



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Feedback

Your feedback is always important to us; it is good to hear where we have got things right, but also where we can work to improve our practice.

Last week we received feedback from the Year 8 and Year 9 Parent Learning event. You told us that not enough of you know what badges your child has achieved for their LORIC award but you are making use of Hegarty Maths to support your child's learning at home. There were a number of questions about what the LORIC skills are.

There are five LORIC areas – Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication.

Students use the online app on their phones or PC's to record activities under each of the five employability skills areas, with students in Years 7 and 8 working on their Apprentice Award before moving onto the Graduate Award. By completing a number of challenges in each skills area they are awarded a pin badge for that skill. When all five pins are achieved, the student has achieved the LORIC award in full and is presented with a certificate to recognise their achievements.

In the summer, a special LORIC awards ceremony will be held for students who have excelled in the award that year. There is a lot of choice in the challenges and therefore something to appeal to every student.

Some LORIC challenges at Apprentice level are:

- L** – Lead a research project about healthy lifestyles over a term, with a small group, and present the findings in class.
- O** – Organise a small fundraising activity with a group in school
- R** – Persevere in building healthy habits into your weekly routines to achieve personal targets or goals.
- I** – Volunteer to present a short talk about your experience of the school, to parents on an open evening.
- C** – Present your opinions and perspective on a political conflict during a tutor time discussion.

Carol Concert

We welcome you to join us for this year's Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, on Thursday 14th December from 6.00 p.m. our choirs and orchestras are rehearsing hard for this annual marker of the festive season.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Celebratory Dinner

On Monday, The Marches Academy Trust hosted a Celebratory Dinner at Sir John Talbot's School in recognition of the continued support provided by local businesses and sponsors throughout the year. Guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment, provided from musically talented students across both The Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School.

The event enabled the audience to witness the success of the school led initiative 'The Futures Award', and Year 10 students Hattie Leslie-Miller, Yasmin Aktar and Ellie Burnett shared their achievements and thanked a number of local sponsors included in the scheme; Lanyon Bowdler, Oswestry Town Council and Tara Ethical Education Recruitment.



SIXTH FORM

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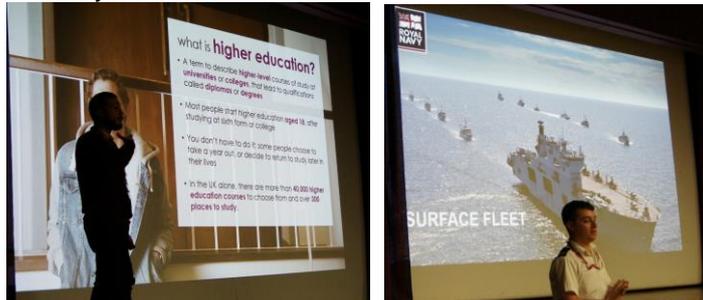
Apply to study at The Marches Sixth Form!

Hand in your Sixth Form application before Monday 4th December to be invited to the Festive Lunch on Friday 15th December at 12:50 p.m. in the Sixth Form Common Room.



Year 11 University Week

This week Year 11 students have been taking part in a University Week. This was an exciting opportunity for the students to find out about Further Education and to ensure that they are aiming high as we approach the exam season. They attended assemblies each day of the week and took part in workshops offered by The Royal Navy and The Royal Marines.



Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is always a worry for parents, and there are things that can be done to stop your child from becoming a victim, but also from adding to the problem. Attached with this newsletter are guidance sheets for parents as well as one to use with your child. These have come from the national organisation CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

Work Experience Week 12th – 16th March 2018

It is important that Year 10 students have secured or are very close to securing a placement for work experience next year. If your child is struggling to find a place, please ask them to email me or come and see me in the Careers Office opposite H9 during Academic Mentoring time on Wednesday 6th December or Academic Mentoring or Reading Time on Friday 8th December.

Thank you.

[Mrs Murphy](#) - Careers Guidance and Inspiration Officer

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 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](#).

Lions Peace Poster Competition

Year 8 student Phoebe Shaw has taken the first steps to becoming a recognised artist by winning the local round of the Lions Peace Poster Competition. This opportunity was brought to students by the Oswestry Lions Club.



Photography Exhibition

A photography exhibition is currently on display in the Sixth Form foyer. It showcases work of GCSE Photography students, alongside two Sixth Form students who have taken Photography offered as part of the enrichment programme. Students were given the following themes to choose and explore: a specific colour, nature, hands, perspective and framing.



Christmas Carols at Hengoed Park

This morning The Marches School Choir went to Hengoed Park Residential Home to sing Christmas Carols to the residents.



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.

Bonington – 582

Mallory – 165

Whittaker – 402

Hargreaves – 519

Stephens - 404