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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Student Voice and the next Parent Forum

We have been taking the opportunity this week to spend time with Year 9, asking them their views on the school environment, their learning and what they feel we do well and could do better. The students took to the task maturely and deeply and the initial feedback has been heartening to read, with some real developments we can take on.

As well as Student Voice, it is important for us to continue to listen to the views of parents and carers of the school, so a **Parent Forum** is being held on **Monday 3rd April** in the Fitzalan Room from 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. You are welcome to join us to discuss ANY issues or suggestion, however the discussion points for the evening are the Milk App and Communication – Role of the Form Tutor.

Year 10 Parents' Evening - rescheduled

Please note that the Year 10 Parents' evening will now be held on **Thursday 11th May**, not as calendared on Thursday 18th May.

Investors in Careers Success

We are delighted to have retained our Investors in Careers accreditation after a detailed day-long assessment process. This award recognises that the work we do provides our students with the correct careers guidance through the year groups to ensure they take advantage of the opportunities that exist beyond school.

Morocco Expedition 2018

We are again teaming up with Outlook Expeditions to give current Year 9 students the opportunity to take part in the next expedition to Morocco. Last year students spent time walking in the mountains and working on an irrigation scheme for a small village. An introductory talk was held this week, but there is still time to enquire about how to sign-up for the trip, by contacting Miss Griffiths.

Friends of The Marches Meeting

The first Friends of The Marches meeting of the year will be taking place on **Monday 20th March** at 6.00 p.m in advance of the AGM, in the Fitzalan Room. The agenda will include: Election of Chair, election of Secretary, proposals to increase membership of FOM and future fundraising. If you would like to attend the meeting please email Miss Jones.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Year 8 Fantastic Books Project

This term Year 8 students have been undertaking a photography project called Fantastic Books! This is the first time that some of our students have used Photoshop to manipulate imagery.







Parents' Evenings

Year 7 - Thursday 4th May

Year 8 - Thursday 23rd March

Year 10 - Thursday 11th May

Year 11 - Thursday 6th April

Sixth Form - Thursday 30th March

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.

Year 10 Shropshire Netball Tournament

Well done to Year 10 students Anna Holbrook, Lily Weetman, Emily Onley, Ellie Chadwick, Lucy Tom, Chloe Tomlison, Jessie Shaw, Katie Cameron and Katie Garrett who competed in the Shropshire Netball Tournament on Monday. They won one out of four very close games.

Year 7 Boys' Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys' Football team as they reached the final of the Shropshire President's Plate after a 3 - 2 victory over Burton Borough School in the semifinal on Wednesday night.

Sporting Fixtures W/C 20th March

Monday

• U12 Year 7 Girls' County Netball

Tuesday

• Disney Netball Training – 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Primary Football

10 local primary schools entered this week Girls' Football competition. Thank you to students Mia Drakeley, Ellie Potts, Xander Thomas-Brown, Hristina Hristova, Beth Jones, Simona Kancheva, Abi Lawrence, Imogen Steele and Sophie Williams for helping out at the competition.



Term Dates

Easter Holidays: Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April

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

Spring School Trips

Erasmus Greece: 17th - 23rd March

A Level Geography Fieldwork: 28th - 31st March

All Years Andalucia Tour: 8th - 13th April

Germany trip: 7th - 12th April Disney Netball Trip: 9th - 13th April

Andalucía parent meeting: 21st March 5.30 p.m. Germany Parent Meeting: 29th March 6.00 p.m.







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Sir John Talbot's is hosting a 10K run through Whitchurch on Sunday 9th April. Participants in the 10K event can be aged 15 upward and there will be a Fun Run for younger children. Please note there will be road closures between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. If you wish to volunteer on the day please contact Mr Prince, Facilities Manager and details about the event can be found here. Registration closes on Sunday 26th March.

House Points

Whittaker – 1696 Hargreaves – 2228

Stephens - 1924