

Marr College
Parent Council and Community Council
Head Teacher Report
Wednesday 1st February 2023



Students and staff returned after the festive break and took some time during the first week to revisit our vision and values, standards of behaviour and effort, uniform and attendance. A copy of the assembly slides was also shared with parents and thank you for reinforcing these messages at home.

Below is an update on our work over the last month:

Students

- Higher and Advanced Higher prelims have taken place in all subjects. Students completed these in the Assembly Hall or Museum under exam conditions and supervised by our Invigilation team. Well done to senior students, whose conduct was excellent throughout the prelims. Reports will be issued to students later this month
- The English department led an S1 Literacy input for Holocaust Memorial Day and all S1 joined in an online event with author Tom Palmer and holocaust survivor Mala Tribich
- 'Celebration of Success' assemblies will take place this week and students who achieved School Colours will be presented with their awards
- Well done to the U16 and U18
- Our new 'Teacher Token' initiative has been launched and pupils can collect teacher tokens through demonstrating our school values. Tokens should be deposited in the boxes at the office and will be turned into House Points at the end of each month, with the winning House receiving a prize
- Daily Dozen meetings have resumed and discussions have focused around corridors/social times, feedback and school improvement. S3 learners shared that they wished to have more input on study techniques. Plans are now in place for S6 students to lead study workshops for S3

Captains/Prefects:

- On 27th January, S6 Captains laid a wreath with the Troon British Legion in memory of all victims of the holocaust and genocide
- Captains are currently leading a Mental Wellbeing initiative and will soon be planning the process for selecting new Captains for 2023/24

Parents and Community Partners

- S2, S3 and S4 reports have been issued this month. S5/S6 reports will be issued after prelims
- S3 Parents' Evening (online) takes place on Monday 30th January from 5pm-7pm
- Marr will be hosting a 'Carers Day' on Thursday 2nd February to celebrate the work of carers in our community
- Our annual Careers and Options Evening takes place in school again this year with over 50 stallholders attending to provide advice on a wide range of careers and further/higher education. This is open to all S3-S6 students and parents/carers
- Our Chaplaincy Team visit school each Monday at lunchtime and pupils can find them in the Dining area
- The Parent Council are establishing a new Fundraising Group who will meet for 30mins prior to each monthly Parent Council meeting. There is no obligation to attend the full Parent Council meeting and anyone interested in joining the fundraising team should contact marrparentcouncil@gmail.com

Staff Update / School Improvement Plan

- Congratulations to Principal Teacher of English, Ms Law, who has been appointed to the permanent Literacy Co-ordinator Post within South Ayrshire Council. Ms Law has been seconded to the role for the past 18 months. An advert is currently out to recruit a permanent PT English
- The Senior Leadership Team completed a series of professional learning workshops on Agile Leadership
- 14 staff attended 'Aspiring PT' sessions from October to December, which were delivered by school staff and visiting speakers. We are delighted to see so many of our staff looking ahead to middle leadership roles
- The Marr Allies group are planning a range of events to mark Purple Friday, which takes place on 24th February. Over 80% of staff recently completed online LGBT+ training
- We hope to appoint an Outdoor Worker to take forward our Outdoor Learning strategy and increase opportunities for learning outside the classroom
- All staff participated in literacy and numeracy workshops during an after-school twilight meeting on 24th January. The workshops were designed to support teachers in developing consistent approaches to delivering literacy and numeracy outcomes, as this is the responsibility of all teachers across S1-S3
- S5 Mentors continue to meet with the assigned pupils and provide guidance and support to help them achieve their potential
- The theme of our upcoming staff In-service Day is self-evaluation and strategic leadership through the Agile Leaders programme

Upcoming Events

- S3 Parents' Evening (online) – Monday 30th January
- Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st February
- Carers Day – Thursday 2nd February
- S2 Parents' Evening (online) – Tuesday 7th February
- Charity Dress Down Day – Thursday 9th February
- Careers and Options Evening – Thursday 16th February
- S5/S6 Reports Issued – Friday 24th February

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