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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are enjoying every moment of the summer term and this coming week is a huge one for us.

Presentation Evening

Following a fantastic open evening last night, next week sees Presentation Evening on Tuesday, where we recognise the excellence there is in the student body and watch each one 'walk the stage' with pride.

The **Sports Evening on Wednesday** – an opportunity to see our best talent similarly recognised.

The Alliance of Leading Learning

Also on Wednesday, the official launch of The Alliance of Leading Learning (ALL), the culmination and celebration of a great deal of teamwork and dedication from our Training School team. This is a result of being awarded 'Teaching School Status'. As a Trust we pride ourselves on being outward looking and seeking always opportunities to work with the best practitioners available ultimately to improve and develop the learning experience of our children. In establishing the alliance we have sought partnerships with outstanding schools from primary, secondary, special and the HE sector. We are looking forward also to working with Manchester University in the accreditation of adult learning. There will be more information about the Alliance in the Trust Newsletter.

Festival of Education

On Thursday is the School's Festival of Education, where the school is transformed for the most forward-thinking of educational events. Wellingtons will not be needed thanks to the sun, but students might want to bring their autograph books to catch Professor Winston and Olympian Darren Campbell - where else could you catch both of them on the same school day? Our students will all take part in the festival for the full day, with many new experiences.

If the students have any energy left by Saturday, all are welcome to our Fun Day a real family afternoon with something for everyone. A great number of our staff are working around the clock to make these events a success for our students, we are very fortunate to have such dedication and vision at all levels.

Athletics Success

On Monday four Athletics Teams (Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Boys) went to Telford to compete in the Semi-Finals of the Shropshire Schools' County Cup.

Three of our four teams have successfully gone through to the finals. Mrs Bladen writes... "I cannot emphasise enough how great an achievement this is and how proud we are as a Department. All three teams now compete again on Monday in the FINAL with the Senior Girls definitely going for a win. They came first in their heats."

All four teams will also compete in the North Shropshire Athletics event next Friday.

Well done to the PE team and the students for this great achievement.

Whittington Castle Trip

Three successful trips to Whittington Castle took place this week. In total 192 Year 7 students took part in a treasure hunt to find out about the history of the castle and in using historical skills to solve a murder mystery as well as some ghost stories! Children were very well behaved and enjoyed feeding the ducks.



Summer Term School Trips and Events

- 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**

Charity Cake Sale

Five students from form 7FNJ held a cake sale last Friday raising £111 for Hope House and Cancer Research. They organised the whole event by themselves and showed great initiative and organisation.



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.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July

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



We have a fantastic line-up of activities during this year's Family Fun Day on Saturday 1st July including:

• Dog show • Archery • Pony rides • Crazy golf • Visit from the fire service • Fun fair • Climbing wall • Rodeo bull • Face painting and glitter tattoos • Talent contest • Craft stalls including: Forever Living, The Body Shop Bird Boxes, Jewellery, JoJo Bows, Crazy Sand and Bubble Guns • Activities include: stocks and sponges, splat the rat and welly throwing • Raffle to win a spa day for 2 at the Lion Quays, Arla luxury food hamper, family ticket for 4 to Park Hall • Family sports • Nerf gun shoot out • Penalty shoot-out • Hog roast, pizza, burgers, coffee, cakes, Prosecco bar and beer!

We do hope you come along and enjoy the activities on the day but to make this event happen we really need your help.

If you are able to volunteer your time, even for a couple of hours on the day it would really make a difference so please let me know.

We need assistance during the following times:

10.00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Set up

12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m. - Managing a stand/activity

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Managing a stand/activity

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Clear down

Please encourage friends and family to come along and enjoy the full events of the day. Do not forget to hand in your photography, bakery and art competition entries ([registration forms](#)). Any donations for raffle prizes also welcome. Please contact [Mrs K Parsons](#) or call 01691 664407.

Sailing

Our sailing students enjoyed their fourth session on Wednesday evening.



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