



marches school

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Friday 17th November 2017



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assembly – Week of 20th November – Murder Games

We plan a range of assemblies through the year to support the students, this year we have already covered bullying, mind-set and courtesy. In the week of the 20th November assemblies for each year group will cover the subject of online grooming and we felt that you may wish to watch the video being used, which is appropriate for Key Stage 3 and 4 students, in advance. The video, Murder Games, from the BBC is hard hitting, covering the true story of 14 year old Breck, who was groomed through a games console and murdered. The material will be sensitively managed but your child may have questions after the assembly and the [link here](#) provides background and support.

Vision and Values – a reminder of our 5 core values

Excellence – striving always for mastery and personal success.

Integrity – consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect.

Empathy – embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual.

Creativity – inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration.

Equality – ensuring fair opportunity for all.



Year 11

Year 11 began their first week of mock exams this week and demonstrated excellence in the way that they entered and sat their papers; I know that staff are busy marking the papers to then be in a position to plan the next 25 weeks. The Year 11 parent emails have now commenced and we hope you are finding the materials useful to spark a conversation with your child as we work together to support them through this important year.

Non uniform day - Friday 24th November

Students can pay £1 to participate. The money raised will go towards the nominated charity for the year, Hope House and a share towards school reward funds and the eco-dome project.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Production Rehearsal

On Tuesday evening students performing in The Beauty and the Beast production took part in a full-cast rehearsal. They completed a run through of Act 1 without scripts.



School Choir

On Thursday evening the Marches Vocal Harmony group performed at the Oswestry light switch on. Pictured are the group rehearsing with Miss Wright and Miss King. They both commented that the students have been working very hard but having lots of fun learning these Christmas songs for many performances over the festive period!



SIXTH FORM

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE...

Apply to study at The Marches Sixth Form!

Hand in your Sixth Form application before Monday 4th December to be invited to the Festive Lunch on Friday 15th December at 12:50 p.m. in the Sixth Form Common Room.



North Shropshire Swimming Gala

On Wednesday Mrs Bladen took the school swimming team to Moreton Hall to compete in the North Shropshire swimming gala with ten other schools. The standard of swimming was high and our students were on top form and although they were swimming as individuals – the ultimate goal was to win the team competitions.

Team results are as follows:

- Under 13 Girls – 1st
- Under 13 Boys – 1st
- Under 15 Girls – 3rd
- Under 15 Boys – 2nd

Individual North Shropshire Champions are as follows: Sofia Storey, Emillie Parsons-Hanns, Aidan Jones, Henry Walmsley, Lauren Ball, Harry Curtis and Ioan Delahay.

School Games

Pictured below are The Marches School Shropshire School Games table tennis winners!



Voluntary Perpetrators Programme

We have received literature from The Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company Limited, which they have asked the School to share with parents and carers. The information is attached to this email.

People, Places and Things

On Wednesday 15th November, Drama teachers and Miss Whitaker took 30 GCSE and A Level Drama students to see a Headlong Theatre Company production 'People, Places and Things'. The production is touring after being premiered at The National Theatre, it was a very hard hitting performance with incredible acting performances and technical elements. Miss Wright commented that the students were perfectly behaved and represented team Marches high standards. The theatre's alliance officer stopped us to comment on how wonderful our students were and how they would love to have us again! What a wonderful evening had by all staff and students.



Warwick University Trip

On Wednesday 8th November Sixth Form students visited the University of Warwick for a 'Chemistry in Action' day.



Christmas Donations for Friends of The Marches!

Raise donations when you shop for Christmas gifts at your favourite brands, including 4% donations at Links of London, 4% donations at Etsy, 1.5% donations at The Entertainer and 2% donations at eBay.co.uk.

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofthemarches/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you have checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of the Marches will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 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](#).

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.

Bonington – 582

Mallory – 165

Whittaker – 402

Hargreaves – 519

Stephens - 404