

MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enrichment Opportunities

I often say this, but it does need repeating – we are so fortunate to have many staff who give of their personal time to support student experiences – 30 staff took 412 students to Alton Towers last weekend and over the Easter break we have trips to Germany, Spain and Disneyland Paris – netball tournament.

We are thrilled for one of our **Year 13 students** who has gone through a challenging selection process to win a one-year English Speaking Union Scholarship to the USA for senior year - as good as it gets in terms of institutions and opportunities and something we hope other students now aspire to.

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Responses to Feedback

Be assured that we take the time to read all feedback and take action where we see issues we can solve.

The following are some of the comments received with our responses:

Informing home about detentions

We always give at least a day's notice for these, unless a call home is made for agreement about a detention that night. Our method for sharing a detention with home is by writing the date, time and reason for a detention in the student's planner.

Splitting Parents' Evening into W and K halves

It is once a year for each parent, but through the school we already use 10 Thursdays in the year to hold a parents' evening; these make the working day up to 12 hours for those days and so extra evenings would reduce the time we could set aside for teachers' other activities such as planning and marking. Teachers will aim to accommodate all parents and carers who would like an appointment and our policy is to ring home if there are specific concerns rather than waiting until a parents' evening.

Afterschool Clubs – all sport or drama

I have passed this comment to Mr Martin who leads on our enrichment programme – we rely on staff goodwill to set-up and run a club and are very grateful to those who do. If you feel you could support us in running a club, perhaps for a set number of weeks rather than a whole year's commitment, please contact [Mr Martin](#).

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Year 7 Football

Last Friday the Year 7 football team won the Shropshire President's Trophy 2-1 against Idsall School at SCAT in Shrewsbury. The students found themselves 1-0 down at half time. Captain Jay Barrow equalised from the penalty spot with George Chapman scoring immediately after making it 2-1. The Marches School team were able to hold on to victory with Man of the Match being awarded to Tom Hotchkiss as goalkeeper. This win is the second for the team who were also crowned North Shropshire five-a-side champions back in the Autumn. The team consists of Year 7 students Tom Hotchkiss, Harry Morris, Aldie Herd, George Chapman, Harry Darley, Jay Barrow, Jaycob Hodgetts, Joseph Walters, Oscar Herd, Sam Owen, Louis Dulson and Devon Torry.



Parents' Evenings

Year 7 – Thursday 4th May
Year 10 – Thursday 11th May

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.

Term Dates

Easter Holidays: Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April
Summer Term 2017
Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July
Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
PD Days: Monday 24th July, Tuesday 25th July
Autumn Term 2017
Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017
Please note – Tuesday 5th September is for Years 7 and 12 ONLY. Students in Years 8-11 and Year 13 will return on Wednesday 6th September
Half term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2017
PD day Monday 4th September

Wednesday 17th May



it's QUIZ night!

£100 Italian restaurant voucher prize!

7pm
£5 Per Head
Maximum 6 Per Team
Registration Forms Online
www.marchesschool.co.uk
The Marches School, Morda Road, Oswestry, SY11 2AR



Year 7 Boys' Rugby

On Wednesday, the Year 7 Boys' Rugby team went to Church Stretton to take part in the Shropshire Rugby Tournament. They won two, drew one and lost one. Students who played were Cailen Stevens, Nathan Sumang, Benjamin Yerkess, Daniel Edwards, Jude Francis, Alex Hodgson, Matthew Lee, Morgan Llewellyn, Tom Morgan, Liam Smyth, Harvey Green, William James, Callum Andrews, George Chapman and Joe Steele.



Spring School Trips

All Years Andalusia Tour: 8th - 13th April
Germany Trip: 7th - 12th April
Disney Netball Trip: 9th - 13th April

Fun Day Stall Holders

Stallholders can now book a space for this year's Family Fun Day taking place at The Marches School on Saturday 1st July. Please contact [Kelly Parsons](mailto:Kelly.Parsons@marchesschool.co.uk) or phone her on 01691 664407.

Free Easter Holiday Activities

Please see attached to this email a flyer regarding free activities taking place in the Easter holidays for boys and girls aged 4-16 provided by TNSFC. Food will be provided. Please be aware that the registration on the back of the form must be completed.

Let's get Cooking Club

The highly successful Let's get Cooking Club is recruiting students for the new term. The 7-week course runs after school between 3:00 p.m. and 4:50 p.m. from Tuesday 9th May until 27th June and is a wonderful opportunity to have some fun, whilst learning some fantastic cooking skills. All meals cooked can be brought home for a delicious meal for the family and at no cost at all. Students need to see Mr Martin at school for a letter to join.

Oswestry Home Safe Home Event

We have received information from the Shropshire Council Community Enablement Team regarding the 'Home Safe Home' event for the people of Oswestry and rural area, which is being held on Thursday 11th May 2017 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. at The Centre in Oak Street, Oswestry. For further information please see the poster attached to this bulletin.

House Points

Bonington – 2150

Mallory – 1920

Whittaker – 1696

Hargreaves – 2228

Stephens - 1924