



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 pupils have been a credit to the school and their parents and carers again last week with feedback from our local partners being extremely positive.

From Chirk Castle, "The student was lovely with the public and nothing was any bother to him; he was very helpful."

From Woodhead Sales and Letting, "What a delight our student was last week, such an outstanding pupil."

There were many more quotes to choose from and it has been good to read many of them. Work experience is no longer a compulsory part of the curriculum but we know there is much learning and "growing up" from the week and we continue to invest in the work and costs that go into the preparations and safety checks.

If you know a local business who is not already part of our local community linked businesses – please do make contact with our Careers Guidance lead – Mrs Murphy at murphy.m@marchesschool.net

Resilience in Cold Weather

Once again, I am humbled by the lengths to which staff will go to ensure our pupils get much more beyond the school day here. Last weekend the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh pupils were taken to Wales for a practice walk for a full Saturday, whilst the girls' netball squad will never forget taking part in the Condover weekend tournament – playing in a snow storm with horizontal snow and wind. The pupils remained resilient through to Sunday when the matches had to be cancelled.



Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

County Cup Final

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys' Football team who played in the Shropshire County Cup Final this week at Shrewsbury School against winners of the Year 8 trophy for the past 8 years, Thomas Telford School. It was the first time since 2010 that we have had a football side reach the final in this competition and this is also the first of three finals that this team will compete in.

The boys went in at half time 1-0 down, despite having much of the possession and chances in the first half. An early second half wonder goal from Alfie Herd saw The Marches draw level, much to the bumper crowds' delight.

The Marches competed well through much of the second half, only for Thomas Telford School to score a couple of quick fire goals with around 20 minutes to go, before adding two more in the final stages, to make the final score 5-1.



Climbing Club

There is a Climbing Club every Tuesday at Oswestry Climbing Centre which is located on the Maesbury Industrial Estate. It is open to Year 11 and Sixth Form at present, but should enough pupils register their interest, then it may be rolled out to other year groups. The sessions cost £5 each. To register your interest in Climbing Club, please see Mr Lane.



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.

Rugby

Our Years 9 and 10 teams continued their fine form this week in the Rugby County Cup by defeating Oswestry School and Oldbury Wells School, respectively.

Our Year 7 side, however, were unfortunately defeated in their County Cup Semi-Final against Charlton School by a Golden Try in extra time. The boys were particularly unlucky as this is their first defeat this year.

The Year 9 side defeated Oswestry School comfortably 48-0 and now move on to the County Cup Semi-Final.

The Year 10 team emphatically beat Oldbury Wells 94-5 and continue to the Semi Final of the County Cup Plate.

A massive congratulations to Year 10 players Martin Petrov, Connor Griffiths and Harry Rogers who were all selected for Shropshire under 15s to play Greater Birmingham under 15s this week.



National Dance Company Wales

Sarah Rogers, who is a Dance Ambassador from the National Dance Company Wales in Cardiff, was at the Marches School at the end of last week to run a dance workshop.

With over 25 pupils involved, the event was a success and the pupils represented the school excellently.

Sarah, who directs her own professional dance theatre company, was impressed with the group and commented on the impressive levels of energy and enthusiasm in the room.



Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January to Thursday 29th March

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

Careers

There is an AeroSpace STEM Summer Camp running at RAF Cosford this summer. The camp runs in July and it is for Year 10 pupils. More information and details on how to apply for the camp can be found [here](#). Alternatively, please speak to Mr Tout.

There is also an Apprenticeships Event taking place at the Montgomery Waters Meadow next week.

SHROPSHIRE APPRENTICESHIPS LIVE
TUESDAY 27 MARCH,
2PM TILL 7PM,
MONTGOMERY WATERS
MEADOW

WHATS AVAILABLE?
In addition to showcasing apprenticeships at levels 2 and 3, this year the event will showcase Higher and Degree Apprenticeships through our local universities.

- ▷ FIND OUT WHAT APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY
- ▷ RECEIVE ADVICE ON APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS
- ▷ HEAR FROM REAL APPRENTICES
- ▷ EXPLORE THE RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS AND LEVELS AVAILABLE THROUGH APPRENTICESHIPS

This is your chance to experience a range of different careers available via the apprenticeship route in a wide variety of sectors.

Over 25 universities, colleges, training providers and employers will be attending the event. The full list is available on our website at www.shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk.

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.SHROPSHIREAPPRENTICESHIPS.CO.UK

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Logos for Shropshire Apprenticeships, Marches Skills Provider Network, and National Collaborative Outreach Programme are also present.

Netball

Our Year 7 side competed this week and they performed admirably at a County Cup Tournament, beating Idsall and drawing with Burton Borough and William Brookes along the way.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

A group of Years 12 and 13 students will be completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition this weekend. Unfortunately this means they will be out of school on Monday and Tuesday next week (26th and 27th March).

Well done to the brave Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award pupils who completed their expedition in cold temperatures last weekend.



All In

The Spring Edition of 'All In', which is an activity programme designed for children and young people with a disability living in Shropshire, can be found [here](#).

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