



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oliver!

We have a large cast rehearsing hard for our production of Oliver! and it would be great to have a hall full each night to support them and enjoy the amazing talents we have at the school; there are star turns from Year 12 right down to Year 7. Adult tickets are £4.00 and are available from Reception and the production runs from **Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th February**.

Spring Enrichment Programme

This was launched on the website last week – if you have not yet had chance to see what is available, you can find it [here](#).

In addition, we are fortunate to have many extra tutorial sessions running for Year 11 students. On any night of the week, for example, students are visiting the Maths Department for support in any area they have identified; the atmosphere is great and it is good to see staff and students working together in a more informal setting. The English team are also running sessions, ICT rooms are open until 4.00 p.m. and the Science team offer any Wednesday as a drop-in clinic. Other subjects are also inviting individual students to sessions. The school day really does not stop at 3.00 p.m.

The number and structure of further sessions across all subjects will be launched after our **Countdown to Success** day on **Tuesday 31st January**. If your child would benefit from these – with a particular topic or area they are finding difficult – please do encourage them to attend. For the Countdown to Success evening, spaces are filling up quickly, so please book your place for the evening, or for more information please contact [Mrs Rowe](#) or [Mrs Dean](#).

House Competitions

With this week's beetle drive being won by Bonington, next week sees a science-related challenge – the spaghetti and marshmallow tower. If your child has not yet represented their house, encourage them to volunteer for this one which will be taking place at lunchtimes on the stage in the main hall each day – it is going to be a messy one.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Sporting Fixtures W/C 23rd January

Wednesday

- U15 and U16 Girls' Netball vs. Oswestry School at home 3:15 p.m. kick-off.
- Year 8 Boys' Football - away, 3:00 p.m. kick-off.

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.

Spring School Trips

Year 13 Psychology Day: 13th February
Year 9 RAF Cosford: 17th February
Year 11 Jaguar ICAT: 17th February
Austria Ski Trip: 18th - 25th February
Erasmus Greece: 17th - 23rd March
A Level Geography Fieldwork: 28th - 31st March
Years 12 and 13 Andalucia Tour: 8th - 13th April

House Points

Bonington - 1981

Mallory - 1804

Whittaker - 1594

Hargreaves - 2129

Stephens - 1752

Parent and Carer Council Shropshire. Knowing Me Knowing Us

We have received information from the SEN Team at Shropshire Council, which they have asked us to forward to parents and carers. Please find attached to this email a leaflet entitled **Knowing Me Knowing Us**.

TASTER MORNING

Saturday 11th February

Taster Lessons

Sixth Form Centre Tours

Parent Talk

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SIXTH FORM



Transport available from Wrexham, Chirk, Ellesmere and Powys.

7 NEW BTEC COURSES

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for prospective students to see what it is like to study at The Marches Sixth Form. With our extensive course offering in 2017 it has enabled us to increase opportunities for a wider range of students. Please visit the website to register your place!

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Primary Basketball

On Wednesday 18th January the Primary Mixed Basketball tournament was held at the Marches School. Seven schools from around the Oswestry area competed in the event. The competing schools were Bryn Offa, Criftings, Cockshutt, Meadows, Holy Trinity, Whittington and Woodside. A team of young leaders aged 13-18 helped out at the event, they included: Bethan Jones, Evan Roberts, Hana Fraser-Cabrera, Phoebe Harper, Eva Salisbury Jones, Yaser Adwan, Joe Whale, James Curtis and Alex Wetton. Yaser, Joe, James and Alex umpired the games with a good level of professionalism and the young leaders took charge of scoring. After the first round, the top four teams competed for the trophy and the remaining teams played for the certificates. After a morning of excellent skill and sportsmanship, Bryn Offa were crowned champions and will go through to the school games play-offs. A big thank you to the young leaders and the participating primary schools and good luck to Bryn Offa!



Entrepreneurial Talk

Marches Sixth Form students and the Student Leadership Group had the opportunity to listen to and have an informal chat with entrepreneur Bryony Farmer on Monday. Bryony is the Founder of Precious Stars. She is 19 years old and originally set up Precious Stars, a reusable menstrual product business. After seeing how many women wished to switch to reusable menstrual products but were struggling because of financial difficulties, she decided to start selling more affordable products to allow all women a chance to try the products. Bryony answered questions and gave advice about starting up and running a business.



Black Belt

Congratulations to Year 11 student James Wiggins who has been awarded a Black Belt by his Mixed Martial Arts instructors from Team Elite. This has taken 7 years of hard work to achieve!



Military Marathon

In 2013, Ms Newey, PE Teacher at The Marches School, tragically lost both her mother and grandmother to cancer within a few months of each other. In the same year, she decided to set up a charity run. Over the space of 12 months she ran 1000 miles of obstacle races, running every Saturday and Sunday covering 1003 miles and raising just over £5000 for Cancer Research UK. Four years on, she has set herself up for a new challenge. Ms Newey will be running the London Marathon in military uniform, in aid of Bowel Cancer UK. Before becoming a teacher, she spent six years in the British Army, originally in the Royal Signals before becoming a Medic; because of this, she will be running the full 26.2 miles in boots, combats and a backpack weighing 15kg (plus any water). To donate, please visit Ms Newey's [just giving](#) page.

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