



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can my child bring his / her mobile phone to school?

Yes, students can bring their mobile phones to school but they must be switched off throughout the day and they are the student's own responsibility. If a student needs to contact home he/she must come to the Year office where they can use the office phone.

If a student uses their mobile phone during the day it will be confiscated and taken to the Year 7 Office from where it can be collected at 3:00pm. If a phone is confiscated three times it must be collected from school by the student's parent/carer.

2. Can my child wear earrings or any other jewellery for school?

No – jewellery is not permitted - studs can NOT be worn – earrings can NOT be worn with plasters over the top. Clear piercing retainers / transparent earrings or nose studs are NOT allowed. If your child comes to school wearing earrings or any other jewellery items they will work in Holding and therefore will not attend lessons until the earrings are removed. Students are permitted to wear a watch. Watches are the student's own responsibility.

3. Can the students wear their own coat to school?

Yes – students can wear their own coat – but it needs to be removed at the school gate and put back on at the school gates at the end of the day.

4. What colour socks / tights can my child wear?

Socks: plain white, black, navy or grey. Tights: Neutral, black, navy or grey.

5. What are the rules regarding shoes?

Sensible all black full leather shoe, no heels, NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS. No branded shoes of any sort are allowed.

6. Can my child have a locker?

Lockers are limited and are allocated to the Year 11s first. Any unused lockers (and there are always some!) can then be used by Year 7. Lockers for Year 7 would not be available in the first 2 weeks of the school year whilst we allocate them to Year 11. If your child wants a locker, we allocate them to Year 7 on a first come, first serve basis, and they would need to bring in a £5 deposit which is refundable at the end of the school year providing they do not lose their key. There is nowhere to leave bags during the school day (if your child has a locker they could leave them in there).

7. What do I do if my child loses something?

Your child must check in the Year 7 office and in all other areas where they have been before the item was lost – if all belongings are named with your child's FULL name it is likely that any misplaced items will be returned – if misplaced belongings are not named it is extremely doubtful

that they will be returned to your child as it will be impossible to trace them in a large school with 1100+ students wearing the same uniform and PE kit.



8. What if my child has forgotten their PE kit or some homework?

Your child must tell their teacher **before** the lesson – if this is difficult they must tell the Year 7 office who will support in getting a message to the appropriate member of staff prior to the lesson. Consequences may still be issued, but at least the appropriate member of staff will be aware of the problem in advance.

9. How much homework do students get each week?

Your child will receive weekly homework from different subject areas which should take about 40 minutes each to complete.

Year 7 students do not receive homework from Drama or PE.

10. Which language will my child study?

Your child will study French. Currently, this is the only language we offer at The Marvell College.

11. What do students do at lunch time?

At lunchtime students can eat their packed lunch or purchase a school dinner in the canteen. Once students have eaten they can attend lunchtime clubs (we encourage Year 7 students to attend at least two lunchtime clubs per week). Students also have access to the 4G pitch and outside areas at breaktime and lunchtime.

12. How does the cashless catering system work?

Each Year 7 student will be issued with a Cashless catering card.

Parents/Carers will receive guidance regarding how to ensure your child's cashless catering card has sufficient money on it to purchase food from the canteen by adding funds online.

Cashless catering cards can be credited using cash at revaluer machines in school but this can take some time due to queues so we advise ensuring funds are already on the account using the online system. If lost, the cost of replacing a cashless catering card is £2.

13. When are students allowed to go to the toilet?

Students are encouraged to go to the toilet at breaktime and lunchtime and between lessons if necessary. In the first few weeks teaching staff may allow Year 7 students to go to the toilet during lessons but Year 7 students are expected to manage this fairly quickly upon starting Secondary school. If your child needs a toilet pass due to a medical issue, this information will have already been conveyed via your child's primary school.

14. Who do I tell about a medical issue?

The Year 7 office who will pass the information on to our School First Aider based in the Medical room on the ground floor. Our First Aider, Mrs Wilson, has a wealth of experience and is very skilled in discreetly supporting students with medical issues. If your child has an ongoing medical condition we will have these details already.

15. What is the procedure if my child has a medical appointment during school time?

Try to arrange medical appointments for after 2pm as this has the least impact on your child's education. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day please put a note in his/her planner detailing the time you will come to collect your child and brief reasons for the appointment. Your child must show the note to his/her Tutor who send them to the Year 7 office for a 'Permission to leave School' slip. Your child must then show this slip to their teacher at the time

he/she needs to leave and go to the Main Reception where they must sign out. You must come into the Main Reception to collect your child.



16. What if my child arrives to school late?

He/she must sign in at the Main Office then go to lesson if it is beyond 9am. Before this, your child must report to their Year Office and then go to their Form Room. If there is not a genuine reason for lateness, your child will be issued with a late detention.

17. Can I buy my child's uniform from Steady School Wear even if schools are not open?

Yes, you can still go on Steady School Wear's website and order uniform as normal, the shop assure us that they have plenty of uniform in stock. The shop will reopen on June 1st, and they are also offering late nights for parents and students (see details on our website). The shop is observing the government's social distancing rules so have asked that only one family member and the child visit the shop at any one time. Please remember that school trousers must have the school logo on and can be purchased from Steady School Wear.

18. When will my child and I know which form they will be in?

Families will receive a letter in June informing them which form they are in and who their Form Tutor is.

19. Will my child be in a form with their friends?

Your child's Year 6 teacher has passed information to the Transition Coordinator (Mrs Stead) regarding who your child should be in form with. As much as possible, we try to ensure that your child is with their friends, we recognise that this is important and reassuring. Of course, please rest assured that your child will make new friends when they come to our school too. In very rare circumstances, we do review form groupings, but this would take place during the academic year and not before Year 7 begins.

20. What do I do if I am worried about my child or there are issues in school?

Contact the Year 7 office so that we can investigate any concerns, resolve the issues and offer support and reassurance.