Marr College

Parent Council Head Teacher Report
Wednesday 2nd June 2021

As the country begins to gradually ease Covid-19 restrictions, at Marr College we are continuing with our current safety measures until end June. There may be slight changes to the groupings for early/late lunch as a result of the timetable change and this will be communicated to students and parents. Everyone in the school community is continuing to follow the measures we have in place and a particular well done goes to our S1-S3 students who have responded extremely well to the change in wearing their facemasks throughout the school day.

As a result of the cancellation of SQA exams this session, students and staff have been working hard to gather evidence of demonstrated attainment as part of the revised 'Alternative Certification Model'.

Students

- The S6 Young Enterprise team – Blitz – successfully completed the Strathclyde University Leadership course, passing with flying colours. The team also won the Ayrshire Young Enterprise final and realised a profit of over £400 through selling personalised pocket sanitiser bottles
- S2 students are currently working towards achieving the IDEA award through S2 Business Enterprise
- An S3 student successfully applied for a place on the Strathclyde University Engineering the Future for Girls Programme
- S1 and S6 photographs have taken place and copies can be ordered online
- Normal uniform arrangements are in place with a very positive xx% of students in uniform during a recent spot check
- Senior students were delighted to be able to return to indoor PE activities and after school sports clubs have also resumed
- S4-S6 students are current completing Key Assessments as we gather evidence of demonstrated attainment to produce provisional results
- 'Community Clean Up' litter picks are underway again
- Our S3 Enterprise group recently competed in the national final of the Digi Inventors Challenge. The team finished runners up and received an individual goody bag
- Uptake for the Lateral Flow Testing programme continues to be exceptionally positive, with 92% of students participating

Staff

- As a result of our increasing school roll, we are delighted to announce the following permanent teacher appointments from August 2021:
    - Biology – Miss Kaya
    - English – Mrs Walker
    - Home Economics – Miss Dorrian
    - Mathematics – Miss Stevenson
    - Music – Mr Russell
    - Art & Design (0.6) – Mrs Catterson
    - RMPS / Pupil Support (Interviews 2nd June)
- We also welcome Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) in Computing, English, Maths, Modern Studies and PE
- Two members of staff are now trained to deliver the Young STEM leader award. Young people participating in STEM will achieve the Young STEM Leader award from session 2021-22
- Miss Wyllie (PT Business Education) recently presented at the International TeachMeet, showcasing the Marr 'Digital Fire Drill'
- All teaching staff will participate in school and local authority moderation and quality assurance events during the additional In-service days on Friday 11th and Monday 14th June

Parent, Partner and Community Engagement

- Reports have been issued for all students across S1-S6
- Mr Docherty, Mrs Anderson and Mr Moncrieff delivered a presentation to The Rotary Club of Troon on the subject of leading the school during the pandemic
- An ASN Transition Information evening took place on Tuesday 11th May with two further virtual 'meet the department' events planned for 25th May and
- CLD have resumed in-school activities. This includes weekly cooking sessions and outdoor learning at Troon Allotments

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- Mr Harris (Development PT) will engage with all stakeholders to audit skills across the curriculum
- Initial work is underway to identify improvement priorities for session 2021-22, including ongoing school recovery planning
- A draft Learning, Teaching and Assessment Guide will be shared with pupils, staff and parents during the month of June with a view to launching in August 2021

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

- Tuesday 25th May – 'Meet the Departments' Virtual Transition Evening
- Monday 31st May – Local Holiday
- Wednesday 2nd June – Parent Council Meeting 7pm
- Monday 7th June – New timetable for current S1-S3 students
- Tuesday 25th May – 'Meet the Departments' Virtual Transition Evening (1)
- Tuesday 8th June - 'Meet the Departments' Virtual Transition Evening (2)
- Friday 11th June – SQA In-service day and S6 Celebration Event (am)
- Monday 14th June – SQA In-service day
- Tuesday 15th June – New timetable for current S4 and S5 Students
- Wednesday 16th onwards – P7 Transition Days (individual schools)
- Monday 21st June – Sports Day (S2-S4)
- Friday 25th June – School closes 1pm

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