



marches school

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## MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Some reminders for the final week of the term; our **Christmas Lunch** takes place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**; students will be served by the teachers and there will be additional space set-up to accommodate all students who wish to enjoy a lunch with their friends.

Our **Carol Concert** takes place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 p.m.** when we are guests of Reverend Simon Thorburn at **St Oswald's Church**. Our band, staff and student choirs and drama students are joined by choirs from Trefonen School, Whittington School and The Meadows School. The event is open to all and always signals the start of the Christmas season for me with a showcase of some of the great talent we have at the school.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** is our **Christmas Jumper day**, with no cost to the students; Christmas jumpers are optional. Whole school assembly will also take place that day with the results of the House Christmas Card Design competition and the House Christmas Decoration competition. We will announce which House is in the lead after a busy term of events, including this week's Egg Heads competition which has seen the best of the students in each house pitted against a team of top Egg Head staff each day.

We will also put the spotlight on attendance with a new House attendance trophy and a draw for all students who have achieved 100% attendance. The assembly will end with some of the highlights from the Carol Concert in a coming together of all staff and students.

The term ends at the usual time of 3.00 p.m. and the school, including reception, will be closed for the full duration of the holiday.

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

### London Trip

Last weekend 59 students from Years 7-11 visited London for a fun-filled school trip. They visited: Madame Tussaud's, the Museum of London, South Bank Christmas markets, saw Matilda at the West End and spent time at Westfield's Shopping Centre.



### 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.

### House Points

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

### School Trips

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Concert Rehearsal Day  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 7 and 8 Photography Curriculum Development  
**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 11 English Speaking and Listening

## Term Dates

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Start of Spring term

## GCSE Photography

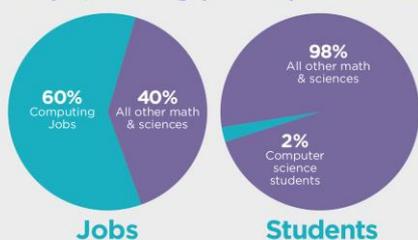
GCSE Photography students have been using Photoshop to manipulate their double exposure images creatively. Click on the image to be taken to the website to view the students' work.



## Hour of Code

We live in a world surrounded by technology and we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and fewer students are studying it than a decade ago. That is why all of our Key Stage 3 students in their ICT lesson have been joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code, providing students with a taste of the concept of programming and developing their computational thinking skills.

### The job/student gap in computer science



Less than 2.4% of college students graduate with a degree in computer science. And the numbers have dropped since last decade.

Start with one #HourOfCode

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## Lego Competition

Fin Nunns, Jake Barrett, Elis Morrow, Tom Wright, Harry Birks, George Baxter, Robbie Ackerman, Alexander Young, Jessica Morris, James Davies aided by coaches Finley Hudson (Year 12), Mr Jones and Mr Oliver, have won the Best Robot award in the First Lego League tournament at Daresbury Laboratory near Warrington.

The team have been developing their robot in an after-school club, since September. This year's competition was called 'Animal Allies' and the group also had to research and present talks on an animal issue and their robot design and demonstrate teamwork skills.

Their robot took part in a range of tasks against the clock and was awarded Best Robot Design at the event on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The winners each received a medal and a team trophy.



## School Games Competition

Mia Drakeley, Beth Jones, Heidi Lantos, Anna Rothera, Ellie Frost and Tabitha Carter won the North Shropshire Indoor Athletics Competition which was held at The Marches School on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. With this the group were entered into the School Games Competition in Wrekin yesterday to represent North Shropshire where they came in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations to the students for taking part and representing the school so well.

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