





Welcome to Marling Sixth Form Y12 Parents' Information Meeting September 2023





Ms Harris: Head of Sixth Form & Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Rogers: Head of Year 12, Teacher of Politics and History











Aim: introduce you to

- Our values
- Policies and procedures
- Transition to Sixth Form

30 - 40 minutes

Opportunity for questions

(Please turn off mobile phones)

Fire exit - onto the field





Downfield Road The end of the sixth form journey...

5 York 5 Cambridge 1 Oxford 6 Manchester 5 Warwick

9 Cardiff

1 Cornell

3 Newcastle 8 Birmingham

Central St 3 Liverpool Martins, Trinity

Laban Conservatoire

4 Bristol 4 Sheffield 5 medics, 1 vet,

> 4 Durham 1 dentist

3 Leeds

11 Exeter 5-6 GE Aviation, 8 Swansea Renishaw

A huge range of destinations and courses!

Apprenticeships Level





We are delighted to welcome so many students from a wide range of schools

- Approx 200 students in Y12
- More than 100 new to Marling
- 400 students in the sixth form overall
- ♦ Almost ⅓ girls





The importance of sixth form

- We are proud of the contribution our sixth formers make to the school
- Role models for younger students
- Ambassadors in the community
- Sixth form is the first step towards creating their future - their choices







WE ARE MARLING

- Inspiring Excellence
- Building Character
- ❖ Succeeding Together

Our Core Values:

- **★** Kindness
- ★ Intellectual Curiosity
- ★ Perseverance





KEY MESSAGE

We want everyone to feel welcome and included in Marling Sixth Form

- Everybody is here by choice
- Everybody has a part to play in making this an inclusive, respectful and tolerant place to be
- We have a zero tolerance approach to prejudice-related behaviour of any kind
- Please tell us if you see or experience anything that does not fit with these values
- We can only tackle what we know about





Tell us directly or use the Reach Out QR code







The basics:















Changing A Level subjects:

- If you want to request a change of A Level subject or Breadth Option, please ask for a subject change form from 6th Form reception.
- Sixth Form staff will be able to talk to you about what happens next
- The earlier you can do this the better
- Please try to request all subject changes by the end of the first complete cycle - FRIDAY 22nd September





The school day - Y12



Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5
8.40-9	9-10	10-11	11-11.20	11.20- 12.20	12.20-1.2 0	1.20-2.10	2.10-3.10

- Attendance at all timetabled sessions is compulsory morning registration and tutor time, Lessons, Tutor Periods, Supervised Study
- You can leave site during break and lunch times but must tap out and in
- Pm registration is at 2.10 if you do not have a p5 lesson you must register at 2.10 in the Hale Room. If you have a lesson a register will be taken.





Attendance and security on site:

- Y12 students must remain on site between 8.40-3.10 except for during break time (11-11.20) and lunch time (1.20-2.10)
- Students must wear their Lanyard around their neck at all times. This is important for security.







- Downfield Road 6th form centre:
 - Downstairs in Hale Room for Y12 silent and Supervised Study
 - Social space and group study tables in cafe area
 - Cafe meals and snacks card or biometrics
- East Campus snack bar and study/computer rooms
- Main Dining Hall food & drink (study space during lesson time)
- Extra study space Marling Library





Dress code

Our dress code fosters individuality, while acknowledging that the school is both a workplace and a learning environment for children and that Sixth Form students are role models and ambassadors for our community.

Students may dress in a fashionable and creative manner, but clothing must remain <u>appropriate</u> for a school setting and for a modern workplace. In all circumstances, the judgement of what is <u>appropriate</u> remains with the Sixth Form leadership team. Students wearing unsuitable item/s will be asked not to wear the item/s again.





Dress code

The following specific requirements apply:

- Lanyards must be worn at all times when on site. Failure to do so is a breach of security.
- Site, or subject specific health and safety requirements must be adhered to at all times.
- Facial piercings should be studs or small rings only.
- Hoods or hats may not be worn inside the school building.
- Clothing displaying provocative or offensive slogans or images cannot be worn.





