



marches school

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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Enrichment

With a week to go until the half term break and staff showing no signs of slowing down, there have been a huge range of experiences for students on top of the usual after school [enrichment](#).

The Under 14 Girls' Netball team has competed in Shrewsbury and we have hosted the Year 8 and Year 9 North Shropshire tournament.

The Languages Department have held a range of activities to celebrate languages week and we have been greeting classes in a range of languages and holding a favourite word competition which was won by 7FNJ with the word, epiphany – with one student stating, “it’s nice when you have an epiphany at school”.

Our Erasmus trip has returned from The Netherlands where a group of students stayed with host families and experienced school Netherlands style.

Back at school **Oliver!** rehearsals have started with a bang. I visited the hall this week to see it bulging at the seams with the cast and backstage crew getting to grips with some of the key songs; it looks set to be a positive experience the students will remember for life.

We are also delighted that new Head of Languages, Mr Brookes, has started **Latin classes** on Tuesday nights from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. These are open to all students from Year 8 upwards and could lead to an additional qualification.

Please talk to your child if you feel this may be of interest and benefit to them as the last joining lesson is **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in L1**.

## Classroom Visits

I have been impressed with seeing students using their own **digital devices in classrooms**, under the teacher’s direction to research in Science and enhance their learning. Students have responded very well to the change in policy, which still makes it clear that all devices should be turned-off, in the bottom of the bag, unless a teacher directs otherwise within a lesson.

## Mock Exams – 4 weeks away

Year 11 students should all be aware that their mock exams commence on 14<sup>th</sup> November, with the Art exams taking place the week before. Students will all receive their personal timetables in good time, but support in building a revision schedule with perhaps two subjects a night, using active revision such as making question and answer cards or mind maps, would be a good step to take now.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

## Reminders

**Year 7** parent/carer end of transition meeting and parent/carer learning event will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

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.

## Information Attached

Please find attached to the bulletin information received from the Community Enablement Officer (Oswestry Town) of Shropshire Council.

## Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December

**PD Day:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Bonington - 1068 Mallory - 1102 Whittaker – 835 Hargreaves – 1133 Stephens - 775**

## Erasmus trip to the Netherlands

From the 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 7 students, in Years 10 and 11, visited the Netherlands as part of an Erasmus + trip which has enabled the school to have an alliance with students from Holland, Switzerland and Greece.

On their trip the students visited a school in Roermond where the focus for the project meeting was for students to explore new horizons in study, work and training and be aware of the vast amount of career and learning opportunities that are available over the border in neighbouring countries.

During the week students visited an international seed company, Fontys College of Applied Science in Amsterdam, met the Mayor of Roermond, and gained an insight into the importance of being able to speak more than one language in order to access different prospects in other countries.



## School Trips

**9<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 13 - Chemistry at Warwick University

**16<sup>th</sup> November:** Years 12 and 13 - Physics Lectures at Birmingham University

**22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Live Theatre - War Horse

**23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Year 8 - MAP Rocket Session at Birmingham University

Years 12 and 13 - Chemistry Lectures at Birmingham University

**25<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 10 - GCSE trip to Warwick University

## Sister Act Theatre Trip

Almost 90 students went on a theatre visit to see a live theatre production of 'Sister Act' at The Liverpool Empire on Wednesday. The production stars X-Factor's Alexandra Burke and has been directed and choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing's Craig Revel Horwood. The students thoroughly enjoyed their experience being immersed in a piece of top quality live theatre. From the professional musicians to talented vocalists, actors and dancers, it was a great experience had by all.



## North Shropshire Netball Champions!



Wednesday saw us host the North Shropshire Under 13 Netball Tournament at the Marches School. Due to the talent and commitment to training in this age group – we were able to enter both an A Team and a B Team. We were the only school that entered two teams.

The B team captained by Francesca Lepone had a tough start to the tournament. As the B team was playing other A Teams – the girls did fantastically well to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the Tournament. They beat Oswestry School (6-2), Thomas Adams School (8-3) and The Grove School (8-7). This is a fantastic achievement and the team should be proud of themselves. Player of the Tournament from Mrs Bladen goes to Eloise Smith for her excellent defending.

The A Team captained by Freya Weetman grew in strength throughout the Tournament. They beat Oswestry School 17-0 in the first game. The Tournament layout saw us play three matches in a row. The Team went on to win the Tournament with the following results (Corbet School 9-2, Thomas Adams School 8-1, Marches B 9-1, Grove School 10-3, Oswestry School 17-0, and Adcote School 10-3). This really is a team with huge potential and as you can see from the results they were in a class of their own. Player(s) of the Tournament from Mrs Bladen were Freya Weetman, Phoebe Davies and Ella Poole.