



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Parent Learning Event

It was good to see so many of our parents and carers with us last night at this key time in your child's school life. The evening shared the new structures that now exist in GCSEs and the opportunity to speak to all the Directors was taken up widely.

If you were unable to join us, materials from the night can be accessed [here](#).

Year 7 Transition Parents' Evening

Our next Parent Learning event is for **Year 7 parents and carers**, focusing on the end of the Transition process, and this takes place on **Thursday 12th October**. If your child is in Year 7, please check you have requested a time window and now have your slot to meet with your child's tutor. We would like to meet all parents and carers on that night.

The House competition is in full swing this year with a **Bake Off** taking place for both students and staff beginning next week, please encourage your child to note the joining details in assembly and tutor time to get involved, it is going to be a lot of fun.

Online tools

If you are having any difficulties accessing the homework app – **MILK**, please email enquiries@marchesschool.net. All parents and carers can have their own login to receive alerts of all homework and other notices, including sporting fixture information, delivered straight to their phone.

If you would like support to access the **Parent Pay** portal to electronically pay for lunch and school trips, please contact enquiries@marchesschool.net. If you have received your login details from the school and require further assistance please contact Parent Pay at www.parentpay.com.

Our website is also a rich source of information from uniform codes, to policies, to news updates – if you would like to see something there that is not covered, do let us know at admin@marchesschool.net.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

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.

Beauty and the Beast Cast

Belle – Mia McKay and Libby Hughes

Beast – Thom Hughes

Mrs Potts – Issy Clarke and Emily Holmes

Lumiere – Jake Billington

Gaston – Connor Williams

LeFou – Kim Willoughby

Babette – Maddie Selby

Chip – Jake Adams, Massimo Wyatt and Sam Lloyd

Cogsworth – Fleur Watson

Madame de La Grande Bouche – Taya Cranshaw-Scott

Maurice – Alex Bayley

Girls – Connie Holmes, Emma Hughes, Chelsea Breeze, Megan Burgess, Anya Horsler, Lucy Arrowsmith, Holly Billington and Emily Peters.





Children and young people in Shropshire are now able to contact their School Nurse by text. This new service has been commissioned by our Local Authority Public Health department in partnership with Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust.

This new service will increase the opportunity for secondary school age young people to access advice and support from their School Nurse. Young people have told us they want to be able to contact their School Nurse by text and we are pleased to be able to respond positively by offering this confidential service to young people in Shropshire.

TXT UR School Nurse

For confidential advice and support

Mon to Friday
09.00-4.30



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017

Half term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 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](#).

Futures Award Competition

On Tuesday pupils from local primary schools were busy at the University of Chester after winning our Futures Award competition. They took part in a 'Step into Secondary' workshop by Performing Pathways and made their own graduation hats in the 'University Journey' workshop for their graduation in the afternoon!



OCR Cambridge Bursary

A previous A Level student from The Marches Sixth Form, Alex Keir, who is now studying at St John's College, has been awarded a bursary worth £3,000 per year by OCR Examinations to support his studies at University of Cambridge after being nominated by Mrs Vicars in 2016. In its 14th year, OCR's bursary fund was set-up to enable talented West Midlands students to make the most of their time at Cambridge.

Recently Mrs Vicars visited the OCR offices in Coventry along with Alex to attend an awards ceremony. Alex was presented with his award by the Cambridge Assessment Group Chief Executive and Chairman of OCR, Simon Lebus. OCR said that Alex was "inspiring to meet and an excellent representative of your school".



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Pictured are Year 9 Pablo Harrison, Evan Roberts, Aaron Spelman and Sam Wall with the new badminton rackets purchased with the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers.



Girls' Rugby

Our Years 9 and 10 girls enjoyed an excellent coaching session at Oswestry Rugby Club on Tuesday, arranged by Mollie Croxon, School Games Organiser. A big thank you to Mollie and the Coaches for this opportunity. The girls will be representing the School in a tournament next week.

