

Our ref: BMcL/JD

19th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. I am grateful and deeply indebted to the Sisters of Mercy, Governors, Teaching and Support staff who have worked so hard to drive forward higher standards and help nurture our young people's spirituality, creativity and talents.

On Thursday evening 12th July Archbishop Malcolm McMahon concelebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in the sports hall for parents, past pupils, current and former members of staff and the Sisters of Mercy. On Friday morning Fr. Grant Maddock celebrated mass for all the pupils in the school. Both masses were joyful, uplifting celebrations being the climax of our school's 60th diamond jubilee academic year.

One of the highlights of the masses was the Mercy Anthem sung beautifully by our school choir and specially written by Mr. McCabe our school chaplain. The Archbishop also singled out for praise the liturgical dance.

Our children were so respectful during the mass on Friday. Fr. Grant commented on the positive ethos and spirituality within the school: "I feel there are great things happening in Maricourt".

After the Mass on Friday the children were given an extended break time, candy floss and a lolly ice which they all thoroughly enjoyed. As one of the pupils wrote in a thank you letter to Sister Mary Magdalen, our first headteacher and still going strong at 92 years of age: "Thank you for the school, the amazing teachers and for the education, without you I would not be here learning all sorts of things. Thank you for all the trips and sports. My favourite trip was Chester Zoo!"

The last few weeks have been a remarkably busy and exciting time for our students. We held a very successful Activities Week where students from Years 7-9 spent three days engaged in a variety of activities, ranging from trips to Chester Zoo, Alton Towers, a spiritual retreat for Year 9, a Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Patterdale in the Lake District and school activities based on numeracy, science and enterprise.

Year 10 completed two weeks of work experience placement and we received a number of emails from delighted employers.

On Tuesday evening July 17th Mrs. Rimmer and Mrs. Melling organised our Summer Soiree, a celebration of music, singing and dance. It was a really joyful occasion where the incredible talents of our young people were showcased.

On Wednesday 13th June we were able to showcase our pupils' remarkable sporting achievements in a wide range of activities at our annual Sports Award Evening at Aintree.

Our Year 11 Prom at the Palm House and the Year 13 Leavers' Do at the Hard Day's Night hotel were both very special occasions.

Our official attendance for 2017-2018 stands at 95%. I would like to congratulate pupils on their excellent attendance this year and thank parents for avoiding booking holidays during school sessions. The law on school attendance changed from September 2013 to include the introduction of fixed penalty fines and the inability to take term time holidays. Except in exceptional circumstances as you know I am no longer able to authorise holidays during term times and they will be treated as unauthorised absences.

You will also find attached a copy of the school dates for the next academic year and school uniform requirements, which can also be accessed on the website.

I would like to congratulate you on the maintenance of the standard of uniform. The majority of our pupils continue to be a credit to themselves and their parents. Our school uniform remains unchanged. Please see list of requirements on the sheet enclosed.

In September we will be expecting all pupils to arrive to school with an appropriately sized school bag and basic school equipment so that your child is ready to learn.

School will finish on Friday 20th July at **12 noon** and your son/daughter will return as indicated on the school calendar – **9.30 am on Tuesday, 4th September for new Year 7, 1.30 pm for current Year 7 (new Year 8) and Wednesday, 5th September 8.50 am for all other years.**

I wish you and your family every happiness for the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely



B McLoughlin
HEADTEACHER

Maricourt Catholic High School School Uniform

BOYS

Dark socks

Black shoes with a heel (no boots or trainers/canvas shoes of any kind)

Please be aware that some shops are selling black trainers/canvas shoes and telling parents that these are acceptable school shoes – they are NOT acceptable.

Plain, dark grey shirt

School tie

'V' necked maroon **pullover** with school badge

Dark grey flannel trousers

School blazer

GIRLS

White plain socks, black tights

Plain, flat black sensible shoes (no boots or trainers/canvas shoes of any kind, no sling back shoes, no platform shoes)

Please be aware that some shops are selling black trainers/canvas shoes and telling parents that these are acceptable school shoes – they are NOT acceptable.

Regulation yellow shirt with school tie

Blue & white check blouse for summer – sweat shirt should not be visible above the collar.

'V' necked maroon **pullover** with school badge (**no cardigans**)

*Maroon skirt (not shorter than knee length)

* Year 7 & 8 box-pleated skirts from waist

* Years 9-11 may have a single front inverted pleat

School blazer

Only a plain outdoor coat or anorak may be worn by both boys and girls: black, grey or dark navy with no logos or additional colours. Denim/leather/fashion coats are not allowed and will be confiscated until parents are able to collect them from school. May I also remind parents that 'normal hair style' means what it says and does not include braided hairstyles. Please assist us in our efforts to maintain a well disciplined school and pupil appearance is important in this direction.

Our official uniform suppliers are now Whittakers, 35-39 London Street, Southport and Kid's Kirkby, 29 St. Chad's Parade, Kirkby.

