



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11

There are now less than 50 school days before Year 11 begin their GCSE examinations; pupils remain focused and there is a strong learning focus in lessons. Pupils studying Food have this week completed their day-long assessment, making three dishes from scratch, which includes making and shaping their own pasta, de-boning chicken to create Chicken Kiev and considering their presentation of the dishes. The end results were fabulous and we are sure that their scores will support their final written papers.

Year 9 options are now being processed to ensure we meet the requests for as many pupils as possible. We do this by only building our curriculum after the pupils have made their choices. We will share your child's final GCSE courses with parents and carers before the end of the year.

Parents feeding back at the Year 8 Parents' Evening report that 93% feel their child is happy in school and there were numerous positive comments about your relationship with your child's tutor.

Years 9 & 10 Duke of Edinburgh – the season begins again on Saturday with over 80 Bronze award pupils making a training walk in Snowdonia. Applications for Year 8 to begin their award in Year 9 will be opened in the summer term. Please talk to your child about taking up this opportunity and if you would like to know more about this award, the official website is www.dofe.org

Parents' Evenings

There has been excellent attendance at the Year 8 and Year 7 Parents' evenings over the last two weeks. Thank you for your engagement and interest in learning about how your child is progressing. Next week marks the very final Parents' Evening for Year 11 families; it has been a good five-year journey, that we hope many pupils will continue into the sixth form. If your child did not apply to our sixth form, but now feels they wish to, please speak to our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Boyes at Boyes.C@marchesschool.net

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Year 8 Boys' Rugby

Sporting success continued this week at The Marches School as the Year 8 boys put their recent, narrow, last-minute defeat against Church Stretton aside by defeating Oswestry School in confidence-boosting fashion.

In their final fixture of the County Cup, despite the poor conditions, The Marches dominated early and quick tries from Callum Woodcock, George Chapman and Callum Andrews gave The Marches a comfortable 30-0 lead at half time.



The team played a more structured game in the second half and despite an improved Oswestry School performance, The Marches School cruised to a solid 45-5 victory against their nearest rivals.

Unfortunately, earlier results in the County Cup meant the boys did not progress to the next round, but with the latest victory it means the team exit the County Cup on a morale boosting high. Our Year 9 team continued their good form by defeating Telford Park School 35-5.



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.

Italy Sports Tour 2019

Following on from our very successful girls' sports trip to Disneyland Paris we are delighted to offer a very exciting Girls' Sports Tour to Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy in May half term 2019. The trip will be for the duration of 5 days and currently being offered to girls in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and the sports on offer are Netball and Girls Football.

Full details available [here](#). If your child wishes to attend please complete and return the form to Student Services by Wednesday 28th March 2018.

Year 10 Work Experience

Well done to our Year 10 pupils who have been busy experiencing the world of work this week as they complete their work experience placements.



Pupils have been working at hospitals, theatres, architects, car dealerships and museums just to name a few. We look forward to welcoming the students and listening to what they have done when they return next week.



Sixth Form Ambassadors

The school has been receiving outstanding feedback on the 20 Marches School Sixth Form students that helped out at the Leading Learning Conference which took place on 26th February.

They have been described as "mature, confident and polite". They have all received a certificate for their progress files and a £20 Amazon voucher for all their hard work. Ross McGill of Teachers Toolkit described the students as "a credit to the school".



Four Pupils to Represent Shropshire

Four Marches pupils were selected to represent Shropshire at the West Midlands Regional Sportshall Championships held on Sunday at Solihull.

Lucy McGlinchey was selected for the U15 girls' shot after winning every winter Sportshall shot put when competing for Oswestry Olympians.



Luke Steel of Year 8 made it a family selection for the U13 boys' team just a few weeks after his sister Jess celebrated selection for the U11 girls' team. Fellow Olympians Massimo Wyatt (Year 7) & Tom Hotchkiss (Year 8) enjoyed being selected for the county for the third year running.

Alton Towers Trip

Letters for our Spring rewards trip have now been sent out. It is available to 90% of our students. These are the students achieving the most reward points.

Please get your letters back with your money to student services ASAP.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January to Thursday 29th March 2018

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

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

Whitchurch 10K



It is the last chance to apply for Whitchurch 10K before the closing date on Wednesday 28th March. Please register [here](#).

On the day there will also be Fun Run races for children aged 3-14 years. Registration for the children's events can be made on the day. For details visit sirjohntalbots.co.uk

The races also require volunteers to help with road marshalling on the day, between the hours of 9am and 12pm. To volunteer, please email sjt10k@gmail.com.

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