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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today our Whole School Assembly celebrated our Year 11 students' final assembly with the whole school. The Year 11 Leadership Group handed over to their successors, the Year 10 team, who now take over from them. We are very proud of our new team of 21 Senior Prefects and the 10 House Champions and our new Head Boy Jacob Morris and Head Girl Jessie Shaw and their two deputies Matthew Collins and Lucy Tomkewycz. Please find attached photographs of the members of the new Leadership Group.



Years 7 and 8 Exam Booklets

Your child's year exams will not commence for another 3 or 4 weeks however; your child has been supplied with a paper booklet, with an electronic version emailed to you yesterday. Our aim is to provide some revision support for those families who value this, and have in the past, asked for this to come well before the exams. Please use this resource as you wish – now or in the weeks nearer to the exams. If you have not received your booklet – please contact [Mrs Cheesman](#) in the first instance.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents and carers who gave their time to share their thoughts about our planner and parent guide on Monday; your ideas are being worked on now and we found your views really valuable. The next parent forum takes place on Monday 10th July and the focus of the meeting will be shared nearer the date.

Fidget Spinners

Due to the developments in the design and materials used to make some fidget spinners, I write to advise they will no longer be permitted in school after the half term holiday.

This week we are pleased to pass on some opportunities and support available from other agencies; please see overleaf and click the links where something interests you, to find out more.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Summer Serenade

Last Thursday we hosted the annual Summer Serenade Concert with a theme of 'A Night at the Movies'. Over 55 students were involved from Years 7 to 13 along with over 80 pupils from Whittington, Holy Trinity and Trefonen Primary Schools. Students performed a variety of solos and ensembles which included: Year 7 student Phoebe Shaw playing 'Skyfall' from James Bond, Year 9 student Taya Cranshaw-Scott singing 'I Dreamed a Dream' from Les Miserables, Year 9 student Immie Dean playing a piano medley of a variety of film music soundtracks and Year 11 student Nicole Potts playing 'Moonlight Sonata' from The Piano.



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.

Summer Term School Trips and Events

- Football/Rugby Tour in Canada: **27th May – 3rd June**
- Science trip at The King's School: **20th June**
- Year 10 Geography Fieldwork in Liverpool: **22nd – 23rd June**
- 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**

Art and Photography Trip

On Friday, GCSE Art and Photography students went on a trip to the Tate and World Museum in Liverpool.



Fun Day Call Out

If you are able to volunteer your time to support the Family Fun Day on Saturday 1st July or would like a craft stall please contact [Mrs Parsons](#) or call 01691 664407. Do not forget to hand in your [registration forms](#) for the Festival of Talent by Sunday 4th June. The Festival is part of this year's Fun Day on Saturday 1st July and celebrates the talents of our students and local community members through a baking, photography and art competitions in addition to stage acts of dancing, singing and recitations. Everyone is welcome to enter. Please contact [Mrs Parsons](#) or call 01691 664407 for full details.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

PD Days: Monday 24th July, Tuesday 25th July

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017

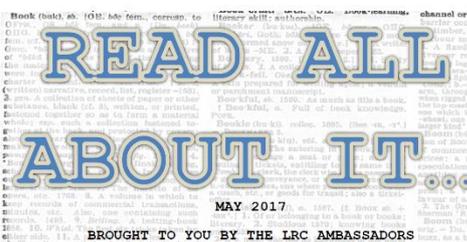
Please note – Tuesday 5th September is for Years 7 and

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



Click on the image to read the LRC Ambassador Newsletter.

Parental Opportunities from Other Agencies

Share Aware

The NSPCC and O2's new programme gives parents and carers all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but the NSPCC want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school.

Parents can sign up to the [Icebreaker email series](#) and become an expert in their child's online world in 6 weeks, follow the four simple steps to keeping kids safe online, watch the film '[Safety advice from a 10 year old](#)' or visit [Net Aware](#) – the guide to your child's social networks apps and games. The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer.

New Online Counselling and Emotional Wellbeing Platform

As part of the new 0-25 Emotional Health & Wellbeing Services offered in Shropshire a free, safe and anonymous online support for young people has been launched. Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of use. Children and young people can create an anonymous account and chat online to a counsellor from Monday to Friday 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. The website is www.kooth.com.

Autism West Midlands - Parent courses

Autism West Midlands are now taking bookings for their free 6-session "Rising to the challenge" course for parents. Through this course parents of children with autism or being assessed for autism (diagnosis not needed) will get to really know the condition and how they can support their child. There is a choice of daytime or evening sessions. [Click here](#) for more information and to book on-line.

Autism West Midlands have a new free course called Autism and ADHD awareness for parents – This is a short introductory session for parents who may be concerned that their child has autism, autistic traits or ADHD. It will provide more information about the conditions and signpost onto further learning and support. It would also be suitable for wider family members who have been unable to access more in depth training – grandparents, dads, adult siblings.

There is a choice of 3 dates – a daytime or evening session in Shrewsbury or a daytime session in Ludlow. [Click here](#) for dates and times and to book on-line. More dates and times will be advertised soon.

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Mallory – 2072

Whittaker – 1837

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