

Marshland Parent Update July 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our Learning Awards this week to share in our celebrations for students nominated by their teachers. Congratulations to our outstanding learners in each year group:

Year 7 - Inga

Year 8 - Lukne

Year 9 - Eaden

Year 10 - Imogen

It has been an exceptional year for many of our students with events, shows, theatre trips, overseas trips to France, Spain and Florida, Bushcraft and Duke of Edinburgh, sporting competitions and access to the arts and culture. Highlights include:

- Our Cambridge Arts Trail giraffe, Marsha, has now returned to Marshland to join our other animals.
- Year 9 students entered the Cambridge University Reading and Writing Competition and we are delighted to say Jessica Williams was a runner up with Astride Radanke announced as the overall East of England regional winner.
- Year 7 and Year 8 Basketball teams reached the finals of the Junior NBA competition achieving a bronze and silver medal.
- Once again, we're very proud of our Pink Ladies Hockey Team for their hard work in fundraising for our local Angles Theatre by completing the 5K Park Run last month.

Congratulations to everyone for their participation, perseverance and achievement.

As you are aware, our final event of the year, our summer concert takes place this evening Wednesday 17th at 6pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you.

End of Term

As a reminder school finishes on Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.30pm.

For most students, transport will be here for the earlier finish time with the exception of Bus 60. Wisbech students can travel on Bus 46 to Wisbech Town Centre or the Locomotive (Charlies). If your child doesn't live in Wisbech and usually travels on Bus 60, 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

Return to School

Year 7 and Year 11 are due to return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**.

All other year groups return on **Thursday 5th September**.

Road Safety

Please remember when students return in September, the weather will change. Particularly for those cycling, driving scooters or e-bikes there have been a number of serious accidents in Wisbech this year and we don't want our students to suffer due to either inappropriate cycling behaviour using their phones, wearing headphones, doing wheelies, or not being visible. Children should wear helmets with the strap done up - which saves lives, use lights as the nights draw in and wear high-vis clothing which can be bought for £1/£2.

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, any 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.

The Government has launched a new focus on attendance and this will be followed by the school in the new academic year, in an attempt to improve whole school attendance and in turn, student's future achievement and prospects.

School Photographs

On Friday 6th September all students in years 7-10 will have their school photograph taken. Year 11 students will follow later in the year when they will also have their year group photo.

New MIS System

Next year we will be moving our management information system from SIMs to a new system called Bromcom. This will support students and parents by bringing together lots of different applications into one place, replacing SIMS Parents App, Satchel One and Class Charts. More information and how to register will be sent out in September to enable parents to receive school communications, track behaviour, attendance, detentions and homework through the MCAS (My Child at School) app, which is available to download via the usual Apple and Android routes.

Year 10 Work Experience

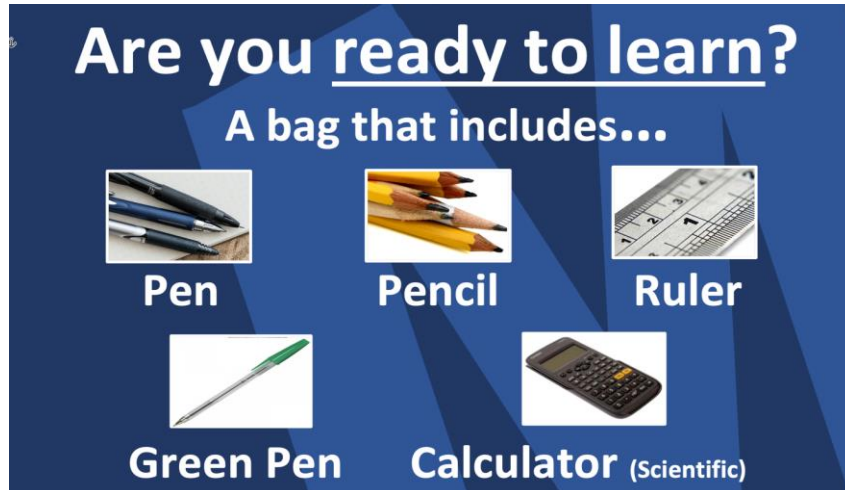
Last week our Year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in work experience. We are extremely grateful to the 100 local companies that have supported us in providing student placements, giving them insight into the world of work. Feedback from employers and students has been very positive.

Uniform Reminder

Every year a small number of students return to school after the holidays with false or painted nails, extreme haircuts/hairstyles, 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. Long socks are permitted as long as they do not cover the knee, but bows are not allowed. The relevant section of the behaviour policy is attached at the end and is always available on our website.

Ready to Learn Check

We would also ask that over the summer you make sure that students have all the correct equipment for their lessons. Our school ready to learn check will continue to take place in morning tutor time, with a particular focus on students having the equipment in an appropriate school bag and not their blazer pocket.



Summer Activities

A number of local retailers are offering support for parents with eating out over the Summer, including Morrisons, ASDA, Hungry Horse, Tesco and Dobbies Garden Centre.

The Alive West Norfolk Big Summer Fun Activity Programme is also available - see their website for further details: <https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

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

Kind regards

Marshland High School

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- Grey jacket with blue heron logo and trim with grey trousers for boys and girls or 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, or have the length altered.
- 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. No decorative fashion accessories such as buckles and beads, etc).
- We recommend a plain sturdy backpack, ideally black or navy and free from logos and branding. Bags should be of practical use for the purposes of school.
- 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 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.

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.