

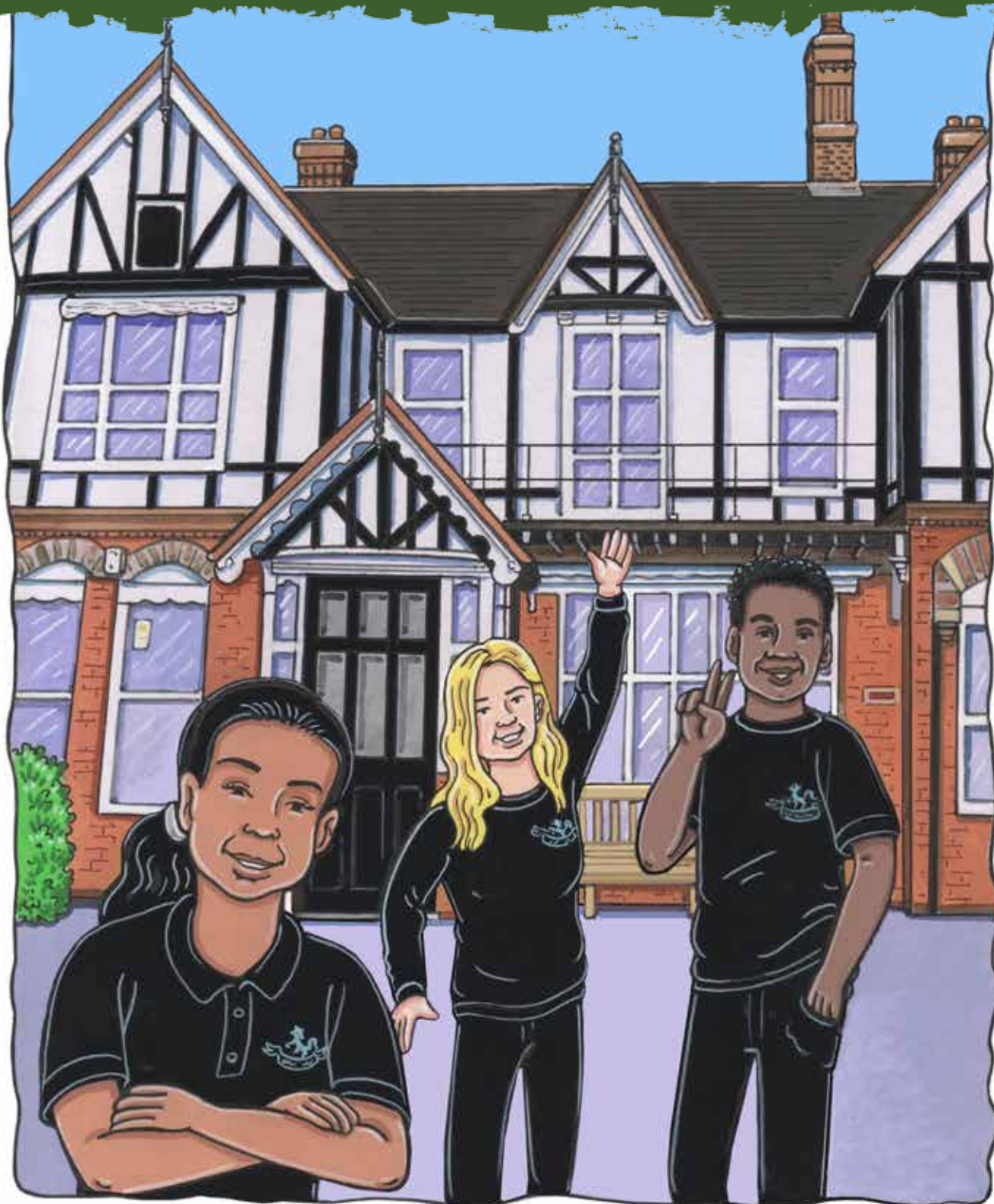
WELCOME TO MAIDSTONE AND MALLING ALTERNATIVE PROVISION (MMAP)

Inspiring Learners

Here is your guide to life at Maidstone and Malling Alternative Provision. It is packed with all the information you need to help you feel happy and safe when you join us.



