



# Marden High School

Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Dear All,

Work has continued this week in securing a solution for face to face education for all our students for the new term. As you are aware, because of the impact of the flooding on school, space has been severely compromised in the main building, and as the roof replacement will take some time, classrooms and other learning spaces will continue to be at a premium as we move forward. The roof replacement will likely take us up to the Easter break in April 2022. Internal works will commence once the roof is watertight, and continue throughout the summer holiday period.

For this reason we have been looking at a number of different solutions which in combination will allow all our students to experience face to face education with their teachers very soon, and as this is quite a complex situation and will require additional planning for school staff, Tuesday 4th January will be a training day for staff, as highlighted last week.

So, thanks to the ongoing works within the building, we have been able to recommission a number of classrooms, so that we now have enough space to have 3 year groups in at any one time. Therefore from Wednesday 5th January, Year 10 and Year 11 will be in school as they have been before the holidays. Years 7, 8, and 9 will take it in turn to be **in school** as follows:


<i>Mon 3rd Jan</i>	<i>Tue 4th Jan</i>	<i>Wed 5th Jan</i>	<i>Thu 6th Jan</i>	<i>Fri 7th Jan</i>
<i>Bank holiday</i>	<i>Training Day</i>	Y11 Y10 Y7	Y11 Y10 Y8	Y11 Y10 Y9
<i>Mon 10th Jan</i>	<i>Tue 11th Jan</i>	<i>Wed 12th Jan</i>	<i>Thu 13th Jan</i>	<i>Fri 14th Jan</i>
Y11 Y10 Y7	Y11 Y10 Y8	Y11 Y10 Y9	Y11 Y10 Y7	Y11 Y10 Y8

In the short term, students will continue to be supported by staff via remote learning when they are not in school, and the days that Key Stage 3 students spend in school will clearly help them to continue to engage with their remote learning at a deep level.

In the meantime, temporary classrooms are being installed on the school site for handover in January, and we continue to work preparing additional space off-site which in all likelihood will be the Langdale Centre, with transport provided to and from Marden. These two strategies together will enable us to provide face to face learning for all students full time, and we are working to get this in place as quickly as possible and I will keep everyone informed of developments, key dates, and arrangements in the new year.

I would like to express my thanks for everyone's efforts, understanding and support during the recent challenging weeks, from staff, parents and students, as well as from the Local Authority and the Department for Education. I appreciate we are dealing with a situation which has brought many different challenges, and I think that the way everyone has responded to them reflects the strong community spirit we enjoy at Marden.

I hope that everyone has a pleasant Christmas weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Snape'.

Mr M. Snape  
Head Teacher