



marches school  
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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## OFSTED Report

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to the Ofsted questionnaire last term; our letter from Ofsted has now been made public and is available in full [here](#).

The new inspection system checks that the school remains good and that Safeguarding is “effective” and we are pleased to share that the inspection found both to be the case.

Other findings included:

(Safeguarding) Records, including confidential records, are detailed and of a high quality.

There is a positive, calm and orderly atmosphere in lessons and around the school.

Pupils are confident that there is an adult to talk to if they have a worry or concern. Pupils who spoke to inspectors said that they feel safe and well cared for.

Students in the sixth form speak highly of the quality of provision they receive. They feel well supported by their teachers.

The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection.

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

## Tree Planting

The Marches School was given a little face-lift over the Easter holidays as Eco-Committee pupils joined forces with school governors and local Rotary Club members to plant new trees. Despite the weather trying its best to dampen spirits, the trees were successfully planted and now take pride of place at the front of the school. The trees were donated by the Rotary Club and it is an excellent addition to the school.



## Easter Ski Trip

During the Easter break, pupils and staff were accompanied on a cross-trust ski trip in the French Alps by pupils and staff from Sir John Talbot's, Whitchurch.

The conditions were fantastic for the 40 pupils with 4 days of fresh powder and 2 days of sunshine.

The advanced group were incredible and skied everything that was put in front of them, making a mockery of the staff through the trees and on the half pipe.

The intermediate group skied a black run and even did a bit of off piste! The beginners groups were so determined and focused, 4 pupils moved up on day 2 and they all skied a red run by the end of the week, which was amazing.



A lot of fun was had in the evenings too, all 45 staff and pupils went bum boarding - with some pupils heading for the barriers, Mr Pritchard forgetting to stop on the luge and crashing into Mr Moffatt as the pupils hit him with snowballs, shoe showing went down well at the end of the week, visiting huskies and sliding down a hill on our stomachs.

We hope the pupils had an amazing time and they were a credit to the school and to home.

If you are interested in the ski trip to Austria next February half term, more information is available from Miss Swindley.

## Term Dates

### 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

## 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.

## Careers

Wynnstey Group is looking for a Marketing Administrator / Apprentice to be based in Oswestry.

If your child is leaving school soon, is interested in this vacancy and would like to learn more, or if your child would like to discuss their career options, then please contact

[careers@marchesschool.net](mailto:careers@marchesschool.net) to arrange an appointment with Careers Advisor Meg Murphy.

### MARKETING ADMINISTRATOR / APPRENTICE

Full Time, based in Oswestry  
Wynnstey Group is one of the UK's leading suppliers of agricultural products to farms and the rural economy. We are firmly committed to continued development and innovation in products and services, to better support the advancement of the agricultural sector. The Marketing Department, as part of Wynnstey (Agricultural Supplies) Ltd is now looking to recruit an enthusiastic and hardworking Marketing Administrator or Apprentice to support our business in achieving this aim.

**The Role:** You will be responsible for providing administrative support to the marketing team. Your role will include distributing promotional materials to a network of country stores and the sales team, processing campaign information using the CRM system, preparing and distributing customer correspondence and supporting with event planning.

**The Candidate:** To be successful you must be organised and be able to manage your time effectively. You will need to have good communication skills and excellent attention to detail. Previous marketing experience is not required; however a desire to learn and develop in this area is essential.

**The rewards?** Wynnstey offers a competitive package which includes basic salary, company profit related pay, training and development opportunities, a child care voucher scheme and state-employment pension scheme, life assurance and company share incentives (after a qualifying period).

To apply please submit a CV together with a covering letter detailing your suitability for the role to Stephanie Kydd, Unit 4 Gliners Woodley, Marchbury Road Industrial Estate, Oswestry, SY10 8NN or via email at [careers@wynnstey.co.uk](mailto:careers@wynnstey.co.uk)

Closing date for receipt of applications: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 4.30pm

## Me, My Child and Domestic Abuse Group

In April the Parenting Team will be offering a new group for victims of domestic abuse. 'Me, My Child and Domestic Abuse' is an 11 week group programme for parents and carers, aimed at parenting through and after domestic abuse focusing specifically on the issues families face who are living with or recovering from domestic abuse.