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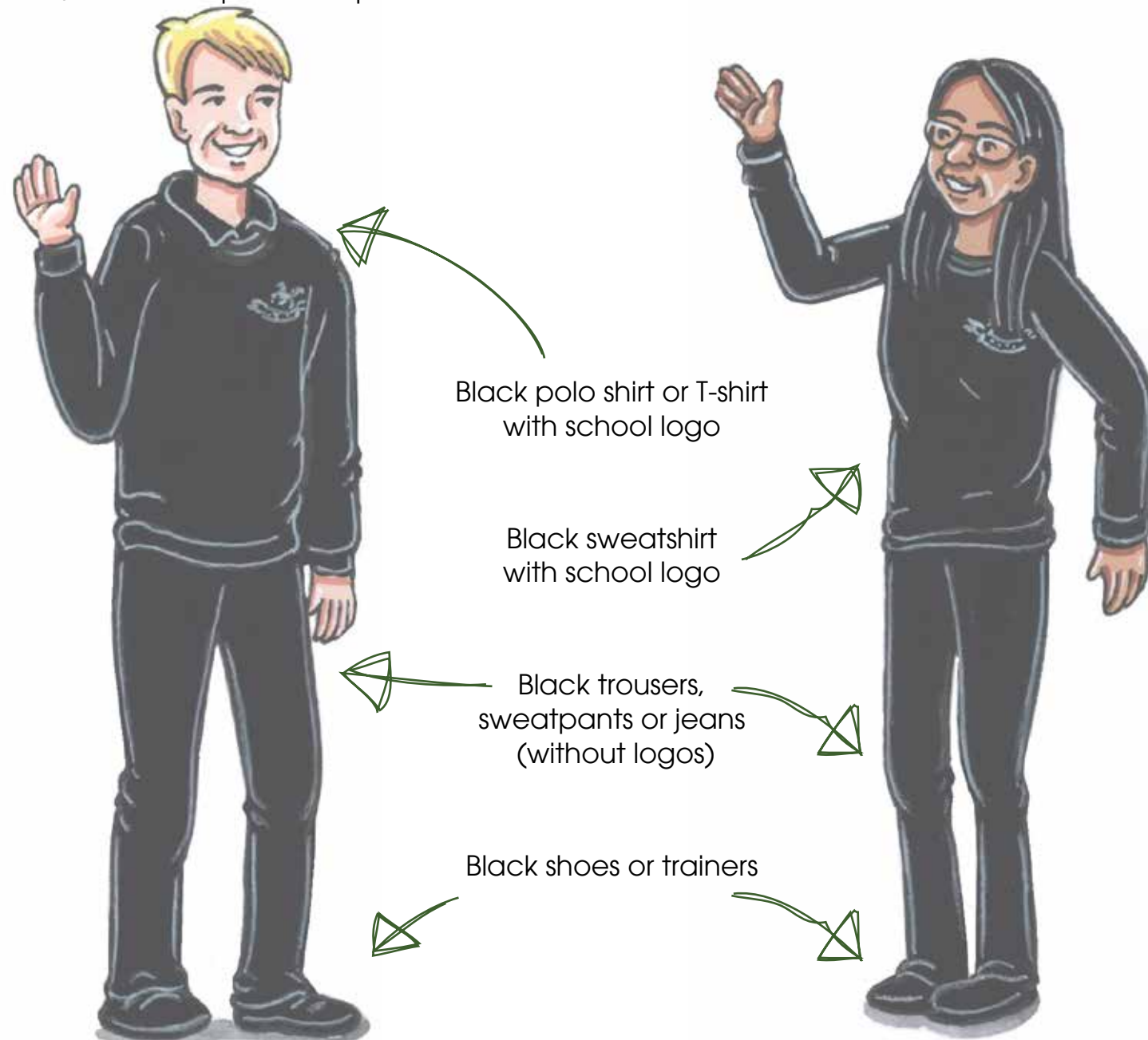
We have high standards at MMAP, and you should wear the correct school uniform from your first day. We are proud of our uniform, which is smart, comfortable and suitable for everyone.

What do we have to bring to school?

We will provide you with all the equipment you will need, but if you prefer, you can bring in your own pencil case, with some pens and pencils.

Am I allowed my mobile phone?

You can bring your mobile phone into school, and we will take it and lock it safely in a cabinet. You can have it at lunchtime if you collect enough points in the morning. We will take it back during afternoon lessons and give it back to you at the end of the day.



