



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Focus

Year 11 had their year group photo today, something I am sure many of them will treasure. It was lovely to see them and reflect on how they have grown over their five years, full of promise and possibilities that the next 7 months will launch them towards. It is, as you will know, an intense few months ahead, but one we will work together with you to get right.

Mock Exams begin with the Art sessions next week and all written exams from the **14th November**. Your child should have received their personal timetable with their exams and venues by today. Please contact our Exams Officer, Mrs Joyce, if you have any questions or concerns at joyce.m@marchesschool.net. The generic timetable can be found [here](#).

Students need to be working on active revision each night to prepare for these important exams to ensure that the results give them a realistic picture of where they are now and where the gaps are that they will then need to close with the support of staff over the coming months.

Two active revision sites to try – Quizlet <https://quizlet.com/>. Get Revising <https://getrevising.co.uk/>.

Our Mock results event takes place on **Thursday 8th December** and students will be able to share their sheets with you before you come to join us that evening for the first **Year 11 Parents' Evening** of the year.

Parents' evening is a positive event, an opportunity to hear how your child is progressing towards their GCSEs; if you have concerns about any issue in a subject please do not wait for this evening, but contact your child's teacher now as 5-minute appointments may not give you the time you feel you need.

Your child will be able to make your appointments, using the page in their planner – we recommend that you allow time between appointments to move around the different locations. If you would like support in ensuring your child makes appointments or appointments are made on their behalf, please contact Year 11 Progress Leader Mrs Dean at dean.d@marchesschool.net

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh award is one that is well known and respected for developing young people as well as supporting job and university applications. I am very pleased to be able to share with you that we have secured the award here at Bronze, Silver and Gold level with the appointment of Mr Moffatt as our Duke of Edinburgh coordinator. The award at Bronze level can now be started in **Year 9**, giving more students the opportunity to work through all three levels in their time at the school. The courses do have a cost but some support may be available for students in receipt of free school meals. There will be more news over the next few months but if you wish to speak to Mr Moffatt about the awards please contact him. Moffatt.r@marchesschool.net.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

TESCO Bags of Help

Do not forget that voting for The Marches School Conservation Project in the Tesco Bags of Help initiative runs from the 31st October – 13th November in Ellesmere and Whitchurch Tesco stores.

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

New York Trip

81 Year 11 students visited New York in the October half term. The action-packed trip saw students visit the famous Times Square, take a boat trip to the Statue of Liberty, have group photos taken on the USS Intrepid and an evening visit to Madame Tussauds where students posed with the Obamas in the Oval Office.

A more sobering experience saw the students visit the site of 9/11 and the museum where they met survivors of the tragedy.

The film Night at the Museum inspired the visit to the Natural History Museum where students enjoyed not only the dinosaurs but numerous other exhibits. Walking through Central Park students visited Strawberry Fields and the Imagine memorial and the Bethesda Fountain and lakes area.

Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and the Rockefeller Center all proved shopping magnets. Visiting the 'Top of the Rock' students were stunned by the far reaching views of the city and by the size and scale of Central Park. The evening meal at Mustang Harry's was a fitting final meal before ascending the iconic Empire State for a night time view unequalled by any other city. The students' final activity was a walk along the Brooklyn Bridge before the long journey home.



There is a gallery of images to view from the trip on the website (Click on the image above to take you there).

Marches Experience Extravaganza

On Tuesday 1st November, 27 Years 4 and 5 pupils from Bryn Offa C of E Primary School took part in the 'Marches Experience Extravaganza', 'Kitchen Chemistry' and 'To Infinity and Beyond!' activities at The Marches School to support the primary school's Science Week.



School Trips

9th November: Year 13 - Chemistry at Warwick University

16th November: Years 12 and 13 - Physics Lectures at Birmingham University

22nd November: Live Theatre - War Horse

23rd November: Year 8 - MAP Rocket Session at Birmingham University

Years 12 and 13 - Chemistry Lectures at Birmingham University

25th November: Year 10 - GCSE trip to Warwick University

House Pasta Competition

During form time before half term all students were invited to enter a cooking competition, to design an international Pasta dish. The form groups worked together to choose a design which was their favourite; the winning designers were invited to cook their recipe in their house heat where they made their dish in an hour session after school. The winner from the heat was invited to cook for a second time in the school cook-off! The final results were:

1st Stephens - Megan Lacey

2nd Hargreaves - Niall Dennehy

3rd Mallory - Reo Cain

4th Bonington - Lilly Jones

5th Whittaker - Cara Eastwood



There is a large gallery of images to view from the competition on the website! (Click on the image above to take you there)

LRC Ambassador Newsletter

Please see attached to the email the November edition of the LRC Ambassador Newsletter which was team-led by Ewan Higgins 9H KLR.

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.