



MARRIOTTS

# Marriotts Weekly News

*Aim high. Work hard. Be kind.*

*21<sup>st</sup> December 2018*

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Families

I hope you are all well.

We have reached the end of a very busy term. The Christmas concerts this week were a delight and myself and the senior team are so proud of all of our performers, back stage helpers and, of course, all the staff who made these wonderful events possible.

So much has happened since September. Our students have achieved great things, individually, in teams and in their lessons. All year groups have worked incredibly hard to improve their achievement and their Approach to Learning. We have had some difficult times and students, staff and the community have pulled together. I am always so impressed by the kindness of our whole community and how generous everyone is with their time. I hope that all of our students, staff and families enjoy a very well earned Christmas holiday and that they enjoy spending time together with their families and recharging their batteries.

I would like to encourage all of our students to get involved in the 20 Things challenge. Remember to use the checklist and send your selfies to: [j.peary@marriotts.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.peary@marriotts.herts.sch.uk)

Please look after yourself and stay safe during the holidays and have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Thank you again.

Kind regards

*Ms B Honnor*  
**Headteacher**

## **Uniform**

Maintaining a high standard of appearance is very important for all students at Marriotts. Uniform allows students to feel part of the school community and ensure no student feels out of place with their clothing. In the past three weeks there have been two uniform compliance checks taking place and parents/carers were sent a message if there were issues with their child's uniform. A further letter will be sent regarding uniform if there were issues in the second compliance check. Students who do not have correct uniform in January will be placed in the reflection room until this is rectified. Please ensure skirts are no more than five centimetres above the knee, as this was the main uniform infraction. Thank you for your continued support.



## Marriotts School - 20 things to do over the Christmas Holiday

1.	Countdown to Christmas with an advent calendar and share your chocolate with someone who deserves a treat.	✓	Selfie snap taken
2.	Put Christmas decorations up in the house together with family and friends		
3.	Read a Book (not on an iPad!)		
	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December school breaks up – No more school work for the rest of 2018. No homework until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019!</b>		
4.	Clear out old toys/games/clothes and take to your local charity shop		
5.	Write a Christmas card to someone you love with a personal message		
6.	Bake a cake, make mince pies or sausage rolls		
7.	Watch a film together with people at home e.g. A Christmas Carol		
8.	Play cards or a board game with family or friends		
9.	Take a family photo wearing a Christmas jumper		
10.	Go for a walk with family or friends and wrap up warm		
11.	Have a day without technology. Try not to use your phone/Xbox etc.		
12.	Help to wrap up others presents or help setting up the Christmas table		
13.	Deliver a card to an elderly neighbour and wish them a happy Christmas		
14.	Give someone you care about a Christmas present and personalise it		
15.	Make homemade crackers or a calendar and add family birthdays		
16.	Reflect back over the previous year and identify three things that you are thankful for and share these with your family		
17.	Light a candle for a loved one to remember them on Christmas Eve		
	<b>Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Marriotts</b>		
18.	Write thankyou cards to those who bought you received presents from		
19.	Recycle all the Christmas cards and packaging at home		
20.	Make some New Year's resolutions		



## ***Start of Term arrangements***

**Start of Term: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

- **Normal School Day** with an early finish
- **Normal lessons:** periods 1-4
- **Dismissal:** students will be dismissed from 1.20 due to a staff twilight training session, 2.00-6.00pm.

## ***A Christmas Carol***

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the English Faculty travelled into central London with 80 Year 10 and 11 students to spend an evening transported to Charles Dickens' Victorian London and watch the seasonal classic 'A Christmas Carol'.

We knew we were in for an immersive treat as we were greeted by Victorian street sellers giving away mince pies and satsumas as we arrived!

Whilst the production was not loyal to the original - Scrooge's father as a much more significant role; Fan as the Ghost of Yet to Come; the Ghost of Christmas Past as a shades wearing woman called Brenda - the heart and message of this well-known tale remained.

The use of theatre in the round; the involvement of the audience at all levels; the snow falling and the gorgeous bell ringing set the scene brilliantly. Scrooge, played superbly by Stephen Tompkinson, transformed from miser to merry man and reminded us all of our power to change ourselves and the world around us.

Thank you to Ms Haskins, Miss Christodoulou, Mrs Matharu, Mr Gleed, Miss Demetriou and Mrs Edwards for supervising the trip and to the brilliant Mrs Leaver for all her administration and organisation!

And finally, thank you to the students who were impeccably behaved as always, and patiently put up with me counting their 80 heads over and over again!

Thank you all,

Miss Rees



## ***Christmas Concert***

A massive congratulations to all the performers of the Christmas Concert this year. There was a fabulous array of talent on display from instrumental numbers, to songs, dance, drama and even sign language. What a talented bunch of students. A big thank you to all the members of staff in the Performing Arts department.