What happens in a school day?

School opens at 8.30am and closes at 4.00pm. You will have two lessons in the morning, reading time, lunch, and two lessons in the afternoon.

School routine

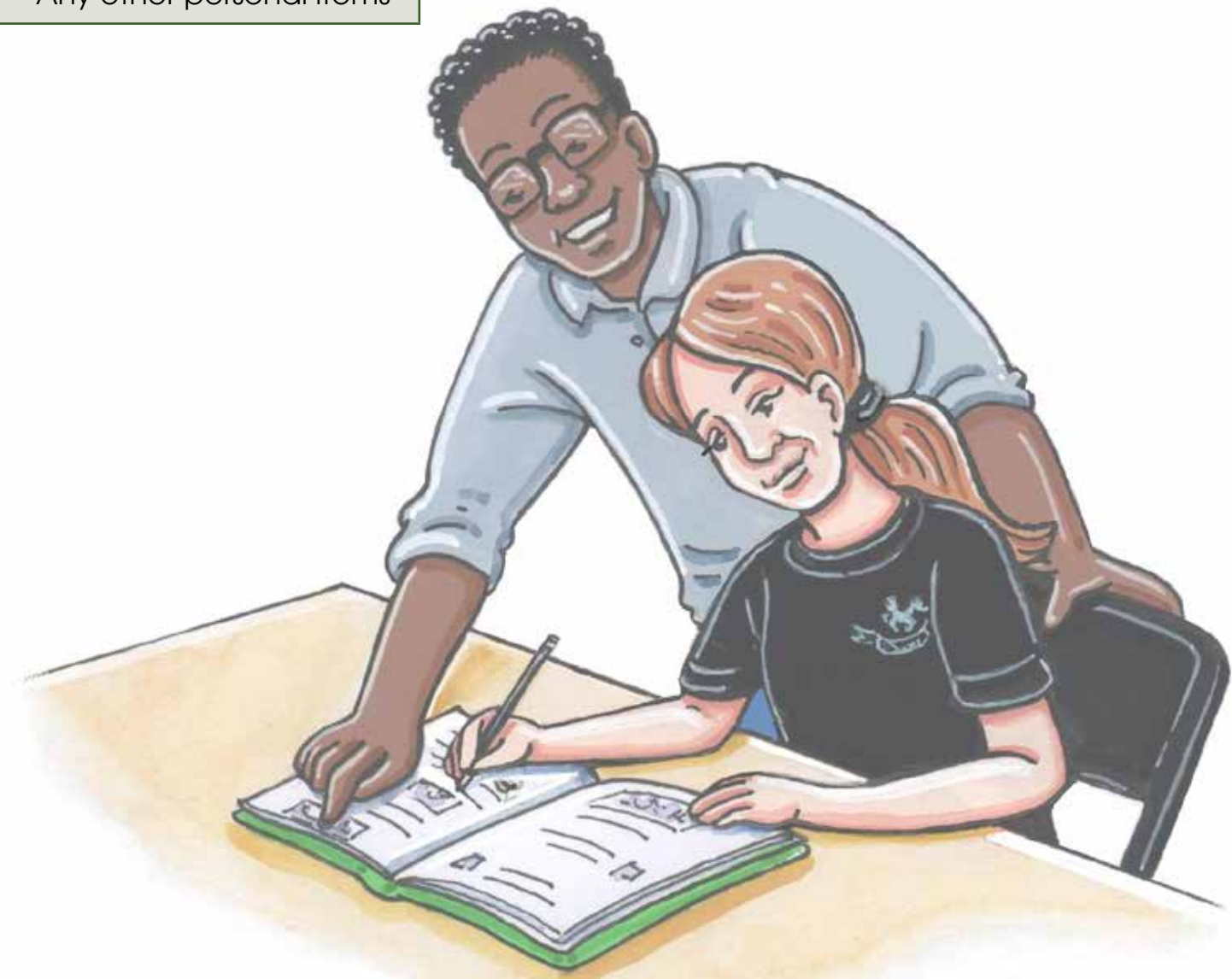
You should arrive at school on time. When you come in, you will hand in your coat to the supervising staff member.

