



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We need you – and your opinions to help us shape two vital tools – the Student Planner and the Parent Guide. We are redesigning the Parent Guide to make it a much more interactive, useful tool. We welcome your input to tell us what that means to you to make sure we produce a guide of real value to new parents and carers.

Come and have your say at our Parent and Carer Forum starting at 6.00 p.m. for 1 hour on Monday 22nd May – we have coffee, tea and something a little stronger with nibbles to say thank you for your time and input. If you can come and help us – please drop [Mr Whitworth](#) an email so that we can arrange the catering.

Google are Coming!

We were very excited to learn that we were chosen by Google to receive a 'Google Expedition'. The Google team are arriving on Monday. Year 7 will use a new app along with providing an immersive learning experience and a new tool to help us demonstrate in our teaching. Google will bring phones and 'Google Cardboards' to take the students on a virtual reality field trip linked to their current learning.

Rotary Investment Competition

We have just heard that our team have been placed second overall this year, with only £500 between first and second place. I am impressed that the team took a virtual £10,000 and made a profit of £4,861. We have some budding Warren Buffetts I believe. Their impressive gain won them a special commendation.

Young Enterprise

Our students achieved again at the Young Enterprise Company Award Event last week. 'Colour Splash' won the award for Best Customer Interaction. Together, our teams were nominated for seven awards and our Enterprise leader, Mr Oliver, won the award for 'Best Link Teacher'.

We are very fortunate to have staff who will take on additional enrichment activities like the ones here, for the benefit of the students.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 19th May (Year 7 – Year 10)

Students are asked to bring a £1 contribution to wear what they like on this day, with the theme of Iconic Figures, if they wish to choose someone to dress up as. Students can choose their charity from the three chosen by Hargreaves House, which are Alzheimer's UK, Shropshire Wildlife Trust or Guide Dogs for the Blind. All Year 11 remain in uniform for their exam and preparation.

Service at Reception

Please be aware that, though we aim to support parents and carers who bring in items for their child in the school day, we cannot guarantee to be able to leave Reception to deliver these. Please support your child to develop their independence in bringing their PE kit and lunch with them every day.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Last weekend students embarked on a bronze expedition for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They went from Llandegla Forest to Chirk Castle along the Offa's Dyke path.



Friends of The Marches Quiz Night

On Wednesday 17th May, The Friends of the Marches are hosting a Quiz Night in aid of The Marches School starting at 7.00 p.m. Tickets cost £5 per head, to include table wine and snacks, with a maximum of 6 members per team. The final winners of the quiz will receive a £100 voucher to spend at local Italian restaurant, Lepone's. Please complete the [registration form](#) and hand in to the school reception with your money. **This event is to raise money for the eco-dome project at the school and the eco-committee will be presenting about the importance of the eco-domes on the evening.**

Summer Term School Trips and Events

- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expedition: **13th – 14th May**
- A Level Biology trip to Birmingham University: **16th May**
- Spring Serenade – A Night at the Movies: **18th May**
- Football/Rugby Tour in Canada: **27th May – 3rd June**
- Science trip at The King's School: **20th June**
- Year 10 Geography Fieldwork in Liverpool: **22nd – 23rd June**
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **24th – 25th June**
- The Marches School Festival of Education: **29th June**
- The Marches School Family Fun Day and Festival of Talent: **1st July**
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **1st – 4th July**
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **8th – 10th July**
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **15th – 16th July**

Mel Clarke Paralympian Visit

Mel Clarke, British Paralympian and bronze and silver medallist at Beijing and London visited the school today to speak to Years 7 and 8 girls.



Term Dates

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

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.

CHARITY PARTNER: **WE ARE MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

FAMILY FUN DAY

SPONSORED BY: **Arla**

SATURDAY 1st JULY 2017
12.30 - 5.00pm

The Marches School, Morda Road,
Oswestry, SY11 2AR

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GUIDE DOGS

BOUNCY CASTLE

TALENT SHOW

BAKE OFF

DOG SHOW

PONY RIDES

CRAFT STALLS

Register now!

Festival of Talent

Craft Stall Enquiries and Talent Event
Registration contact 01691 664407
www.marchesschool.co.uk

STAGE AND NON STAGE
COMPETITIONS FOR ALL AGES

The Friends of the Marches Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of the Marches. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it does not cost you a penny extra. Head to the [website](#) and join for free.

The Marches Festival of Education

We are pleased to announce that the British Professor, Medical Doctor, Scientist and Television Presenter Lord Robert Winston will be speaking at The Marches Festival of Education on Thursday 29th June.



Bonington – 2328

Mallory – 2072

Whittaker – 1837

Hargreaves – 2396

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