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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vision and Values

A reminder of our vision and values that we have on display throughout the school and on planner covers. We reinforce these in assembly and lessons.

Excellence – striving always for mastery and personal success

Integrity – consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect

Empathy – embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual

Creativity – inspiring and challenging experimentation and exploration

Equality – ensuring fair opportunity for all



Save the date - 7th June Marches School Parents' Forum Discussion Themes - Rewards and Reporting Home

All parents are invited to come and share your thoughts and views about these two key school issues at our parents' forum on the 7th June. There will be a drop-in session running in the main school hall from **5.00pm to 6.30pm**, please join us for a drink and discussion.

Year 8 and Year 7 – Exam Support

Look out for the support booklet coming to your child and via email to you shortly.

Concern – ASKIP app

A parent has alerted us to another app that allows people to send messages anonymously – this has led to material being sent to a phone that is inappropriate and mature in nature. The app clearly has an age limit beyond KS4 and we are also concerned about an app pushing the need to “become popular”. If your child having this app would make you uneasy – please check their apps.



Changes to the Understanding your Child online code

Many parents have benefited from the online Understanding your Child course, which is free of charge for parents living in Shropshire. The code to access the online course has recently changed. The updated record and new code can be found [here](#).

Local Authority - Family Matters support drop-in Oswestry

A free information, advice and support drop in supports families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities). Whether you have a baby, toddler or a teenager, being a parent is a huge responsibility. Most parents say they need help at some time with bringing up their children.

We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it. . Come along to The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW, every Tuesday 9am - 12 noon. You can meet:

Early Help Family Support Workers - To support you with any needs that arise on your parenting journey.

Employment Advisor - Craig Johnson is here to support you between 10am-12noon with any advice around getting into work or training and benefits.

Housing Support Officer - Charlie Pulford is here 9am-11am to support you with any housing support needs you have.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

2018/19 Head Boy and Head Girl

The interview process for the Leadership Group for the 2018/19 Academic Year took place this week and it proved to be a highly competitive process with several current Year 10 pupils showing tremendous leadership capabilities. On Thursday, following a tough selection process, Hattie Leslie-Miller was named as Head Girl and Dan Lee was named as Head Boy. Max Kinsey and Lucy Arrowsmith will be Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, respectively.



Millie Pyner

Year 7 pupil Millie Pyner did exceptionally well over the weekend as she won 2 medals in a swimming gala with Oswestry Otters.

Millie will now turn her attention to gymnastics as she will be training for 9 hours per week with the Senior Competition Squad at Severn Gymnastics Club. Good luck Millie.



Equine Therapy

Pupils at The Marches enjoyed the great outdoors in stunning weather as they took part in Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL) session at Penycoed Riding Stables in Pant. Despite being a little nervous to start with, the pupils gained confidence and enjoyment throughout the session, as they managed to ride unassisted and some even managed to trot.



Marches Fun Day and Festival of Talent

The Marches Fun Day and Festival of Talent event will take place on Saturday 30th June.

For more information on the Fun Day and to see what stalls are attending, please click [here](#).

To find any more information about the Festival of Talent, to view the talent categories and details on how to enter, please click [here](#).



Music Certificate

In the past week we have received a letter and a certificate from the Incorporated Society of Music congratulating the Music Department on their efforts towards excellent GCSE results.



Sixth Form Leavers Barbecue

Today we said goodbye to our Sixth Form students, who are in the process of completing their A Level examinations, with an indoor barbecue in the Common Room. We would like to wish the students leaving us all the very best for their careers and lives post-Sixth Form.



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.

Youth Market

Some of our pupils headed for the annual Youth Market at the Bailey Head in Oswestry this week. One team sold cards, mugs, coasters and canvases and the other team sold geometric design cushions.



Glyndwr University Visit

A group of Year 9 pupils visited Wrexham Glyndwr University recently and they met with academics from computing and had a very beneficial hands-on experience.



Universal Credit

Shropshire Council has asked us to share this with you, with regards to Universal Credit.

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 or the Income based Jobseeker's or Employment and Support Allowance. Housing Benefit or Tax Credits may need to claim Universal Credit. You should still claim any contribution based benefits.

Universal Credit - managing your money

Universal Credit means changes to the way you get paid.

For a start, all money comes to you, monthly.

Are you a renter? Universal Credit will include money towards your rent and YOU will have to pay your landlord. It won't include help with Council Tax, contact your council for that.

The first payment of Universal Credit is made to you after 5 weeks.

So - how will you manage? The tips overleaf might help you...

You can get an advance Universal Credit can advance you up to a full month's money - you might need it to pay rent. Ask your work coach or call the helpline.

Set a budget to help you manage monthly. There's a great tool to help you on the Money Advice website <https://www.moneyadvicewebsite.org.uk/en/bois/money-manager>

Can you save something? Can you get your rent into credit or put some by to help whilst waiting for payment? This might be really hard but if you can, having a "cushion" put by will help.

Banking and paying bills. Do you have a bank account to help you organise and pay bills? If not check out the advice on how to do this on the Money Advice website <https://www.moneyadvicewebsite.org.uk/en/articles/universal-credit-an-introduction>

Not online? Call the Money Advice Service on 0800 138 7777 instead. You can get online at your local library or you can find out about other venues near you.

Want to know more about Universal Credit? Check out the Money Advice website <https://www.moneyadvicewebsite.org.uk/en/articles/universal-credit-an-introduction> or phone the Universal Credit helpline on 0800 328 9344 (0800 328 5644 if your Universal Credit is already online)

If this was useful - pass it on!

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