You must also hand in:

- Bags
- Mobile phones
- Any other personal items

You are not allowed to bring in energy drinks. If you do, they will be confiscated.

To keep everyone safe and happy at our school, drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons and alcohol are not allowed on the school site. If you arrive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, your parents or carers will be told and asked to pick you up, and we may contact the local safeguarding team or the police.



What will I study?

We understand that you might have had unhappy experiences in the past, you may need more support to feel happier and more confident, or you may feel unsure who to trust.



You will follow a programme of study that meets your individual needs and stretches and challenges you to reach the highest standards, providing you with a sense of achievement and encouraging you to reach your full potential.

We aim to support, encourage and help you overcome anything that could hold you back from learning so that you can achieve your best.



If you are in Year 9, you will stay with us permanently. You will study maths, English, biology, art, PSHE, careers and well-being (PE), and take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

How will you help me?

Key Stage 3

During the 12 weeks you are with us in Years 7, 8 or 9, we will help you to become better at coping with life in mainstream school. Our main focus is to help you develop resilience.

Year 9 full-time programme

In Year 9, our staff will ensure you feel safe, gain confidence and begin to enjoy school and your studies. You will prepare for Years 10 and 11 while we help you to become a stronger person who can manage your emotions and build good relationships with others.

Key Stage 4

We will provide you with a fresh start and help you to improve your attendance, achieve in English, maths and other subjects, and progress to employment, further education or training after you leave us.

BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, EXCEED

We will support your personal and social development so that you will BELIEVE that you can achieve and succeed.

We aim for everyone to ACHIEVE the qualifications they need to succeed in their next steps and future careers.

Through our EXCEED curriculum, you will have the chance to get out into the wider world and have experiences that will help you make decisions about your future and develop skills to give you confidence to try new things.

We will:

- Give you a personalised learning experience that you will enjoy.
- Meet your needs so that you have the skills and qualifications for a successful future.
- Have high expectations of you.
- Support you to learn how to manage your emotions, build relationships with other people and cope with any difficulties.
- Remove your barriers to learning, treat you with respect, and help you develop skills and confidence.
- Help you fill gaps in your learning.
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language so that you have good social skills.
- Work with you and your family to build trust and a positive relationship.

What will you expect from me?

Rewards

We expect good work, behaviour and attendance from you. You will have a daily rewards points sheet and receive points for good behaviour, work and attendance, and get extra points for doing work of a high standard or additional tasks.

You can receive a £5 attendance reward each week you achieve 100% attendance and arrive on time for school.

We also recognise achievements through displaying work, sharing success with the whole group, letting your parents or carers know, and awarding certificates.

Anti-Bullying Charter

1. Be respectful, kind and considerate to everyone at all times.
2. We will not tolerate, either in jest or dialogue, derogatory comments regarding race, sexuality or gender.
3. Treat people in the same way you would like to be treated.
4. We will not tolerate name-calling and making personal comments.
5. We will not tolerate behaviour that makes it difficult for bullied people to defend themselves.
6. Listen to the views of others, showing empathy and respect, even if you disagree.

