



**MARICOURT
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are midway through the first term I wanted to contact home with some updates on standards. You may recall, we contacted you at the end of the last academic year and at the beginning of this term to reiterate the uniform, attendance and behaviour standards we expect of our young people at Maricourt. I would like to thank the vast majority of pupils for reaching and maintaining these standards on a daily basis. We are very proud when visitors come into school and comment on the high standards of uniform and behaviour they see. This has happened a number of times this term already with visitors from the archdiocese, the local authority, local charitable organisations and theatre companies. A copy of our uniform expectations can be found here;

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Attendance at school remains a concern nationally, and we would like to support all families to ensure good attendance. All pupils should be aiming for 100% attendance and at the very least achieving 95% attendance in school. Even at 95%, this means that a child will have missed 50 lessons and clearly, that has an impact on progress and attainment. We teach the pupils about resilience and the importance of attending school and we ask that you reiterate that message at home. If you are experiencing difficulties in this area then please contact your child's progress leader in the first instance. Family holidays cannot be authorised during the school year and will result in a penalty notice and fine.

Thank you to the large number of parents who have signed up to, and access Class Charts. This enables live, up to date information about rewards, behaviour, homework and general announcements. The partnership between school and home is critical in encouraging and enabling our young people to be the best version of themselves. If there are any parents still not accessing Class Charts and require a sign up code, please contact school.

We appreciate the continued support in maintaining our high standards. We will soon be celebrating this by inviting pupils to participate in Rewards trips and activities at the end of the term. Please encourage your child to continue to display positive behaviour and standards on a daily basis. If you have any issues or concerns then please contact the progress leader for your child.

Finally, I will leave you with some good news. We, once again, were shortlisted in the prestigious Educate Awards for 2023 and the ceremony was last week. We were delighted to be awarded the Runner-up prize in the Community Partnership Award and the Marketing and Communication Award. This was in addition to being a finalist in the 'Most Inspirational Secondary School' award. We know our work is never done but it is always nice to be recognised for the work that goes on in school. With this in mind, I invite you to follow the link to the Wellbeing section of the website. This gives an indication of some of the work we do but also some useful information for parents.

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Yours in Christ,

Mrs Hatton

Headteacher

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