MHS Update – October 2026

Years 7 – 10 School Photos
You should have received an email link to order school photos that were taken on Friday 4th September. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). **Year 11 Photographs** are booked for Friday 6th November 2026.

Key Dates

- Last day of term is Thursday 22nd October returning to school Monday 2nd November 2026.
- Last day of term for the Christmas Holidays is a full day on Friday 18th December 2026.

Family Information Event – Thursday 15th October 3.30 to 4.30pm in the Main School Hall. Please see poster at the end of this update.

Flu Vaccinations
Following an email sent directly from the NHS, you should provide consent (or decline) for your child to have their flu vaccination at one of the three sessions in school this Autumn. We have just been informed the session on Monday 12th has been postponed, so sessions are due to take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October and 1st December 2026.

West Walton Parking Initiative
A resident of West Walton is coordinating cars with empty drives to help alleviate congestion. If you are a regular driver that collects from Marshland High, and would like to be allocated a regular driveway / parking space Monday - Friday, 15:15 to 15:45 term time. You must adhere to the owner's instructions, and not use the drive at any other time than school pick up. There is no charge for this.

Please email helenspear209j@gmail.com to register for a space. She will put you in touch with a space owner as they become available. Please include your email address, which end of the village you enter - King of Hearts or Highwayman, and if your child has mobility issues and unable to walk at least 100 yards. Spaces that are that close to the school are extremely limited.

Please also remember to be considerate and respectful if you are parking outside school waiting for your child by not blocking driveways or access for residents, and keeping noise to a minimum.

Buses and morning drop offs
A reminder that if your child travels to school by bus, they must come directly onto the school site and must not leave the site to go to the park or wander around the village. We would also strongly urge you not to drop children off at the park in the mornings. The park is not supervised by school staff, and we have seen an increase in incidents being reported there. For the safety and wellbeing of all students, children should be brought directly to school in the morning rather than being dropped off at the park. Please also be mindful that you shouldn't drop children off too early, we have had reports of some children arriving as early as 7.15am.

Matilda the Musical
This year our school show is taking place from Wednesday 25th November to Saturday 28th November. Tickets are available on your MCAS account now. To help raise funds, we will be holding a raffle and would welcome donations of items, vouchers or experiences from individuals and local businesses. If you can help, please email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk or leave items with reception.

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Vacancies
Marshland High School currently has vacancies in the following roles. Full details can be found online.

SEN and Careers Administrator ***SEN Teaching Assistant*** ***Food & Nutrition Technician***

Marshland High School Parent Governor and Trust Governor
Our school highly values the contribution that our parents and carers make to support us. We are currently looking to appoint Governors to our Local Governing Body. If you are interested in supporting our school in these roles, can I please, in the first instance, invite you to send in an expression of interest by email to head@marshlandhigh.co.uk by Friday 30th October 2026 at the latest. We will then arrange for those who have expressed an interest to have an individual meeting with Mr Jansen to discuss the role, responsibilities and process. If more than two expressions of interest are received for each school, a ballot will need to be undertaken.

Detention Reminder
A reminder that detentions are set for 48 hours after they are issued.

If you are unable to collect their child after a detention, or the student is unable to complete the detention on the allocated day, you must contact the student's Pastoral Manager to request that the detention is moved. Students should not request changes to their own detentions or simply state that they are unable to attend.

Any rearranged detention must be completed within 5 school days of the original detention date.

If you do not contact the Pastoral Manager in advance and your child fails to attend their detention, this will be escalated to a 60-minute detention, or a student may be placed in isolation until their detention has been set.

Mobile Phones
A reminder to read our recent Mobile Phone Update following changes in government guidance.

Family Advice, Communication and Education
As a school we have signed up to FACE (Family Advice, Communication and Education). This allows parents to attend free advice sessions each month. These sessions include things such as supporting healthy sleep, understanding anger, ADHD. The timetable for the rest of October is at the end of this update.

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/parents > Live online talks. To access the talks free of charge: add school name access code is ***MH170726***. This can be used by any parents or staff from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools. At the payment stage of booking, add the school code where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will drop the price from £24 to £0.

Poppy Appeal

To raise money for The Royal British Legion (RBL), Poppy Merchandise will be on sale to students during tutor lessons and at break and lunch times starting on Monday 19th October until Wednesday 11th November. There will be a variety of merchandise available including poppies, bracelets, pencils and reflectors. If you would like your child to purchase any items, please ensure they have cash with them to put in the RBL collection box, no change can be given.

Thank you for your support.

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Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