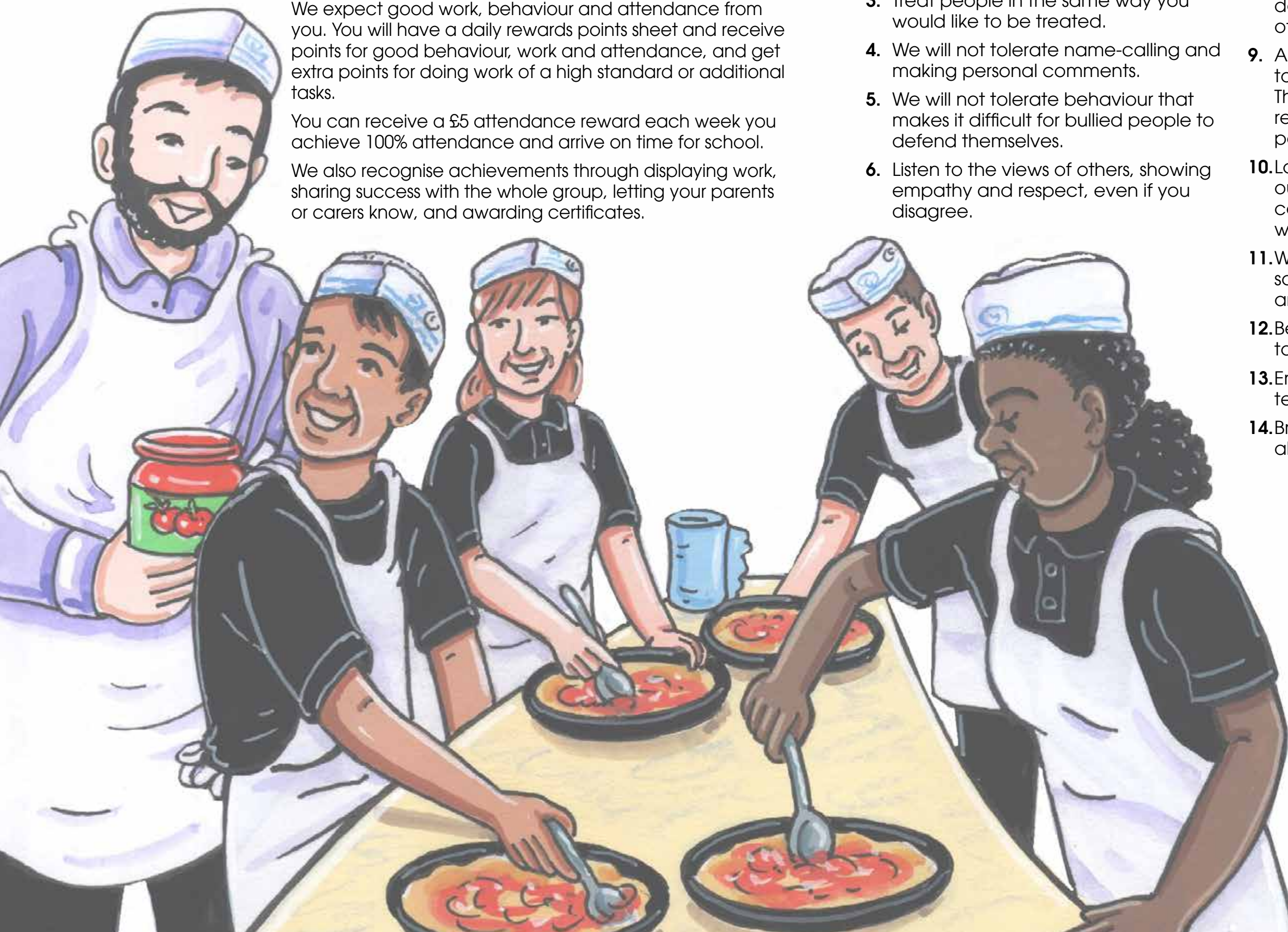
7. Think before you speak, and always use appropriate language. Language that is hurtful, discriminatory or malicious to others will not be tolerated.
8. Behave responsibly in and outside school, ensuring that your behaviour does not have a negative effect on others.
9. Any bullying concerns will be reported to and dealt with promptly by staff. The results of any investigation will be reported back to the appropriate people as soon as possible.
10. Look out for one another in and outside of school and report any concerns you may have about the well-being of others.
11. We will not post or share comments on social media that may cause upset and harm to ourselves and others.
12. Be supportive and encouraging towards everyone in school.
13. Ensure your behaviour does not disrupt teaching or the learning of others.
14. Bring a positive attitude to school at all times.

Behaviour

To keep school a safe place for everyone, bullying is not allowed at MMAP.

You cannot say hurtful things to people or make fun of them based on their race, gender, looks, or any other characteristic.

We expect you to follow our Anti-Bullying Charter.



What will you expect from me?

Behaviour out of school

We expect good behaviour from you when you are out of school as well as on the school site. You should behave on all transport, including public and school transport to and from school, and during educational visits. Your behaviour should never threaten our students' health, safety or welfare.

Searching, screening and confiscation

You will be screened before you enter the school. Any member of staff may screen you for banned items. A banned item is:

- Any item that is likely to be used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury to any person or damage property.

You will not be allowed into school if you refuse to be searched and screened. School staff can confiscate any banned item found during a search. They can also confiscate anything they consider harmful or which encourages bad behaviour.

Caring community

We want MMAP to be a caring community where everyone can achieve their full potential.

