



Martin High School

NEWSLETTER 6

TUESDAY 11th JULY 2017

The Exam Season

After a really successful year, we thank parents and carers for their continued support of Martin High School.

The summer term is always a busy one; and this newsletter will celebrate some of the things that have taken place during the term. There is also some **really important information** for the 2017-2018 academic year contained within it too!

The summer GCSE's for Year 11 went really well. Learners were well prepared and approached the exam season with maturity and focus. We are really proud of them and look forward to celebrating their successes on results day on Thursday 24th August 2017.

This year we have also used the summer term for Year 10 mock week, and Key Stage 3 end of year exams. More information is later in the newsletter, but again our learners made us proud with their mature approach.

Years 5 and 6 have been to MHS and induction of our new Year 7 learners was hugely successful; we are very much looking forward to them joining us.

This final week has been action packed and a real celebration of everyone's hard work. We have had reward trips, sports day and our famous Bowline Walk as well as a whole school assembly and concert to close 2017.

As you read the rest of this letter and look back on this year, all at MHS wish you a lovely summer and thank you for your continued support. It is only by working together that we will achieve success.

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Mrs Sanchez

School Kitchen Refurbishment

The kitchen is being refurbished throughout the summer holidays and work will begin on Monday 10th July.

On these days only **limited** snacks and sandwiches will be available. **No hot food will be available.**

The kitchen will be closed on Wednesday 12th July.

Sports Day - Tuesday 11th July

Please can I remind free school meals students that they need to order a grab-bag for Sports Day by **10.00 am on Monday** or bring a packed lunch to school.

Lisa Sharma

Current Sports Day standings

Year 7

1st 7M 52
1st 7A 52
3rd 7T 47
4th 7R 42
5th 7I 35

Year 8

1st 8N 56
2nd 8A 41
3rd 8R 40
4th 8I 33
5th 8M 31
6th 8T 26

Year 9

1st 9T 53
2nd 9A 46
3rd 9N 45
4th 9R 37
4th 9I 37
6th 9M 31

Year 10

1st 9M 48
2nd 9R 45
3rd 9T 32
4th 9I 30
5th 9A 28
6th 9N 18

House Standings

1st Discovery 308
2nd Voyager 304
3rd Endeavour 293

Summer Nights

Our recent sell out 'Summer Nights' event was a fantastic coming together and celebration of the artistic talent we have at the school. The event, which took place on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th July, started with an Art, technology and textiles exhibition showing the creations from our talented young people.

Later the night was filled with a collection of performances from our students (and staff) which included dance, drama and music in the theme of 1950's America with extracts from the musical 'Grease', a student Motown Melody including 'Be My Baby' and some spectacular numbers from our school's rock 'n' roll band 'Day of the Moon.'

It was a great way to end the term with the community coming together and showing support. For this we are very thankful.

Miss B Milner



MHS Assessment Information Evening

Thank you to parents and pupils who attended the MHS assessment information evening.

The power point presentation is now available to download on our website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr K Seaward
Head of Faculty

Year 11 Prom

On Friday 23rd June the Year 11 prom was held at King Power Stadium. It was a fantastic evening for pupils and staff as we shared in the memories and successes of the last five years together.

We were extremely proud of our young people as they arrived looking fabulous and so grown up.

The evening consisted of good food, speeches, lots of dancing and a live performance from our very own band, Day of the Moon. It truly was the perfect end to their time at Martin High School and hopefully a night they will always remember!

Mrs E Norman
Head of House





New timings of the school day for 2017-2018

Timings for the Day 2017-2018	
8.50-9.05 am	Registration
9.05-10.05 am	Lesson 1
10.05-11.05 am	Lesson 2
11.05-11.25 am	Break time
11.25-12.25 pm	Lesson 3
12.25-1.25 pm	Lesson 4
1.25-2.05 pm	Lunchtime
2.05-3.05 pm	Lesson 5
3.05 pm	Pupils leave

Head of House - Discovery

Mrs Coates would like to thank all the pupils, staff and parents that have worked together for the learners in Discovery House to help make its first year so successful. As of next year, Mrs Coates is looking forward to spending more time in PE and being able to help run more extra-curricular clubs knowing that the Discovery House is in the very capable hands of Miss Cook.

Mrs S Coates

AWOL (Assessments without Levels)

In 2015 the government removed national curriculum 'levels' from primary and secondary schools. New tougher GCSEs have

also been introduced. The new GCSEs are graded on a 9-1 scale that does not match the old A*-G scale. As there is no longer a national system of levels, and no government plan to replace them, it is now down to schools to have their own assessment system. Schools can produce a system that allows meaningful tracking of pupils towards end of key stage expectations, including regular feedback to parents.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	C
2	D
1	D
1	E
U	F
	G
	U

At Martin High School, all pupils will be assessed using the GCSE 9-1 criteria. The criteria will also include two 'Foundation' grades- F2 and F1 for those not yet ready to progress onto the GCSE scale. The aim for the pupils is to master the content, knowledge and skills in order to be successful at GCSE and make clear progress term by term. This journey is one of mastery and therefore pupils are not expected to move up the scale quickly, progress should be steady and secure over time.



We feel the benefits of the new system is that it allows for a personal approach to assessment with pupils receiving support or challenge in order to make the progress that we know they can. The 9-F2 scale is linked directly to the GCSE pathway and easy to understand. The same system will be used from Year 7-Year 11 and as a result

parents, teachers and pupils will be able to see how every child is progressing term by term, year by year. As a school, we can easily identify where pupils are not making progress and provide timely and supportive intervention, targeting what they need to do to move forward. As parents, pupil targets will help you be more actively involved in your child's learning.

