

MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers.

Back to school with focus on Learning

The students have returned to lessons really well this week. School is calm and focused. In whole school assembly on Monday we reflected on the 150 lessons between now and the half term and making every one count.

Beyond the lessons – we looked at all the events and opportunities coming up. The School production, Year 11 Interview day, Years 7 and 8 Anti-Bullying day, Year 11 second mocks, Year 9 Options events following their exams this week, and much more besides.

Year 9 have been excellent in their exams run, this gives them practice at longer term revision and recall so important in the new style exams. We aim for the national rules and systems to be fully embedded in students by the time they take their first external exams, so that the only focus is the paper, rather than worrying about what is going to happen, Year 9 moved closer to this aim this week.

Year 11 Resilience Day – Parent/Carer Evening Event – 18th January 2018 commencing at 5.30 p.m. and finishing at approximately 7.00 p.m.

I say this every year – if Year 11 parents and carers only come to one event the Year 11 Resilience Day – Parent/Carer Evening Event which is being held on the 18th January, is it.

This is a really entertaining and rewarding event designed to give you some skills to support your child in the months ahead. You can book your seats online at this <u>link</u>. You are welcome to bring younger children if this supports your childcare, Year 11 will have been in the workshop during the day, but you can still bring them back for a second reminder if you need to.

A reminder about what LORIC is:

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

Students use the online app on their phones or PCs 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 is held for students who have excelled in the award that year. There is a lot of choice in the challenges and so something to appeal to every student.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

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YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

Taster Day // Saturday 3 February // 9.30am - 12pm Register online now!

The Sixth Form application deadline is on Monday 19 February.



Understanding Your Child Clinics 2018 – Provided by the Local Authority

Please see attached to this email information provided by the Local Authority.

Morocco Student Meeting

There will be an essential Morocco meeting on Thursday 18th January in H3 form 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. All participants must attend

Channel 4 Lego Masters

Channel 4 have asked the School to share information regarding Lego Masters. Please see a poster attached to this email with information on how to enter.



Year 11 Rotarian Interviews

On Friday 26th January as part of the programme of events to support transition into Post-16 Education or Training all students in Year 11 will have a 30 minute interview with a volunteer member of the Oswestry Rotarians Club. The aim of the session is to give each young person an interview experience prior to Apprenticeship, College and Sixth Form interviews. They will receive guidance before the event in Citizenship lessons on how to write their CV to help them during the interview process.

The interview sessions are formal interviews, however they are designed to be a relaxed introduction to interviews and are not focused towards a particular career or role. All students will be given some feedback about the interview and a target to help them in the future which we encourage them to share with you after the event. The interviewers are all local business people or retired professionals. Please follow this link to open the interview advice given to us by the Rotary Club.



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.

Term Dates

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.



Afterschool cooking club

Afterschool Cooking Club will start on Tuesday 30th January and is open to students in all year groups. All ingredients are provided for the students allowing them to take a dish home to share.

If you are interested come to see Mrs Evans in IC8 to get a letter. There are only 16 spaces for this term so hurry as first come first serve. Students that have given in their form but do not make it onto this half term session will automatically go onto the list for next term.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Spring 2018 Programme

Click on the image to open the new programme.



Bonington – 782

Mallory – 630

Whittaker - 542

Hargreaves – 659

Stephens - 604