



As the August timetable is being developed, it is important that we work with the current class numbers to create groupings. For this reason, no further options changes will be made at present and young people should continue to engage with their current subject options. Requests can be emailed to [marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) or via Guidance teachers. As always, arrangements will be made for pupils who wish to re-opt following SQA results.

### **School Transport**

Education Services staff have been liaising with SPT for a number of weeks to plan school transport arrangements from August. A survey will be issued in the coming days to parents/carers of young people who access school transport.

### **Transition**

Parents and carers of new S1 students received letters earlier in the week indicating their child's House and class. Principal Teachers of Guidance are already making transition phone calls with parents/carers and young people continue to access all the transition information and activities via their Teams page and the school website. Feedback on the activities has been very positive and a P7 parent letter with Frequently Asked Questions will be issued soon. Unfortunately it will not be possible to have our usual 'bump up' days for the new S1 group in June. A programme of enhanced transition visits have been arranged by Mr Hobson and the Pupil Support team in partnership with primary schools.

### **Uniform**

We have continued to stay in touch with Ayrshire Schoolwear and will let you know as soon as they are able to open again. It is our intention to have a supply of ties available to purchase directly from the school. Payment will be via iPay and office staff will be in touch with further details for anyone who has not yet signed up to this system.

### **ICT Access**

Scottish Government have announced additional funding to support young people with limited or no access to IT for home learning. Mr McLean is co-ordinating an audit of our current equipment and our IT needs for blended learning from August. Discussions are also taking place regarding the donation of IT equipment to support learners.

### **Youth Forum Survey**

A link can be found [here](#) and on the attached QR code to a pupil survey which was written on behalf of the authority by the South Ayrshire Youth Forum. I would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to complete the survey, which will close on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. A QR code



Once again, thank you for your continued support in these ever-changing times.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Docherty".

George Docherty  
Head Teacher

# Marr College - Parent/Carer Survey

Blended Learning Models – June 2020

## 1. What year group will your children be in from August? (Please tick all that apply)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	S2		29.28%	101
2	S3		26.96%	93
3	S4		18.84%	65
4	S5		21.16%	73
5	S6		18.84%	65
			answered	345
			skipped	0

2. Three blended learning models have been identified for the initial phase from August. Due to social distancing restrictions, it is not possible to have all pupils returning full-time. Our overarching aim is to maximise contact time with teachers and minimise the potential spread of the virus. Below is a summary of the blended learning models: Option 1 - Pupils attend each day for a half day (9-11.30 or 12.30-3pm). Lunch will only be provided for young people eligible for free school meals. Option 2 - Pupils attend for 2 full days and one 1/2 day per week (Mon/Tue/half day Wed or half day Wed/Thu/Fri). Option 3 - Pupils attend for the full week then work at home for the next week. The need for staggered start, end and break times will mean that the times of the school day will change and each day will be the same length. Please rank each option below in order of preference. Please drag the statements up or down into your preferred order (the numbers will fill themselves in as you move the statements - you don't need to use the drop-down menu)

Item	Total Score <sup>1</sup>	Overall Rank
Pupils attend for 2 full days and one 1/2 day per week (Mon/Tue/half day Wed or half day Wed/Thu/Fri)	1149	1
Pupils attend each day for a half day (9-11.30 or 12.30-3pm. 1hr between for cleaning)	946	2
Pupils attend for the full week then work at home for the next week	785	3
The school can choose the model that best suits the school community	570	4
	answered	345
	skipped	0

<sup>1</sup> Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.

## 3. If you have more than one child at Marr College, how important is it to you that they attend school on the same day?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Very important		22.03%	76
2	Not as important		12.46%	43
3	Not applicable		65.51%	226
			answered	345
			skipped	0