

June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break, as we start the final term of the year. We are busy with a number of upcoming trips and activities over the coming weeks and have highlighted a few key dates at the end of this update. Please remember the last day of term will finish at 12.30pm on 17th July 2026. We will send updates nearer the time regarding buses.

Our Year 11 students have been working hard on their final GCSE exams and the Leaver's assembly will be next Friday, with all exams finishing on Wednesday 17th June and Prom on Friday 19th June at Knight's Hill Hotel, near King's Lynn. Carriages arrive from 6pm, and the evening begins at 7pm. We hope our students have a great evening and we wish them every success for their future.

Centenary Celebrations

On Wednesday 1st July 2026, we will be celebrating our 100th Year. As part of a number of celebrations, we are delighted to share that a photo exhibition will be open to the public from 4pm until 5pm in the main school hall.

To mark this milestone with a lasting memory, earlier in the year we took a photo of all of our staff and students in a 100 formation (example copy below). The photo is now available to buy (12x8inch, glossy) for £5 each and any additional funds generated will pay for centenary celebrations. If you would like to pre-order a copy, it can be purchased via your MCAS account under the option 'other > Centenary Photo 2026'. Orders will close on Saturday 27th June 2026 and can be sent home with students once available, or you can email to arrange collection after 1st July 2026 to office@marshlandhigh.co.uk. Thank you for supporting this amazing milestone.



Young Carers

We are working on an important initiative aimed at identifying and supporting pupils who may be young carers. A *young carer* is a child or young person who provides regular care, assistance, or emotional support to a family member who may have a disability, long-term illness, mental health condition, or substance misuse issue. While many young people take pride in helping their families, these responsibilities can sometimes impact their wellbeing, attendance and educational progress.



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Research indicates that there are approximately 800,000 young carers in the UK, although the true number may be higher due to underreporting. Studies have also shown that young carers are more likely to experience challenges in school, including lower academic attainment and increased absence compared to their peers. Without appropriate support, these pressures can affect both their learning and emotional health.

In recognition of this, our school has introduced several ways to help identify pupils who may be young carers:

- A **self-referral system**, enabling students to come forward confidentially;
- A **staff referral process**, where teachers and support staff can raise concerns;
- A **student survey**, designed to help us better understand the needs within our school community.

Our aim is to ensure that all young carers receive appropriate support, which may include pastoral care, academic flexibility, and access to external services where appropriate.

We recognise that families may not always identify their child as a young carer, and some may be reluctant to come forward, however early identification allows us to provide meaningful support and ensure that no pupil feels isolated or overwhelmed. If you believe your child may be a young carer, or if you would like to discuss this further, we warmly encourage you to follow the link below and fill out a parental referral. All information shared will be handled sensitively and confidentially. If you have any queries or questions about Young Carers at Marshland please email Mr Bell – k.bell@marshlandhigh.co.uk

Follow the link to complete the Young Carer form: <https://forms.gle/65yMcALAp6MbFDBe7>

Children’s Commissioner Big Future Survey – we have been asked to promote this survey for children to share what matters most to them, their hopes and ambitions for their future in their own words - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Upcoming Dates:

- **Year 8 Science Fair – Thursday 11th June 2026**
Our Year 8 students are proud to present their science projects to their parents in the main hall from 3.45pm to 6pm.
- **Wear the Rainbow Day** – 18th June. Students can accessorize their uniform with rainbow socks, hair bows, etc to celebrate diversity.
- **Year 10 Mock Interview Day** – 19th June and **Year 10 College of West Anglia and Springwood Sixth Form Taster Day** – 23rd June
- **Year 7 Parents Evening** – Thursday 25th June 2026
Bookings are now open through your MCAS App for the Year 7 Parents Evening. Reports will be available by Wednesday 17th June, again through your MCAS App.
- **Key Stage 3 French Trip** – 26th to 29th June
- **Sports Day** – Tuesday 30th June (all students to wear sports kit, not uniform – subject to weather confirmation)



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- **Centenary Day** – Wednesday 1st July
- **Year 8 Parents Evening** – 2nd July
- **Super Learning Day** – 3rd July
- **Year 10 Work Experience** – 6th to 10th July
- **West Norfolk Academies Trust – Free evening music concerts at Springwood High School, King’s Lynn** 6th – 9th July
- **Year 7 & Year 8 Learning Awards** – morning of Monday 13th July. **Year 9 and Year 10 Learning Awards** – morning of Tuesday 14th July. Later in June we will email families whose children have been nominated to receive a learning award for their year group with details and timings.
- **End of Year Music Concert** – 15th July

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school, events and trips, we very much appreciate your assistance.

Kind regards, Marshland High School



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