We know that starting a new sixth form can be hard

- Remember that half of the students here are completely new to Marling
- The sixth form is a new beginning for everyone
- If you're feeling nervous, you are not alone
- It's a brave step starting at a new place particularly if you don't know many or any people
- It will take a while to start to feel settled
- Don't expect it to feel familiar yet don't rush yourself
- Change is scary but good!





Downfield Road

Fri 8th	Quiz	
Mon 11th	Weekly briefing	Briefing doc and M6
Tue 12th	PSHE	<u>Tips for success exercise</u>
		PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETING
Wed 13th	Assembly - Mr Balmer	Music Hall
P5	Games and activities	Downfield
Thur 14th	A Level Study Skills	Introduction video
P2 PSHE	Transition to Sixth Form	Music Hall
Fri 15th	Quiz	





Y12 tutor group		Name
AAM/LMS	aam@marling.school	Dr Marks
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Our Sixth Form Team



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Students are required to read the student handbook









Attendance and absence

- Attendance at all timetabled sessions is compulsory morning registration and tutor time, Lessons, Tutor Periods, Supervised Study
- If your teacher is absent you must sign a register to show you are present
- If you are unwell you should report to reception in the Sixth Form. Under no circumstances should you simply leave school without speaking with a member of staff.
- If you need to be away from school for a genuine reason other than illness, you will need to complete a Planned Absence Form and have it approved
- Absences which would be authorised include a hospital appointment, a funeral, a university visit/interview or a practical driving test. Driving theory tests and normal driving lessons are not a reason for missing timetabled sessions and should be organised during independent study periods, lunch time, or after school.
- Routine appointments booked by you or a parent/carer to see dentists, doctors, opticians, etc. should not be made during lesson time. These absences will not be authorised.
- If you are ill a parent/carer must phone Sixth Form at the beginning of the school day
- MISSED LESSONS AND UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES AFFECT YOUR ATTENDANCE RECORD





SMOKING POLICY

Key conduct reminders

- All school property is a non-smoking area.
- Sixth form students are role models to lower school students and ambassadors in our community. Smoking or vaping on school site or in proximity to school (including the railway bridge) will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned.
- If you must smoke or vape during your break or lunchtime, you must not be in the proximity of the school.

ASSEMBLING OFF SITE

- Students must not assemble in groups in proximity to school (including the railway bridge and pathways and surrounding residential areas).
- Please be considerate of our neighbours and mindful of your role in our community. If your behaviour results in complaints from members of the community, and we feel that you are representing the school in a negative way, sanctions will be applied.





Transport to school

We are keen to encourage safe and sustainable transport options. You are therefore encouraged to travel to school on foot, by bike, or on public transport.

While we understand that many students want to take advantage of the new-found freedom that a driving licence offers, the environmental impact of large numbers of private cars being driven to and parked at school each day should be considered.

Limited parking is available at Marling Sports Hall for students who have a good reason for not being able to use public transport to travel to school. If you think you are eligible, you must first apply for a Parking Permit from Marling Sixth Form Reception. Permits from last year are not valid.





Student Learning Agreement

- Accept responsibility for your own learning with the support of your subject teachers and tutor.
- Complete all work to the required standard by the required deadline. Failure to achieve this may result in withdrawal from the taught course of study.
- Use your independent study time in school effectively to undertake and complete academic work/research and respect the rules of each of the study rooms. The playing of games e.g. cards, ball games is not permitted during study periods.
- Wear your lanyard visibly at all times when on school premises
- Attend all timetabled sessions, including all lessons, assemblies, tutor periods and briefings punctually and maintain an attendance in excess of 90%. You will be expected to be in school from 8.40 a.m. to 3.10 p.m. Failure to achieve this may result in withdrawal from the taught course of study.





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- Sign in/out as per Sixth Form procedures, otherwise remaining on-site at all times during the school day, other than break and lunch.
- Respect the individual rights of all members of both school communities and behave according to the appropriate school Code of Conduct and protocols, being a role model to younger students.
- Respect the school facilities, buildings, and environment.
- Adhere to the Sixth Form Dress Code and dress according to the spirit within which it is framed.
- Accept the Disciplinary Procedure.
- Participate in the employability, IAG and Marling Diamond programme.





