



Martin High School

NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term, and as ever, we have been busy!

The Year 7 have had a tremendously successful induction into our community and school has got off to a flying start.

After the success of our GCSE results this summer, our current Years 10 and 11 have settled into the term feeling focussed and determined. The rigours of the new GCSE's see all year groups beginning to use knowledge organisers so they are well prepared for the future examinations. If you were unable to attend our knowledge organiser information session last year, the presentation can be located on our website; www.martinhigh.org.

We have had huge renovations during the summer term and holiday including new windows, refurbishment of communal areas and two new reception spaces.

We have also undertaken a significant IT upgrade as part of our work in the Lionheart Trust. On 1st September 2018 we officially became part of the Trust, and our learners are benefitting from being part of this large family of schools; not just through IT infrastructure improvements, but via Classics club, Latin GCSE, sporting events and fixtures and greater links with a variety of top universities.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and look forward to working closely with you to ensure all our learners achieve the success they deserve.

Mrs Sanchez

Results Day

Martin High are proud of the achievement and progress that our year 11 learners made last year. We are delighted that the progress of our learners continues to improve year on year and it is a reflection of the hard work of all involved (especially our learners). Results day was a wonderful morning, celebrating the success of our learners and wishing them every success in their future.

We have learners that have achieved multiple grade 9's and 8's in the new, tougher GCSE exams. We have improved the progress of our most vulnerable learners and increased the percentage getting good passes in English and Maths. Many subjects have improved since last year and achieved outcomes better than national figures. We are really pleased with the improvements in Maths, History and French this year.

So a big well done to all the year 11s from last year and a big thank-you to the parents and carers support.

Year 7 Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

At the beginning of the school year, Year 7 embarked on A PROUDER Way. This unit of work at the start of our academic year, helps prepare learners to make the most of the learning opportunities that the school has in store for them. Over the first four days, a series of lessons around Attendance, Punctuality, Respect, Organisation, Uniform, Determination, Environment and Resilience, were delivered to our learners and all work was completed in their A PROUDER Way Passports.

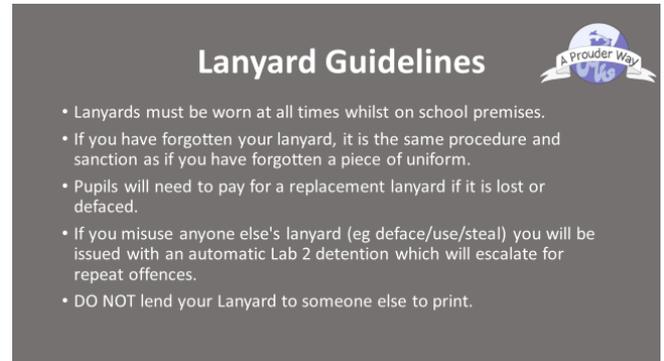
On 14th September, the first challenge on their A PROUDER Way, came for our Year 7's as they went to the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre to put their new skills to the test - and our learners certainly rose to the challenge!

Learners climbed high towers and abseiled off the top; they built rafts and learnt how to paddle them down the river as well as trying their hand at archery and team building challenges. Cheered on and encouraged by their tutors, who also couldn't resist joining in on the water, the day was a magical experience for all involved. Many learners overcame challenges to achieve their goals on the day and as staff, we could not have been more PROUD of them.

Mrs S Coates

Learner ID Badges

As you will be aware, all of our learners have ID badges to wear. We have shared the slide used with our learners around our expectations with these. Should a learner lose their card, they are £1 to replace. In the near future we hope to be running a cashless catering system which will use the cards to operate.



The slide is titled 'Lanyard Guidelines' and features a small logo in the top right corner that says 'A Prouder Way' with a globe icon. The guidelines are listed as follows:

- Lanyards must be worn at all times whilst on school premises.
- If you have forgotten your lanyard, it is the same procedure and sanction as if you have forgotten a piece of uniform.
- Pupils will need to pay for a replacement lanyard if it is lost or defaced.
- If you misuse anyone else's lanyard (eg deface/use/steal) you will be issued with an automatic Lab 2 detention which will escalate for repeat offences.
- DO NOT lend your Lanyard to someone else to print.

