



marches school

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Friday 8th September 2017



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome back all students this week. We have started the journey with our new Year 7 who look the part in their smart uniforms, ready to learn, and to more students than ever before joining our Year 12, both returning from our Year 11, or joining us from other schools. They have settled well with team building games on Wednesday before getting to grips with their new courses.

It can be a challenge for parents and carers to remember all the systems we run in school. The MILK homework app, which all parents and carers should have to help them stay in touch with announcements and homework, how to rent a locker, how to pay for lunch or trips on ParentPay, understanding yellow box marking and how you can support your child's learning.

You can find everything you need on our website and in our new updated [Parent Guide](#) found here, with all the links you need to key guidance to support your child at the school. If you would like a paper version of this guide, please ask at reception.

Driving onto site – a reminder

There is no capacity for parents to drive onto site, and to park on site at the start and end of the day as the route must be accessible to emergency services at all times. Please organise with your child where you will collect them away from the school site. No pick-up is available outside main reception at 3.00 p.m. If you feel your child is unable to walk to a meeting point away from the School, please speak to our Business Manager, [Mrs Jones](#) to discuss how we may meet their needs.

Equipment checks

Students will soon be having an equipment check in tutor time, please ensure they are fully equipped with pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, protractor, compass and a scientific calculator. This check will remove time wasted in lessons when these essentials are missing.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Exam Results to Celebrate 2017

Students at both A Level and GCSE have had success this year, with students gaining access to the top universities, including Cambridge, with Jonny Jones gaining four straight A* grades, and Molly Delooze and David Sinclair both gaining A*, A*, A.

At GCSE two students gained A* in all subjects, and the new top grade 9 in both English and Maths – something only 0.3% of the year group country-wide has managed. These are just the tip of a great round of results. We are delighted to support all our students as they prepare for external exams and are already tweaking our programme for this year's Year 11 and Year 13 to ensure every student achieves their best.

We know that your support is crucial to success for your child at school. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's education, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. If you do not have their direct email, please use the contact form [here](#) at any time.



Reminder

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.

Reading School

Reading school has made a huge difference to the reading scores of students last year. Please ensure your child has a fiction reading book every day in school, at the right level to develop their literacy skills. If you would like support to ensure your child is reading the correct book please contact your child's English teacher who can help. Reading ages from the latest assessments will soon be on your child's English book and our library software will allow books to be reserved from home.

LITERACY

Reading School Aims:

To create a reading-friendly environment and culture throughout the Marches School and help make all of our students 'word rich' and passionate about reading beyond school.

Reading School Expectations:

- ERIC** – Everyone reads in class
- 25 minutes** – You must be in your reading group on time and be reading until the bell goes.
- Keep a record** – Reading logs should be open on your desk.
- Just books** – no magazines, no newspapers, no emails and no e-readers.
- Silence** – no talking, just reading.
- Stay put** – no walking, just reading.
- Enjoyment** – enjoy the book that **you** have chosen.

Stretch and Challenge (A*/A and 9/8/7):

I can read from a range of genres and historical periods.

Wearing the Uniform with Pride!

This week our new Year 7 students wore their uniforms with pride. Pictured are Sophia Siddi, Amelia Pyner, Lola Martin, Kayleigh Roberts, Amy Rogers and Lauren Riley



School Production Auditions

This year The Marches School Production is Beauty and The Beast. Any students who wish to be a part of the production are welcomed to audition on Tuesday 12th September from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Follow [this link](#) to see what students need to bring with them to the audition.

Beauty and the Beast

Auditions

Date: Tuesday 12th September

Time: 3-5pm

Place: Drama Studio



Open Evening
Thursday 21st
September
4.30pm - 7.30pm



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE!

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017
Half term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2017

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January to Thursday 29th March 2018
Half term Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2018
PD day Monday 26th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July 2018
Half term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018
PD days Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Term Dates 2018 - 2019

For further term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 please click [here](#).

21 Day Challenge – Presentation Focus

This week commenced with the start of the 21 day challenge! To begin the new academic year we are focusing on presentation of work.



TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Stretch and Challenge (A*/A and 9/8/7):
I can write completely accurately and ambitiously.

21 Day Presentation Focus

MLO:
I can have high standards and present my work effectively and consistently in all of my subjects.



Presenting your work:

- LORIC should be written on the left.
- Full date written on the right.
- All headings should be underlined.
- You should draw in pencil and write in pen.
- You should always write in black or blue ink.
- All loose sheets should be glued flat into books.
- One blank line should be left between paragraphs.

LITERACY

Use the literacy wall in every classroom to support and check your writing skills.



LORIC:
Organisation

Bonington – 212

Mallory – 140

Whittaker – 122

Hargreaves – 159

Stephens - 164

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