



September 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the Autumn Term

I am writing to you as we embark on the new school year and enter a busy and vibrant new term. We hope that you and your family have enjoyed a lovely summer holiday and it is not simply a distant memory! A group of our students visited Borneo over the holiday. This was a great opportunity to visit a country and a culture far removed from our own and the students found it to be an extraordinary, 'once in a lifetime' experience. My particular appreciation goes to Miss Mowat who organised and supported our students on this trip.

Term has started smoothly and it has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students, all 166 of them. The arrival of Year 7 is always a high point of the year and it is heart-warming to see how they settle in so quickly.

We must congratulate our outgoing Year 11 students on their examination results. At a time of complex changes to examinations, our students did incredibly well. The percentage of students achieving 4+ in English and Maths significantly increased to 60%. Our strong examination performance and the excellent progress made by our students reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality teaching and learning opportunities for all pupils and confirms our school as one of the highest performing in West Norfolk.

Over the summer, refurbishment of the Maths block and student toilets was completed alongside the creation of a new multimedia room in the Creative Arts block, which provides much improved facilities to support students in their learning as well as their wellbeing. Early this term, work will begin on adding two new classrooms to the Humanities block.

I would like to thank the very many parents and students who have ensured their uniform complies with our school uniform expectations. However, it is disappointing that despite very clear and repeated communications to both parents and students, there have still been some students who are choosing to ignore our school uniform policy particularly in respect of the length of skirts. This is not fair on the majority of pupils who are complying with the school policy. We are taking a firm stance through regular checks to raise standards and we reserve the right to send a student home to change into correct uniform before returning back to school. It remains parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is in the correct uniform and it is important we have your support in this matter.

If I can take this opportunity of reminding parents that the school is now operating a new Behaviour Policy. This was shared with parents at the end of last academic year and is always available on the school website. As previously updated, the mobile phone confiscation procedure will carry forward from last academic year.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments about the work of the school, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or e-mail. You do not have to wait for reports and parents' evenings; the sooner we know about your concerns, the more proactive and prompt we can be in addressing them.

We very much appreciate parental feedback and ideas on how, you feel, we can continue in our drive to provide an exceptional education. If your question is related to a particular subject, then the most appropriate point of contact is the subject teacher; if it is a wider or more general issue, please contact your child's form tutor.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a successful autumn term.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Jansen
Headteacher

Reminder of Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

- Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening – 19th September between 4:45 and 7:00pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 Open Day Tours – 3rd / 4th October (9:30, 10:30, 11:30am)
- Year 7 Tutor Evening – 3rd October 4pm - 6:30pm
- INSET Day (Pupil Holiday) – 18th October prior to Half Term 21st – 25th October
- Admission Applications for Year 7 in September 2020 Closing Date 31st October 2019
- Year 11 Progress Evening – 12th December 4:30 – 6:30pm

Additional important dates can be found on the calendar on our [Website](#).

Key Contacts in School – Pastoral Support

- Year 7 – Mrs E Calvert e.calvert@marshlandhigh.co.uk
- Year 8 – Mrs T Pearce t.pearce@marshlandhigh.co.uk
- Year 9 – Mr R Sedgeley r.sedgeley@marshlandhigh.co.uk
- Year 10 and Year 11 – Miss S Bradley and Miss K Palmer
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Marshland Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for:

- Exams Officer (closes 17/9/19)
- Learning Mentor Maths supporting students with one to one Maths support (closes 20/9/19).

Downloadable application forms and job descriptions can be found on the West Norfolk Academies Trust [Website](#)