



marches school

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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## GCSE Countdown

Year 11 are working hard, with only 6 weeks to go before the first exam papers are sat. The Drama students performed in front of the external moderator last week and we were thrilled to have many students receiving the highest score possible, something that will stand them in good stead for their written element of the course. PE moderation takes place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and we are confident that they will do equally well.

## Parent Forum

A reminder that our Parent Forum is being held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**, starting at 4.00 p.m. and ending at 6.00 p.m. in the Fitzalan Room. You are welcome to join us to discuss ANY issues or suggestions; however the discussion points for the evening are:

- Milk, and
- Communication – Role of the Form Tutor.

## Keeping Children Safe

We take safeguarding of our students seriously and regularly update our training. The DfE has now amended the definition of child sexual exploitation:

“Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.”

Fortunately most young people enjoy a happy and carefree childhood; however – if you think you or a family member needs support or you are worried that a child you know might be at risk of abuse or neglect, the local “First Point of Contact” to call is 0345 6789 021.

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

## Red Nose Day

Whittaker house chose to raise money for Cancer Research UK, World Wildlife Fund and RSPCA with an animal themed non-school uniform day today. Students who participated also received house points!

£288.80 was raised by the Sixth Form Student Council who organised Sponge the Teacher, a Mario Kart competition, the sale of Red Noses and own clothes day.



## Erasmus trip to Greece

From Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March a group of students went on an Erasmus trip to Greece. Over the week students visited Knossos Palace, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete, which is considered Europe's oldest city, Heraklion to meet with the Deputy Mayor, an Archaeological Museum, the picturesque town of Margarites which is famous for ceramics and traditional buildings and the seaside town of Rethymno for a traditional lunch of Gyros and a walk around the old town.



## Parents' Evenings

**Year 7** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
**Year 10** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
**Year 11** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
**Sixth Form** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

## 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.

## University of Chester Drama Workshop

On Tuesday three second year Drama students from the University of Chester visited the school to deliver a drama workshop to Year 10 students. They led an hour-long workshop specifically prepared for GCSE Drama students, prepared some devising exercises and supported the students with their understanding of the theatrical style 'Theatre in Education'. Miss Wright, Miss McGreal, Mrs Gilpin and Mr Dipple all attended the workshop with the students and thoroughly enjoyed the hour.



## Sporting Fixtures W/C 27<sup>th</sup> March

- Monday**
- Disney Training
- Wednesday**
- U13 Football at St. Martin's School
- Thursday**
- KS3 Table Tennis at St. Martin's School
  - Years 8 & 9 Rugby at home vs Thomas Adams School
- Friday**
- Year 7 Football Cup Final at Shrewsbury Sports Village
- Saturday**
- Year 8 County Football Trials

## Term Dates

**Easter Holidays:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Summer Term 2017**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**PD Days: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Autumn Term 2017**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Please note – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September is for Years 7 and

12 ONLY. Students in Years 8-11 and Year 13 will return on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Half term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**PD day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

## Spring School Trips

**A Level Geography Fieldwork:** 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March

**All Years Andalucia Tour:** 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Germany Trip:** 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Disney Netball Trip:** 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Germany Parent Meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> March 6.00 p.m.

## County Netball Tournament

Well done to the Year 7 Netball Team who reached the semi-final of the County Netball Tournament at Shrewsbury High School on Tuesday. They came third out of seventeen teams. The team consisted of Charlotte Balcombe, Daisy Whitelam, Sophie Morris, Demi Williams, Phoebe Shaw, Lucy Humphreys, Holly Billington, Heidi Lantos and Ella Long.



## Sports with Sir John Talbot's School

On Tuesday students in the girls' Netball and Football teams from The Marches School travelled to Sir John Talbot's School for mixed training sessions. Netballers from The Marches School who are going to Disney for a tournament mixed with Sir John Talbot's School students to compete in a friendly tournament, led by Miss Cooke and umpired by Anna Holbrook and Lily Weetman. Girls' footballers were led in a mixed training session by Miss Newey and then played the Marches team versus Sir John Talbot's team. The score was 0-0. All students were a credit to both schools and students commented on how nice it was to mix together. We look forward to seeing each other again in the summer term with some mixed Rounders.

## House Points

Bonington – 2150

Mallory – 1920

Whittaker – 1696

Hargreaves – 2228

Stephens - 1924