



marches school

Issue 10

Friday 24th November 2017



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mock Exams

Year 11 first mocks are now complete, with the mock results day taking place on Thursday 7th December, when students will open their envelopes in a situation similar to the results day in August. Our aim is to capture the emotion and feelings when students look at their grades, with time left to make them into the grades they would wish for. This is always a powerful event and brings into focus the work to be done in the 20 weeks left after Christmas.

The 7th December is also the first Year 11 parents' evening, with the final evening being held on Thursday 22nd March. Your child should be making your appointments, if you need support for this or are unable to attend but would like an update on the progress of your child at this vital time, please contact Year 11 Progress Leader, [Mr Kemble](#).

Year 10 exam week begins on Monday

Results will be shared with you in the Progress Report you will receive before the Christmas break. I am sure they will conduct themselves as well as Year 11 have just done as we practice the exact systems and rules in place for external exams.

Tackling Bullying

Our Tackling Bullying Policy has now been reviewed by the Student Voice Group. They have chosen to keep our school-wide, shared definition for bullying, which we have on display throughout the school.

"We believe that bullying is behaviour by an individual or group over a period of time that hurts another either physically or emotionally. All members of our community are responsible for challenging bullying and reporting it when we see it."

We can never be complacent in supporting students to ensure their actions allow all to be happy and safe in school, enjoying their learning, however if you are concerned about your child as a bully or a victim, please contact their Progress Leader for support, a student suffering but not sharing their experience is something we must work to avoid.

I would also like to remind you of our online reporting tool – the Sharp system, on our website [here](#) where students can share any information about their own experiences or anything they may have seen affecting others.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Rugby Taster Session

Nine Year 8 girls took up the opportunity to take part in a Rugby Taster Session led by an England Rugby Development Officer at Oswestry Rugby Club on Thursday 23rd November. The students had a great time albeit very muddy! The girls showed great potential and were invited to attend the club's open day on Sunday.



SIXTH FORM

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE...

Apply to study at The Marches Sixth Form!

Hand in your Sixth Form application before Monday 4th December to be invited to the Festive Lunch on Friday 15th December at 12:50 p.m. in the Sixth Form Common Room.



Morocco Expedition Quiz Fundraiser

Miss Griffiths will be hosting a weekly Pub Quiz fundraiser for the Morocco Expedition every Thursday (starting 30th November) at The Unicorn pub in Oswestry at 8.00 p.m. £1 per person to enter with a prize for the winning team!



Year 11 University Week

Next week Year 11 students will be taking part in a University Week. This is an exciting opportunity for the students to find out about Further Education and to ensure that they are aiming high as we approach the exam season. They will attend assemblies each day of the week and will be taking part in workshops offered by The Royal Navy on Wednesday 24th November.

Work Experience Week 12th – 16th March 2018

It is important that Year 10 students have secured or are very close to securing a placement for work experience next year. If your child is struggling to find a place, please ask them to email me or come and see me in the Careers Office opposite H9 during Academic Mentoring time on Wednesday 6th December or Academic Mentoring time or Reading time on Friday 8th December.

Thank you.

[Mrs Murphy](#) - Careers Guidance and Inspiration Officer

Non-uniform Day

Today students were in non-uniform to raise money for School Rewards, the Eco-Dome Project and for Hope House.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January to Thursday 29th March 2018

Half term Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2018

PD day Monday 26th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July 2018

Half term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

PD days Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Term Dates 2018 - 2019

For further term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 please click [here](#).

Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service Drop In Sessions



We have been asked to share this information with parents and carers.

For people experiencing or affected by domestic abuse, Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service can provide impartial and confidential advice. To access these support services throughout the County of Shropshire, for a chat and some initial advice, please visit them at one of the following locations.

Oswestry

3rd Friday of each month 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW.

Year 10 Football

Marches vs Madeley Academy

A very close game was played against Madeley Academy. The final score was 4-3 to The Marches School. Goal scorers were Robbie Bateman (2), Tyler Mansell (1) and Robbie Allen who scored the winning goal. Dan Carlyle was man of the match.

Christmas Donations for Friends of The Marches!

Raise donations when you shop for Christmas gifts at your favourite brands, including 4% donations at Links of London, 4% donations at Etsy, 1.5% donations at The Entertainer and 2% donations at eBay.co.uk.

1. Head to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofthemarches/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you have checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of the Marches will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



Reminder

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.

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Mallory – 165

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