



THE
MARIST
SCHOOL
ASCOT

*'If I could find the right school for my
daughter, I just know she will take off.'*



Hello!

I am Jo Smith, Principal
of The Marist.



For our ambitious pupils here at The Marist, 'right' is the combination of a down-to-earth, grounded environment that, in fact, forms the perfect launch pad for stellar performance in many areas, including academic success.

So, whilst we ourselves do not lay claim to magic, 'magical' is often how our school is described.

Why?

Because with their feet firmly on the ground, our pupils have the confidence, and the encouragement from us, from their friends and their parents, to reach for the stars. They succeed, and get used to succeeding. They become familiar with high expectations of themselves. They aim naturally at high-reach universities. Take a look at our track record of university entrance.



100%

of students gained places at their first choice universities. (2021)

Over 50%

of all grades at GCSE were two or more grades higher than nationally predicted. (2022)

75%

of A Level students are studying a STEM subject. (2022)



Another surprising way of looking at The Marist is from the perspective of risk-taking;

the risk that entails leaving your comfort zone, breaking new personal ground, knowing you may go wrong and also knowing that it doesn't matter. You will pick yourself up, dust yourself down, and have another go.

This takes self-confidence and the certainty that your friends are behind you, cheering you on, wishing you well and ready to applaud your achievement, in whatever field.



Qualified swimming teachers deliver weekly lessons (with no extra charge) from nursery upwards.



Just look around you.
Look at our woods, our
gardens, our buildings,
our games fields and
our Sports Centre.

You will, I'm sure, see what we
mean when we say there is, here,
room to make mistakes and space
to put them right.



IAPS

national netball finalists
in 7 of the last 9 years.

7th

in the country
netballers. (2022 & 2023)

10th

in the country U13 Inter
Girls Athletics. (2022)



As we see our pupils thrive here, where firm foundations are there to encourage tremendous ambitions, seeing them do things they never dreamt they would try, and eventually succeeding, we also see something else which is very close to our hearts...



120

students have instrumental lessons each week.

100%

of LAMDA students gained distinctions.

Annual whole school drama productions.



...We, parents and the pupils themselves are of course focused on high achievement, in sports, in all our clubs and activities and most importantly in our classrooms.

However, the way of life here, in the way the older pupils look out for and mentor the younger ones, the happiness, the laughter, the sheer realness of the relationships, based firmly on Catholic values, mean that human qualities, life skills and emotional intelligence are always to the fore.

We say here that your academic qualifications are important, they will get you in the door of where you want to go, but when combined with personal qualities... it's then that you have the winning combination.



And on the point of academic qualifications, I should tell you that we consistently rank in the top 1% in the country for exam results. Why?

The main reason is of course our teaching staff. Again, ask our pupils. You may also have heard of the measure called 'Value-Added'. In brief, it measures predicted grades on entry to the school versus grades actually achieved on leaving. I am pleased to say that we have one of the best value-added scores in the county; half of our pupils achieve two full grades above those that were predicted for them at year 7. That is a most notable achievement. In simple terms, what it means is we make the biggest difference, and that makes me proud.



Our direction of travel is clear: we will aim ever higher academically – our totally new VI Form provision is testament to that – but never at the expense of the kindness that is the heart of our school.



Consistently in the top 1% nationally for A Level results.

84%

A Level results A*-B.
(2022)

100%

A Level results A*-B.
(2021)

86%

A Level results A*-A.
(2021)

100%

A*-A EPQ.
(2021)



If your daughter comes to The Marist, she will not simply be one of many. She can be sure that we will soon get to know her hopes and her fears, her aptitudes, her aspirations and ambitions. That will give her huge confidence and a rock-solid basis for growth. And that growth, you can be sure, will happen faster than you ever expected.

The Marist:
Feet on the ground.
Reaching for the stars.

Jo T. Smith

Mrs Jo Smith
Principal
The Marist School





Explore The Marist...

Nursery Ages 2-4

Prep Ages 4-11

Senior Ages 11-16

VI Form Ages 16-18



We are a happy, friendly, and welcoming introduction to your child’s school life. We believe that your child’s first step into education is unique, and our aim is to foster a love of learning, develop a positive self-image, and encourage curiosity. We do this through play, which is underpinned by proven educational practice.

Children learn best outdoors where they can run freely. Our children have continuous access to our beautiful outdoor setting which offers rich learning experiences ranging from ‘cooking’ in the mud kitchen, to hiding in the willow tree, and building dens in the forest! Swimming lessons in our indoor pool and ballet classes are also part of the exciting school day.

Our broad, balanced ‘Creative Curriculum’ is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). At The Marist Nursery our days are packed and fun! Children get to experience a variety of whole class, group, and individual activities incorporating both the indoor and outdoor environment.

