



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

An Important Time for Year 11

Year 11 will open their mock exam envelopes next week. We try to run this event in such a way as to make them experience the emotion of opening the envelope, a time when the realisation of the importance of the year starts to set in for most students.

Parents' evening is that night, **Thursday 8th December**, and all parents and carers are encouraged to come along to understand more about where your child is with approximately 20 weeks to go to most exams.

It is therefore important for Year 11 to have a break over the Christmas holiday, to sleep well and eat well and be out in the fresh air, to be ready to work hard again in **January** as we build up to the **second mocks**.

A key date for your diary is **Tuesday 31st January**. This is a special Year 11 event, spent looking at exam resilience, how to manage stress, planning revision timetables and also hearing from our guest speaker, Karim Al-Abbas. Karim came all the way from London last year and his work was a highlight of the day for the students. He will explore revision strategies with the group in a dynamic and engaging way that works.

On the **evening of Tuesday 31st January** Karim will be part of a **parent learning event**. As a Year 11 parent, this really is the one school event you cannot afford to miss as we will give you the tools, timetables and guides to help you cope with the weeks ahead and support your child. For now, please book this date onto your calendar; there will be more details shared after the Christmas break.

Parents and carers of Year 9 will shortly be receiving the guidance about the Year 9 exams from their Progress Leader, Miss Cooke. The Year 9 exams commence on Monday 9th January before the Parents' evening on Thursday 9th February followed by Options Evening on Thursday 16th February.

Oswestry Christmas Parade – Saturday 3rd December

Please give staff and students on our float a wave if you are visiting the carnival this year. Our theme is The Magic of Christmas and the staff involved are more excited than the students. We are very grateful to local suppliers Farm and Pet Place, Chirk, who have supported by letting us borrow hay bales and Pentons Haulage, Oswestry, for the loan of the lorry and driver.

Mrs A Pearson. Associate Headteacher

GCSE Science in Action

A group of 29 GCSE students attended the Science in Action day at Warwick University on Friday 27th November. Throughout the day the students listened to five lectures on a range of topics from engineering in sport to the characteristics of the elements in the periodic table.



Christmas Jumper Day

Students are able to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 16th December for fun; students are not required to pay any money.



Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January
Spring Term: Begins Tuesday 3rd January

Sports Results

Years 7 and 8 North Shropshire Indoor Athletics

Marches Boys' and Girls' teams were first in their competitions and the girls' team will go through to represent North Shropshire at the School Games next week. The students and young leaders were amazing.

Shropshire Table Tennis Team Competition

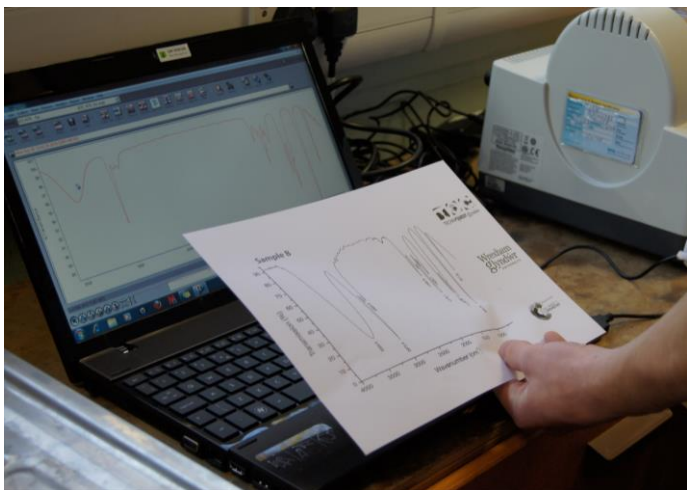
Despite being a man down due to a late injury the three students who participated in this competition won. Jack Hughes won 11/11, Alex Jones won 8/8 and Aaron Spellman won 5/8 leaving the boys as Shropshire Champions.

House Points

Bonington - 1288 Mallory - 1282 Whittaker - 922 Hargreaves - 1395 Stephens - 1171

Spectroscopy in a Suitcase

Chemistry A Level students took part in a Spectroscopy in a Suitcase talk run by Glyndwr University on Monday 28th November. Students were given a demonstration on how some machines work related to their course. This was a great opportunity for them to see spectroscopy first-hand.



School Trips

8th December – Years 12 and 13 Law Visit to Prison
15th December – Carol Concert Rehearsal Day
13th December – Years 7 and 8 Photography Curriculum Development
12th – 16th December – Year 11 English Speaking and Listening

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.

Tesco Bags of Help

The Marches School is delighted to have won £8,000 as part of the Tesco Bags of Help initiative for the eco-dome project which is set to be put in place in 2017. The £8,000 grant which has been awarded from the funds raised by the 5p bag charge was won after the public voted for them in the Whitchurch and Ellesmere stores from 26th September to 9th October. Well done to the students' eco-committee for their hard work in promoting the initiative; we would not have won the grant without your input.

TESCO Bags of Help



The Marches School presents the 2016 Christmas Carol Concert

*Thursday 15th December – 6:00-7:30pm
St Oswald's Church*



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