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Head Teacher's Update Friday 28 August

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful to welcome back our pupils and staff for the start of our new term. Our S1s have settled in extremely well and I hope they have enjoyed their first full week at Marr. Thank you for coming along to our welcome parade and thank you to Mr Russell for piping our young people into our school. The standard of uniform across the school has been exceptional, and our pupils look incredibly smart in their purple and gold uniforms. Please keep this up 💛💜.

Our Pupil Successes

Congratulations to our S4, 5 and 6 pupils who performed extremely well in the recent Qualifications Scotland Examinations. Our S4 pupils achieved their best ever results with 53% securing passes in 5 or more National 5 qualifications. Our S5 pupils achieved outstanding success in their Highers with one of our strongest ever performances with Forty-three pupils achieving an Advanced Higher in S6. Our pupils performed above the national average in all National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher examinations.

Congratulations to our Dux medallists in S4 Amy, Eilidh, Emily and Josie and to Lucy our S5 Dux who achieved a very impressive 5 A band 1 passes at Higher.

Thank you to everyone who came along to this year's Prizegiving. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements, talents and successes of our pupils. Well done to all our pupils, we are incredibly proud of you.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Erin in S6, who has been featured in British Young Rider Magazine in a full article celebrating her achievements in eventing. A fantastic accomplishment and wonderful recognition of her dedication and success.

Congratulations to Katie in S6 who is taking part in a residential Volleyball camp in preparation for the U20 CEV Small Nations Champions in San Marino in October. We are all wishing Katie the best and hope she is selected for the Scotland squad.

Young Environmentalist Award Success

On 1 September, our Troon Rotarians will present the National Intermediate Young Environmentalist Awards to Emma and Emily in S3.

Their achievement has been truly remarkable, progressing from winners of the Troon competition to South of Scotland champions, and ultimately becoming **national UK winners**. Well done to Mr Marshall and his team.

Rights Respecting Schools – Going for Gold

Please remember to follow our **Rights Respecting Schools Instagram page**. As we work towards **Gold Accreditation next June**, every opportunity to share and celebrate our work helps provide valuable evidence and showcases the fantastic opportunities available to our young people. Huge thanks to Dr Cannon for her leadership on this.

Our S6 Update

A huge thank you to our fantastic S6 pupils who have supported our new S1s over their first week at Marr. You have been an absolute credit, and we are very proud of you all.

Our S6s are aiming to raise £6000 for The Ayrshire Hospice as part of their Legacy at Marr. They will take on several events throughout the year, starting with a trip to Arran on Friday 11th September where one group will take on the challenge of climbing Goatfell, whilst our second group will complete the Glen Rosa trail (and optional plunge in the Blue Pool!) Please help support them by visiting our Just Giving page and donating

Marr College's JustGiving Page

https://www.justgiving.com/page/marr-college-s6legacy2026?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Staffing Update

Today we said goodbye to Miss Kaya, who leaves Marr College after five years within our Science Department.

Miss Kaya has been a wonderful colleague, and her kindness, compassion and commitment to young people have made a lasting impact on pupils and staff alike. We wish you every success in your new post and happiness in the future. You will be greatly missed.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs McGregor who takes up a temporary post in our Biology department on Monday.

Coming Up

- **School Photographs (S1, S3 & S5)** - Tuesday 1 September
- **Parent Council Meeting (6.30pm)** - Wednesday 2 September
- **UCAS Information Evening** - Thursday 3 September

Finally...

We love hearing about our pupil success outside of school. Please send in any news stories to our Marr.Mail@south-Ayrshire.gov.uk address so we can help celebrate them.

Best regards,

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