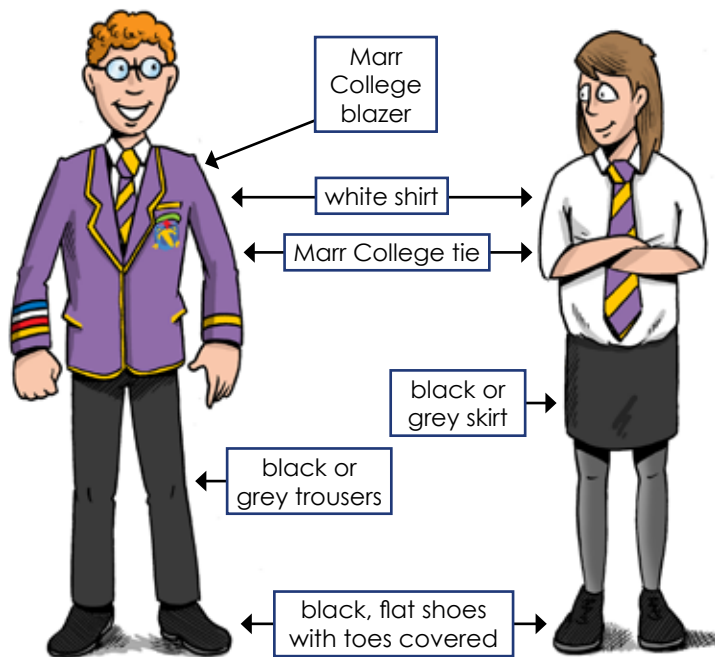




# Marr College Pocket Guide



## What will I need for my first day?



We expect high standards from your first day, so make sure you are wearing the correct uniform.

Also check you have all the equipment you need such as pens, pencils, etc. in a suitable school bag.



## Where do I go for help?

You can speak to any teacher if you need help, but we also have a Guidance Team who are there to help with any worries or concerns or if you're looking for some advice.

When you come to Marr College, you will be assigned to one of the following houses, each with a Guidance Teacher:

Darley	Fullarton	Lothian	Portland	Welbeck
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You can access help in the Guidance base. Your Guidance Teacher (and everyone throughout the school) is there to help you settle into Marr College and to help you all the time that you are with us.

We also have a Pupil Support base, called The Hub, where you can access support for your learning.

We work in partnership with various people including the NHS, Home-Link, Skills Development Scotland and our school counsellors to help support you in your journey through secondary school.

**It is a big change moving from primary to secondary and it is normal to have worries. The Guidance Team are always there for a chat and to help you. Your wellbeing is our priority at Marr College.**



## What will Marr College expect from me?

We have three simple, clear school rules at Marr College which make it a happy, welcoming and successful school:

**Ready** – Come prepared for lessons, pay attention and take part.

**Respectful** – Treat everyone at school and in the wider community respectfully and expect to be treated the same.

**Safe** – Look out for each other and look after yourself.

## Advice from our current S1 pupils

**How will I fit in and make new friends? How will I manage mixing new friends and old friends?**

Be friendly to everyone, be yourself and you will soon find people you get on with.

**How will I find my way around? Will older pupils help?**

We will give you a map and we will show you around when you start. Everyone will be happy to help you if you are lost.

**What happens if I am late to class? Will I get a punishment exercise?**

Your teachers will understand that you may take extra time getting between classes while you are settling in. You will get a locker but you won't always have time between classes to get everything you need, so be organised and keep your map handy.

**How will I know what homework I have? Will there be lots and how will I manage it all?**



We use 'Show My Homework' which can be downloaded onto your phone, tablet or PC. Or you can choose to use your own diary to plan and schedule in your homework. You will be given plenty of time to get your homework completed for each subject.

**It won't take long to get to grips with everything. But if you are struggling, ask for help!**

## What happens in a school day?

The school day starts promptly at 8.45 am, so you will need to be at your desk and ready to learn at that time.

Each day looks like this:

Monday • Tuesday		Wednesday • Thursday • Friday	
<b>Personal Support</b>	8.45 – 8.55 am	<b>Personal Support</b>	8.45 – 8.55 am
<b>Period 1</b>	8.55 – 9.45 am	<b>Period 1</b>	8.55 – 9.45 am
<b>Period 2</b>	9.45 – 10.35 am	<b>Period 2</b>	9.45 – 10.35 am
<b>Interval</b>	10.35 – 10.50 am	<b>Interval</b>	10.35 – 10.50 am
<b>Period 3</b>	10.50 – 11.40 am	<b>Period 3</b>	10.50 – 11.40 am
<b>Period 4</b>	11.40 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Period 4</b>	11.40 am – 12.30 pm
<b>Period 5</b>	12.30 – 1.20 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	12.30 – 1.10 pm
<b>Lunch</b>	1.20 – 2.00 pm	<b>Period 5</b>	1.10 – 2.00 pm
<b>Period 6</b>	2.00 – 2.50 pm	<b>Period 6</b>	2.00 – 2.50 pm
<b>Period 7</b>	2.50 – 3.40 pm		

You will also have an assembly once a week, with your house group or year group.

At breaks you'll go outside to the playground. We also have a library.

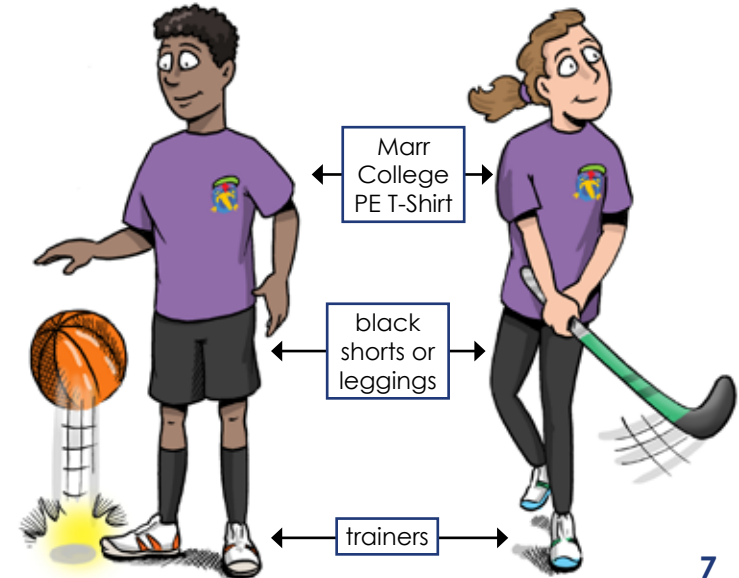
Lunch is in the dining hall or snack bar where we have a fantastic range of meals, including vegetarian options. During the rest of lunchtime break you can go outside or take part in some of the clubs that are on offer.

## What activities can I take part in?

We have lots of sports and activities that you can take part in as part of the school day and after school as well:

- Art & Jewellery Club • Junior Choir • Various Musical Bands
- LGBT • Eco Group • Computer Games & Board Games
- Chess & Bridge Club • Mindfulness • Book Club
- Debating Club • Geo Quiz • Racquet Sports & Fitness
- Basketball & Hockey • Football & Rugby

There is something for everyone, so you can take part in an activity you love already, or try something new!



# How will Marr College keep in touch with me and my family?

We contact you and your family with news about you and the school through Groupcall via the 'Xpressions' app. We will send your parents or carers information about this during your induction.



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