We would love you to join us on Wednesday evening starting at 6pm in the main hall with an estimated finish of 8pm. Tickets £2 via ParentPay.

News

We're very proud of our Pink Ladies Hockey Team for their hard work in Fundraising for our local Angles Theatre – please see link to article

<https://www.fenlandcitizen.co.uk/news/hockey-players-are-in-the-pink-for-fenland-theatre-9321239/>

Space Camp – USA

On the 30th June two students flew out to Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama, for a week, fully funded by Northrop Grumman Foundation and organised by the Jon Egging Trust. The students worked with others from around the world on activities including designing rockets and launching them from a test site, as well as experiencing simulations that demonstrate what it would be like to walk on the moon and multi-axis training. The students met and worked with a variety of rocket scientists and astronauts as part of their week. This was an amazing opportunity for our students as only two schools in the UK were invited to participate.

Year 10 Work Experience

Last week our Year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in work experience. We are extremely grateful to the 100 local companies that have supported us in providing student placements, giving them insight into the world of work. Feedback from employers and students has been very positive.

Uniform Reminder

Every year a small number of students return to school after the holidays with false or painted nails, extreme haircuts, piercings, false eyelashes, trainers or general uniform issues. Please ensure that your child returns to school correctly dressed and ready to learn. Some girls have been wearing long socks with bows. Long socks are permitted as long as they do not cover the knee, but bows are not. I have copied the relevant section of the behaviour policy for reference.

- Grey jacket with blue heron logo and trim with grey trousers for boys and girls or grey tartan pleated skirt (all with heron logo). Skirts should be worn just above the waist and must not be rolled at the waist to shorten the length, or have the length altered.
- House colour tie
- Plain grey or black socks or plain grey, black or flesh-coloured tights (no over-knee socks or socks with tassels/bows)
- School coat - plain, without logo, warm and waterproof (No denim, hoodies or sports tops)
- Plain white shirt or blouse with stiff collar (No polo shirts except in PE)
- Flat black, plain, leather-type shoes with enclosed toe and heel (No boots, sandals, trainers / trainer-style shoes. No decorative fashion accessories such as buckles and beads, etc).
- We recommend a plain sturdy backpack, ideally black or navy and free from logos and branding. Bags should be of practical use for the purposes of school.
- Belts where worn should be plain black or grey with a small buckle (Not decorative, fashion or designer)

Other prohibited items that the Senior Leadership team deem inappropriate for school (please consult with school or website before purchasing if you are unsure).

If pupils are found to be wearing the uniform incorrectly or incorrect uniform or inappropriate clothing we may contact parents to resolve the issue. Pupils may be sent home to change and we may issue sanctions if the uniform is not as listed above, or if it is worn incorrectly.

The Headteacher reserves the right to determine what is, or is not, acceptable in respect of what and how the uniform is worn.

Full school uniform should be worn correctly on the way to school, throughout the school day, and on the journey home. On warmer summer days a “no jacket/jumper” instruction may be issued whereby students do not have to wear their jackets or jumpers in lessons or around the school building. However, jackets need to be brought into school and kept in a school bag so that they can be worn for formal occasions such as assemblies. If students have PE as their last lesson of the day, they can choose to remain in their PE kit to travel home.

Jewellery & Watches

Pupils may wear a watch (no smart watches, iWatches, etc as outlined in our mobile phone and device policy), one signet ring, up to one pair of small ear studs (one stud in each lobe) only.

No other jewellery such as bracelets, additional rings and other piercings are permitted. If pupils have any other visible piercings, including piercing retainers, these must be removed during the school day.

Make-Up & Hair

Students may wear a small amount of discreet foundation make up in a natural colour. Students may be asked to remove any make-up that staff consider inappropriate. Coloured nail varnish, non-natural eyebrows, false nails, and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted. Clear nail varnish is acceptable.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small, plain and grey or black coloured only. Extreme hairstyles - such as shaved emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes, or extreme differences in length are not allowed.

If you are unsure whether a hairstyle or piercing meets our uniform guide, please contact the school for guidance before any treatment. The Headteacher reserves the right to determine what does, or does not, constitute an extreme hairstyle.

Failure to follow these expectations could result in a period of time in internal exclusion or suspension, until it is rectified or parents/carers are contacted and resolve the situation. Further details are available in the Marshland Behaviour Policy.

Uniform Exceptions

In exceptional circumstances, the school will make adjustments to the above uniform expectations for individual students. This will only be by express agreement with the school. Examples of exceptional circumstances will be limited to specific medical needs and/or in response to identified needs and outcomes within a student’s education and health care plan (EHCP).

If a student arrives at school without a tie it is expected that they will hand over their mobile phone for safekeeping in exchange for a loan tie. Once the loan tie has been returned to the pastoral office at the end of the day, the mobile phone will be returned.

Activities and Assistance during the Summer Holidays

Open Road Summer Programme – register for free activities in King’s Lynn – see poster on our website.



Big Holiday Fun Activity Sessions Reminder – find out more at
<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

A number of local retailers are offering support for parents with eating out over the Summer, see further details below.

Morrisons - Kids eat free at Morrisons cafe when an adult spends £4.49 or more on a meal. This is an ongoing offer. For more: [Morrisons.com/kids-eat-free---tscs/](https://www.morrisons.com/kids-eat-free---tscs/)

ASDA cafe - Asda's Kids Eat for £1 all day, every day, will continue into the summer holidays until the end of September. Asda also provides free Ella's baby pouches for children under 18 months with any purchase. It also offers half-price adult meals after 3pm daily until 31st December 2023. To find your participating cafe: [Asda.com/cafe](https://www.asda.com/cafe)

Hungry Horse - Kids can eat for £1 on Mondays only at Hungry Horse. £1 meals include chicken burger and lasagne. Also, up to two children can get free breakfast with every one adult breakfast purchased during holidays. [hungryhorse.co.uk/deals/kids-eat-for-1/](https://www.hungryhorse.co.uk/deals/kids-eat-for-1/)

Tesco - At Tesco cafes kids eat free from 3rd July in Scotland & NI and in UK from Mon 24th July - Friday 1st September providing a purchase of +60p is made. Clubcard/app required.

Dobbies Garden Centres - With an adult main meal, one child can choose from their kid's lunch menu or pick 'n' mix meal, which all come served with a drink. The offer is available daily from 12 noon. For more: [dobbies.com/tasty-treats](https://www.dobbies.com/tasty-treats)

We wish all our students and parents a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Kind regards

Marshland High School