

Our Ref: RBr/SRc

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on some key pastoral messages as the second term draws to a close and we enter into the final term of the year.

### **School to home communication**

From our surveys earlier in the year, the overwhelming majority of feedback on communication from school is very positive. However, some of you feel it can be even better, so we are keen to make further improvements through the following actions:

- Further use of text messages to share positive news about your child's achievements.
- The use of text messages to inform you of lateness or detentions.
- The trial of a school app to help you easily access school information from your mobile device.
- Encouraging parents to contact subject teachers if you require additional information about your child's progress.

Instructions on how to download and access the school app is detailed on the reverse of this letter. To ensure you are receiving this important information, please can you contact reception if you need to update any contact details, including mobile phone numbers.

### **Uniform - Trousers**

As you are aware the Governors agreed to move to an approved branded school trouser, a change to the previous uniform expectation, bringing The Marvell College into line with the policy adopted by many other local schools. This was introduced in September 2018 and became compulsory from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

As a reminder our branded trousers can be purchased from Steady School and Sportswear on Holderness Road, at a cost of £14.00 for boys and £15.00 for girls. We will continue to give families the option to source black trousers from alternative shops, which should have been brought into school to be approved. Once approved, trousers can be taken to the shop along with the approval slip to be branded free of charge. **We will only approve sourced trousers up until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019, from this point trousers can only be bought from Steady School Wear, to fall in line with many other Hull secondary schools.** Students not in correct uniform, including approved trousers will be subject to the school sanctions as per our behaviour policy. For trousers to be approved and branded they should be:

**Plain black and straight legged. Not ultra-skinny, skinny or "spray-on". Not leggings, jeans or cargo type.**

If trousers are not deemed suitable to wear in school due to not meeting expectations, they will not be approved. Final decisions regarding whether uniform meets the Governors requirements is judged by Heads of Year and senior staff. With this in mind, please refer to the school website for further guidance and examples:

[www.themarvellcollege.com/parents/uniforms](http://www.themarvellcollege.com/parents/uniforms).

### **Uniform - Shoes**

Guidance on our website also includes details about footwear. All students should wear formal, plain black school shoes. Students should not wear shoes that have coloured or reflective strips or logos, backless sandals, branded trainers or 'leisure' shoes. **It is our intention to remove the trainer and pump footwear in September 2019 so that all students are in black shoes.**

Yours faithfully



Miss R Brown  
Deputy Head

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: OurSchoolsApp**

I am pleased to inform you that we have introduced a new app service to the school. This aims to make our communication with you easier, quicker and more efficient. The app, (called 'OurSchoolsApp') is personalised to our school and will allow us to keep you updated with the latest news, calendar events, school documents and links to other school information (e.g. our website and other social media channels).

If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for FREE. When we update OurSchoolsApp with new information or news about the school, a push notification will be sent to your device to inform you of this update.

**Instructions for download:**



1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or the name of our school.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see our school name displayed, please select it.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now have the school's app on your device. Please use it.

[If you get a prompt to turn on notifications/prompt a sync with your calendar, please accept these. This way, you will get the most out of the app.]

I would really encourage you to download the app, as this is a fantastic way to share up-to-date information, direct to your phones. We hope that OurSchoolsApp will reduce the amount of paper letters we will need to send home, saving the school time and money.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Cooper  
Headteacher