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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 Colomendy Trip

18 members of staff gave up their weekend to spend time with many Year 7 students last week. The students have been full of enthusiasm for their experiences including team building games and assault course challenges and I know that the staff have got to know the students a lot better as a result. I am always grateful that our staff want to put in the extra beyond the classroom, for the students' benefit.

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Transition Ends

Our Transition for our new Year 6 began for some back in March 2015 and as they settle in and get used to the new routines, we end the process with an additional parents' evening. This evening does not replace the one later in the year, when parents and carers meet with each individual subject teacher. **On Wednesday 19th October** you are invited to meet with your child's tutor; they will have comments from each of their teachers and this is an opportunity to raise any issues and to see how they are getting on with their learning. You will soon be given a 10-minute appointment slot and further details.

Staff will also be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the MILK app as well as the new GCSE grades; A-G have been replaced with a 9 to 1 scale.

The Year 9 and Year 10 Parent Learning Evening took place last night with a good turnout. This was a very important night to share the big national changes that are taking place across GCSEs. If you have older children, you will know that nothing is as it was – coursework, modules and A-G GCSE grades have all be replaced.

If you missed the event, a readable summary of the key changes can be found at <https://www.schoolguide.co.uk/blog/new-gcses-a-guide-for-parents>.

If this topic raises any questions for you, I will be available on the evening of **Wednesday 19th October** for 'drop-in' conversations and will be pleased to talk you through how these changes may affect your child.

Year 11 – The next big hurdle – November Mocks

Year 11 first mock exams are earlier than usual this year, beginning on **14th November**, just 5 school weeks away. We encourage students to begin revision for these using a plan with one or two subjects each evening to form good habits and to try different styles of revision to discover what works best for them. Guidance to support can be found here: <https://www.how2become.com/blog/guide-to-gcse-examinations-for-parents/>. Parents' Evening follows the mocks on **Thursday 8th December**.

First Sporting Success of the Year

Well done to the U12 boys who won our first silverware of the year last week at the North Shropshire 5-a-side football competition.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

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.

Bonington - 804 Mallory - 886 Whittaker - 623 Hargreaves - 921 Stephens - 775

Colomendy



Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December
Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December – Friday 30th December
PD Day: Friday 21st October

Cambridge Access Tour

On Monday we were delighted to welcome staff and current undergraduate students from St John's College, University of Cambridge for a sequence of talks to 40 Year 9 students of The Marches and Sir John Talbot's Schools. The students were given a talk on 'Life at Cambridge University' by Access Officer, Megan Goldman-Roberts, and this was followed by sessions on Science and Humanities, designed to give Year 9 students an insight into how these subjects are taught at Cambridge. These were led by current lecturers and undergraduate students.



Year 9 Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby team who won against Church Stretton, 19-0, on Tuesday.

