



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 Remembers

Year 7 have spent an immersion day focusing on Remembrance and the First World War. Students investigated what life was like fighting in the trenches and for the countless people involved in the war including the many different religions, countries, races, cultures and roles from the British Empire to women, animals, famous footballers and objectors to war, incorporating all the Humanities subjects.

The students investigated the symbolism of the traditional red poppy and were encouraged to reflect on their learning in making and explaining their own poppies. These multi-coloured poppies which are designed to reflect all those people, roles and opinions on war were made into wreaths which will be on show in the local community and added to our own War Memorial.

We have also come together as a whole school to commemorate Armistice Day in a student-led event that was a very powerful, reflective and collective experience.

Please do ask your child about their reflections from the day.



Literacy Focus

We work to develop literacy skills in all subjects in school. Communication skills are vital in all subjects. To support this, please check that your child is bringing a reading book that challenges and stretches them, and is one they are enjoying reading. Students have all had reading age tests and will know which books are the best for them in the library, which is well stocked. If you would like support with this area of school, please contact our librarian Ms Towers at towers.j@marchesschool.net

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

TESCO Bags of Help

Do not forget that voting for The Marches School Conservation Project in the Tesco Bags of Help initiative ends on Sunday 13th November in Ellesmere and Whitchurch Tesco stores.

Bonington - 1288 Mallory - 1282 Whittaker - 922 Hargreaves - 1395 Stephens - 1171

Nice Trip

During Half Term 3 Sixth Form students went on a French immersion trip to Nice, accompanied by Madame Baker and Madame Spencer. They enjoyed practising their French on native speakers whilst soaking up some sun. Opportunities to experience local culture were far and wide, including regional delicacies and historical sights. Overall it was "an enriching academic adventure" that their language skills have and will continue to benefit from.



Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

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.

Warwick University Chemistry Trip

On Wednesday, 23 Years 12 and 13 students visited the University of Warwick for a Chemistry day. The students attended a series of talks covering the historical use of poisons, the compounds behind famous perfumes, the reasons uranium is the most misunderstood element, structures and allotropes of carbon and a practical demonstration of the rates of reaction.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about Chemistry from some world-leading scientists and were also able to explore a campus-based Russell Group University.



School Trips

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

Girls' Football

Year 8 students Mia Drakely and Abbie Lawrence and Year 9 student Ellie Potts attended the Jill Scott Soccer Roadshow at Telford College of Arts and Technology over the October Half Term.

Jill Scott who ran the roadshow is an England Footballer and is one of only 10 players to have earned 100 caps for the England Women's team. The workshop is targeted at young people aged 6-16 and forms part of the FA's Girls' Football Week which focuses on allowing female players to flourish. The students really embraced the day, putting 100% into all the tasks that were asked of them and their talent really shone with Ellie Potts scoring a few excellent goals!



Teaching School Status



National
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School

The Marches School has been selected to become a national teaching school. Teaching schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession. They identify and develop leadership potential, provide support for other schools, and work with schools across their alliance to raise standards of teaching.

The Marches School is one of over 30 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest round. Introduced in 2011, teaching schools are all excellent schools. They work with partner schools in an alliance to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career. They raise standards through supporting other schools, engage in research and development, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.