



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Beauty and the Beast

The curtain has fallen for the last time on this year's production of Beauty and the Beast. It was another fantastic performance which included students we have seen grow in each performance, some for seven years now.

We are fortunate to have a Performing Arts department with such a broad range of talent to allow us to put on a musical of this scale and standard. The team – students and staff, have been in school for many weekends and long evenings and so will be enjoying their well-earned week off.

Year 9 Options

Thank you to parents and carers of Year 9 students for your support with our Options Event. More than 160 families attended one of the talks with feedback showing that 94% found the talk useful. The deadline for completing the online options form is Tuesday 27th February, with the form to be found [here](#).

Forthcoming Parent Events

Year 8

Parents' Evening – Thursday 8th March.

Year 7

Parents' Evening – Thursday 15th March

Year 11

Final Parents' Evening – Thursday 22nd March

Your child can begin to make appointments for you using the special page in the planner. As some departments are in different blocks, we recommend spacing out appointments to allow for movement around the site.

Mental Health Awareness

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day last Friday. This was an event held by all schools in Oswestry together, to raise money for The Mayor, Councillor Vince Hunt's two local charities in the town. Both supporting Mental Health – U&I Counselling and Designs in Mind

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Beauty and the Beast production



Length of Skirts

It has been a busy first half of the Spring Term and as it draws to a close we have become aware that some of our girls have grown. As a result we are seeing some very inappropriately short skirts. In whole school assembly today, we have had a check on skirts lengths, and those students with skirts found to be too short have received a sticker in their planner. Therefore please could you ensure they have an appropriate skirt for their return on 27th February. If you would like some further guidance on which skirt to purchase, further details can be found on the school website please click [here](#) for information.

Electronic Reading Pens

We have invested in electronic reading pens for students who require additional support with understanding and interpreting questions during exams.



Mental Health Awareness Week

After hosting a non-school uniform day on Friday, we managed to raise a massive £770.00 for two mental health charities. The charities we raised for were two local charities;

- U&I Counselling, a voluntary counselling charity who will help explore problems with the aim of understanding, and
- Designs in Mind, a working design studio where adults in touch with mental health services can have a safe space to flourish, make decisions, take opportunities and develop belief and self-confidence.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Training Weekend

A very brave team of more than 50 Years 10 and 11 students, as well 8 members of staff went on a training session for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award last weekend. They completed orienteering and a night walk on Friday before staying in the village hall in Llanarmon and completing different walks in the area on Saturday morning.



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](#).

Psychology Conference

The Marches Sixth Form hosted a Psychology Conference on Monday and had lectures, workshops and seminars delivered from a host of universities including; Aberystwyth University, Liverpool Hope University and Cardiff Metropolitan University.

The conference provided revision sessions for Year 13s, whilst helping Year 12s improve their knowledge in the subject and also allowing them to find out more about studying psychology at university.



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.

Young Enterprise Group

Mr Davies and Mr Oliver took two teams from Young Enterprise Group to the Shrewsbury trade fair to sell pillow cases, mugs, cards and canvases and they were described as "an absolute credit to the school".

They made £150 and experienced a very hands-on approach to enterprise and business.



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