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Dear Prospective Year 7 student,

I am really enjoying my time here at Marlborough. I was worried about if I would make friends but due to the summer school I had already made some new friends before we even started!

On our first day my friend and me were worried we would get lost but for the first week the teachers collected us and took us to our next lesson which helped us familiarise ourselves with the school and how to get around. When it came to finding our way around the school we were fine and remembered where to go. All the buildings are named after famous people which really helped us remember where our lessons are such as Science in Franklin.

All my lessons so far have been fun as well as educational; some of my favourites have been Science, English and History. One of my favourite lessons is Science as we have already used Bunsen burners to burn magnesium which created a very bright light. We have also gone through what we will be doing later this year and it all sounds brilliant.

Another thing that is great about Marlborough is the wide range of clubs. We had an Activities Fair to introduce us to all of the different clubs on offer and were able to sign up for the ones we were interested in. I have joined the Heritage Society and the Geography Club and there are also lots of sports clubs that you can join, there is something for everyone!

The canteen is amazing with hot meals and street food. Even though the lunch queues are quite long they move quickly and it is definitely worth the wait as the food is delicious! One of my favourite meals so far has been fish and chips which they serve every Friday. You can get food at break and lunch.

I think The Marlborough Science Academy is a great choice and you should definitely consider coming here.

Yours faithfully,
Jenny, 7MR



Dear Prospective Parents,

I have not changed my view about Marlborough School from when I first looked round with my eldest who is now in Year 11 ... it is a school that never forgets that each student is an individual and has individual needs. It is a truly inclusive school, that has compassion, understanding and versatility in bucket loads. But that is not all Marlborough School is. Academically, I feel totally confident that both my sons are receiving the best education on offer, as the staff are skilled at what they do and know that it is the happy student that learns best.

The staff at Marlborough have a real passion for the school and their students. They have led the students through the difficult journey that Covid has presented us all with, in a caring, supportive way. They maintained that sense of belonging to a community that we all needed (including the whole family) and provided online lessons and structure to the day of the highest standard. We felt that it was simply the building that was closed but not the learning. That ensured a much smoother transition back to school for my children post lockdown.

It is true that the Year 7 cohort missed out on so much due to Covid. However, what has impressed me the most is the fact that the Marlborough staff have not ignored or forgotten this. The all important PGL trip that they normally would have at the beginning of Year 7 has simply been moved to the beginning of Year 8. As they have been able to socialise less this year, I am delighted that my son will still get the opportunity to take part in all the fun activities and the bonding with peers and confidence that comes hand in hand with this experience.

Another strength of Marlborough Science Academy is the communication with parents and carers. Edulink provides the daily timetable and basic messages that we as parents need, but if there are any issues beyond this, Ms Pounnas and Ms Bailey are always there to give you a reassuring email or phone call so that the home-school link is maintained whenever necessary. Together, staff and parents work together to ensure the best pastorally and academically for your child.

I could say a lot more, but finally I just want to say that the mental well-being of our child has been a priority and there are many systems in place to support the students with these needs.

Best wishes,

Year 7 and Year 11 Parent



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Dear Prospective Year 7 student,

When I first came to Marlborough I was worried that I wouldn't make friends and I would get lost, but the brilliant staff helped me find my way around and now I know most of the buildings. I have only been here for three weeks and I already feel safe and welcome.

At Marlborough there are a variety of afterschool clubs and lunchtime ones too. There is a Minecraft club, Anime club and much more! They also have sporty clubs like swimming that takes place in our own swimming pool and basketball.

At lunchtime you can go to the canteen to buy food or eat your packed lunch there. They serve hot food, cold food, snacks and drinks. There is an app the school uses called Edulink which you can use on your phone or Chromebook. On Edulink you can check your timetable, canteen money and your home learning. Also don't worry about losing your lunch money because you have money on your account and you use your thumb print to buy things. When you run out of money your parents can top it up with some more.

If you are worried or want to chat about something you can go to see Ms Pounnas, our Director of Learning. She is very kind and will always help you. She has a room called the Key Stage 3 Suite and Year 7 and 8's can go in and chill or watch a film at lunchtimes.

I really love being at Marlborough and I know you would to.

Yours faithfully,
Adam, FLO



Dear Prospective Parent,

I was delighted when my twin sons were offered a place at The Marlborough Science Academy. It is not our closest school however I was aware of its reputation in the community and from talking to parents who already had children at the school. Marlborough has exceeded my expectations of what an outstanding school should look like. Staff are dedicated to student learning and welfare. Ms Thomson, the Head Teacher is an inspiration and I believe her leadership makes this school exceptional. Ms Pounnas, Director of Year 7 has been wonderful; she is approachable, sincere, kind and cares about my children.

Communication from the school is excellent; coming from Primary school where I was in daily contact with teachers to starting at Marlborough during Covid-19 restrictions was very different however Marlborough made this as easy as possible. Any queries to the reception are answered immediately or messages passed on if necessary. Marlborough cares about the children they are educating, the "Pastoral" care is excellent and this of course supports learning.

Parents evening was virtual this year and Marlborough did an excellent job. I really felt that my childrens' teachers knew them well and treated them as individuals.

The school have been able to offer some after school clubs recently and my children have really enjoyed these; one of my sons is particularly animated after science club!

Best wishes,

Year 7 parent