



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 – Mock Results Day took place today, along with the Parents' evening after school. There was a strong turnout at this key point in the year for this year group.

A key date for your diary is **Thursday 18th January**. This is a special, day long Year 11 event, spent looking at exam resilience, how to manage stress, planning revision timetables, and also hearing from our guest speaker, Karim Al-Abbas. Karim is back from London with his work being a highlight of the day for the students. He will explore revision strategies with the group in a dynamic and engaging way that works.

On the **same evening** Karim will be part of a **parent learning event**. As a Year 11 parent, this really is the one school event you cannot afford to miss as we will give you the tools, timetables and guides to help you cope with the weeks ahead and support your child. For now, please book this date onto your calendar, there will be more details shared after the Christmas break.

Parents and Carers of Year 9 will shortly be receiving the guidance about the Year 9 exams from their Progress Leader, Mr Pritchard. The Year 9 exams begin on Monday 8th January. Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening will be held on Thursday 8th February.

Fiction Books for Year 8

In the recent Year 8 parent feedback at the parent learning event, it was shared that finding books for teen boys was particularly difficult and so we have set our student librarians the task of making some suggestions for the Christmas stockings. Please see the reading list on the next page.

Personally, with two boys of my own, *The Card Turner* by Louis Sachar, was well received.

Reading Cloud

I would also like to share some information to support parents accessing Reading Cloud, our online tool, accessed through our website, where you or your child can check availability and reserve our library books online [here](#).

Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church

We welcome you to join us for this year's Christmas Carol Concert at **St Oswald'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

Mock Results



Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football team are through to the semi-finals of the County Cup after a convincing 4-0 victory at Belvedere School on Wednesday.

Puppet Workshop

On Monday a small group of Years 9 and 10 students spent the day with artist Russell Kirk creating their puppets for the Chester Mid-Winter Watch Parade which they will be attending on Thursday 14th December. The Parade starts at The Forum Shopping Centre at 7.00 p.m. which then continues around the city centre including St Werburgh Street, Northgate Street and Bridge Street. There are performances including dance, fire breathing and sword fights in Eastgate Street outside Brown's of Chester and in the Town Hall Square. Come and show your support!



Rewards Trip to London

Last weekend students went to London as part of The Marches School Rewards. The weekend included rides at the fair ground, a look around the Christmas markets and getting festive at The Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park followed by all you can eat pizza, a walk through Covent Garden and an evening watching a fantastic performance of Disney's Aladdin in the West End. On Sunday their weekend finished with some Christmas shopping at Westfields Shopping Center.



Reading List for Teen Boys

Perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid

Timmy Failure by Stephan Pastis
Parent Agency by David Baddiel
My Brother is a Superhero by David Soloman
Mr Gum by Andy Stanton and David Tazzyman
Demolition Dad by Philip Earl

Football/Sport mad

Foul Play series by Tom Palmer
Jamie Johnson series, The Kick-off by Dan Freedman
Rugby Spirit by Gerard Siggins

Adventure

Mission Survival by Bear Grylls
Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

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 presents the 2017 Christmas Carol Concert



Thursday 14th December 6:00 - 7:30pm

St. Oswald's Church

You are warmly invited to a service of celebration with traditional carols, readings and music for the festive season.

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.

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