

Marr College
Parent Council Head Teacher Report
Wednesday 1st November 2023



After a very busy first term, staff and students welcomed the chance to unwind during the October break. On Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November, our Quality Improvement Manager will lead a 2 day visit to Marr to review our learning and teaching approaches. The visiting team will consist of secondary and primary HTs and DHTs as well as the authority Inclusion Co-ordinator. Whilst there is no formal report completed, I will share an overview of feedback with parents and carers.

Below is an update on our work in school over the last few weeks.

Students

- A Dress Down day was held in aid of local charity, The STAR Centre. Music Ambassadors organised an Open Mic event at lunchtime which was very well attended and enjoyed by all
- The National 5 Prelim timetable and Supported Study schedule has been published and shared with students, parents and carers
- All students have now received their first tracking report.
- An extra-curricular fayre was held on 27th October and provided an opportunity for students to find out which clubs and activities are available across the week
- A successful S1/S6 Halloween disco was held on 26th October. Well done to the Senior Leadership class who organised the event
- S6 students participated in a conference style assembly, creating ideas for S1/S6 Teambuilding activities and an S6 'Legacy Day' to be held in March 2024

Staff

- Welcome to our new temporary teachers Mr MacAdie (Mathematics), Miss Lennie (Geography) and Mr Welsh (Physics)
- During the recent in-service day, all staff participated in short workshops focusing on the use of retrieval practice and our Excellent Learning and Teaching guide. Staff also spent time preparing for the migration of all shared area folders to corporate MS Teams

Parent, Partner and Community Engagement

- The Thriving Communities team will begin an 8-week block of confident transitions inputs with a small group of S3 students, taking place in Troon Scout Hall
- A school-based Youth Forum group is being established to develop a partnership with Troon Community Council
- PC Harrower and I continue to undertake community walks at lunchtime to monitor pupil conduct and litter issues in the community

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- Our first cycle (term 1) of the Improvement Plan is now complete and progress has been updated. During Term 2, we will focus on learner conversations, auditing homework in S3, family learning and implement our student mentoring programme

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

- Expressive Arts Showcase – Wednesday 15th November
- N5 Prelims commence – Monday 27th November
- S1 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 29th November