Programme of study

When you join Y12 you start a programme of study with 3 compulsory elements:

- **♦** A Levels (3 or 4)
- PSHE programme Fortnightly tutor sessions, fortnightly assemblies, daily tutor time (registration) and additional talks
- Marling Diamond Programme Timetabled Breadth Option & extra-curricular and super-curricular activities on Wed afternoon + other times of your choosing







Marling Diamond Programme

Our aim in Marling Sixth Form is to enable students to develop a range of academic and broader skills that prepare them for their next step, whether that is a university degree; Music, Drama or Art College; an apprenticeship or employment.

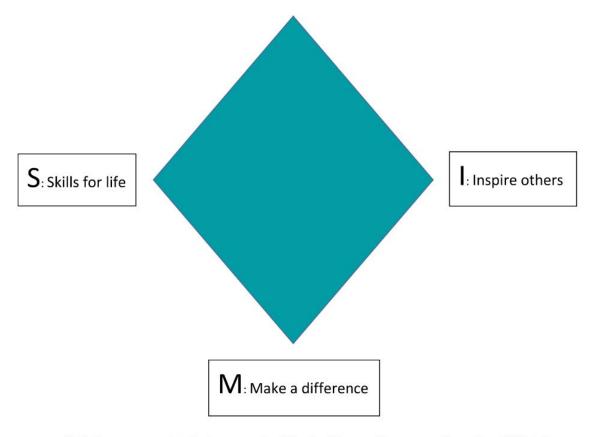




A: Academic scholarship

Marling Diamond:

Breadth option, extra-curricular and super-curricular activities, clubs and societies, volunteering, leadership...



Sixth Formers complete their personalised Marling Diamond Programme throughout Y12, taking up a minimum of one opportunity in each AIMS strand. Successful completion of the programme forms a mandatory part of application for home study in Y13.





Academic Scholarship – take your study outside the classroom and beyond the A-Level curriculum:

- Independent research skills
- Critical analysis
- Constructing arguments
- Evaluating evidence/arguments
- Communication skills
- Assimilating knowledge

nspire others – take a key role in student leadership, school council or student clubs/societies:

- Be a leader
- Teamwork skills
- Communication
- Relationship building
- Decision making
- Time management

Make a difference – contribute to the school or wider community via volunteer or charity work:

- Empathy
- Communication
- Dedication
- Relationship building
- Teamwork
- Decision making
- Organisation

Skills for Life – develop transferable skills through a range of extra-curricular activities such as sport, drama, music, crafts:

- Teamwork
- Perseverance
- Discipline
- Motivation
- Communication
- Relationship building





Marling Diamond

- Marling Diamond opportunities will be launched at the end of Term 1
- Some activities such as sports or student societies may start before then
- From after half term you will be using Wed p5 to undertake Marling Diamond
- Between now and half term, during Wed p5 you will be taking part in some settling in and PSHE sessions







PSHE PROGRAMME

The Marling Sixth Form PSHE programme is based on five rotating themes, delivered via Tutor Periods and morning tutor time. The order of themes may vary and different topics may be covered as/when necessary. The topics below illustrate the range of topics that may be covered in each theme. The programme aims to give students information and skills to equip them to live as healthy, respectful adults who make a positive contribution to society.

RESPECT & RELATIONSHIPS

- Vision & values
- · Respect & healthy relationships
- Consent
- Equalities
- Gender

THE SUCCESSFUL SIXTH FORMER

- Study skills
- A Level mindset
- Resilience
- Revision

KEEPING SAFE

- Personal safety
- Driving What If
- Digital literacy/internet safety

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH



- Drugs & alcohol
- Mental health
- Stress management/resilience

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

- Unifrog post-18 options
- Leadership
- Marling Diamond Programme
- Applying to University/other options
- Finance
- Democracy
- Environment





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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Y12 Week 1	Weekly briefing (5 mins) 5-min focus	PSHE theme	Mini debating	A Level Study Skills	Quiz/tutor group choice
Week 2	Weekly briefing (5 mins) 5-min focus	PSHE theme	Assembly (MH)	A Level Study Skills (P2 PSHE)	Quiz/tutor group choice