Our aims are:

- To promote good behaviour and encourage achievement.
- To help you learn self-discipline and regard for authority.
- To enable effective teaching and learning.
- To create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff.
- To help you become more understanding and develop acceptance and tolerance of the differences in others.



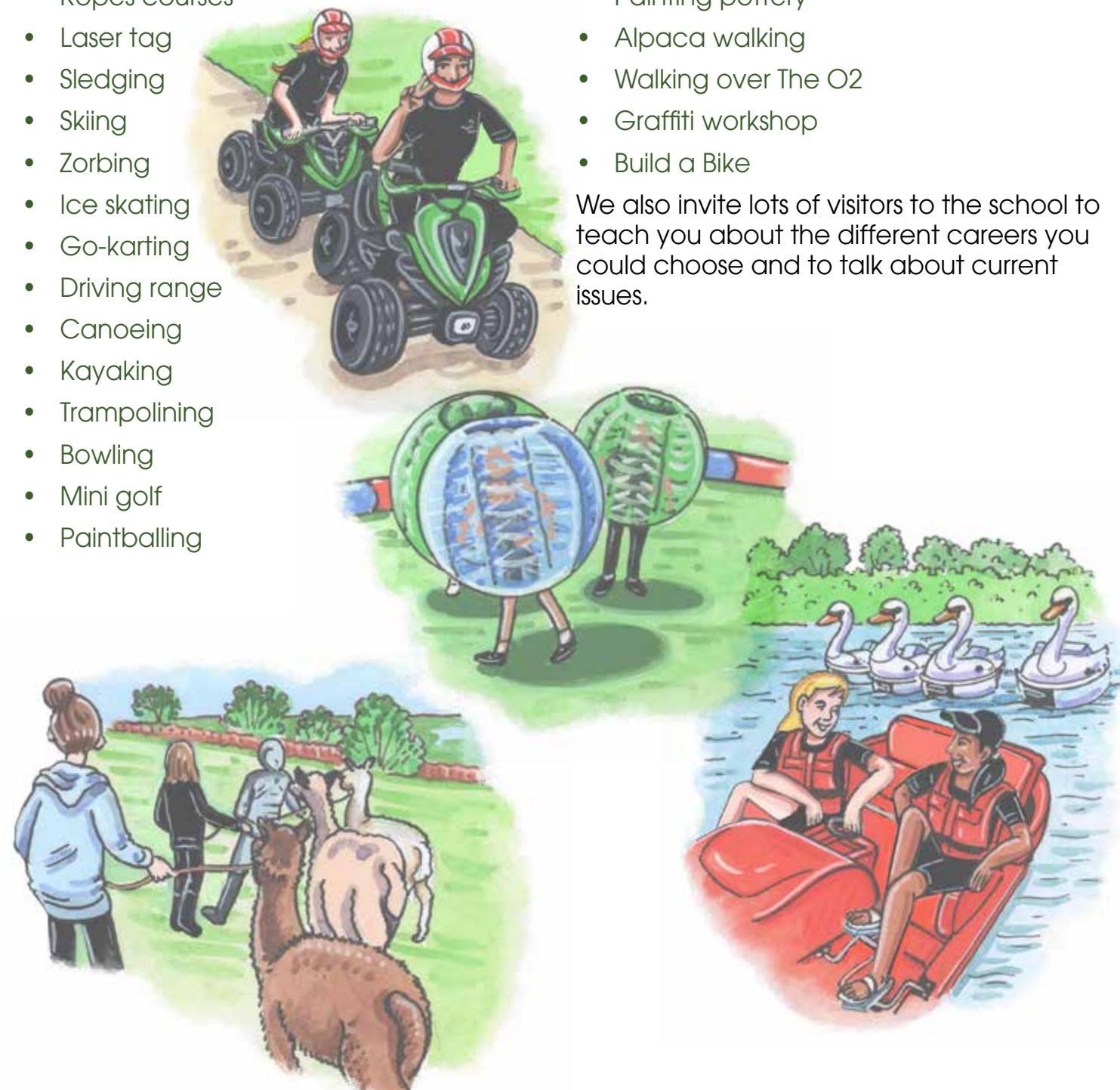
What activities can I do at school?

There will be lots of fun things to do while you are at MMAP.

