



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term shows no sign of slowing down. I spent this week getting into classrooms and saw a rich variety of learning, great focus from the students and real enjoyment. We are proud of the work we do on a daily basis. I hope your child worked hard and enjoyed their week with a few highlights to share with you.

Assembly – It is all a state of mind

Assembly this week has explored self-belief. Students were reminded that the targets we set are **minimum** GCSE targets; there is no ceiling put on what can be achieved, but effort is important, as is not giving up when faced by a setback or a 'failure'. Not doing so well in a test is a way to spot where the gaps are and to do something about it – we call this 'knowing how to get unstuck.'

Please remind your child when they feel that a task is getting hard and they 'can't do it', that they need to try a different approach – they can't do it... yet.

"In this school, we don't do easy. We make easy happen through hard work and learning."

It has been a busy week

Year 10 Geography students were taken to Carding Mill Valley to gather field data to use in their GCSE work this week. It was great to hear that they had interacted confidently with the public and conducted themselves so maturely.

Business Brain Enterprise Challenge

Years 12 and 13 A Level Business Studies students had their business brains challenged last Friday with representatives of Glyndwr University guiding the prospective entrepreneurs through a product diversification challenge. The students worked incredibly well and again gained excellent praise from the external visitors. Amongst the ideas produced were an Oreo Cocoa Candle and Pepsi Sweets/Ice Pops! All products were extensively planned, with clear (and impressive!) marketing campaigns devised. The eventual winners were Ethan Stevens, Ben Jeffreys, Connor Beardmore and Sam Marston with their 'Doritos Cheese' range, which included a range of cream cheese, chilli-flavoured dips.

Year 13 have also been braving the weather with their 3-day expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and many **Year 11 students** started to get excited at the New York trip parents' meeting.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

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.

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December – Friday 30th December

PD Day: Friday 21st October

Bonington - 1068 Mallory - 1102 Whittaker - 835 Hargreaves - 1133 Stephens - 775

Sixth Form Information Evening



Since the Sixth Form opened at The Marches School in 2013 it has gone from strength to strength and now accommodates over 160 students in a modern, purpose-built Sixth Form Centre.

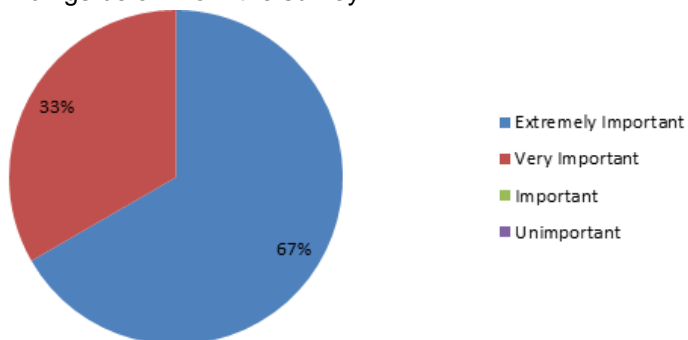
The Sixth Form is opening its doors for their annual Sixth Form Information Evening on Thursday 13th October at 6.00 p.m. The Head of Sixth Form will be delivering presentations at 6.15 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. and subject staff will be on hand throughout the evening to answer course-related questions. For more information, please contact Miss Buckle, Head of Sixth Form on 01691 664400.

Oliver! Cast



Customer Service Survey

Visitors to The Marches School were asked 'How important did our staff make you feel?' Please see the findings below from the survey.



School Trips

- 11th October:** Year 9 RAF Science Roadshow
- 12th October:** Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 – October Live Theatre 'Sister Act'
- 9th November:** Year 13 - Chemistry at Warwick University
- 16th November:** Years 12 and 13 - Physics Lectures at Birmingham University
- 22nd November:** Live Theatre - War Horse
- 23rd November:** Year 8 - MAP Rocket Session at Birmingham University
- Years 12 and 13 - Chemistry Lectures at Birmingham University
- 25th November:** Year 10 - GCSE trip to Warwick University
- 8th December:** Years 12 and 13 - Law Visit to Prison
- 15th December:** Carol Concert Rehearsal Day
- 12th - 16th December:** Year 11 - English Speaking and Listening
- 13th December:** Years 7 and 8 - Photography Curriculum Development

Sporting Fixtures

- Monday 10th**
 - Year 7 and Year 8 B Team vs. Oswestry School away.
- Tuesday 11th**
 - Year 10 Rugby vs. Bishop Herber School away. Meet 2.55 p.m. Return 6.00 p.m.
 - U14 County Netball vs. Shrewsbury High School away. Return 4.45 p.m.
- Wednesday 12th**
 - Year 11 Football vs. Belvidere School away.
 - Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 at Shrewsbury Sports Village
 - Years 7 and 8 Football vs. The Priory School at home. Kick off at 4.00 p.m.

U16 Netball Tournament

On Monday 3rd October the U16 team competed in the County Plate round robin netball tournament at Church Stretton. The team consisted of Courtney Wall, Paige Weetman, Olivia Hood, Maisy Morris, Emily Jones, Phoebe Leslie-Miller, Lauren Griffiths and Tamara Walker. The Marches played against five schools in the first round and only forfeited one game. The team went on to play Abraham Darby Academy in the semi-final but unfortunately lost by one goal 3-2. The Marches team demonstrated outstanding skill and perseverance in each game and it was a pleasure for Mrs Grassby to coach the team for the day. Well done girls.

