

**Marr College
Parent Council
Head Teacher Report
Wednesday 7th December 2016**

Buildings:

- 12 working days to go!
- Update at meeting from Mrs Anderson, including a tour of the new building

CAMHS:

- Pilot project – following the information shared last month by G Hobson and T Stevenson the South Ayrshire launch will be held in Marr College on Wednesday 11th January 2017

Campus Police Officer:

- PC Shivas will be present at the meeting to discuss working with the school this term

Curriculum:

- The consultation for S3 curriculum begins Monday 5th December – Friday 16th December. All families to receive the information 05/12/16. Parents and students are invited to give feedback on proposals
- Work is underway to track progress in Health and Wellbeing outcomes (using CfE Machine) in line with the release of the Benchmarks

Developing Young Workforce:

- Parents are involved in supporting development of evaluation of programmes, courses and activities
- A successful day at the BASE Challenge - Celtic Park on Thursday 22 November. Students worked really hard and boys shone during their presentation. Great exhibition for students to get insight into future careers, ICAEW is keen to support schools in preparing students for careers in Accountancy and Industry.
- See HMle section for further developments

Fundraising:

- This will continue until Christmas for all enterprise groups. Seniors are working with Beggs selling scarves and blankets. Junior students are selling their festive products

HMle:

- Letter outlining the school's progress since the inspection was sent to all parents. It clearly indicates the school's strengths and continuing improvement
- Friday 25th November – Developing Young Workforce – assessing our systems, processes, implementation of Career Standards, Work Placement Standards, School/Employer Partnership and journey of development. This includes how we have tailored our curriculum

to meet the needs of our learners' in all year groups. The visit included focus groups of students, staff and senior managers. Feedback received was excellent and they will use the school's approach as an example of good practice. There may be opportunities for filming and writing case studies for The National Improvement Hub.

Marr Cluster:

- Transition programme for session 2017-18 commences Monday 30th January with an information evening for P7 students and their parents

Placing Requests:

- There have been 20 since August 16

Prelims:

- S4-S6 prelims begin on Thursday 12th January 2017. They will run until Friday 27th January. Schedules for the examinations and supported study have been issued to students

School Closure:

- S1-S3 Thursday 22nd December – 12.00 until Wednesday 11th January – 8.45am
- S4-S6 Thursday 22nd December – 12.00 until Thursday 12th January – 8.45am
- Letter containing details sent to all parents and available on school website

Staffing:

- Interviews for PT Languages will be held 15/12/16. There is another teacher in place until the post is filled

Student Activities:

- An excellent evening of musical performances for this year's Rotary Music Competition, with performers from Troon including Marr students. Congratulations go to Ian Bell, winner of the instrumental category with a very enjoyable performance.
- STEM events have been well supported by a range of industries and presenters – feedback from one presenter
“I just wanted to say well done for organising and co-ordinating the recent Marr College STEM events. I was impressed by the S1 children who attended. They were bright and attentive and well behaved.
I personally had some really good and interesting questions and discussions from and with them.
Even at this early stage in their secondary schooling, I hope that the children who attended enjoyed it and got something out of it.”
- Tennis coaching club has now started at lunchtime
- Christmas concert – Tuesday 13th December in Portland Church at 19.00. Tickets (£2) available in school or on the evening

- Food bank – this year we are collecting items that are more akin festive "treats". We hope that we can support our families in need – see list below

What you can bring (please try and bring something from the list below as these are really needed)

- ▶ We are really pushing to give those in need some Christmas treats for Christmas time, such as:
 - Mince Pies
 - Christmas Pudding
 - Christmas Cake
 - Tinned Ham/chicken/stew
 - Boxes/packets of Biscuits
 - Shortbread
 - Selection Boxes
 - Boxes of Chocolates
 - Snacks and Nibbles
 - Peanuts/other nuts/snacks
 - Juice/Milk (long life)
 - Christmas Crackers
 - Sugar
 - Tea and Coffee
 - Jam/Cranberry sauce
 - Toiletries/Gift Sets
 - Small gifts/Small Toys
 - Hats, Scarves and Gloves