We are very much a family school, and, as the youngest in the family, we enjoy the shared assemblies and opportunities to get involved in activities alongside the older children.



 Girls and Boys aged 2-4

Nursery

The Marist Prep provides an environment in which each child is encouraged to make their mark on the world.

Our approach encourages each pupil to engage with the world using their curiosity and creativity, to express their views and feelings with confidence, and to develop a life-long love of learning.

Our bespoke, broad, and innovative Marist curriculum (The Marist Way) builds strong links between subject areas whilst incorporating memorable, practical, real-life experiences, using our extensive outdoor spaces and a series of whole school projects and themes. The Marist Way is designed to provide challenge and intellectual stimulation, developing resilience, resourcefulness, collaboration, and problem-solving skills.

Life in Prep is busy and varied. Trips, speakers, and special events are built into our curriculum. Pupils will have opportunities to develop their interests in a wide range of areas including music, drama, sport, and outdoor learning, alongside an array of co-curricular activities.

When it comes to the move from Year 6 to Year 7, we make sure that every child is supported to manage the move up to the Senior Phase as smoothly as possible. We offer opportunities to visit the Senior Phase including participating in a Taster Day and various activities, alongside attending Open Events. Children receive lessons to help prepare them for the Senior Phase Entrance Assessment and once girls have been offered a place, they are invited to attend an Orientation Day to meet their fellow classmates.



Prep





Our Senior Phase offers a forward-thinking learning environment, encouraging our pupils to make their mark as global citizens.

We seek to provide a broad and challenging curriculum which develops a life-long love of learning and a commitment to aspirational goals. Blended Learning 'Marist style' enables us to take the best of traditional learning and teaching and combine it with the best of technology and digital media, enhancing our pupils' learning experience. Our dedicated and highly qualified staff foster curiosity and a respect for learning that enable Marist pupils to achieve consistently high academic results.

To complement our curriculum, we offer extra opportunities for challenge, and we extend every learner's academic ability through our Aim Higher Programme. Pupils can take part in a wealth of educational day visits and residential trips, both in the UK and overseas. Pupils are also encouraged to join in with an extensive programme of co-curricular and enrichment opportunities which help to create well-rounded individuals.

We take great strides to ensure the transition to VI Form and into the world of Advanced Level courses is well supported. From Taster Days and Information Evenings to our Year 11 Transition Programme, we aim to prepare our pupils, enabling them to be one step ahead when they begin their VI Form studies.



Girls aged 11-16

Senior



We are an outward-looking VI Form, with our sights firmly focused on creating young adults ready to take on the challenges of the 21st century world. Our VI Form identity consists of three strands:

ACADEMIC RIGOUR

We will work with students to ensure that they achieve excellent grades. As a school, we are proud to say that our A Level results are consistently in the top 1% of schools nationally. Our girls stand out from the crowd and really push the bounds of their intellectual capacity. As part of our innovative curriculum, we also offer the chance to select one of our 'Marist 4th Qualifications', alongside a portfolio of mini online university courses.

EMPLOYABILITY AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Alongside pupils' academic studies, they also select options from our Enrichment and Leadership Programmes. These programmes are carefully designed to help girls gain the extra skills needed to succeed at university and in employment. Students can develop their leadership through the regional Catholic Young Leaders Programme (CAFOD), develop their teamwork through the Peter Jones Tycoon Enterprise Programme, or undertake a variety of volunteering roles both in and outside of school to extend their skillset whilst serving the local community.

LIFE BALANCE

Our VI Form team understands how important it is for students to have a balanced approach. As part of our Enrichment Programme, students select options not only to help maintain their wellbeing during A Levels, but also to gain skills they can draw on and utilise in the future.

Whatever you want to be and wherever you want to go, we have the expertise to guide you to your goal and will prepare you for that step.



Girls aged 16-18

VI Form



Life Beyond VI Form

We support students towards their post-18 aspirations, be that university in the UK or abroad, a degree apprenticeship, an internship, a gap year, or employment and are extremely proud of our alumni who have gone on to achieve great things in almost every field imaginable.

In recent years, our students have secured places at almost every Russell Group university, with the vast majority achieving their first choice. Students go on to study a diverse selection of courses such as medicine, engineering, law, fine art and philosophy in the UK, USA, and Europe. We also have students working successfully in a wide range of industries such as astrophysics, innovation technology, sustainability, architecture, pharmaceuticals, acting and publishing.

We give students a wide range of exciting and new opportunities to make sure they leave The Marist as innovative and confident future leaders.



