



14th October 2022

Dear Parent & Carers

At the end of last week, the school identified a building defect within the first floor of the English block, therefore we took the decision to immediately close access to the English classrooms.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our absolute priority.

Corrective work to resolve the building defect started this week. The school is taking this opportunity to fully refurbish all English classrooms. This work is expected to be complete around Easter 2023.

To minimise disruption, the six English classrooms will be replaced with temporary classrooms until work is complete. Installation of the temporary classrooms starts during the October half-term break, Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October and will take up to two weeks.

Due to the risk factors associated with the classroom installation and reduction in classrooms available, we have no option but to close part of the school site to staff and students. As a consequence, this means school will remain closed to some year groups during the week following half-term, from Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November.

The school will be closed to the following year groups Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November:

- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10

The school will remain open for the following year groups Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November:

- Year 7
- Year 11

We are prioritising Year 11 during their final GCSE year to complete the programme of work required for their exams. We are also prioritising Year 7 students as we recognise parents will be more concerned regarding child care arrangements given the age of these students.

We will also remain open to students in all year groups for students identified as vulnerable, and we will make direct contact separately with you if this is the case.

All bus services to and from school will operate as normal.

For students in Year 8, 9 and 10 not in school, teachers will set work online to complete via Satchel One and/or Google Classroom. Please note this work will need to be completed independently by your child, live lessons will not be available.

If your child needs assistance with access to a loan computer to complete their work, please contact Mr Lucas, email: d.lucas@marshlandhigh.co.uk by Tuesday 18th October.

Our priority remains the safety and continuity of our students' education.

We would like to extend our appreciation for your understanding and support during this unexpected and complex challenge. The standard timetable is expected to resume for all students from Monday 7th November.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, in the first instance please contact your child's Pastoral Manager.

Yours faithfully

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