



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Learning Champion

Year 11 is such an important year to get right and so we have added to the team with the appointment of Mr Kemble to the role of Learning Champion. Mr Kemble will work to ensure Year 11 reach and exceed their potential with a focus on learning, with additional support to key groups who may need guidance through the year ahead. Mrs Dean remains the Year Group Progress Leader and the first point of contact for parents and carers.

The first initiative which began this week is “**Night Club**” – an opportunity for staff and invited students to work together on revision tasks for the **mock exams**, which commences on **Monday 14th November**.

New York Trip

Good luck to our Year 11 students and my thanks to Mrs Lloyd and the many staff who are taking time out of the half term to support them in the Big Apple.

Nice Residential Trip

Bonne chance! also to Ms Baker and Ms Spencer who are taking Year 12 students to Nice for a French immersion experience.

Year 7 Transition Evening

This event took place on Wednesday with a 80% attendance, showing the strength of parents’ and carers’ support for their school and the students – a partnership so vital right through school and one which we value.

The opportunity to learn more about Milk – homework planner, Parent Voice and Marches Futures were also available and we will repeat these opportunities at other parent and carer evenings.

Also proud of our primary school links

On Tuesday 39 Year 6 Primary School pupils from Oswestry, Whitchurch and surrounding areas were given the opportunity to visit the UK’s top University on Tuesday as part of The Futures Award. The trip to the University of Cambridge was designed to ignite the aspirations of Year 6 students. The award aims to encourage pupils to begin thinking about their ambitions for the future and to be inspired by the possibilities available to them, as well as supporting their transition into Year 7.



Friday 21st October is PD Day. School opens again on **Monday 31st October**, we look forward to seeing all our students safe and well then.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

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Using Reading Cloud

All Marches students can now access their Reading Cloud accounts. Login details have been given out via form tutors.

Download the iMLS App (App Store, Google play or Windows Store) or log on from home via the Reading Cloud link on the Marches home page. (The school postcode is needed to access the iMLS App – SY11 2AR)

Students can use Reading Cloud to:

- Search the Library Catalogue
- Check their LRC accounts
- Renew books (before they are overdue)
- Reserve books
- Write reviews
- Create video reviews
- Recommend books to the LRC

If you have any questions or queries, please contact a member of the LRC staff at LRC@marchesschool.net. Students can change login details in the LRC during break or lunch.

Sixth Form Sailors

On Tuesday, sixth form and Year 11 students from The Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School completed their sailing sessions with Shropshire Sailing Club where they were awarded a RYA Level 1 Youth Sailing Scheme certificate. We would like to thank John Ridgers and Chris Cater from the sailing club for giving our students this extra-curricular opportunity.



Marches Experience Extravaganza

On Wednesday students from Trefonen Primary School visited The Marches School to take part in the Formal Elements workshop in the Art Department as part of The Marches Experience Extravaganza Programme.



School Trips

9th November: Year 13 - Chemistry at Warwick University

16th November: Years 12 and 13 - Physics Lectures at Birmingham University

22nd November: Live Theatre - War Horse

23rd November: Year 8 - MAP Rocket Session at Birmingham University

Years 12 and 13 - Chemistry Lectures at Birmingham University

25th November: Year 10 - GCSE trip to Warwick University

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition

On Saturday students took part in a Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition. Everyone made it to the top of Arenig Fawr and back down in record time!



Tesco Bags for Life

Do not forget that voting for The Marches School Conservation Project in the Tesco Bags of Life initiative runs from the 31st October – 13th November in Ellesmere and Whitchurch Tesco stores.

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December

Half Term: Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th – Monday 2nd January

PD Day: Friday 21st October

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.