UNITED KINGDOM

University of the Arts London
 Bath Spa University
 University of Bath
 University of Birmingham
 Bournemouth University
 University of Brighton
 University of Bristol
 University of Buckingham
 Cardiff University
 University Centre Hartpury
 University of Chichester
 University College London (UCL)
 Courtauld Institute of Art
 University of Durham
 University of East Anglia
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Exeter
 King's College London
 Kingston University
 University of Leeds
 University of Leicester
 University of Liverpool
 Loughborough University
 University of Manchester
 University of Newcastle
 University of Nottingham
 Nottingham Trent University
 Oxford Brookes University
 University of Oxford
 University of Portsmouth
 Queen's University Belfast
 Queen Mary, University of London
 Royal Holloway, University of London
 University of Southampton
 University of St Andrews
 University of Sussex
 Swansea University
 Warwick College Group
 University of Warwick
 University of the West of England
 University of Winchester
 University of York



Recent Student University Destinations

NETHERLANDS

University of Amsterdam
 The Hague University

PAKISTAN

The Dow Medical School,
 Karachi

USA

Duquesne University,
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Boston University

Pastoral Care at The Marist



“The quality of the pupil’s spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent and is a strength of the school. The Marist ethos permeates all aspects of daily life and is evident in the way all members of the school community treat each other with courtesy and consideration.”

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We take great pride in our ‘Marist Family’ and the importance that we place upon looking after one another. The wellbeing and happiness of our pupils is integral in helping them to reach their full potential as high achieving, resilient learners. Our strong pastoral care, built upon our core values, helps to facilitate both wellbeing and academic excellence.

PASTORAL STRUCTURE

A network of support is built around each of our pupils. Each year group has its own pastoral team, consisting of a Head of Year and Form Tutors. They are further supported by our Deputy Head of Pastoral and our Assistant Heads. We love working closely with our pupils and believe that by building strong relationships with both pupils and parents, we can ensure the highest quality pastoral care.

Every pupil is a member of a Lily Group, comprising of pupils from all year groups. Our pupils choose their Lily Group tutors, giving them regular close contact with their chosen member of staff, as well a friendly family of pupils from throughout the school. Pupils are also a member of one of our four houses: Bowman, Clare, Drexel and Stein. Our pastoral vision is built upon ensuring that our pupils are connected throughout the school, enabling them to draw upon support from throughout our Marist Family.

WELLBEING

We offer a comprehensive range of wellbeing support throughout the school. Our School Council and Wellbeing & Diversity Committee give pupils a voice to ensure that they can constantly bring ideas to improve student wellbeing. Pupils have access to our counselling and ELSA services for when they need support. We also have our two ‘Pets as Therapy’ dogs, Merlin in the Prep Phase, and Pippi in Senior who are always on hand to brighten up anyone’s day.

All Marist pupils receive an education in both wellbeing awareness and resilience, equipping them for any challenge they might encounter both during their time with us, and preparing them for life after The Marist. From participating in the Diana Award, completing mental health awareness training, or pursuing the opportunity to become a qualified Mental Health First Aider, The Marist ensures that our pupils are able to support both their own wellbeing and that of those around them.

Our pastoral care and wellbeing education equips our pupils for modern life and helps them to thrive.



Sport



Sport and Physical Education feature prominently at The Marist and we pride ourselves on the wide variety of sports we offer. Alongside our excellence, we champion mass participation. Everyone that attends training sessions will represent the school and we regularly field A-E teams in tournaments and local fixtures.

Our facilities enable us to develop our pupils' core skills in a range of activities and include Sports Centre and Fitness Suite, Astroturf hockey pitch, Football Pitch, Dance Studio, multiple Netball and Tennis courts, Athletics Field, Indoor Swimming Pool, and 55 acres of woodland routinely used for outdoor learning, cross-country running, orienteering, and biathlon events. We have specialist coaches who ensure engagement and success in all sports.

Senior pupils' main winter sports include Hockey, Football, Netball, and Swimming, with sports such as Basketball, Badminton, Fitness, Handball, Cricket and Volleyball being taught as part of the broad and balanced curriculum.

Prep pupils have weekly Games afternoons in Netball, Hockey, Football, Athletics and Cricket, as well as weekly lessons in PE & Swimming. Pupils in Nursery and Pre-Prep have swimming and ballet lessons, alongside two PE lessons from a specialist PE teacher every week.

We have a strong history of success and have won many County and Regional Championships. In recent years we have qualified for National Finals in Netball and Athletics at both IAPS and Senior level.

Pupils regularly trial for Super League Netball franchise hubs and are successful at County Hockey Development Programmes and Football Academies. Performance at club, county, and national level is encouraged and our Senior Sport Scholars' benefit from mentoring and guidance to help them balance their sporting and academic demands.





Co-curricular

Our co-curricular programme is an integral part of a Marist education. It is designed to be forward-thinking, taking pupils beyond traditional classroom offerings, providing opportunities for fun, challenge and relaxation.

