



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

House Debating Competition

The inaugural House Debating Competition was held in the week prior to half term and proved to be a real success. The students were challenged to learn a new skill, work together as a team across year groups and to practise and deliver thought-provoking discussions. The initial rounds featured the debate: "This house believes mobile phones should be allowed in classrooms". Every House put forward a team and some fascinating opinions on the benefits and disadvantages of both were introduced with some fiery cross-table debate following initial proposals. The finalists had a week to prepare the final debate on lowering the voting age to 16. Going in to the final Hargreaves had scored considerably higher in the rounds and as such were clear favourites; however Bonington rallied hard to improve their delivery and cross-examination skills in the lead-up to the final showdown. Not to be outdone, Hargreaves upped their own game and what followed was a fiercely contested, well-reasoned and imaginative debate. Each speaker was marked as the debate progressed on both style and substance. During the feedback to the groups I advised that there was no front runner and that until the scores were tallied I had no idea who had won... in fact the result was a dead heat! Both teams performed so well that the draw had to stand and as such the winning points are to be shared across the two Houses. Well done everyone who took part. There are still opportunities to encourage your child to be involved in House events this year before the points are added up to see which House wins the BBQ this year.

School Council Work

The School Council have been gathering views from all tutor groups to see what House competitions students would like to see on the programme for next year. The House Leaders are now working to draw up the timetable with Gaming and Photography to complement Debating and the Big Write that will return again next year.

House Festival Week – From Monday 19th June

Next week, lower school students will walk in to some lessons to find a House competition; they do not know which lessons but should be prepared for every lesson as per usual. House lessons will either be an individual or a team competition and the top 3 competitors/teams at the end of each competition will be awarded a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal card and they are worth valuable points. Please do ask your child how they are getting on and what medals they have earned.

Parent Forum – Monday 10th July

We are very lucky to have MILK Developer Michael Dowling-Fleet joining us at 5.00pm for a one hour session on 10th July in the main hall. Please come and join us to ask any questions or suggest how MILK may be improved for the future.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

House Fishing Competition

Friday evening saw more students than ever involved in our annual fishing competition. All the students from all year groups caught plenty of fish (for some students these were their first ever captures) and everyone had a great time. Our thanks to the people at Frenzee who were excellent with our students and commented on how well behaved they were. We are most grateful to Weston Pools who allow us to fish with them and who organise the event so well. Students were presented with a medal and a cap and they all learned how to tie-up a rig so they gained plenty from the day.



Summer Term School Trips and Events

- 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**

Student is Youngest Mayoress

Year 10 student Amber Hunt is the youngest Mayoress in the country after her father was elected to his post in May and gave his daughter the opportunity. Amber has been carrying out her Mayoress role alongside her father, Vince Hunt, a local town and Shropshire Councillor, for the past month. So far Amber has visited local colleges, attended community fairs and had a presence at civic services.



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.

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



June Open Evening

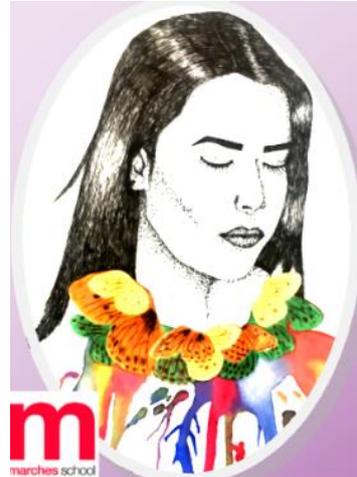


For Years 4&5

Thursday 22nd June



Headteacher's talks at 5.30pm & 6.30pm



The Marches School

Invites you to the opening night of our GCSE Art Show.

Thursday 22nd June 2017

4:30 - 7:30pm



DOG SHOW

At The Marches School Fun Day on **Saturday 1st July**

Competition Categories

The Loveliest Lady

Most Fabulous Fella

Prettiest Pup - 4 months to 1 year

Gorgeous Golden Oldie - 7 years and over

Waggiest Tail

Best Child Handler - children aged 9 to 16 years

All first placed winners go on to take part in Best In Show!



The Marches School Fun Day

See if you have the head for heights on our climbing wall, test your target practice with archery, enjoy a pony ride or relax while you have your car washed for a small donation. There is something for everyone to enjoy at this year's Family Fun Day. Or why not let your talent shine as we celebrate local talent from cake baking to singing. If that is not your cup of tea sample a selection of delicacies from local food providers: Amore Pizzas, Trotters Hog Roast with freshly baked potatoes, hot dogs, drinks, candy floss and ice cream.

Face Painting • Fun Fair • Crazy Golf • Fire Engine • Bubble Football • Penalty Shootout • Family Sports • Tug of War • Rugby Skills • Craft Stalls • Skate Park • Live Music • Entertainment • Raffle to win Spa Day voucher at the Lion Quays, Family Pass to Erddig Hall, Arla luxury food hamper and much much more!

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Mallory – 2072

Whittaker – 1837

Hargreaves – 2396

Stephens - 2095

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