



marches school

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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

## **OFSTED**

You will know that OFSTED inspected the school on Tuesday to evaluate if the school “remains good”; our thanks to all parents and carers who supported this process by completing the parent/carer survey. The team of three inspectors were very positive about the school and praised the students highly. We will of course share the formal outcomes when they arrive in up to a month’s time.

## **Uniform**

My thanks to all parents and carers who support the school in ensuring that their child attends school in the correct uniform. We understand that there is a view that what a student wears to school makes no difference to their learning; my, ‘on the ground’, experience is that a clear uniform policy is key to students having a strong identity with the school, a sense of what the purpose of preparing to come to school is about and being in the mind-set to learn and focus. Just as many adults do who wear a uniform to work. Wearing the uniform correctly shows that a young person is engaged with and ‘signed up’ to the ethos and values of the school; they want to work with the staff at the school and are ready and prepared to do so.

It is no accident that, when a young person chooses to push against the school systems, for a range of reasons, it is often first seen in a problem with uniform; this can, in some situations, even be a ‘cry for help’ from a student who wants to catch the attention of staff when something is going badly wrong in their lives, and they do not know how to talk to someone.

Our students look smart and professional, we are proud of how they look, it sets the tone of the school and is a cornerstone of our ethos of high standards; something no good school should compromise on.

If you need support from the school in this area, please do speak to your child’s Progress Leader to see how we can help.

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

## **Year 9 Boys’ Football**

The Year 9 Boys’ Football team played in the semi-final of the County Cup against Bridgnorth Endowed School on Thursday night.

They played superbly and, despite being defeated 4-2, they showed terrific resilience in the second half as they were 2-0 down at half time. If it was not for some excellent defending from Kian Thomas, James Gregory and Ryan Wilcox, the scoreline could have favoured Bridgnorth much more.

Goals from Kian Thomas and Toby Gallagher-Keenan gave the Marches a chance and took the game to extra time. Unfortunately, Bridgnorth scored an incredible free kick in extra time and, as the Marches pushed for an equaliser, Bridgnorth caught them on the counter attack and added a fourth.

The boys selected were Matt Lloyd, Ryan Wilcox, James Gregory, Sam Rogers, Sam Wall, Charlie Morris, Toby Gallagher-Keenan, Max Thomas, Oli Evans, Drew Brennan, Billy Clarke, Aaron Spelman, Jack Hughes, Kian Thomas and Ben Mullock.

Next week, the boys travel to Idsall School in Shifnal where they will be playing in their second semi-final in a week in the Presidents Plate Semi-Final. Good luck boys.



## Year 11

Year 11 pupils will no longer be receiving reward points due to the pupils moving their focused study tutor groups. As you are aware, forms have been changed to accommodate targeted intervention for your child. Pupils will still be eligible to attend Reward Trips which will now be judged on their lesson grading and attitude to learning in lessons.

Also, Year 11 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

To register whether you are attending or not, please click [here](#).

## World Book Day Celebrations

With the snow holding up our World Book Day celebrations last Friday, this did not stop some pupils and staff from having a thoroughly enjoyable time dressing up as their favourite book characters on Monday.

There was a whole host of characters ranging from Gangsta Granny to Dementor, Ginny Weasley and Rita Skeeter from Harry Potter, Where's Wally? and Frozen character Anna.



## Year 7 Netball Tournaments

The Year 7 girls did incredibly well to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place in a tournament at Packwood Haugh on Wednesday.

It was a highly competitive tournament against some traditionally strong sporting schools.

They also went to another tournament at Ellesmere on Thursday where they entered a North Shropshire tournament and they were excellent as they reached the semi-finals.

The Marches team for the tournaments was Mia Poole, Evie Richards, Amelia Pyner, Mia Jenkins-Doyle, Millie Davies, Saoirse Maguire, Kayleigh Roberts and Mae Tetlow.

## Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

To register your attendance or unavailability, please click [here](#).

## 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.

## Year 10 Work Experience Week

Our Year 10 pupils will be reaping the benefits of learning about the world of work when they participate in their Work Experience Week next week from March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>.

There are a whole host of companies involved in the week including Furrows of Oswestry, Theatre Severn, Peter Pan Nursery, BT, Border Vets, the Little Food Company, GTS Solicitors, Wynnstay Hotel and Spa, Booka Bookshop, Penycoed Riding Stables, Chirk Fishery, Mondelez, Sainsburys, Sweeney Hall Hotel, Park Hall Farm, Debenhams, Oswestry Town Council, Veolia and West Mercia Police.

We would like to wish our Year 10 pupils the best of luck with their work experience and we look forward to hearing about their experiences when they come back.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2018

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**PD days Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

### Term Dates 2018 - 2019

For further term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 please click [here](#).

Bonington – 952

Mallory – 750

Whittaker – 762

Hargreaves – 819

Stephens - 834

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