Pupils choose from a wide range of activities which take place in the morning, at lunchtime and after school. Whether they are avid readers, water sports fans, music enthusiasts or enjoy arts and crafts, with over 100 clubs on offer each week, there is something for everyone.

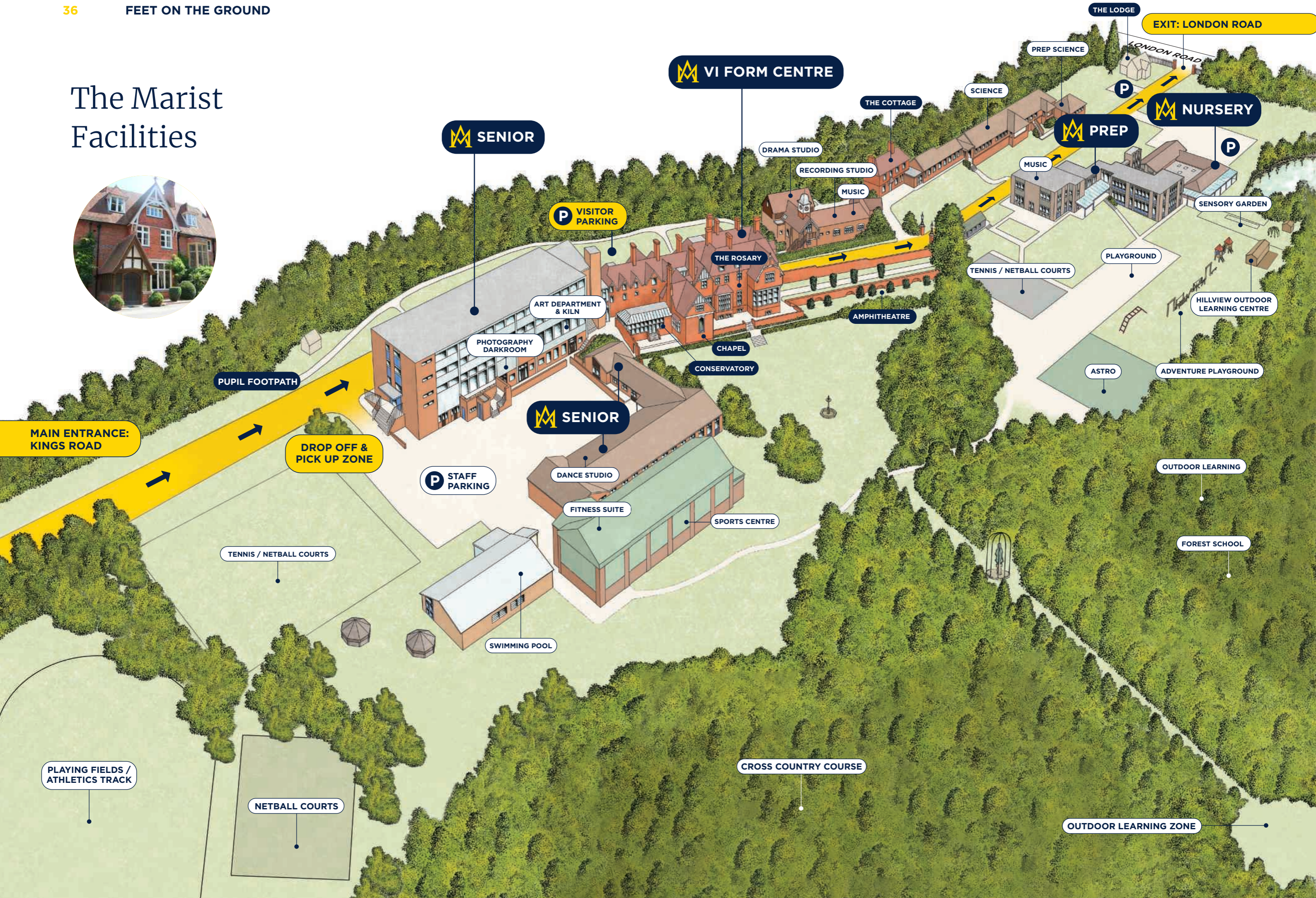
We believe that self-confidence and self-belief go a long way to achieving success, and this confidence leads to full immersion and a love of school life. Alongside developing new hobbies and interests, our programme offers the opportunity for leadership and role modelling for our older pupils as many of our Year 11 and VI Form students regularly volunteer with Prep and Nursery clubs.

Most activities take place on site and are inclusive of school fees, though pupils can also sign up for termly off-site clubs in Horse Riding, Ice Skating, Golf, Rock Climbing and Paddle Boarding.



Over 100
co-curricular clubs
running every week.

The Marist Facilities





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