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9th December 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are approaching the end of the Autumn Term which is always a very busy term for staff and students. We look forward to the Christmas holiday as well as to our return to education on January 5th when we shall resume our pursuit of excellence.

I am pleased to say that the overwhelming majority of young people at Marsden Heights Community College is working hard, conforming to college expectations and making progress. I would like to thank you as parents for your support in these matters.

Most of our students value their lessons and the opportunities available at Marsden Heights. There is a very few students who appear not to value their education and the opportunities we offer. This is reflected in their poor punctuality and in the case of a tiny minority, poor standards of dress.

Smart appearance contributes to smart behaviour which leads to smart learning, which leads to success. We therefore expect all our students to wear our uniform properly and with pride, and to arrive punctually by 8.40 am, to college every day.

We expect all our students to comply with all college expectations so that we can all concentrate on learning and making maximum progress. Students have copies of these expectations and they are available to view on our website. Please contact the college if you would like a further copy.

I would also like to draw your attention to the dangers of hair pins and recent incidents where these have been accidentally swallowed by students causing some distress. As an alternative, we would recommend students to wear pull-on headscarves.

Please also note that we regularly review and update college policies, some of which are accessible via the college's website. Two recent policies have been added to this area i.e. Use of Medicine Policy and Food and Drink Policy.

End of term arrangements

The college will close early on **Friday 19th December 2014** and therefore all students will be allowed to leave at 12.30 pm. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, then arrangements will be made for him/her to collect a meal from the Catering Area as they leave the building.

Following the break, college will re-open to students on **Monday 5th January 2015** and they should arrive promptly at **8.40 am**.

May I wish you the compliments of the season and we look forward to seeing your child back in college in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

I C Adlington,
Acting Headteacher.

