



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Student Voice

This is an important aspect of our work; for example, **Year 7** students were asked to evaluate the recent Armistice Day. **Sixth Form** have a **Student Council** and **Year 11** have a **Leadership Group** who are working on their legacy plans which include replacing a large mural that they have identified as needing a change.

We are now launching a new **Key Stage 3 Student Leadership Group** to work alongside our existing **Key Stage 4 Group**. Students have voted within their tutor groups for their representatives and these students now need to prepare applications to join the new Leadership Group. Please support your child if they are in this process. Their task is to explain why they want to stand for the role.

If your child has chosen not to take part, this may be something they may consider in the future as each year posts are reallocated.

The elections for the posts will be held next week.

Other changes to the Student Leadership in school include the development of a **Whole School Council** and a **Tolerance Group** to provide the students with a forum to discuss an aspect of the 21st Century which interests or affects them. The first topic for discussion is Bullying and how we can tackle it in our school community.

Please encourage your child to get involved; the skills they will develop are those looked for by employers and they could use their experience towards their **Futures Awards**.

Rewards

The autumn term rewards events have arrived. This week, staff have volunteered to take students on the reward trip to the **Trafford Centre** near Manchester, a very long but rewarding evening and next week students who have chosen the **cinema visit** will visit Wrexham. I am always grateful that we have a staff-body who wish to spend their free time with the students, as their involvement in being able to offer these rewards is so important. We are very lucky!

The first batch of invitations to the **Headteacher's Lunch** are due to be printed next week with the event taking place on the **6th December** in the Library. Invitations are given to every student when they reach the **300 points** mark, something we hope all students achieve at some point through the year. I am looking forward to serving up some special food that they will not find in the restaurant and ask you to encourage your child to sign-up for the lunch if they receive their invitation this time round.

If you have any questions regarding rewards please contact our Rewards Lead – Miss Phillips at Phillips.j@marchesschool.net

Milk Update

Some parents have noticed that the 3 tabs showing work done/not done is not showing on the app. The company have today responded as follows:

"The mobile app is scheduled to be updated in 4 weeks' time and the "3 tab" format will feature on both student and parent app. Parents can already enjoy the 3 tabs view of homework as students do, by using the web portal."

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Years 7 and 8 Disco

The Years 7 and 8 disco will be held in the Main School Hall on Friday 2nd December from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. All are welcome and tickets are available from Mrs Amyes-Johns' room (IC1) in Academic Mentoring for £2. Party food and drinks will be on sale.

Autumn Term 2016

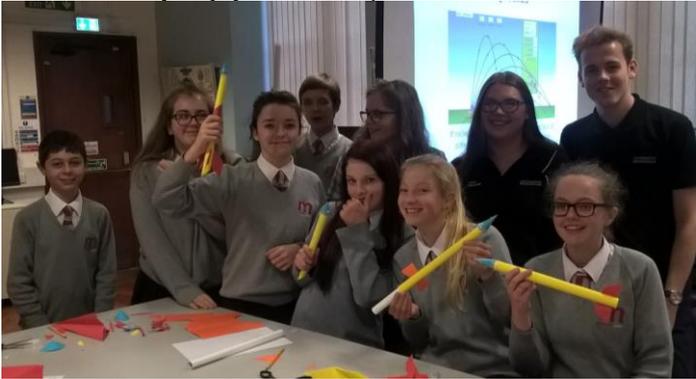
Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

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.

Birmingham University

Year 8 students took part in a Rocket Masterclass at Birmingham University on Wednesday. They had the opportunity to learn about the forces and design considerations for rockets from a lecturer before designing their own rockets and testing them by using compressed air to fire them at a target, working with current physics undergraduate students at the university. All of the Year 8 students really enjoyed their experience.



**Bonington - 1288 Mallory - 1282 Whittaker -
922 Hargreaves - 1395 Stephens - 1171**

North Shropshire College Taster Day

Over 100 students attended a taster day at North Shropshire College on Friday, sampling vocational courses including Hospitality and Catering, Equine Studies, Childcare and Photography. The students enjoyed their day and commented, "Days like this are important to help us decide what to do next year. We have had a really great day". Over the next two weeks students will also be finding out about the Marches School Sixth Form and Apprenticeships.



School Trips

8th December – Years 12 and 13 Law Visit to Prison
15th December – Carol Concert Rehearsal Day
13th December – Years 7 and 8 Photography Curriculum Development
12th – 16th December – Year 11 English Speaking and Listening

Drama Trip to Chester University

On Tuesday 22nd November, 30 Years 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students from The Marches School visited Chester University for a Drama workshop.



*The Marches School presents the 2016
Christmas Carol Concert*

*Thursday 15th December – 6:00-7:30pm
St Oswald's Church*



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