



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to welcome the students back this Tuesday, rested and ready for the term ahead.

There is much to look forward to with the House competitions this term including a Beetle Drive, for those of us old enough to remember them. The Easter rewards trip will be to a theme park in March. The set construction for our production of *Oliver!* has begun with rehearsals well underway for the performances in February and there are now more after-school enrichment opportunities than we have ever had in our Spring programme which will be on the website next week.

Year 9

Year 9 have an important half term ahead, beginning with their exams. They were reminded about exam rules in assembly this week and will now be ready for the subjects they will sit in the exam venues. Your child should have received their personal timetable now. We encourage them to share this with you at home as we know you are their best support in keeping them organised.

We run our exams following all the national external exam rules and so students must complete all exams in **black pen**; please make sure they are well stocked; pens can be bought cheaply at Pupil Services each morning and at breaks. Students also know they may take **plain water** into the exam in a bottle without the label.

Key dates that follow are the **Parents' Evening on Thursday 9th February** with the **Options Evening** the week after on **Thursday 16th February**. Miss Cooke will write to you shortly with further details about this important event.

Years 12 and 13 exams also take place this half term – commencing on **Monday 30th January**.

We were pleased to welcome Christine Quinn, Regional Schools Commissioner for the West Midlands, for a visit today. Christine toured the School and was very impressed with the students' presentation and polite, positive attitude.

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 7th April

Half Term: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Easter Holidays: Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April

PD Day: Monday 27th February

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

House Points

Bonington - 1856

Mallory - 1764

Whittaker – 1534

Hargreaves – 2024

Stephens - 1732

Sporting Fixtures W/C 9th January

Tuesday – Year 9 Boys' Rugby County Cup v The Priory School – (2.30 p.m. meet, 2.45 p.m. kick-off, 3.45 p.m. finish). Home.

Wednesday – North Shropshire U16 and U19 Girls' Netball

Thursday – Year 8 Boys' Rugby County Cup v The Priory School – (2.30 p.m. meet, 2.45 p.m. kick-off, 3.45 p.m. finish). Home.

Spring School Trips

Erasmus Switzerland: 20th - 26th January
 Year 13 Psychology Day: 13th February
 Year 9 RAF Cosford: 17th February
 Year 11 Jaguar ICAT: 17th February
 Austria Ski Trip: 18th - 25th February
 Erasmus Greece: 17th - 23rd March
 A Level Geography Fieldwork: 28th - 31st March
 Years 12 and 13 Andalucia Tour: 8th - 13th April

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.

Whitchurch 10K Run

The Marches Academy Trust is running a 10K run through our partner school Sir John Talbot's in Whitchurch. Participants in the 10K event can be aged 15 upward but there are activities for all ages. Whether taking part in the run or simply joining us for a fun event, details can be found on the poster which is attached to this bulletin and via the [School website](#).



Sir John Talbot's School
WHITCHURCH 10K
9th April 2017
start time 10.00am
On the day family activities
 Fun Run Registration
 on the day for ages
4 - 6, 7 - 10, 10 - 13 YOA
 Please register at:
www.regevent.co.uk
 for further information:
www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk
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Duke of Edinburgh Activities

Please see the timetable of activities below for students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Date	Activity
21 st January	Bronze - local introductory walk
10 th - 11 th February	Silver - training day with overnight stay
10 th - 12 th March	Gold - training weekend
17 th - 18 th March (TBC)	Bronze - Snowdonia walk
1 st - 3 rd April	Silver - practice expedition
20 th - 23 rd April	Gold - practice expedition
13 th - 14 th May	Bronze - practice expedition
1 st - 4 th July	Gold - qualifying expedition
8 th - 10 th July	Silver - qualifying expedition
15 th - 16 th July	Bronze - qualifying expedition

Golfing Success

Year 9 student Ellie Potts has won the Junior Order of Merit at the Henlle Park Golf Club Juniors Annual Presentation for reducing her handicap from 35.6 to 28.7 this year. Ellie has also been nominated in the Sports Star category of the Advertiser Community and Business Awards.



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