#MySay - Learner voice now has a larger platform in our school.

We are delighted to let you know that we have been developing our learner voice focus within the school, meaning your son or daughter's views and opinions are now being routinely considered as we continue to grow and develop our school's positive climate and ethos.

In Summer 2018, we conducted a whole-school '#MySay' event, in which every learner completed an online survey outlining their thoughts and opinions on a range of issues within our school. They recently received the results of this in a series of House assemblies.

We have also introduced #MySay focus groups this year, in which a small number of specially selected learners are asked to complete a similar survey to help understand their thoughts and feelings early on in the term. Finally, there is also a '#MySuggestions' box near the front office, so that learners may anonymously make suggestions for improvements any time. As a result, it is our hope that our learners will see that their 'voice' is heard and genuinely matters to us at the Martin High School.

Mr Thomas
Head of Faculty

Cross Country

On Saturday 16th September, Martin High School cross country runners took part in the first Leicestershire and Rutland Cross Country league race of the year hosted by Charnwood College. It was an incredibly successful day all round with Eammon Jille 6th, Josh Fitzpatrick 7th, Charlie Stubbs 39th, and Freddie Blockey-Smith leading the way to a 3rd place team finish in the Year 7 race. Team 2 in the Year 7 race finished in a fantastic 10th place with Sam Powell in 49th, Matt Nicholas in 54th, Josh Spicer-Hadley in 61st and Ryan Jones in 62nd.

There was success on the girl's side with Abi Wiltshire finishing a very strong 22nd. Abi was well supported by Tori Constant who powered through to a 34th place finish on the tough 1.5 mile course. In the Inter girls race the ever consistent Rosie Timlock (Year 11) finished in an incredible 3rd place. Rosie ran in the English schools cross country championships in 2018 and has made a successful switch to the steeple chase on the track.

Any aspiring cross country runners should see Mr Seaward for the date of the next fixture.

Careers in focus

A new Careers in Focus section has been added to the school website. The careers information and guidance section has been updated to include profiles of exciting and rewarding careers that our learners may like to do in the future. The profiles provide information on the qualifications required to pursue a career in the candidates field and what an average day might be like.

If you would like to feature in the careers in focus section please don't hesitate to contact Mr Seaward.

Humanutopia

On Wednesday 19th September, we invited an organisation called humanutopia in to work with our year 8 learners. This event, called Who Am I? is a day-long experience which deals with important teenage issues around personal awareness, peer pressure and conformity. It also gives the learners the opportunity to reflect on their life chances, encouraging them to have high hopes and aspirations for their future. The humanutopia experience is designed to help young people discover a more authentic side to who they are and is also a great

opportunity for them to develop teamwork skills.

Our Year 10 student leaders also took part, developing their leadership skills by supporting small groups of younger learners.

The humanutopia team were very impressed by the warm welcome they received from the school and also the honest and mature way the all the learners responded to the challenges the team set them.

Miss Cook
Head of House

On-Line Payments

All payments for trips should be made through our online payment system, School Office.

The school is hoping to go cashless within the next 12 months and will not be accepting cash and cheques for trips from now on unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We will let you know when we can go cashless with dinner payments. If you would like access to online payments, please e-mail finance@martinhigh.org.uk or if you have lost your password, you can do a password reset on the website or get in touch if you have any issues. The website is: www.scopay.com/school. Thank you from the Finance Office.

Key Dates this term

24th September

Open Evening

25th September

Year 11 Geography Trip to Skegness

26th September

Year 11 Careers Evening

28th - 30th September

Year 8 PGL Trip

2nd October

Cedars Martin Post-16 Careers Fayre

3rd October

Soar Valley Post 16 Careers Fayre

9th October

Year 7 Settling in evening (3.30-7.00 pm)

12th to 14th October

Year 11 trip to Berlin

Half Term Break

School Closed

Monday 15th October to Friday 19th October 2018

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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Confiscation procedure

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 entering 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 and 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