



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Countdown to Success commenced this week with our revision day which was followed by the parent and carer event with our guest speaker Karim Al-Abbas – giving parents and carers the skills to support the students with their revision.



All Year 11 parents and carers will receive the booklet via email that was handed out that evening with subject-specific advice and news about the events coming up – which include a **second round of mock exams** that start in the week of the **13th February**. Personal timetables will be distributed for these exams as usual.

There is no doubt that this time is a challenging one for parents and carers; you may find these thoughts from child development expert Professor Tanya Byron useful – whatever year group your child is currently in. Please click [here](#).

Once again, we are fortunate to have staff who want to provide students with opportunities beyond the classroom. This week the maths team enabled **Year 8** to take part in the national “Maths Challenge” competition and we are hopeful of some gold awards again this year.

The History team have enabled **Year 13** students to visit Auschwitz in Poland, our sports teams have competed in indoor athletics, basketball, rugby and football events. **Years 7, 9 and 10** have received a road safety talk today and a group of **Year 10 girls** ran the Primary High 5 Tournament this week – building some strong leadership skills.

Next week our **Sixth Form Psychology** students will take part in a Psychology Conference here at the school; our Teaching School will be bringing in professionals from a range of universities to give lectures such as ‘The Deadly Nature of Stress’. A great enrichment opportunity for the students and their studies.

Our production of **Oliver!** starts on **Monday** – there are still a few tickets remaining. Please come and support the students in what will be an entertaining evening

Mrs A Pearson. Associate Headteacher

Year 11 Rotary Interviews

Last Friday, Year 11 students tested out their interview skills by taking part in mock interviews with 35 members of The Oswestry Rotary Club, Arla and Tesni Homes. Interviewers kindly donated their time and expertise to provide over 200 mock interviews, lasting half an hour each from 9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. followed by a closing ceremony. The experience of the interviewers guided the students to share interesting and useful information which would be of interest to a prospective employer, and the students gained valuable feedback and tips on how they could succeed in future interviews.



Sporting Fixtures W/C 6th February

Tuesday

- Year 9 Rugby vs Church Stretton School, away 3:20 p.m. kick-off

Wednesday

- Year 7 Netball vs Sir John Talbot's School, home.
- Year 8 Football vs Sir John Talbot's School, home.

Friday

- Year 8 Rugby vs Oswestry School, 3.00 p.m. kick-off.

TASTER MORNING

Saturday 11th February

Taster Lessons

Sixth Form Centre Tours

Parent Talk

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SIXTH FORM



Transport
available from
Wrexham, Chirk,
Ellesmere and
Powys.

**7 NEW
BTEC
COURSES**

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for prospective students to see what it is like to study at The Marches Sixth Form. With our extensive course offering in 2017 it has enabled us to increase opportunities for a wider range of students. Please visit the website to register your place!

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Spring School Trips

Year 13 Psychology Day: 13th February

Year 9 RAF Cosford: 17th February

Year 11 Jaguar ICAT: 17th February

Austria Ski Trip: 18th - 25th February

Erasmus Greece: 17th - 23rd March

A Level Geography Fieldwork: 28th - 31st March

Years 12 and 13 Andalusia Tour: 8th - 13th April

National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week takes place from 28th January – 4th February with a mission to promote the oral tradition of storytelling, the very first way of communicating life experiences and the creative imagination. To celebrate, a storytelling contest took place at the Creative Writing Club on Tuesday.



Erasmus Trip

On Friday 20th January, 6 students visited Switzerland for a week on the Erasmus+ exchange programme. Students stayed with host families in the city of Uster, along with 40 other students from across Europe. Uster is one of the most sustainable cities in the world and is seen as one of the top 20 cities in the world. The Erasmus+ project is aimed at preparing students for living, learning and working abroad and establishing cultural links between nations.



Reminders

If for any reason your child loses a letter, letters can be downloaded and viewed on the Parent & Student section of the School Website under Letters. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

Wilko's Donation to Food and Nutrition Course

Wilko's in Oswestry kindly donated a £20 voucher for The Marches School to spend on cookery equipment for the new GCSE Food and Nutrition course. The donation came after trainee teacher, Mrs Hodgson, wrote to the high-street store. With the donation the school purchased new muffin tins. Year 10 students used the tins on Monday 30th January to create high-energy muffins made with Quinoa for their GCSE Food and Nutrition course.



House Points

Bonington – 1981

Mallory – 1804

Whittaker – 1594

Hargreaves – 2129

Stephens - 1752

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