

June 2024

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

Thank you to everyone who has supported and attended the wide range of activities and events this year, we include more information on events taking place this term.

### **Ofsted Outcome**

Firstly, I am delighted to inform parents and students that following our recent inspection Marshland High School remains a firmly good school.

The report highlights the many strengths of our school, commenting that a carefully considered curriculum, supportive staff and a calm, safe environment all contribute to pupils' enjoyment of school.

The inspection team took every opportunity to directly interact with our students to gain their insightful thoughts, recognising that students enjoyed attending our school. During the inspection the inspector commented that behaviour was very strong and acknowledged pupils treated each other with respect in an inclusive and supportive manner.

The report states "The purposeful school environment further promotes pupils' engagement in school life. During social times pupils chat together happily. They interact with duty staff, and queue sensibly for the canteen. Behaviour in corridors during lesson changeover is equally calm. Pupils' work ethic is evident in lessons. This enables them, and their peers, to achieve well in many areas of school life, including pupil examinations".

There is praise in the report for many aspects of the work of the school, including a sense of community, purposeful learning, clear staff expectations, and strong support for all students, particularly the support of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). "The Hub base for pupils with SEND contributes significantly to pupil progression."

Leaders were highlighted in the report for accurately evaluating the work of the school.

The Ofsted inspection team identified the rigour of assessment within a small number of subjects as one area that the school could develop further.

The report states "There is a comprehensive programme of professional development opportunities available. As a result, staff are confident in teaching their subjects. They also speak highly of the school's action in terms of wellbeing and workload" and that "The overwhelming majority of parents would recommend the school and express positive views."

The inspectors identified that school attendance was broadly in line with national trends and improving. Despite this school leaders feel this must improve further and will therefore be a key priority in the next academic year.

### **School Calendar Reminder**

Marshland term dates differ from the standard Norfolk County Council calendar and are always available on our [website](#) for this academic year, as well as up to July 2026. Summer Term ends for all students on Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.30pm.



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Upcoming Events

1. Parents Evening appointments are still available to book at <https://marshland.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Y7 Parents Evening – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Y8 Parents Evening – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

2. National School Sports Week

This week is National Sports Week and we are challenging students to take part in as many after school activities as possible, also gaining points towards their house competitions. Our extended programme includes the following after-school activities which run alongside the lunchtime walk:

- Tuesday 18th June – Cricket for All + Football
- Weds 19th – 60 second challenge + Rounders Club + Basketball + tennis
- Thursday 20th – Dodgeball
- Friday 21st – Badminton + Athletics + rugby + tennis

There are so many physical/social/emotional benefits from getting active.

3. Sports Day for Years 7 to 10 will take place next Tuesday 25th June. All students should wear their PE kit all day whether participating or not. Also, we would like as many children as possible to wear a t-shirt in their house colours with their usual PE to show support. Please consider the weather forecast on the day and the need for suncream/sunhat as appropriate.

4. West Norfolk Academies Trust Community Music Week 2024 will be taking place at Springwood High School, Queensway, King’s Lynn, PE30 4AW from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Entry is free, gates open 20 minutes prior to each performance, so why not bring a chair or blanket and enjoy some great music.

Monday 1st July	Tuesday 2nd July	Wednesday 3rd July	Thursday 4th July
<b>Rock and Pop Showcase</b>	<b>Concert Bands and Orchestras</b>	<b>Jazz and Small Ensembles</b>	<b>WNAT Vocal Celebration</b>
6.30pm Bands from Across West Norfolk	4.00pm Primary Instrumental Showcase	6.30pm Small Ensembles and Jazz Night	6.00pm Choirs from across WNAT
Rock and Pop bands from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust join with other local bands and performers to kick off our week of great community music.	Primary School students from across West Norfolk together as one large Instrumental Ensemble. Followed by performances from the Springwood 'Transition Band and Orchestra'	The Big Band and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School with Special Community Guests ' West Norfolk Reeds' Ouse 5 Wind Quintet 'The Centre Stage Swing Band'	Featuring Choirs from across all the schools of the West Norfolk Academies Trust and our guests St. Martha's in a wonderful celebration of choral arrangements including many of your songs and ending with a finale of a combined choir of over 200 young people.
	6.30pm Bands and Orchestras from Across West Norfolk		
	Featuring the bands and orchestras from Springwood High School including the award-winning Concert Band with Special Community Guests.		
	West Norfolk Wind Orchestra West Norfolk Music Centre		



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- 5. Marshland High School’s Creative Design Exhibition will be taking place from 3.30 – 5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the Creative Design Block. We look forward to seeing you.

Finally, we wanted to give you advance warning that we will be deploying a new student information system in September to replace SIMs and we will provide further details on parent / student apps and access as soon as we are able to.

Kind regards

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