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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Exam timetable

Exams have begun for Year 13 students with Year 11 pupils first GCSE papers being set next week. Your child has a personalised timetable which we hope they have shared with you as their key support through the next two months. The generic one can be found on our website [here](#).

## Using Social Media Sensibly

A reminder that pupils should not post materials on social media that could harm reputations or upset other people. This includes negative comments that can be seen as homophobic or discriminatory to those with a disability or specific learning needs. It is clear in our school policies that it is not acceptable for pupils to take images from the school website or social media sites and use these to cause harm to others.

Please support us to educate and support your child to consider what they post as the school takes these issues very seriously. Our rule of thumb for pupils is that if they would not want their comment, video or image they have created printed on the side of a bus, with their name, then they probably should not post it.

Page 13 of our ICT policy states:

**I know that anything I share online, store digitally or use on a digital device may be monitored.**

**I know that once I share anything online it is completely out of my control and may be used by others in a way that I did not intend.**

**I am aware of the CEOP report button and know when to use it.**

**I agree that I will not:**

**- visit internet sites, make, post, download, upload or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:**

- inappropriate images
- promoting discrimination of any kind
- promoting violence or bullying
- promoting racial or religious hatred
- promoting illegal acts

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

## 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.

## Shell Bright Ideas Challenge

A massive well done to Year 8 pupils Daisy Whitlam, Tilly Sayce-Evans, Lily Waring, Niamh Mayne and Kornelia Kielan as they have been entered into the Shell Bright Ideas Challenge.

The Bright Ideas Challenge is a competition that invites young people to use their creativity, problem solving, teamwork and STEM skills to devise innovative solutions that could power cities of the future.

The pupils have come up with a very unique way to solve the world's energy problems. They have designed a shoe line which has solar panels on, and converts walking/kinetic energy into power. They have done exceptionally well, as they came up with the idea all on their own.

They submitted their entry this week and will find out if they have done enough to reach the next round where they will visit London if they have been successful!



## Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

Following some requests from parents, we have decided to move the Parents' Evening for Year 10 from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. This is because the Baccalaureate half of Year 10 will be sitting their second actual GCSE English Literature examination on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. To register for the event, please click [here](#).

## Local Authority

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share the following as we run up to prom season: If parents are booking a vehicle, they should ask for confirmation that the vehicle and driver are licensed and a legitimate operator will be happy to provide this. Alternatively, parents can contact 0345 678 9046 or email [taxis@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:taxis@shropshire.gov.uk) and a member of the Taxi Team will be happy to assist.

## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

A mix of Years 10 and 11 pupils travelled to the Llangollen area to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expeditions over the past 2 weekends. The weekends prepare the pupils for their qualifying expeditions during the summer. They spent 3 days walking and camped for 2 nights, whilst walking between 10 and 15 kilometres per day and carrying all of their kit.



## Bus Number 5

There are spaces available for pupils on our new minibus, number 5, from September. It runs from Baschurch, and picks up in Ruyton, Bicton, Montford Bridge, Kinnerley, Knockin and West Felton. To book a space, please contact reception on 01691 664400 and ask for Mrs Picken.



Please ensure you are at the pick up point 5 minutes before the bus

Time	Location of Pick up
07:30 am	Baschurch
07:40 am	Ruyton
07:54 am	Bicton
08:00 am	Montford Bridge
08:15 am	Kinnerley
08:20 am	Knockin
08:26 am	West Felton
08:40 am	The Marches School
Return Journey	
15:10 pm	Depart from The Marches School
15:24 pm	West Felton
15:30 pm	Knockin
15:35 pm	Kinnerley
15:50 pm	Montford Bridge
15:56 pm	Bicton
16:10 pm	Ruyton
16:20 pm	Baschurch

For all transport enquiries, please call 01691 664400 or email



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## Careers

Shropshire Council are on the lookout for an [Apprentice Licensing Officer](#). So if you are completing your studies soon, and would like to apply, the details on how to are here. If you would like more information, please contact Careers Advisor, Meg Murphy on [careers@marchesschool.net](mailto:careers@marchesschool.net).



### Job Opportunity

NB18/30 - Apprentice Licensing Officer

£136.99 per week  
37 hours per week Fixed term for 18 months

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a position in the team responsible for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing in the Trading Standards & Licensing Service. The post is a Business Administration Apprenticeship based in Shrewsbury. You will be playing a key role in a highly demand led environment that aims to protect the safety and welfare of the public, while, work and visit Shropshire. The Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2015 to 2019 sets out how the team focuses on the safeguarding of children, young persons and adults with care and support needs. An understanding and commitment to customer care and safety is essential. You must be willing to work co-operatively with others as you will be joining a team working environment. In return, you will be offered an Apprenticeship training package, flexible hours and a positive working environment.

Apprenticeships are work based learning programmes that offer the opportunity for individuals to gain real work experience, nationally recognised qualifications and a training allowance. Apprenticeships are undergraduate programmes, aimed at people who do not already have a degree or equivalent level qualification (RQF/NVQ level 4). Our aim is to provide successful candidates with the opportunity to gain employment beyond the apprenticeship period providing they satisfactorily complete their apprenticeship and have demonstrated their suitability for longer term positions.

The Trading Standards & Licensing Service works alongside Regulatory Services and together they are key services within the Council whose vision is to promote safer, stronger and healthier communities in Shropshire by identifying and reducing risk by implementing preventative measures to ensure our residents can live safer and healthier lives.

Our key outcomes are to:

- Protect and improve health, wellbeing and safety and enable communities to be resilient
- Create cleaner, safer, healthier and sustainable environments
- Support economic growth

Apply online:

<https://shropshirejobs apprenticeship.co.uk/>

Further information:

If you wish to discuss the role and what it will involve in practice, please contact Mandy Bower on 01743 251702 or [mandy.bower@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.bower@shropshire.gov.uk)

Closing date: 13th May 2018

Interview date: 24th May 2018

The University of Chester are hosting a Psychology Event on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is designed for students in Sixth Form who are considering Psychology as a career. More information can be found [here](#).



**Psychology Event**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The University of Chester are delighted to invite you to our Psychology Day at Parkport Road Campus, Chester.

The event has been designed to support post 16 students who may be considering studying Psychology in the future.

The day will provide an insight into Psychology as well as providing an opportunity to meet university lecturers and practitioners and current students.

## Tweak to Transform

Last week, we launched the 'Tweak to Transform' mentoring programme where the Year 12 Scholars group of students are mentoring a range of Years 9 and 10 pupils. It was a positive experience for both sets of youngsters.



## Golf Success

Congratulations to Year 10 pupil Ellie Potts who continued her golf success this past weekend.

Ellie played for the Shropshire Junior Girls team in the Tri-Counties Trophy playing against Cheshire and Denbigh and Flintshire. This took part at Henlle Park Golf Club where Ellie is Junior Captain. Shropshire won the trophy for the second time in the three years that Ellie has been a part of the team, and her score of 36 points was the 2nd highest for Shropshire.

She then had to give the winning captain's speech in front of over 40 people.

Ellie is back playing this weekend and is in county action again on Saturday, this time it is a handicap match versus Staffordshire in Telford. Good luck Ellie.



## Snowdonia Trip

Twenty Year 11 pupils and one Year 12 student prepared for their summer trip to Morocco by having a weekend camping in Snowdonia last weekend. Despite the cold temperatures in the tents at night, the pupils were superb. They organised their meals and cooked for themselves and, despite some of them having a fear of heights, they accomplished the altitude exercise in an excellent manner.



A special thank you to the team leader, Johnny from Outlook Expeditions, and to the Marches staff who attended the trip.

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