



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Snow

Thank you for your support this week with our decision to close the school, which is never made lightly. All secondary schools across the county were closed along with The Marches School in what was a significant period of poor weather.

Our Site Team have done an amazing job, spending the two days clearing over a mile of pathways, and a plough was brought in to clear the carpark and wider areas ready for the students return on Wednesday.

Please be mindful, should a further episode of poor weather result in the closing of the school within the school day that, although we have 20 external lines, these become blocked quickly in this situation making calls out of the school impossible. We ask that rather than ringing to see if we are shutting, parents and carers consult the website, school Twitter, school Facebook, emails and texts and MILK which all carried the necessary announcements. If your child normally returns home on a bus, and we have informed you that the buses will still collect students, please do not come into school to collect them – this allows staff to focus on supporting students who cannot get home rather than gathering students from bus queues and taking them to Reception.

Apprenticeship Week

School commenced again in earnest on Wednesday with Year 11 focusing on “Apprenticeship Week” – a series of workshops and assemblies exploring the range of possibilities including Sports, BT, College and RJAH Orthopaedic apprenticeships. This follows the week held earlier focusing on further education and university pathways. Please speak with your child about what they have discovered and if you have any questions about the support for Year 11 and their future options please contact [Mrs Murphy](#), Careers and Inspiration Officer.

Year 9 Exams

These exams commence straight after the Christmas break. To support students with their revision, all students will shortly receive a booklet of activities and guidance and this will also be shared with you electronically. It is important that students experience and practice exams that require long term recall of information as the new style of GCSEs demand this skill.

Carol Concert

We met at St Oswald’s Church in town last night to celebrate the Christmas season. This year saw our first cross-Trust choir perform alongside four of our local Primary Schools. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported this year, it was a fantastic event.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

The Christmas Choir



Food Bank

Mrs Murray has been collecting food to take to the Food Bank on Monday as a donation from The Marches School for the Christmas period.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection

Please find attached to the bulletin information from the CEOP team.

Apprenticeship Week

Mr Edwards and his team from the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital running an apprenticeship workshop with Year 11 students.



Puppet Chester Mid-Winter Watch Parade

Yesterday evening a small group of Years 9 and 10 students were involved in the Chester Mid-Winter Watch Parade with their puppets made from the help given by Artist Russel Kirk. There was dancing, fire breathing and sword fighting providing a memorable evening for our students. View a video of the parade on our [Facebook page](#).



LGBT Youth Session

A free LGBT youth/school session is taking place on Saturday 3rd February 2018 by Shropshire Council. We have been asked to share this event which is open to parents/carers and students. Booking is via cpd@shropshire.gov.uk. To learn more, please contact Alice Cruttwell, Public Health Curriculum Advisor, Children and Young Peoples Team, Public Health Department, Shropshire Council, Shirehall – 4th floor, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND.

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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](#).

The Marches School Performing Arts Department presents

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

13-15th February 7pm

Tickets available from
student services

£5 - Adult
£4 - Student

Bonington – 582

Mallory – 165

Whittaker – 402

Hargreaves – 519

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