## ***Word of the Week***

As part of the school's drive to advance the reading skills of every student we are focusing on broadening vocabulary by teaching key academic words explicitly in class. To support this, we have introduced a 'Word of the Week' (WOW) that features key, high-frequency words used by all faculties across the school. The aim is to use these words as much as possible to ensure that the precise meaning is embedded to allow students to use these words accurately in academic writing and talk in their subjects.

Please support your child and the school by using this word at home and challenging your child to use it accurately.

The WOW for w/c 7<sup>th</sup> January is: **feature**

**A distinctive part of something.**

**Example:** Our assembly this week will feature a personal appearance by the Mayor.

## ***Rewards and Recognition***

Teachers regularly issue Achievement Points to students who are **Aiming High, Working Hard or Being Kind**. Rewards and recognition of achievement are given out through Achievement Points, which are given each week we would like to congratulate the following students who have received Green and Yellow slips.

### **Green Slips**

We would like to congratulate the following students who have received a Green Slip up to 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Clemmie C	7A	Archie S	8A	Callum C	9A	Victory A	10B	Harry C	11A
Brandon G	7A	Dylan H	8B	Chelsea H	9A	Justin O	10B		
Corey C	7B	Heather M	8B	Ethan C	9B	Eleanor H	10D		
Corey T	7C	Carolanne S	8B	Denzil M	9B	Jessie A	10G		
Mason W	7C	Katie T	8B	Liam G	9C	Alfie P	10G		
George L	7D	Amy P	8C	Dylan M	9C				
Skye L	7E	Kayleigh H	8D	Thomas H	9D				
Tino M	7E	Caine R	8E	Matthew G	9E				
Connor B	7F	Macy B	8F	Junya B	9F				
Ebony M	7G	Ellie A	8G	Lidia S	9F				
Owen T	7G	Macy B	8G	Matthew D	9H				
Lola W	7G	Tyler R	8H	Dominic F	9H				
Alfie B	7H								
Kian W	7H								
Olivia Y	7H								

### Yellow Slips

In addition, each week Conduct Points are analysed (Achievement Points minus Behaviour Points) and Yellow Slips and rewards awarded to the students in each year group. We would like to congratulate the following students who have received a Yellow Slip up to 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Lucian R	7A	Chloe S	8A	Amelia A	9H	Elizabeth B	10C	Ellis P	11H
Joshua D	7H	Archie S	8A	Matthew D	9H	Jenna W	10F	Makayla W	11H
Dennis R	7G	Mia S	8A	Adam S	9H	Joshua B	10B	Faye A	11H
Millie R	7B	Josh H	8G	Sophie H	9E	Abigail G	10H	Alex P	11H
Clemmie C	7A	Phoebe H	8B	Dominic F	9H	Kristian Z	10C	Lewis M	11H
Finlay M	7G	Olivia P	8G	Millie P	9F	Abbie C	10F	Roman T	11H
Samad M	7G	Billy W	8B	Kyla B	9F	Frances M	10C	Tyler S	11H
Deacon S	7G	Sophie L	8B	Demi-Marie K	9H	Jake L	10B	Morgan J	11H
Gabriela P	7B	Caine R	8E	Ella H	9C	Kayne A	10F	Emilee W	11H
Johanna K	7G	Amelia D	8A	Sasha S	9F			Emily R	11H



### ***Everbridge (School Closure Notification System)***

With the winter season upon us we have to consider that in the case of severe and adverse weather conditions at some point we may have to close the school. This is always a very difficult decision but we have to balance the risks and the harm involved against the loss of school time or inconvenience. Decisions sometimes come at very short notice as new information comes to us therefore we try to communicate in as many ways as possible that the school is closed.

One system we use alongside SchoolComms is Everbridge (it is useful to use two systems in case one fails on the day) but this does require you to register. Further to the school closure, the system is able to provide you with vital information on other incidents in your area as well as by school. Please use the link below and complete your details if you are interested in using this system.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

We hope that we do not have to close the school this winter, we have systems in place to cope with the large site, but if it does happen we are equipped to inform you at the earliest opportunity.

### ***Dates for your Diary 2018/19***

Friday 21 December – last day of term. School finishes at 12.20pm

**Christmas holiday:** Monday 24 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019

Monday 7 January – First day of term (Week 2). Students leave from 1.20 due to staff twilight training

Thursday 24 January – Year 11 Parents' Evening (2), 4-7pm

Thursday 31 January – KS5 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

Thursday 7 February – Year 8 Options Evening, 5-7pm

**Half term holiday:** Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February

Thursday 28 February – Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

Friday 8 March – Inset Day – school closed to students

Friday 5 April – last day of term

**Easter holiday:** Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April 2019

Tuesday 23 April – First day of term (Week 2)

Thursday 2 May – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 6 May – Bank Holiday – school closed

**Half term holiday:** Monday 27 May 2019 – Friday 31 May 2019

Monday 3 – Friday 7 June – Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 20 June – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 4 July – Year 11 Prom, Knebworth Barns

Monday 8 July – Year 6 Transition Evening, 6-8pm

Thursday 11 July – Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 12 July – Sports Day

Monday 15 July – Presentation Evening, 6-8pm

Friday 19 July – last day of term