Focus on developing debating and presentation skills





OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMME CONTENT

Key focus

Weekly dates	Y12 PSHE themes The Successful Sixth Former & Respect & Relationships		
6- 8 Sep			
11 - 15 Sep	The Successful Sixth Former 8 Respect & Relationships		
18-22 Sep	The Successful Sixth Former & Respect & Relationships		
25-29 Sep	The Successful Sixth Former & Respect & Relationships		
2-6 Oct	The Successful Sixth Former & Respect & Relationships		
9-13 Oct	The Successful Sixth Former & Respect & Relationships		





Developing confidence and understanding healthy relationships

Next week - 20th September - positive masculinity workshop for Y12 boys

- What does it mean to be a young man in today's society? How can you negotiate the shifting gender power structures without feeling fearful, defensive?
- How can you recognise and avoid negative influences that promote aggression and inequality?

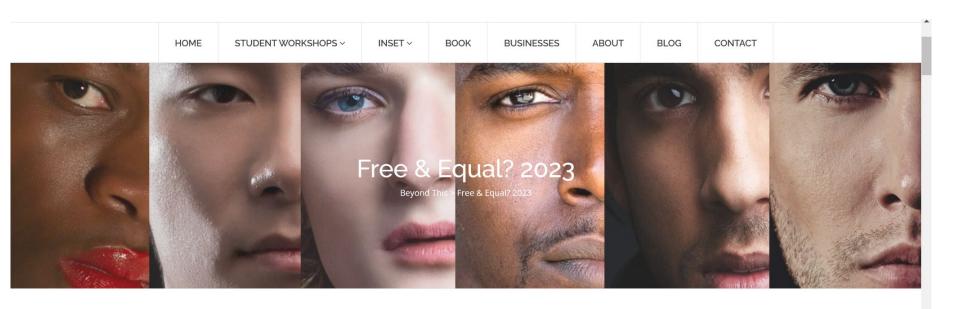
Discussion group with Y12 girls

- What is it like being a young woman today? What are your experiences in and outside school? What do we need to do to help you feel confident and safe?





13th October - live stream conference









FREE & EQUAL? 2023 Gender, Power & Masculinity

National Schools' Conference for ALL Genders FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023: 9.30am – 3.30pm

This IN-PERSON conference will be streamed LIVE to secondary schools & sixth forms across the UK.

Join students & schools across the country to explore GENDER, POWER & MASCULINTY.

Following last year's hugely successful conference on S**ism, Misogyny and Harassment, this year's FREE & EQUAL? conference will explore the factors which underpin these inequalities.

Students will be equipped to NAVIGATE the messages from online influencers, culture and upbringing; RE-THINK assumptions about *gender* and *race* and QUESTION the use & misuse of POWER. We will explore how ideas about *masculinity* have shaped and continue to shape our relationships and society for better or worse.

Now is an unprecedented time to address these issues in our schools and equip our students to challenge injustice and champion the human rights of all.





Friday 13th October 2023, The Barn, Ringwood School, Ringwood, BH24 1SE Go to www.freeandequal.co.uk for details & to book







UDHR Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights





CREATE YOUR FUTURE

- Unifrog post-18 options
- Leadership
- Marling Diamond Programme
- Applying to University/other options
- Finance
- Democracy
- Environment

- Post-18 programme runs through Y12 and Y13
- Mrs Bhambra oversees it
- Starts with research and understanding opportunities
- Summer Y12 starting UCAS applications and work experience
- Early Applications groups Mr
 Elson for students who are
 thinking of applying for
 Oxbridge, Medicine,
 Dentistry, Veterinary
 Medicine.
- Medsoc student society for medical applicants - advice and guidance on how to make a good application





Student Leadership Team







There are key differences between Y11 and Y12.

Study in KS5 is more independent and students have more control over how to use their time than ever before.

Thursday's PSHE session will focus on transition to sixth form.





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A typicalYII timetable

- Full!
- All study time is directed
- Know what you're doing, when and where

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A typical Y12 timetable - not full!