The group will explore the effects of domestic abuse on children and will support parents who have been victims of domestic abuse to talk to their children and understand and manage challenging behaviours in a positive way. The group aims to support families to move forward together. The dates and venues for the group are:

Wednesdays 9:30-11:30, Crowmoor Children's Centre, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ, starting 25th April

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30, St. Mary's Children's Centre, Bridgnorth, WV15 5EQ, starting 17th April.

To book a place on the group, the parent will need to call the Parenting Team on 01743 250950, or email [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk), providing their name, ages of children and a safe contact number.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Two Gold Duke of Edinburgh weekends took place in Snowdonia before Easter. On one weekend, 12 sixth form students climbed Cnicht during terribly wet weather, whilst putting navigation skills to the test and then participating in independent walks on the following day.

During the second weekend, 13 sixth form students took part in a 4 day practice expedition in Snowdonia, walking from Trefriw through the National Park, before finishing in Rhyd Ddu. Along the way, they climbed 805m tall Y Foel Goch and circled Moel Siabod before crossing the South West ridge of Snowdon on the final day.

Thank you to the staff who took the students on this trip, they commented on how well the groups coped on both weekends in the cold and wet conditions. Good luck to those on Silver Expeditions next week.



## Year 9 Language Leaders

Before Easter, our Year 9 Language Leaders travelled to Holy Trinity Primary Academy and Nursery and taught them new vocabulary in French, German and Spanish.

A fun day was had by all and the pupils proved to be excellent teachers for the day.



## Year 10 Parents' Evening – Change of Date

Following a consultation with pupils, parents and staff, we are changing the date of the forthcoming parents' evening due to the GCSE English Literature Exam being held the following day. The event will now be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. We wish the pupils in the EBacc half of the year the very best of luck with their exam. Thank you to the parents who have fed back their concerns regarding the timing of the Year 10 Mock Exams in relation to the GCSE English Literature Exam, we do understand that this is perhaps a stressful time for pupils. The mock exams are there to prepare the pupils for what Year 11 will be like in 12 months' time, the pupils should continue to focus on English as well as preparing themselves for their mock exams. This will give teachers and their year team a true indication of what they will possibly be achieving in their final exams next year. The English team will be preparing the pupils sitting the exam in the coming weeks and supporting them with managing their revision to give all the best chance of success.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Peacock or Miss Cooke.

## Universal Credit

Shropshire Council has requested that we tell you that in May 2018 the full service for Universal Credit comes to Shropshire. Anyone whose circumstances change and who might need to make a new claim to Income Support, Housing Benefit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit or the means-tested parts of Jobseeker's and Employment and Support Allowances, might be told to claim Universal Credit instead. Jobcentre Plus will be able to tell you if this is the case. More information can be found [here](#).

### Shropshire can UC?

Working age? Then you need to know about Universal Credit, it's coming in 2018.

Anyone making a new claim for:  
 • Income Support, the income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or  
 • Employment and Support Allowance  
 • Housing Benefit  
 • Tax credits

Might need to claim Universal Credit (UC):  
 • UC will be paid monthly  
 • UC will pay your rent to you: you must pay your landlord  
 • UC will need you to set up and use an online account: you still need to claim any contribution-based benefits.

### Universal Credit

Take this simple online test to see how ready you are:  
<http://ucpp.dwp.gov.uk/universal-credit-preparation/>

To find out lots more about UC visit:  
<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/categories/universal-credit>  
 Or call the UC helpline on 0800 328 5644 or 0800 328 9344

So, are you ready for UC? To check, please turn over...

If this was useful – pass it on!

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