

9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Marshland Update**

As we approach the February half-term I would like to wish our students and their families a restful break from school.

There are some important changes taking place immediately after half-term that I would like to update you on.

### **English Block Refurbishment**

As you are aware we encountered problems with our English block during the Autumn term. Investigations have been ongoing and I am pleased to report that work on the refurbishment begins next week with an estimated completion by the end of May.

To support this work, an area of the playground alongside the English block will be handed over to the builders as a compound for materials and equipment resulting in a number of other changes.

- The main gated entrance leading onto the playground from the front of the school will not be accessible for the duration of the work. A new temporary gated entrance will be created off the car park between the Maths block and the ILC building. A temporary pedestrian walk-way will be installed to ensure students safely move from the school through to the buses. Access through reception remains unchanged.
- We will need to temporarily remove a small number of car parking spaces in the front car park to ensure the buses remain a safe distance from the new walk-way. These void car park spaces will be clearly marked. Please do not park in these spaces when visiting the school.
- Temporary access routes into the Maths block and the Humanities block will be implemented, with a new one-way system introduced for going through the canteen at break and lunch times from this area.

We will of course, fully brief students on their return from half term, and if anything changes during the work. We do not expect any disruption to the curriculum, or teaching and learning.

### **Parents Evenings**

As a result of the changes above and due to constraints with parking, parent evenings between now and May will be online only. This includes the Year 10 parents evening on 23rd February, Year 11 on 16th March, Year 9 on 30th March and Year 8 on 25th May. We aim to return to in-school evenings from June. Appointments made for Year 10 remain but will switch to being online. We will send out a reminder of how to join your meetings after half term.



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### **NEU Strike Action**

Currently, all schools within this region are expecting another strike day on Wednesday 1st March. As we did on the last strike day on 1st February, we will be working closely with all teaching colleagues at Marshland High School to ensure that as far as reasonably possible we minimise any impact of strike action on our students. We will update you nearer to the day to advise you whether our school will be partially or fully open.

### **Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria**

With some of our school community having family in the areas of the devastating earthquakes this week, we would like to bring your attention to the [Disaster Emergency Committee](#) appeal for donations. We understand times are hard for many families, but any contribution you can give will support people in dire circumstances.

### **Uniform**

As a reminder, please ensure your child adheres to the full uniform and accessories policy on return to school. Fake nails/eyelashes, extreme hair colour or hairstyles, trainers, piercings (other than one small pair of ear studs) are not allowed. If your child has had false nails or eyelash treatments over the holidays, please ensure these are removed before returning to school.

Kindest regards

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