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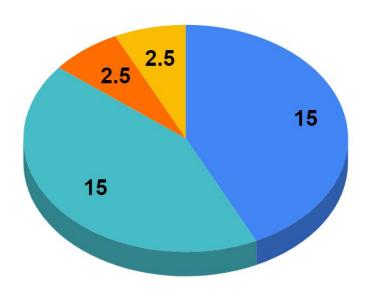
Don't fall into the trap!

- They are not 'frees' they are independent study periods
- Some will be allocated as Supervised Study sessions have to sign in to Hale Room (Silent Study room) to do these
- As an A Level student they need to develop independent learning
- For every hour of timetabled lesson time they should be doing at least one hour of independent study





Y12 35-hour working week



Where you have supervised study periods on your timetable, you must sign in and spend them in the Hale Room.

- Lessons
- Independent study
- Tutor Time
- Marling Diamond

- Your working week should be approximately 35 hours
- For each hour in the classroom spend one hour studying independently
- Use your study periods in school to complete about half of your 15 study hours
- Schedule the rest of your 15 study hours in the evenings and at weekends

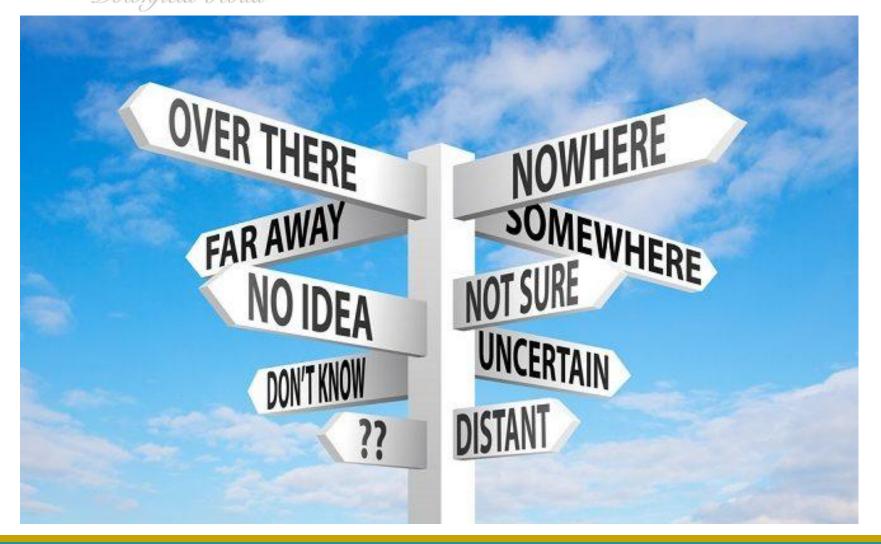


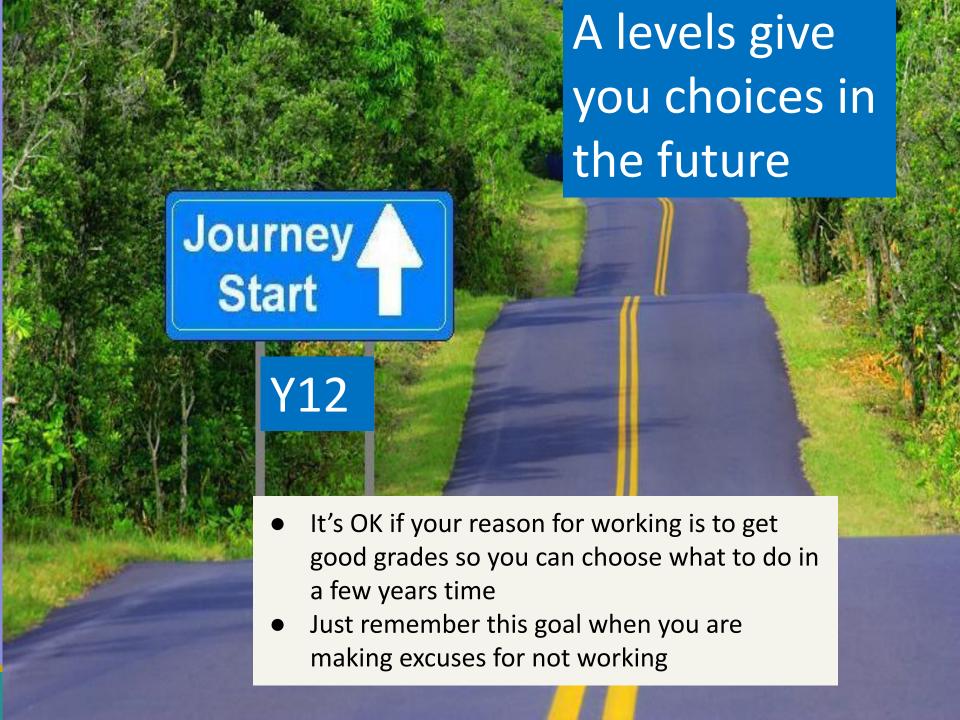


- Have a clear vision of what you are working towards
- Your WHY needs to be stronger than your excuses
- Create small, achievable goals
- Action comes before motivation (Will power)



You may not know what you want to do long term, but good A Levels will open doors when you do...







Perseverance – keeping on going despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Instead of saying 'I can't do this', say 'I can't do this **YET'**

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Things don't just work out all the time

Everyone encounters failure – and that's part of learning







Be organised and informed

- Have a file for each subject
- Put the A Level Specification and markschemes at the front of each file
- Good notes are essential we forget 82% of what we are taught within 24hrs – find a method that works for you (bullet points/colours/flow charts/post its/ cornell method
- After the lesson, review and fill in gaps/clarify understanding
- A Level Study Skills Thursday tutor time





'If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail'

This may be an overused saying, but it's worth taking notice of it.

Planning is an essential part of A Level success.





Plan your time

Pebbles and sand analogy

The Pebbles are the important things - things you have to do and need to do

Fill your plan with these first.

The rest is sand - it can fit in the gaps between the pebbles







Y12 Planning Timetable

- Block out your timetabled lessons, Tutor Period, Wed pm