In Years 7, 8 and 9, you will visit the farm and go horse riding regularly.

All year groups do wellbeing (physical education) lessons, when we take you to exciting activities, such as:

- Quad-biking
- Ropes courses
- Laser tag
- Sledging
- Skiing
- Zorbing
- Ice skating
- Go-karting
- Driving range
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Trampolining
- Bowling
- Mini golf
- Paintballing



These activities involve physical activity and exercise, but will also help you develop a sense of adventure.

We also arrange exciting school trips where you can enjoy new experiences. Trips we've enjoyed recently include:

- Making pizzas at Pizza Express
- T-shirt designing
- Painting pottery
- Alpaca walking
- Walking over The O2
- Graffiti workshop
- Build a Bike

We also invite lots of visitors to the school to teach you about the different careers you could choose and to talk about current issues.

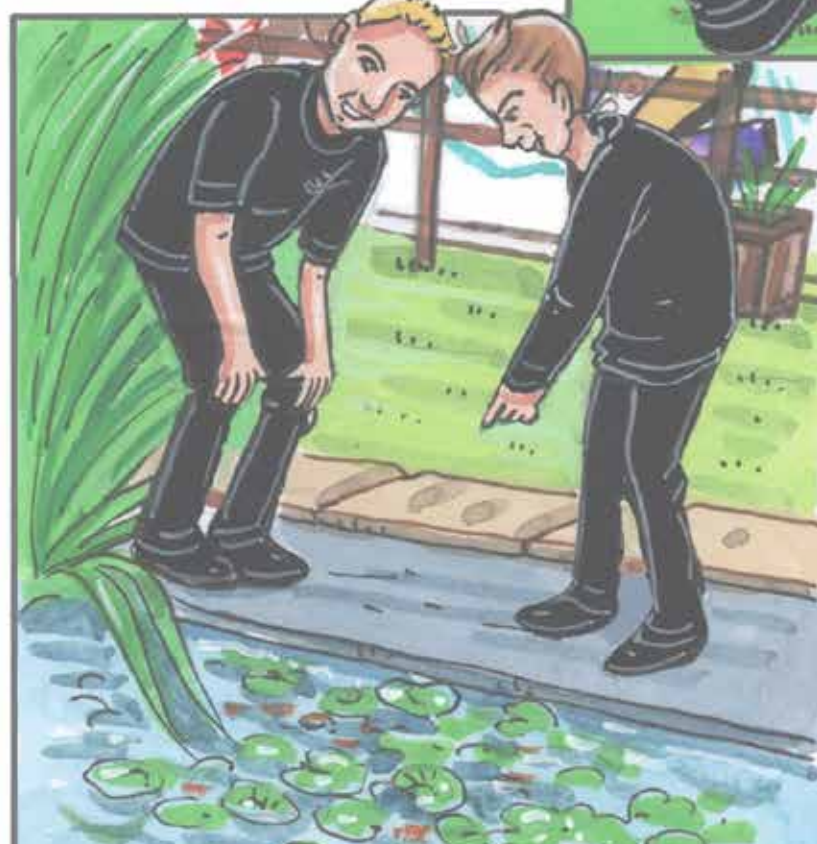
What are the facilities like?



We have all the usual classrooms, equipped for the subjects that you will be studying.

Our school site also has fantastic outside areas where you can exercise and relax.

We recognise the importance of having spaces where you can enjoy quiet activities. We have a beautiful garden where you can relax and reflect by yourself or chat quietly with your friends.



Our students also enjoy spending time in our natural environments, such as the wildlife pond area, or enjoy some calm time inside in our library.

What happens if I am angry or sad, or finding it hard to cope?

If you are worried, you can see **any member of staff** – we are all here for you. You will often chat with your form tutor and can talk about anything that is on your mind.

Our pastoral team are always available if you need someone to talk to.

