



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enrichment 2017 is here

We are keen for all students to take part in at least one enrichment activity through the year and it is crucial that they make this a habit now before they get used to going home at 3.00 p.m. This year there is an even more varied programme than before, including some shorter courses and experiences that will be rolled out over the year.

The up-to-date calendar of events that have now commenced can be seen on our website [here](#).

Last year, in sport alone, students took part in 131 fixtures and 33 major tournaments on top of their weekly clubs. Make sure your child takes advantage of the opportunities to compete, or just to have fun taking part. Beyond sport, art, photography, Young Enterprise, Christmas crafting, catch-up opportunities, rehearsals for this year's production of Beauty and the Beast, and a brand new boys' choir are all on the list, and more.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to all parents who chose to donate Active Kids Vouchers last year. We have shared the vouchers between the PE and Food Departments and have been able to restock weighing scales and cooking trays as well as buying badminton rackets, non-slip markers and a Pilates ball for the weights room.

Please look out for the vouchers coming around again; we are very grateful for your support, which the students then benefit from.

Progress Leaders Year Group Letters

These will reach you next week, with key dates for the year ahead. There are some key events for specific year groups to add to your diaries. If you misplace or delete your email – all letters are available on our website [here](#).

Parent Learning Event

We would like to invite the families of our Year 10 students to join us for our annual Year 10 Parent Learning event on the 28th September. The event marks the start of the GCSE pathway and gives us an opportunity to explain the processes, key dates and expectations for Key Stage 4, for example the new 9 to 1 grading system which will be in place for all GCSE subjects for all Year 10 students.

The directors from each subject area will be at the event to answer any subject specific questions you may have and the Sixth Form Team will be on hand to discuss the all-important Post-16 transition.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

School Production Auditions

On Tuesday we had a fantastic turnout to the auditions for The Marches School production of Beauty and the Beast. Good luck to everyone who entered! The full cast will be released next Wednesday.



County Football Trials

On Wednesday Year 9 students Amy Aldwinckle and Bethan Jones attended County Football Trials at Shrewsbury Sports Village. They find out in two weeks' time how they have done and we wish them the best of luck!



Understanding Your Child – Clinics

From September, Shropshire Council Parenting Team will be offering clinics in Oswestry, where parents may book an appointment with a Parenting Practitioner to discuss any difficulties that they might be experiencing in understanding and managing their children's behaviours. In this appointment a package of support will be agreed. If this project is successful it will be offered out across the county in 2018. The clinics will run as follows; Monday: 12:30 p.m. - 16:30 p.m. The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry. Commencing 25th September. Parents will need to book a 45 minute appointment in advance of the clinic. All bookings can be made via the Parenting Team: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or Telephone 01743 250950.

Update from Autism West Midlands – For Families

We continue to offer advice, information and support to Shropshire parents who have children with autism, autism with ADHD or children not yet diagnosed. We are also available to advise and support families.

Advice for Parents

One-to-one advice sessions for parents run regularly in Oswestry. To book appointments call our helpline on 0303 0300 111.

Training Workshops for Parents

Our one day Understanding Your Child with Autism course for parents will be running in various venues throughout the autumn term. Places are free and you can [book online](#).

Informal Support –

Visit our website [events pages](#) to find details of coffee mornings for parents in Oswestry.

For further information about any Autism West Midlands activities email shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk Please let us know if you would like to join our email list to keep up to date with our events and activities.

Sailing Opportunity for Year 11 Call Out

There are three spaces left for students in Year 11 who would be interested in learning to sail, starting next Tuesday. Shropshire Sailing Club are offering the chance for students to take part in a 6-session course at Whitemere Lake, Ellesmere. Book your place with [Mrs Parsons](#) as soon as possible. You do not need to be currently active to have a go. Free transport available.

Netball Trip: All Years

We have an exciting netball opportunity whereby students play in a tournament over 2 days and also have the opportunity to take part in outdoor and adventurous activities at Conover Hall in March 2018. The cost is £130. Letters can be collected from PE or online [here](#).

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017

Half term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 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](#).

Open Evening
Thursday 21st
September

4.30pm - 7.30pm



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE!

Reminder

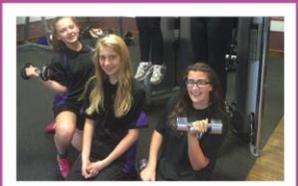
If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

Marches Us Girls Club!



Exercise, Tone and have fun at Girls Only Club

- Gym (including gym induction)
- Hula Hooping
- Zumba
- Beauty and wellbeing
- Archery
- Street Dance
- Fencing
- and much more



FREE Sessions

Booking required, please call 01691 684840 and quote club1 or email Naomi@gotothevenue.com. Participants are required to make their own transport arrangements.

Club Venue:
Marches School Sports Hall

For females aged
12 years and over



Activities will be held at The Marches School Sports Hall. For more information please contact Naomi Stocker on 01691 684840 or email: naomi@gotothevenue.com

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