- 2. Add your pebbles 15 hours of independent study (in school and out), plus the things you want or need to do eg exercise, clubs, family commitments, job etc
- 3. The rest is sand...





Look after yourself

Mental Health 1 Stress,
communication
and support |
Resources (7 min)







There is always someone to talk to

- Tutors are available each day
- 6th Form team staff are based in Downfield Reception area and East Campus
- To arrange to see Heidi go to Downfield reception or email HAV@marling.school





Key dates for the term ahead

20 September - Positive Masculinity - Y12 boys/ Y12 girls' workshop P5

-Oxford Information Evening

2 October - INSET

13 October - Y12 & Y13 Beyond This Free & Equal Conference (Online)

19 October - 1st Y12 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25 October - Last Day of Term (HALF TERM)





Downfield Road

Find out about studying at Oxford University



THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Invites parents, teachers and the students of Years 12 to attend:

An evening exploring applying and studying
at Oxford University

Wednesday 20th September 7pm – 8.30pm

All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham, GL51 0WH

'Oxford: Why and How?'

Marrium Khan, Admissions Officer, Lady Margaret Hall, will talk about the admissions process, the interviews and what Oxford does to ensure a level playing field for all applicants

Panel discussion: 'Life at Oxford – the Reality'
The experience of current undergraduates

RSVP to gloucestershire@ousoc.oxon.org





Key dates for the year

20 November - 1st set of tracking - effort and transition

8 December - INSET

19 February - 2nd set of tracking - grade

12 March - INSET

1 May (approx) - Y12 exams

17 June - 3rd set of tracking

19 June - INSET

27 June - 2nd Y12 Parents' Evening

15-19 July - Y12 work experience

19 July - end of year







- Weekly briefings sent to students and parents
- Notices/information are posted regularly on M6 Noticeboard for students
- We will also use Edulink/school email to contact students
- It is IMPORTANT students check all these communication channels daily for information.
- They need to know what is going on
- Feedback is important to us questionnaires and parent focus group





Key messages:

- Welcoming and inclusive community
- It's a new start for everyone
- It's a challenging but exciting time
- Help and support is always available ask for it
- Please work with us





Thank you for listening!

