



marches school

Issue 3

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016



# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

For **Years 9 and 10 parents** there is still time to book your places at the Parent Learning events on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

To book your place at the event please click [here](#) for details.

## New Futures Awards

All students had a Citizenship lesson yesterday focusing on the new Futures Awards; the scope of these has increased and we are using a new App to allow students to write up their work online at home or even on the bus on the way home.

Students are being challenged to begin the year with a task from the **Leadership** strand (listed below), perhaps your child would like to talk through their ideas for meeting this challenge with you. To learn more about the new Futures Award, click [here](#).

- Lead a starter session in a subject of your choice
- Lead a small scale class discussion or debate on a current topic
- Lead a warm up to get your class prepared for physical activity
- Lead a team to produce a presentation on the Tutor 'Topic of the Week'
- Lead a coaching or training session at an extra-curricular club
- Obtain a position to represent your tutor group
- Persevere in learning a new instrument over the course of the year
- Take responsibility for teaching an element in a school lesson
- Volunteer to help on Open Evening

## Meet the Author

Students in **Year 10 and Year 11** met Everest mountaineer and author Matt Dickinson today as part of their literature work. He gave tips on how to be a writer and using real life experiences to craft exciting stories. He showed pictures and footage of his Everest adventures, including the moment that he stood on top of Everest itself. Students had the opportunity to create their own work and receive his instant feedback.

**Does your child use a second language?** Your child could sit a GCSE at an appropriate time for them. If you think that your child may have been missed from our lists and has the ability to both read and write their second language, please contact Mr Brookes, Director of MFL at [brookes.r@marchesschool.net](mailto:brookes.r@marchesschool.net).

## Eco Club – Challenging for a £12,000 grant

We are excited to have been shortlisted for a public vote in Tesco's #BagsOfHelp initiative with a chance to win a grant of up to £12,000 to help us develop outdoor classroom spaces and a conservation area. You can support our efforts in the Ellesmere and Whitchurch stores from the 31<sup>st</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> November. If you want to read more about this initiative click [here](#).

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

## 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.

**Bonington - 804 Mallory - 886 Whittaker - 623 Hargreaves - 921 Stephens - 775**

## Open Evening

Last night we held our annual September Open Evening for prospective students and their parents. We would like to thank all of our student volunteers who put so much effort into welcoming the prospective students, sharing their experiences of attending and studying at The Marches School.



## Year 11 Moreton Hall Business Trip

14 Year 11 students ventured out to Moreton Hall and were extremely impressive. Our students were mixed into groups with Oswestry School and Moreton Hall students and set a brilliant example.

Our students led their group discussions, in which they had to create an App that was eventually pitched to a panel of Dragons. They went on to have members in both the overall winning group and the most innovative idea. Such was our students' enthusiasm, that in most cases they actually led the pitches to the Dragons! Teachers from the other schools complimented us for being so well-presented, eloquent, confident and expressive. They really made themselves and the school proud!



## Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
PD Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

## Matt Dickinson – Author Visit



## Sporting Fixtures

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

- Year 10 Rugby at Church Stretton. Meet at 3.00 p.m. Return 5.45 p.m.

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Year 9 and Year 11 at Ellesmere. Meet at 2.45 p.m. Return 6.30 p.m.
- Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Form Netball at Thomas Adams School.
- Year 7 A and B, Year 8 A and B, Year 9 B team at Corbet School.

## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 Marches 5-a-side football team stormed to victory at the annual North Shropshire 5-a-side competition held at Thomas Adams School, Wem. The students were unbeaten all the way to the final only conceding one goal. In the team are Year 7 students Oakley Taylor, Jay Barrow, George Champman, Oscar Herd, Alfie Herd, Jaycob Hodgetts and Jac Herbert. In the final they beat local rivals Oswestry School. A fantastic effort for a very talented group of individuals!

