



marches school

Issue 8

Friday 10th November 2017



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

GCSE Pod

The school invests in this GCSE revision tool and all students in Year 11 have been logged on, with Year 10 and then Year 9 coming soon.

GCSE pod is full of video “pods”, short and to the point covering most of your child’s curriculum. They are ideal for revision or to watch before a topic is taught.

Some staff are setting specific pods to view as homework, whilst many students are choosing to include them in their mock revision plans.

So far this year our students have watched 4,852 pods with the most use over half term in English Literature, Chemistry and History.

It is great to see the students accessing these resources, which can all be viewed on a phone or other device – please ask your child for a tour of the site once they have access. Data from GCSE Pod shows that a real lift in GCSE outcomes is possible using the pods regularly.

To explore more - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

Years 8 and 9 Parent/Carer Learning Event – Thursday 16th November 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

After you have seen the Christmas lights being turned on in the town, come and join us for a hot cup of tea or coffee for one hour to help you to support your child in their next stage of education.

The evening is running separate events for Year 8 and for Year 9 – tailored to the events taking place for that specific year group.

Year 8 parents – learn about the pastoral support in school. LORIC, Futures Awards and Rewards as well as information from Maths, English and Science.

Year 9 parents – Learn about “soft options”, the “KUDOS” online tool, target setting and information from core subjects before the options process begins after Christmas.

There will also be a MILK homework app support desk.

Please find attached to this email a communication from West Mercia Police relating to Cyberbullying.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Russell Kirk Puppets

On Monday Year 9 Art students visited Russell Kirk’s workshop. They learned about the history of Chester’s parade, how the puppets move and how to design their own puppets. Students will soon be making their puppets and they will feature in the Chester Winter Watch Parade on Thursday 14th December in Chester town centre starting at 7.00 p.m. For more information on this event please click [here](#).



Year 7 LORIC Day – Remembrance

Year 7 have spent today exploring the symbol of the poppies and other flowers used as a symbol of remembrance around Europe. They have explored life on the front line for soldiers and life for families at home during World War One. The whole school came together for a Remembrance Service and observed a minute's silence to reflect on the fortunate life we have in Oswestry in 2017. Each Year 7 student has made a poppy or other remembrance flower which has been used to construct our school wreath which our Head Girl and Head Boy will take to Sunday's Remembrance Service in the town to lay at the war memorial in the park.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 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](#).

Year 11 Curriculum Day

Year 11 students took part in either a Marches Sixth Form Taster Day or an NSC Taster Day today. This was to enable students to see the options available to them after they finish Year 11. We hope students found their day beneficial. If students would like to apply to The Marches Sixth Form, please fill out and return the application form to the box at student services which can be found [here](#).



Christmas Donations for Friends of The Marches!

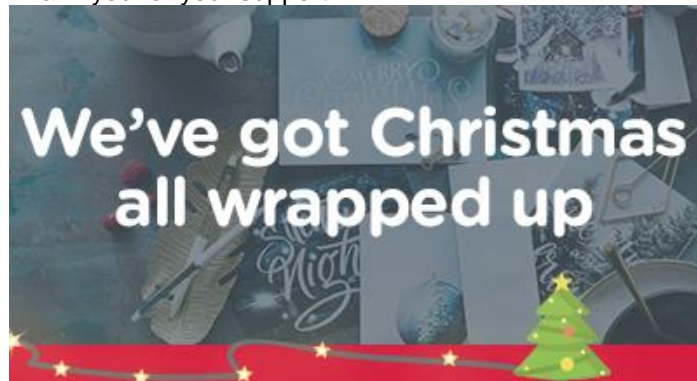
Raise donations when you shop for Christmas gifts at your favourite brands, including 4% donations at Links of London, 4% donations at Etsy, 1.5% donations at The Entertainer and 2% donations at eBay.co.uk.

1. Head to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofthemarches/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you have checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of the Marches will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



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.

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