

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Marshland Christmas Update

At the end of a very busy autumn term, I write to update you on key information.

So far this year our students have been taking part in a variety of trips, events and projects. Highlights include: workshops with Cambridge University and the University of East Anglia, confidence building skills with Jon Egging Trust, foreign language cinema visits, Rotary Youth Speaks, Chess Tournament, Trust Christmas Carol Service, live theatre, trips focusing on a variety of subject areas and sporting events. Tickets are still available via ParentPay for our Christmas Show on Wednesday evening.

Don't forget you can keep up to date with all the latest news by following us on Twitter – 'Marshlandhs'.

The last day of term on Friday 16th December is a full school day with the usual finish time of 3:15pm and transport as usual. Please note the only earlier finish in the school year is on the last day of term in July.

Our staff training day takes place on Tuesday 3rd January and all students should return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

If we have to close the school due to severe weather, the latest information will always be found on the home page of our <u>website</u>.

Uniform

In recent weeks, it has come to our attention that a small number of students are damaging their ties by pulling threads to create black lines. Our uniform expectations are such that ties should be worn at all times smartly. Any tie that has been defaced will need to be replaced for the start of the new year. Ties can be bought from the school shop, accessed via our website and ParentPay account. Please ensure your child adheres to uniform policy on return to school. Please remember we do not allow fake nails or eyelashes, extreme hair colour or hairstyles, trainers, piercings (other than one small pair of ear studs). If your child has had false nails or eyelash treatments for Christmas, please ensure these are removed before returning to school.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Scheme

The <u>Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF)</u> activity programme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council, and provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4-16 in Norfolk.

Children eligible for means-tested free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on most activities for those who don't. The next programme will be taking place during the winter holidays, between 19th December – 30th December.



Attendance



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We continue to have a sharp focus on attendance at school. Last year's GCSE results showed that those with above average attendance achieved above average GCSE results and those that had a lower attendance did not meet their potential.

Mr Duce has sent numerous letters congratulating students on having a good attendance and also encouraging parents to support attendance.

This week we are recognising and rewarding a large number of students with 100% attendance badges in our celebration assemblies. For those who did not manage 100% this term, they have an opportunity now to achieve it by coming in every day during the spring term. We very much rely on your support and encouragement for your child, and thank you in advance for supporting good attendance at school.

Please remember, if your child is not feeling well, for example, with minor conditions, headache, toothache, period pain etc, they are allowed to bring a single dose of paracetamol/Calpol to take mid-way through the school day. Also, if your child has been prescribed an inhaler, they should bring it to school with them.

Finally, we appreciate that this is a difficult time for families financially, please contact school should you need support with school-related items for your child.

Season's greetings to all our students and families.

Yours faithfully

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