



MARRIOTTS

Marriotts Weekly News

Aim high. Work hard. Be kind.

11th January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Families

Happy New Year and I hope you are all well. Following the Christmas break students have returned to Marriotts with a great attitude and approach to learning. Please feel free to email in any pictures you would like to send of your son/daughter engaging in our Marriotts 20 Things Challenge during the Christmas holiday. A reminder of the 20 Things is included below.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Ms B Honnor
Headteacher

GCSE Maths and English workshops (Year 11 students)

On January 12th 2019, Herts for Learning (HfL) will be running GCSE Revision sessions in preparation for the summer examination season. The sessions will be held at Samuel Ryder Academy in St. Albans.

Students will be taught by members of the HfL English and maths teams and the sessions will focus on how to approach specific texts/skills from an examiners' point of view. In addition to this, the students will also be given revision materials to take away to support them in their independent study.

If you would like further information regarding the above, please follow the link below and view the flyer, which outlines further details.

Bookings can be made using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/herts-for-learning-ltd-18082204563>

Herts for Learning
GCSE Revision Workshops

24 revision workshops to help students reach their potential in their Mathematics and AQA English GCSEs starting this spring.

Book online on Eventbrite

Half day workshop
£45.00

Full day workshop
£90.00

per student
incl.VAT*

Post 16

We hope all our Post 16 students had a very good Christmas break and would like to wish them and their parents a Happy New Year.

We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead of us and Year 13 students have been busy finishing their University applications through the UCAS process and lots of completed applications have been sent to chosen establishments. Lots of offers are already being received and students holding offers are busy planning their futures. Deadline for the final application is 15th January and the Post 16 team are on hand to support students with these applications. Year 12 and 13 students studying BTEC courses are now in the January Examination window and are taking exams, which fully count towards their final grade. We wish all students sitting papers in the next few weeks the best of luck and are confident they will achieve top grades.

Reminder of some key dates for Post 16:

- January 15th – UCAS Application Deadline
- January 23rd – Mock Results Day
- January 23rd – University Finance Talk 5.30pm
- January 31st – Post 16 Parents Evening (Online booking now open)

20 Things

We are delighted that a number of students took part in the 20 Things activity during the Christmas holidays and have returned their checklists to their form tutors. If you would like to share a picture of the activities along with a selection of the selfie snaps taken please email them to Mrs J Peary, j.peary@marriotts.herts.sch.uk

1. **Countdown to Christmas with an advent calendar and share your chocolate with someone who deserves a treat.**
2. Put Christmas decorations up in the house together with family and friends
3. Read a Book (not on an iPad!)
21st December school breaks up – No more school work for the rest of 2018.
No homework until 1st January 2019!
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
Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Marriotts
18. Write thank you 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

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 14th January is: **focus**

To pay particular attention to something

Example: When reading your book remember to focus on what happens to the character.

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 10th January.

Alissa H	7C	Levi McManus	8D	Daniel F	9A	Charlotte J	11C
Samad M	7G	Tanika Joseph	8H	Mikayla P	9A	Lottie W	11C
				Dylan M	9C		

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 21st December.

Alfie B	7H	Katie T	8B	Chamica S-G	10B	Szymon S	11F
George L	7D	Eva E-W	8A	Alfie A	10E	Lewis M	11H
Praise M	7H	Mia S	8A	Ahad M	10E	Molly L	11G
Skye L	7E	Mahie B	8A	Jack B	10H	Harry C	11A
Clemmie C	7A	Brandon-Lee H	8A	Jake H	10E	Alex P	11H
Tala C	7D	Carolanne S	8B	Jessie A	10G	Lauren W	11A
Riaz C	7E	Sarah O	8G	Jodie G	10G	Aerion J	11A
Jack A	7H			Alfie P	10G	Jess B	11D
Andrew C	7E			Jake G	10B	Nathan Z	11B
Megan B	7E					Simanie H	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

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