MARICOURT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CALENDAR 2018/19

WEEK	X/Y	WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	Thursday Deadlines	
1	X	3-7 SEPT	Inset Day	Year 7 Reg 9.30am Year 8 Reg 1.30pm	All pupils to be in school by 8.50. Normal timetable from P3				
2	Y	10-14 SEPT	Photographers in school for Years 7/9	Y12 Parents Welcome Evening (5.00 pm)	Open Evening 6pm – All parents invited 2.30 pm close for pupils				
3	X	17-21 SEPT	A good cup of Tea Event YR 13 Int Exams		Year 12 PSHE Day		Inset Day		
4	Y	24-28 SEPT	Our Lady of Mercy Patronal Feast Day		Presentation of gowns & badges to Prefects & Form Captains. School finishes at 2.00 pm				
5	X	1 – 5 OCT			Year 7 Welcome & Mass				
6	Y	8- 12 OCT			2.30 pm close for pupils				
7	X	15 – 19 OCT		Mock interviews Yr 11	Mock interviews Yr 11 PE Sponsored Event	Mock interviews Yr 11			
		22-26 OCT	HALF TERM						
8	Y	29 OCT – 2 NOV			2.30 pm close for pupils				
9	X	5-9 NOV		Celebration Mass and presentation of GCSE certificates to Yr 11 17/18 in St George’s Church at 7.30 p.m		Careers Convention Lunchtime YRS 9&10 1.30 – 2.30 pm Sixth Form Students 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm for Year 11			
10	Y	12-16 NOV	Anti-Bullying Week Year 13 Mock Interviews	Anti-Bullying Week Year 13 Mock Interviews	Anti-Bullying Week 2.30 pm close for pupils	Anti-Bullying Week	Anti-Bullying Week		
11	X	19–23 NOV							
12	Y	26-30 NOV			2.30 pm close for pupils	YR11 Parents’ Evening			
13	X	3 - 7 DEC			School Musical	School Musical Parents’ Evening for YR 7 A-F	School Musical		
14	Y	10-14 DEC			2.30 pm close for pupils	Parents’ Evening for YR 7 H-R			
15	X	17-21 DEC	Presentation of Certificates to 17/18 Yr 13 at 7.30 pm Educational Ski Course				School Closes Staff Service 12.30 pm		
		24-28 DEC 31 DEC - 4 JAN	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS						
16	Y	7-11 JAN	Start of Pre Public exams YR11		2.30 pm close for pupils	Sixth Form Information Evening			
17	X	14-18 JAN							
18	Y	21 – 25 JAN	Start of Pre Public exams YR12 & 13		2.30 pm close for pupils				
19	X	28 JAN – 1 FEB				Parents Evening for YR9			
20	Y	4-8 FEB			2.30 pm close for pupils				
		11-15 FEB							

	X	18 -22 FEB	HALF TERM HOLIDAY					
22	Y	25 FEB – 1 MAR			2.30 pm close for pupils	Sixth Form Parents' Evening		
23	X	4-8 MAR	Years 11 & 13 photographs		Ash Wednesday	Parents' Evening Year 8A-F		
24	Y	11-15 MAR			2.30 pm close for pupils	Parents' Evening Year 8H-R		
25	X	18-22 MAR						
26	Y	25-29 MAR			2.30 pm close for pupils	Parents' Evening Year 10		
27	X	1-5 APR		Literacy & Numeracy	Departmental Mtgs		School closes for pupils at 12 noon Staff service 12.30pm	
	Y	8-12 APR	EASTER HOLIDAY					
	X	15-19 APR					Good Friday	
28	Y	22 -26 APR	Easter Monday		Pastoral Teams 2.30 pm close for pupils			
29	X	29 APR-3 MAY		Start of external exam period	New Intake Evening for September 19 pupils (4.00 pm)			
30	Y	6-10 MAY	Bank Holiday		New Intake Evening for September 19 pupils (4.00 pm) 2.30 pm close for pupils			
31	X	13- 17 MAY						
32	Y	20-24 MAY	Internal Exams for Years 7-9	Vocational Curriculum	SEN Training 2.30 pm close for pupils			
		27-31 MAY	Bank Holiday	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY				
33	X	3-7 JUNE	Internal Exams for Years 7- 9					
34	Y	10–14 JUNE			2.30 pm close for pupils			
35	X	17-21 JUNE	Year 10 internal exams A2 courses start					
36	Y	24 – 28 JUNE	Year 10 internal exams	5.00 pm UCAS Parents Presentation	Open Evening 4.00-6.00 pm 2.30 pm close for pupils			
37	X	1-5 JULY	Work Experience begins				Inset Day	
38	Y	8-12 JULY			2.30 pm close for pupils	Sports Day		
39	X	15-19 JULY		Summer Soiree				
40	Y	22-27 JULY	End of Term Staff service 12.30pm					