

30<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you are enjoying a restful summer and that you are making the most of the lovely weather. We are looking forward to welcoming students back for the new term and to welcoming many new students into our Marriotts 'family'.

I hope that you have seen the press releases about our recent examination success. We are delighted with our continued picture of improvement.

Please find below reminders about the start of term.

1. All students should attend school in full school uniform, and be fully equipped.
2. Please see below start times for students in all Year groups along with other important dates for the first half term.

### **Start of Term in September**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Inset Day 1 – school closed to students.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 7 arrive at 9.30
  - Year 8 arrive at 10.00
  - Year 9 arrive at 11.00
  - Year 10 arrive at 11.50
  - Year 11 arrive at 12.00
  - Post 16 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September are Induction Days. Students should arrive at 8.30 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September for a normal school day.

### **Boot Camp**

Year 7 students will spend Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September taking part in a Boot Camp. The aim of Boot Camp is to induct them into Marriotts' rules, routines and procedures to ensure they understand our high expectations and The Marriotts Way and to give them the best possible opportunity to make a strong transition to secondary school.

Year 7 will be welcomed into the school by the Year 7 Form Tutors, and by members of the Senior Leadership, Pastoral, SEND and Admin teams. During these three days they will be focusing on: Working Hard, Aiming High and Being Kind, they will have their fingerprints taken to enable them to operate the printers and catering services and on Wednesday they will spend the day with the school's Heroes and Humanutopia.

### **Uniform / Equipment expectations**

#### **Girls Uniform:**

- Marriotts blazer and tie \*
- Marriotts' school jumper \*
- Black trousers (leggings, slim fitting trousers and jeans/denim trousers or trousers which have back pockets in the style of jeans are not permitted).
- Black knee length, cotton/polyester skirt (no stretch or jersey material as these tend to rise above the knee or need to be frequently readjusted to knee length).
- White, collared shirt or blouse. The top button must be fastened and shirts and blouses must be tucked in at all times.



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- Black, flat shoes with an upper that fully encloses the foot including the heel – no flip flops or mules. Shoes should not have visible detailing or branding which would be deemed inappropriate for school wear.

#### **Boys Uniform:**

- Marriotts blazer and tie \*
- Marriotts' school jumper \*
- Black trousers (tracksuit or jogging bottoms/jeans/denim trousers or trousers which have back pockets in the style of jeans are not permitted)
- White, collared shirt. The top button must be fastened and shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Black, flat shoes. Shoes should not have visible detailing or branding which would be deemed inappropriate for school wear

#### **PE Uniform (Girls & Boys)**

Marriotts students are required to have their PE kit with them in school for all sports / PE lessons

- Marriotts Black polo shirt \*
- Marriotts Black sweatshirt \*
- Training shoes
- Plain black football socks
- Football boots
- Gum shield

\* Items marked with an asterisk are supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from [www.swischoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swischoolwear.co.uk)

#### **Changes to Homework**

We believe in setting students homework activities to broaden student learning, deepen their understanding of their subjects through a clear focus on retention and promote independent learning and responsibility. Activities will be set regularly in core and foundation subjects to build on knowledge retention and the development of examination skills. Each module (an eight week teaching block set five times throughout the year) a homework booklet will be published for each year-group containing the core knowledge students will require to build towards their GCSE examinations. Activities will be set to engage students with the material and monitored through recall testing and submission of assignments. The homework booklet and accompanying activities will be published through the following website [www.showmyhomework.co.uk](http://www.showmyhomework.co.uk). Students, parents and carers alike will be able to access this through all computer, mobile and tablet devices.

Failure to complete homework will lead to a teacher detention, failure to attend a teacher detention will attend a whole school detention.

#### **Calendar Dates 2017/18**

Dates are still subject to change with the exception of holiday calendar dates. Parents will be notified of any changes.

#### **Term Dates**

##### **Autumn Term 2017**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

##### **Spring Term 2018**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

##### **Summer Term 2018**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

### September 2017

1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day 1 – school closed to students
4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term (see staggered start times above) – Week 1
6 <sup>th</sup>	Post 16 lessons commence
8 <sup>th</sup>	School photographs for Years 7, 10, (individual photos) Year 11 (leavers' year group photo) and Post 16 (individual for Year 12 and group photo of Years 12 and 13)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 IAG Tutor Evening – 6.00-8.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 IAG Tutor Evening – 6.00-8.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 IAG Tutor Evening – 6.00-8.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 10 Tutor Evening – 6.00-8.00pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening – students leave school at 1.20pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Late start following Open Evening – students in school at 10.50am

### October 2017

2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 tours all week – viewing of the school by appointment only
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Freshers Disco – 6.00-8.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 combined IAG and Post 16 Options Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

### November 2017

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day 2 – school closed to students
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Parents' Evening 1

### December 2017

1 <sup>st</sup>	Occasional Day – school closed
16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol singing at Sainsburys, Coreys Mill
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper day (date to be advised)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert
18 <sup>th</sup>	Post 16 Winter Wonderland trip
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec –	Christmas holidays
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	

### January 2018

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day 3 – school closed to students
18 <sup>th</sup>	Post 16 Parents' Evening
24 <sup>th</sup>	Marriotts' Got Talent Performance Evening
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Parents' Evening 2

### February 2018

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 8 Options Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Challenge – date to be confirmed
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 and Year 9 Academic Review Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 trip to the Corn Exchange (70 students)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 Parents' Evening

### March 2018

1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Challenge Danceathon
29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday



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**April 2018**

1<sup>st</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays  
19<sup>th</sup> Year 10 Parents' Evening  
27<sup>th</sup> Rock Challenge Premier Final - Portsmouth

**May 2018**

7<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term  
June

**June 2018**

25<sup>th</sup> Year 12 end of year exams begin  
29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7 PGL trip – dates to be confirmed  
July

**July 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Year 11 into Year 12 Induction days  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Parents' Evening  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Transfer day  
13<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
13<sup>th</sup> End of summer term for Post 16  
16<sup>th</sup> Presentation Evening: Years 7, 8 and 10  
17<sup>th</sup> Sports Award Celebration  
18<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Rewards trip to Thorpe Park  
20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

I look forward to a productive year working with you to give our students the best possible education.

Aim high, work hard, be kind.

Yours sincerely



Ms B Honnor  
**Headteacher**