



Marple Hall School

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am writing to thank you for your support yet again this term. It has been a great first term in school and has flown by!

We have completed two “Focus Fortnights” on **Honesty** and **Respect** and it was fantastic to give out so many congratulations postcards to students, acknowledging their demonstration of these two values. Our Marple Hall Spirit is integral to our school community and our school comes alive when we all have the **Determination** to display the five characteristics on which our school ethos is built.



Our Year 7s have settled in really well and are proving themselves already to be a Year group which is full of **Spark**. Staff have commented on their **Readiness**: how well they contribute in lessons, tutor period and assemblies and they are already an asset to our school.



It was fantastic to see the return of the school show this term for the first time since covid and to see the joy the students got out of putting on such a professional performance. Joining in with extracurricular activities is a great way to feel a sense of belonging to our school and is an important part of school life. We would encourage every single student to get involved with at least one extracurricular activity. This will help them meet like-minded peers, do something fun and could boost their academic performance. In January, we will be sending home the Extra Curricular timetable for the Spring Term and we would encourage you to speak with your child about an activity they could try.



In order to raise money for charity this Christmas, we are holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day in school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Students may choose to donate £1 in order to wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform or wear one small Christmassy item. This is an optional event. Students not participating must wear full school uniform as normal.



We will close for the Christmas break on Friday 23rd December at 12.20pm. Buses will be running as normal and will leave at 12.30pm. Students eligible for free school meals will be able to collect pre-ordered sandwiches from Bradshaw canteen at break time on the last day. Orders for these should be placed at either canteen by Wednesday 21st December.



School will reopen for the new term on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8.35am. As students replace items of school uniform over the break, we would ask you to check school uniform guidelines on our website before making any purchases. Crucially, as the weather becomes more wintery, students must ensure they have appropriate formal black leather or leather look shoes to wear in school. We also recommend students wear a warm, waterproof coat to school.



Wishing those of you who celebrate, a very Merry Christmas and our best wishes to all for the New Year.

Kind regards,

Claire.



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