



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Forum

There is still time to book your place at Monday's parent forum by emailing [Mr Whitworth](mailto:Mr.Whitworth@marchesschool.net). We need you – and your views to help us shape two vital tools – the Student Planner and the Parent Guide. Come and have your say at 6.00 p.m. – we have refreshments and nibbles to say thank you for your time and input.

New Year 11 Leadership Group

Our Year 11 Leadership Group officially stands down at the whole school assembly next week and handover their responsibilities to the Year 10 team.

We were delighted to have over 90 applications, showing that our students want to lead in the school and put something back into the experience for others here. 30 students made it to the hustings session speaking for 1 minute in front of the School Council, an important step with public speaking being so important to this role. 21 students were then chosen to become the new Senior Prefects, with interviews for the House Captains, Deputy Head Girl and Boy and of course Head Girl and Boy.

The standard has been quiet superb and we thank you for the support you have given your child if they chose to take part in the process. We will unveil the new team in next week's newsletter.

Year 11 and Year 13 – National exams – keeping us informed

We wish all the students who are working hard the best of luck over the next 5 weeks.

You know your child best, please do get in touch with the Pastoral Teams if you have any concerns or anything you wish to share that may be impacting on your child's ability to focus on their exams.

There are many ways that we can support - please do not think that something would be too small to share, the best policy is to share and let us see what can be done.

Year 7 and Year 8 Exams

These commence on the 19th June, and following feedback from parents last year, your child's exam preparation booklet will be shared with them next week, with electronic versions sent directly to you via email. The booklet supports structured revision and is released before the break for families that wish to begin preparations, little and often, early. You are also free to choose not to use the booklet in the holiday with the intention that this booklet is a support to students and not a burden.

This is a new venture for us; please do let us know how helpful you have found this booklet to help us refine it for next year.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Shropshire Track and Field County Championships

Congratulations to Year 9 student Lucy McGlinchey, who competed at the Shropshire Track and Field Championships in Telford last weekend. She won gold in the U15 Girls' Shot with 8.11m then finished 3rd in Discus and 5th in Javelin.



The Friends of the Marches Quiz Night

The Friends of the Marches Quiz Night raised £100 on Wednesday night. There were 6 rounds of general knowledge questions with the winning team being announced as the Millstones, a team of parents and two students from Years 8 and 9. The quiz prize was kindly donated by Lepone's Restaurant, Oswestry. Raffle Prizes were donated by members of Friends of the Marches. The Friends of The Marches want to build from this, to be better placed to support the school and the students. An AGM is being arranged which will be held before the summer. It would be greatly appreciated if you were to attend, they really do need your support.

Similarly if you are able to help at future events, have ideas, arrange events or support them with your attendance they would be very grateful. Please contact Miss Jones on jones.m@marchesschool.net.

Summer Term School Trips and Events

- Football/Rugby Tour in Canada: **27th May – 3rd June**
- 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**

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.

Google Expeditions

On Monday, Google Expeditions came to run virtual reality Geography and Science themed sessions with Years 7 and 8 students. Using Google Cardboard goggles, staff took students to destinations around the world, into volcanos, under the sea and even as far as Space. Google Expeditions is a new app developed by Google to open up the classroom for an immersive learning experience and a new tool to help teachers demonstrate.



Sainsbury's



We need your

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

These vouchers are being used to support PE and Food technology this year. Get yours in to the box at Pupil Services as soon as possible.

Fun Day Call Out

If you are able to volunteer your time to support the Family Fun Day on Saturday 1st July or would like a craft stall please contact [Mrs Parsons](#) or call 01691 664407.

Oswestry Youth Market

Members of the award-winning Young Enterprise group ran their tie-dye business, Colour Splash, at the Oswestry Youth Market this week and made an impressive £70.



Oswestry Hustings

We have received a communication from Churches Together in Oswestry District regarding 2017 General Election Oswestry Hustings. Please see the poster attached to the bulletin.

Shropshire Sailing Club

Year 8 Students are being invited to take part in a six-week sailing programme at Shropshire Sailing Club commencing on 6th June. Spaces are limited so please complete and return the registration form by lunchtime on Wednesday 24th May. For further details please contact Kelly Parsons parsons.k@marchesschool.net.

Term Dates

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



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Mallory – 2072

Whittaker – 1837

Hargreaves – 2396

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