From September 2017 the government will measure the performance of schools using 'Progress 8.' We use a combination of this system, primary school performance, as well as Martin High School baseline assessments, to arrive at a 'most likely' or estimated final GCSE grade range for your child. Your child's performance will be measured in relation to the progress they are making *towards* their estimated Year 11 grade range, coupled with a termly 'currently working at' grade. That will mean 'three grade' reports a year. Some pupils will achieve beyond their pathway at every stage of their journey. We encourage our pupils to 'reach for the stars' - there is no limit to their progress and success. This process will be supported with two formative feedback points a term and a rigid and structured marking policy that promotes steps to improve over 'summative' feedback.

Reporting to parents is an important stage in promoting pupil progress. Each year we will officially track your child's progress at three key points. At these points the report home will include a reference to the progress your child is making, targets and your child's attitude to learning grade. Each report will include targets for your child, designed to help your child make progress in each of the subject areas. Pupils will undergo end of Year assessments in order to support their progress. These assessments will be a genuine and authentic reflection of GCSE examinations but of course, with the younger learners, greater consideration has been given to the number and length of assessments they will undergo. These assessments will help ensure your children are being supported or stretched appropriately and gradually prepared over the years for GCSE assessments in Year 11.

Results Day

School will be open on **Thursday 24th August from 8.30 am until 10.30 am** for the collection of GCSE results.



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term	
School opens to students	Tuesday 29 th August 2017
Half-term break	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th October 2017
School closed	Friday 1 st December 2017 (staff only day)
School closes	Wednesday 20 th December 2017
Spring Term	
School opens	Monday 8 th January 2018
Half-term break	Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2018
School closes	Friday 23 rd March 2018
Summer Term	
School opens	Monday 9 th April 2018
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 7 th May 2018
Half-term break	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018
School closes	Friday 13 th July 2018

Teacher Days

Tuesday 22nd August 2017
Wednesday 23rd August 2017
Thursday 24th August 2017
Friday 25th August 2017
Friday 1st December 2017

Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers

Martin High school fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect children and support pupils. Therefore, the highest priority is given to safeguarding our pupils in all aspects of their school lives and in society. Pupil welfare is paramount, all staff and volunteers have an obligation to promote the welfare, safety and health of our pupils. We achieve this using robust safeguarding processes and procedures to promote a culture of safeguarding amongst our staff and volunteers.

The school Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be viewed on the schools website:

www.martinhigh.org

Important information for parents:

- School staff and volunteers have a duty to report concerns about a child, this may mean a pupil needs additional help or support or there may be concerns raised that a child has been abused or is at risk of abuse
- Dependant on circumstance, the school may be obliged to refer pupils to Children's Social Care, for a child's needs to be assessed or if an investigation into possible child abuse is required.
- In most cases discussion between the school and home will already have taken place regarding any situation or concerns involving a pupil. However, the school may not inform parents/carers that a referral to Children's Social Care has been made if it is thought that this could put a child at further risk.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead within school is Miss Meadowcroft, Assistant Head Teacher.
- If you think that your child may have been abused, or may be at risk, you can contact Children's Social Care at Leicestershire County Council 0116 3050005 or childrensduty@leics.gov.uk.

ATTENDANCE.

- There is a clear link between attendance and achievement. Whenever a pupil misses school through illness or holidays they miss out on important learning.
- Please contact the school before 8.30am to let us know if your child will be absent on the first day of absence and then on each subsequent day. For medical appointments, where possible, please arrange these appointments outside of school hours.
- We will contact you on the first day of absence by text message if we have not been given a reason for the absence. Please respond to the message by ringing the school.

**ALL PUPILS
SHOULD AIM
FOR 100%
ATTENDANCE.**

*Pupils are at
school for 190 days
each year!
That leaves 175 days
for other things!*



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Uniform expectations

All students must wear...

Black tailored trousers.



These should NOT be:

- Skinny fit
- Jeans or jeans style
- Chinos
- Leggings
- Jogging bottoms

The school blazer.



Black with the Martin High School emblem.

This should be worn at all times within school, including to and from school.

Blazers may only be removed with direct permission from a member of staff.

Optional clothing.

V-neck jumper or cardigan. This must be plain black and worn underneath the school blazer.

Cold weather clothing. Warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarf. Coats should be worn over the blazer during periods of cold or wet weather. Coats must not be worn inside the building.



Black knee length skirts.



Pleated skirts are recommended and should be worn with plain black tights.

Skirts should NOT be:

- High-waisted
- Made from stretchy material

Black shoes or trainers



These should be plain black and must NOT have:

- A coloured sole
- A colourful or eye-catching logo.
- Coloured laces

A white stiff collared shirt.



This should be tucked in at all times.

The school tie.



This should be worn at all times.



Hoodies are NOT allowed to be worn in school at any time.

MHS Uniform reminder...

We expect all pupils to wear full school uniform throughout the day.

Expectations for parents and carers is outlined, please follow this guidance to avoid purchasing inappropriate items.

Any Hoodies, or hoodie style tops should not be worn at any time. These are not a substitute for a coat and will be confiscated.



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Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones, music or gaming devices is restricted to the designated 'Mobile Phone Zone' at break and lunch time ONLY.



Headphones / headsets

All head phones / headsets must be put away when at the school premises.

Make up

Wear subtle make up to school. False nails and nail varnish are not permitted



Jewellery

Students must not wear excessive jewellery to school. Students are only permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings. Facial jewellery is NOT allowed.



Other

Any other item that staff deem not relevant to the lesson or disruptive to learning.

If any of the above items are seen in school they will be confiscated.

**Parents will then be required to collect confiscated items from reception
between the following times:**

9.00am—10.00am or 3.00pm—4.00pm