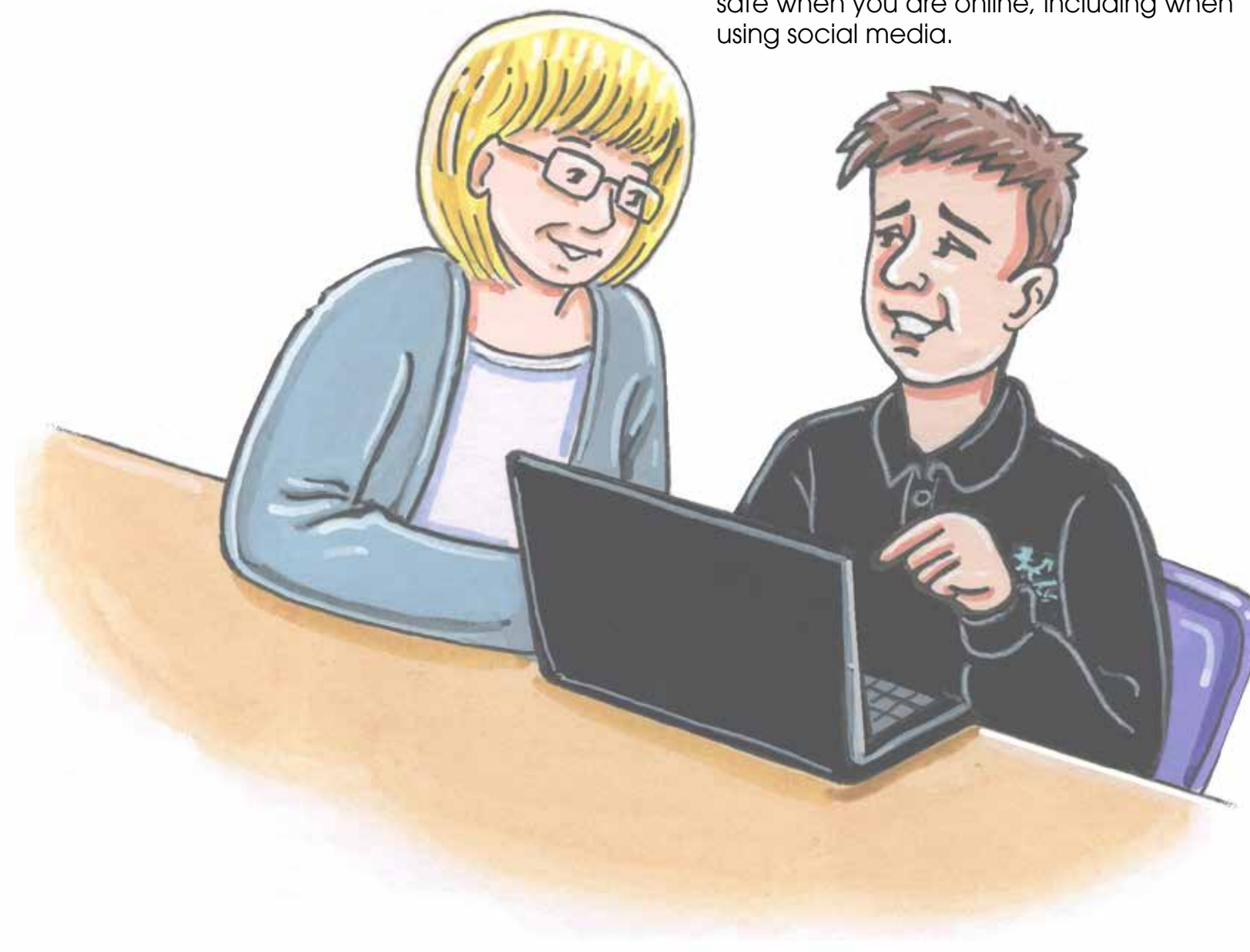
Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is in charge of safeguarding. She will make time to talk to you whenever you need.

What if I get angry or stressed?

Always be honest with us and tell us how you are feeling. We have quiet places where a staff member can take you so that you have time to process your feelings.

How will you keep me safe online?

You will use technology as part of your learning. Our systems will protect you from any risk, and you will sign our Acceptable Use Policy to show that you understand and will follow our school rules on using the internet. You will also learn how to keep safe when you are online, including when using social media.



We look forward to meeting you when you join us at Maidstone and Malling Alternative Provision. We hope you will enjoy your time here. We will always put your needs first, listen to you when you need to talk, and give you time to process your feelings.

Our past students have followed their dreams, studied at universities and colleges, and embarked on successful careers. We are confident you will leave here with the skills, qualities and qualifications to take your next step in life.

If you want to get more information, here are some useful names and email addresses:

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