

July 2022

Dear parents and carers,

As another academic year shortly draws to a close, we would like to thank you for all your support for our school and our students.

This year has certainly felt more normal in many ways and our focus has been to ensure that our students embrace the normality and stability that regular school attendance and engagement gives them.

A large part of this year has been dedicated to renewing the 'Marple Hall Spirit' and to recap for our school community what it means to belong to Marple Hall. Reminding each other of our values of *Honesty, Determination, Readiness, Respect* and *Spark* and how we can all demonstrate them in our daily lives has seen our students grow in confidence and maturity, both with regards to their attitude to learning and also their presentation around school. We are proud of the resilience that our young people have shown over the past few years and of the young adults they are becoming.

We are already looking forward to September and the new school year along with all the opportunities that this will provide. We remain truly grateful that parents and carers work in partnership with us so that we can continually raise standards in school and ensure the best outcomes for each student.

In terms of raising standards, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the importance of students attending school every day. Some students have found it hard to adjust to being back to school post covid and we are working with those families. However, we are conscious that whilst there are times where students need to stay at home to recover, often it is much better for them to be in school when they have minor ailments so they do not miss out on their learning and get behind their peers.

Equally, we would like to remind all parents and carers to refer to the website when purchasing uniform. Skirts must be the Marple Hall School approved skirts, purchased from Warrens or Monkhouses and may not be worn shorter than mid-thigh. Trousers must be black, tailored, long and formal and blazers are a compulsory uniform item. The only jumper permitted is the school logoed jumper but this item is optional. Shoes must be black and formal. Boots and trainers are not allowed. Fake tan, extreme hairstyles, nail polish, false nails and eyelashes are not allowed. No make up may be worn at Key Stage 3 and discreet make up only may be worn at Key Stage 4.

We expect students to be proud to belong to Marple Hall and to show this through wearing their uniform with pride. We also understand that teenagers can put pressure on parents sometimes with regards to purchasing specific items to wear as uniform and would like to reassure parents that we enforce the wearing of our uniform. Students may be sent home to change or will be isolated if they come to school wearing inappropriate uniform. This way all parents will know that we are implementing the uniform policy very seriously and should hopefully relieve some of this family pressure. If you have any doubt about shoes or any other uniform item, please contact your child's Year Team or me before purchasing and we will be happy to advise.

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School will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **This is a normal school day, not part of Enrichment Week and full school uniform must be worn in school.** Some of the school buses are currently unable to do an earlier pick up on this day and we will send more information out when we have confirmation from all of them.

School will reopen for our Year 7 and Year 11 students on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 8.35am and for all students on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 8.35am.

We look forward to seeing our students then and wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Gregory.  
Deputy Headteacher.

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