

# Adolescent Unit School Pupil Handbook

# Welcome!

Welcome to the Adolescent Unit School at Marlborough House!

The aim of the unit school is to support you in continuing your education whilst you are at Marlborough house. We work closely with yourselves, your parents, the medical team and your home school.

Education is centred around you and your needs, we encourage you to talk to us, ask questions and work with us so that we can support you with your studies. We hope to inspire you to achieve your best.



# Expectations



- ▶ You are expected to attend the school regularly with the correct equipment, taking responsibility for getting your books and equipment out and looking over your personalised learning plan.
- ▶ We expect you to listen to all staff during your lessons, and do your best to complete the work that is set for you, being considerate towards everyone else in school.
- ▶ At the end of the lesson you will need to put things away and leave the room tidy.



# Your first experiences of our school



- ▶ You will have a tour of the school.
- ▶ You will meet with one of the staff to discuss what subjects you are currently studying get an understanding of your feelings towards education and potential career aspirations.
- ▶ We will allocate you a tutor who will meet with you regularly to support you in school and when you start visiting your home school.
- ▶ We will devise a timetable for you, and when it is finalised, you will be given a laminated copy of it.
- ▶ We will ask you to do an online quiz to see what type of learner you are, so that we can tailor your lesson style to meet your needs.
- ▶ You will be given a drawer to store your things.
- ▶ You will complete assessments in Maths and English. This helps us to plan your lessons and provide you with the appropriate support.

The first few days are about settling in to our Unit School and finding your way around.



# Timetable



- ▶ We have school every morning Monday to Thursday from 09.15-12.45. On Friday 09.15-12.00.
- ▶ The Lessons are 45 minutes, with a 30 minute break from 10.45-11.15am.
- ▶ Every fortnight you will have a 1 to 1 session with your tutor.
- ▶ Monday afternoon- resilience group.
  - ▶ This group will help you to develop practical skills which you can use in real life situations.
- ▶ Thursday afternoon- gardening group
  - ▶ This group will give you the opportunity to take part in a range of gardening activities.



# KS5 Engagement Programme

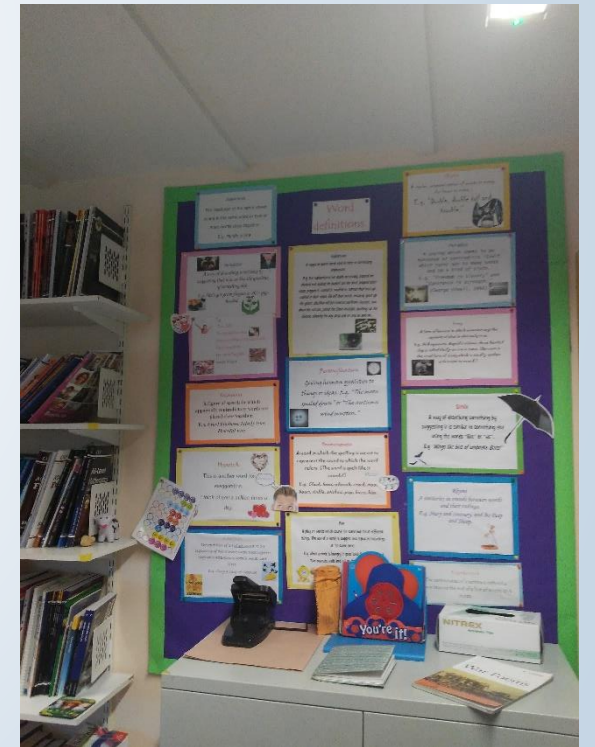
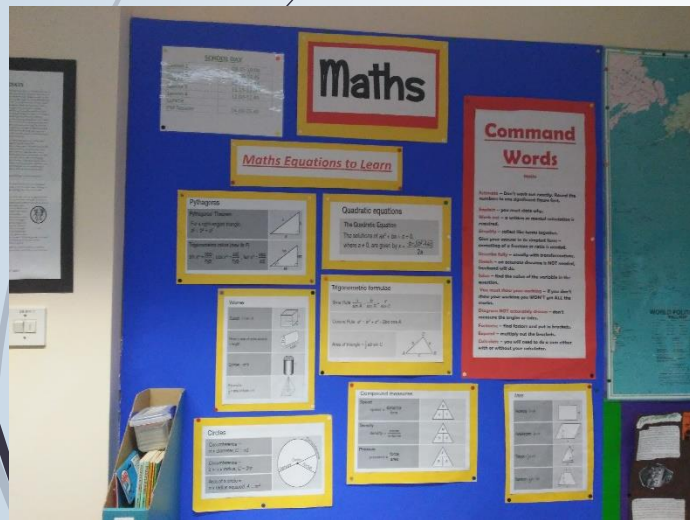


- If you are in KS5 we run an engagement programme which you may be a part of. This helps you to develop wider, practical, life skills in a fun and interactive way.
- These include:
  - First aid
  - DIY
  - Creative art and creative writing
  - Cooking on a budget
  - Preparation for driving test theory
  - Personal statement and CV writing and many
  - more.



# Contact with your home school

- ▶ We will contact your home school to establish what work to cover with you during your time here, so you follow the same topics as your peers.
- ▶ We will invite a key contact from your home school to visit you during the school day to ensure you keep in contact.



# Returning to your home school and post-discharge

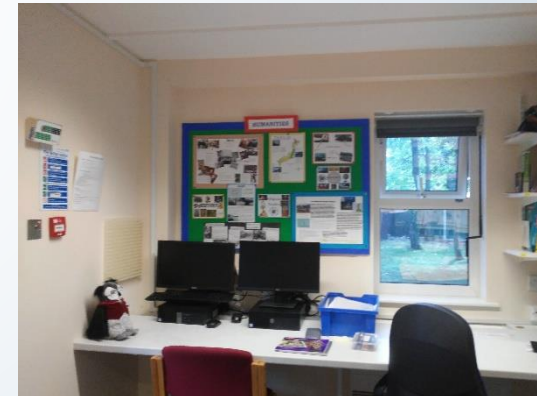


Our aim is to prepare you for discharge and to successfully return to your home school.

- ▶ You and your unit school tutor will visit your home school together for a meeting. At this meeting a personalised plan will be agreed for reintegration.

This reintegration can take different forms depending on your needs. It could include:

- ▶ Meeting with friends for break time
- ▶ Eating at break or lunchtime
- ▶ Attending a lesson
  - ▶ Gradually increasing frequency of lessons



We will make the process as smooth as possible and work fully with your home school, offering them advice on how to support you after discharge. If you have any questions at any time, however big or small, any member of staff would be delighted to help you.