



## **Marshland Parent Update July 2025**

As we draw to the end of a very busy year, we have been so pleased to see so many families respond to the invite to join us at the annual learning awards this week and hope to see many more at the school concert this evening. Amongst other events and trips over the next two weeks, we wish our year 10 students and staff a safe trip to Nepal for a once in a lifetime experience, leaving on Thursday 10th July. Friday 11th July sees our Year 6 students joining us for their transition day, so the morning drop off will be busier than usual. Next Thursday 17th July is our Year 5 experience day with local primaries.

### **Keeping in Touch**

You can always follow all the latest news on X at <https://x.com/MarshlandHS>

Please remember to check your MCAS App 'messages' regularly to keep up to date.

### **Last day of term**

As a reminder school finishes on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 12.30pm. Lessons run until this time.

For most students, transport will be here for the earlier finish time with the exception of Bus 60 - those students will travel on Bus 46 to Wisbech. Lynx Bus 1 is a service bus with a standard timetable so is unable to arrive early. If your child usually travels on this, we would kindly ask you to make alternative arrangements for this day. If you are unable to arrange collection for your child, please email [office@marshlandhigh.co.uk](mailto:office@marshlandhigh.co.uk)

### **Return to School**

Year 7 and Year 11 are due to return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**.

All other Year Groups return on **Thursday 4th September 2025**.

Term times and dates are always available on our [website](#).

New school photographs will be taken on Friday 5th September 2025.

### **Attendance**

Please make sure that your child attends on the first day as outlined above. A lot of important information is shared with students on their first day. Students should not be using their first day back as an extended holiday. In line with statutory guidance from Norfolk County Council, holidays taken by families during term time will be classed as unauthorised absence and a referral to issue a fixed penalty notice will be issued.

### **School Summer Concert**

As previously advised, we would love you to join us this evening (Wednesday 9th July) with music starting at 6pm in the main hall and an estimated finish of 8pm. Tickets £5 on MCAS. The evening will showcase the incredible musical talents of our students, including performances from the Year 7 Choir, Senior Choir, and a selection of soloists from across the year groups. It promises to be a fantastic celebration of music and student achievement, and we would love for you to join us in supporting our performers. There will be an interval, during which BBQ and light refreshments will be available to purchase.

### **Annual Parent Questionnaire**

We welcome your feedback and would be grateful if you could share your thoughts via the annual Parent Questionnaire at the following link: <https://forms.gle/CicXSnUhjS9CMCfcA>

### Year 10 Work Experience

Next week sees our Year 10 students taking part in work experience. We are extremely grateful to the 100 local companies that have supported us in providing student placements, giving them insight into the world of work.

### Uniform Reminder

Every year a small number of students return to school after the holidays with false or painted nails, extreme haircuts, piercings, false eyelashes, trainers or general uniform issues. Please ensure that your child returns to school correctly dressed and ready to learn. Some girls have been wearing long socks with bows or frills. **Long socks are permitted as long as they do not cover the knee, but bows or frill are not allowed on any socks.** I have copied the relevant section of the behaviour policy for reference.

- Grey jacket with blue heron logo and trim
- Grey trousers for boys and girls with the addition of grey tartan pleated skirt (all with heron logo). Skirts should be worn just above the waist and must not be rolled at the waist to shorten the length. Skirts must also not be altered (shortened) without prior approval from the pastoral or Senior Leadership team.
- House colour tie
- Plain grey or black socks or plain grey, black or flesh-coloured tights (no over-knee socks or socks with tassels/bows)
- School coat - plain, without logo, warm and waterproof (No denim, hoodies or sports tops)
- Plain white shirt or blouse with stiff collar (No polo shirts except in PE)
- Flat black, plain, leather-type shoes with enclosed toe and heel (No boots, sandals, trainers / trainer-style shoes, sliders. No decorative fashion accessories such as buckles and beads, etc).
- We recommend a plain sturdy appropriate bag, ideally black or navy and free from logos and branding. Bags should be of practical use for the purposes of school.  
**Every child should have a school bag with them every day including all their required equipment and a refillable water bottle. Sanctions will be issued for missing items.**
- Belts where worn should be plain black or grey with a small buckle (not decorative, fashion or designer).

Other prohibited items that the Senior Leadership team deem inappropriate for school (please consult with school or website before purchasing if you are unsure).

If pupils are found to be wearing the uniform incorrectly or incorrect uniform or inappropriate clothing, we may contact parents to resolve the issue. Pupils may be sent home to change and we may issue sanctions if the uniform is not as listed above, or if it is worn incorrectly. The Headteacher reserves the right to determine what is, or is not, acceptable in respect of what and how the uniform is worn.

Full school uniform should be worn correctly on the way to school, throughout the school day, and on the journey home. On warmer summer days a “no jacket/jumper” instruction may be issued whereby students do not have to wear their jackets or jumpers in lessons or around the school building. However, jackets need to be brought into school and kept in a

school bag so that they can be worn for formal occasions such as assemblies. If students have PE as their last lesson of the day, they can choose to remain in their PE kit to travel home.

### **Jewellery & Watches**

Pupils may wear a watch (no smart watches, iWatches, etc as outlined in our mobile phone and device policy), one signet ring, up to one pair of small ear studs (one stud in each lobe) only. No other jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets, additional rings and other piercings are permitted. If pupils have any other visible piercings, including piercing retainers, these must be removed during the school day. Expensive items should not be worn and the school will take no responsibility for their security.

### **Make-Up & Hair**

Students may wear a small amount of discreet foundation make up in a natural colour. Students may be asked to remove any make-up that staff consider inappropriate. Coloured nail varnish, non-natural eyebrows, false nails, and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted. Clear nail varnish is acceptable.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small, plain and grey or black coloured only. Extreme hairstyles - such as shaved emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes, or extreme differences in length are not allowed.

If you are unsure whether a hairstyle or piercing meets our uniform guide, please contact the school for guidance before any treatment. The Headteacher reserves the right to determine what does, or does not, constitute an extreme hairstyle.

Failure to follow these expectations could result in a period of time in internal exclusion or suspension, until it is rectified or parents/carers are contacted and resolve the situation. Further details are available in the Marshland Behaviour Policy.

### **Uniform Exceptions**

In exceptional circumstances, the school will make adjustments to the above uniform expectations for individual students. This will only be by express agreement with the school. Examples of exceptional circumstances will be limited to specific medical needs and/or in response to identified needs and outcomes within a student's education and health care plan (EHCP).

If a student arrives at school without a tie, it is expected that they will hand over their mobile phone for safekeeping in exchange for a loan tie. Once the loan tie has been returned to the pastoral office at the end of the day, the mobile phone will be returned.

### **Local Activities During the Summer Holidays**

- Big Holiday Fun Activity Sessions Reminder – find out more at <https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>
- Free Summer Activities for Young People (Aged 11+) in person and online - <https://www.thewildhub.co.uk/>
- [Active Fenland Sessions](#)

We wish all our students and parents a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Kind regards

Marshland High School