



marches school

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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

It is good to have the students back this week. Years 11 and 13 are focussed on the final few weeks of preparation for their exams. We are grateful to the staff who held sessions over the Easter break and who do so now in after-school sessions.

If your child is in Year 11 and you have not recently received the Countdown to Success newsletter, this can be found [here](#).

It was lovely to hear about the trips that took place over Easter – Andalucia Tour, Germany trip, Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition and the Girls' Netball tournament at Disneyland Paris where the girls won the Team Spirit award. At half term we also have the boys' rugby and football tour to Canada and we have just launched the next Morocco expedition for summer 2018.

With such a range of opportunities on offer, having listened to your feedback, we are working to be in the position to share in September all trips that will be offered through the year, to allow parents and carers to have all the information to plan and budget if there is a trip you wish your child to benefit from.

## Year 7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Your child should be booking your appointments using the page in the planner for you; on arrival please sign in at the hall so that we know who has arrived and can hand you any information, a parent survey and a map of the venues.

## Eco-Committee

Please find attached to the bulletin the Eco-Committee's latest newsletter.

## Congestion and Safety Issues

Could we respectfully remind you that the visitor parking and the area outside the main reception must remain accessible to emergency vehicles and disabled drivers at all times; therefore driving onto the school site is not authorised either at the beginning or the end of the school day.

Students will be reminded that they are only allowed to leave through the main pedestrian steps, not down the path next to the traffic barrier/past the front of the Arthur Walpole building.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

## Disney Netball Tournament

Over the Easter holiday, 40 students went to Disneyland Paris to take part in an England Netball tournament. Students were lucky enough to receive a training session delivered by England Netball and listened to a talk by Severn Stars Vitality Netball Superleague player Josie Janz-Dawson. At the tournament two of The Marches School netball teams got through to the top finals. The final results were: Under 16 A: 6<sup>th</sup> place, Under 16 B: 5<sup>th</sup> place, Under 14 A: 6<sup>th</sup> place, Under 14 B: 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Under 12 A: 8<sup>th</sup> place. The Under 12 team won 'Most Determined Team' throughout the tournament and the whole team were awarded the 2017 International Junior Netball Festival Umpires 'Spirit of the Game' Award.



## Friends of The Marches Quiz Night

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, The Friends of the Marches are inviting members of the community and staff to attend a Quiz Night in aid of The Marches School starting at 7.00 p.m. Tickets cost £5 per head, to include table wine and snacks, with a maximum of 6 members per team. Raffle prizes are also available to be won during the evening with the final winners of the quiz receiving a £100 voucher to spend at local Italian restaurant, Lepone's. Please complete the [registration form](#) and hand in to the school reception with your money. If anyone would like to contribute by giving a raffle prize, please hand this in to the school reception.

## The Friends of the Marches

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of the Marches. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it does not cost you a penny extra.

1. Head to the [website](#) 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've 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.

**Collect FREE funds for us**  
any time you shop with

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Sign up now

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2. Shop  
3. Raise

## Summer Term School Trips and Events

- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expedition: **6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May**
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expedition: **13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May**
- A Level Biology trip to Birmingham University: **16<sup>th</sup> May**
- Spring Serenade - A Night at the Movies: **18<sup>th</sup> May**
- Football/Rugby Tour in Canada: **27<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June**
- Science trip at The King's School: **20<sup>th</sup> June**
- Year 10 Geography Fieldwork in Liverpool: **22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June**
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June**
- The Marches School Festival of Education: **29<sup>th</sup> June**
- The Marches School Family Fun Day and Festival of Talent: **1<sup>st</sup> July**
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July**
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July**
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition: **15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**National Nurses Day Competition**  
Please submit by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS  
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More information can be found [here](#).

## Term Dates

### 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**

## Andalucia Trip

Over the Easter holiday, 40 students from The Marches School went to Andalucia in Spain to visit the sights and to practice their Spanish speaking skills. During their time in Spain the students visited Malaga, Ronda, Granada and Córdoba. When visiting Ronda, students went to see the first bullring ever to be made in Spain which has now been turned into a museum. They also visited the Mosque of Córdoba and a Jewish synagogue where they watched a singing performance and learned about the Jewish culture in Spain.



## 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.

## Understanding your child/teen groups

To access information about the understanding your child/teen courses running in Shropshire visit the Family Information Service website. There are also a number of specific groups due to start which might be of interest to you.

- Understanding Your Child with SEND 26<sup>th</sup> April for 10 weeks, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Surestart Room, Richmond House, Rutland, Shrewsbury, SY1 3QG.
  - Understanding Your Teen 9<sup>th</sup> May for 10 weeks, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LJ.
  - Understanding Your Child, Dad's group 23<sup>rd</sup> May for 10 weeks from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury SY1 4NG.
- To book a place on any of these groups please [email](#) or for further information ring the Parenting Team on 01743 250950.

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