

Professor Robert Winston at The Festival of Education



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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Energy levels are still high here even after some action-packed weeks.

It was a very proud moment for the team who have been organising the **Festival of Education** all year to bring inspiring people, who have achieved in their fields, to Oswestry. Sir Professor Robert Winston spoke to students about scientific developments and their aspirations and Olympian Darren Campbell has left a lasting impression on the students and staff who heard him speak of his challenging upbringing and his will to rise above difficulties.

These and the many more that took place are not experiences that all schools work to achieve. We hope your child had a day that they will remember into the future.

We have also been fortunate to have staff who want to spend their free time supporting our very popular **M Fest** last Thursday evening. Over 270 students arrived to enjoy a glorious evening of sun and happy bouncing about and falling over.

Sports Day then arrived with a 4.00 a.m. set-up. Students were excellent all day, whether competing or taking part with gusto in the house banner and crowd participation event that cheered in all the winners. Staff and students danced together in a real distillation of the spirit that we have here – it is something special we are all rightly proud of. Achievement Through Caring in action.

At the weekend a **Silver Award Duke of Edinburgh** 3-night hike took place and the History team took students to **London** to The Tower of London and Hampton Court for a Tudor experience.

Wednesday then brought our **School Prom**, with the theme of the masked ball – even in the month since Year 11 students have left, they looked to have grown and matured, taking their last steps with us as a year group.

Sponsored Walk - Monday

With a week left to go, we have not stopped there. Our sponsored walk takes place on Monday – please make sure that your child has enough liquids and sun cream along with sensible shoes and a rain coat if the forecast looks like rain. Students who get free meals can collect a packed lunch from the canteen and all students can buy some food items and drinks at the picnic area when we stop for lunch.

Students will only be able to leave site after their walk if they have returned a consent slip or a letter giving clear permission, signed by a parent or carer.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Sports Day

Last Friday students took part in the annual Sports Day. Victrix Ladorum, the award for Outstanding Female Athlete, was won by Lucy McGlinchy who won the Shot Put and the Discus. Victor Ladorum, the award for Outstanding Male Athlete, was won by Fin Lloyd-Butler who won the 800m and the Triple Jump. Year 9 student Tyler Mansell was close to breaking the 100m record at 11-94 with the record being 11-86.



Prom

More photos from the prom can be found on our website [here](#).



Summer Term School Trips and Events

- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition:
15th – 16th July

Rewards

Governors' Rewards Evening, where the top 10 reward points winners were recognised, was held on Wednesday. Students were awarded medals. A wider group of students have also been enjoying cinema visits, and ice cream for the top 100 in every year was enjoyed last week.



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.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July

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

LionHeart Challenge

On Wednesday, Year 9 took part in The LionHeart Challenge, a Nationwide Enterprise Programme. The students took part in a high-energy and high impact Business Challenge delivered by highly skilled Business Coaches. Students worked together in teams and presented to a large audience including a panel of judges with local Mayor, Mr Hunt, in attendance.



Music Bursary

On Wednesday 12th July five students were invited by the Oswestry Lions Club to audition for a music bursary. Congratulations to Year 10 student Florence Harvey for winning the £1500 bursary for her Cello playing. Florence will be spending her bursary on music lessons and exams.



Arriva Scholar Saver Ticket

Please see attached to the bulletin information received from Arriva regarding their Scholar Saver Ticket.

TNS Free Summer Holiday Activities

Please see attached to the bulletin information received from TNS regarding free Summer holiday activities.

Bonington – 2667

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