



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7

The end of the transition programme, which for some began back in March, formally ends with the **Year 7 Parents' Meeting on Thursday 11th October**. This is a chance to meet with your child's tutor again on a one-to-one basis for a 10-minute meeting.

The Tutors will be able to tell you how your child has settled, with comments and feedback from each of their class teachers.

This evening complements the traditional **Parents' Evening for Year 7 in February**, where you can meet each of your child's subject teachers in turn, for a face-to-face conversation.

Open Evening – Thursday 20th September 4.30pm to 7.30pm

We are open to all who would like to come and see the school next Thursday evening – please encourage any parents and carers of students in Year 5 and 6 you know to come and see what we are about.

Progress Leaders Year Group Letters

These should have reached you this week, with key dates for the year ahead. There are some key events for specific year groups to add to your diaries. If you misplace or delete your email, all letters are available on our website [here](#).

Year 10 Parent Event – Thursday 27th September at 6pm

This is an opportunity to come and hear about the NEW GCSE courses and the support available for the year ahead, with careers information and some training for parents and carers for the range of GCSE apps we buy into for the students.

There will be more details coming out soon, but for now, pencil this important evening into your diary.

New Staff Emails

Staff have all reverted a new email address over the summer and we have reverted from using @marchesschool.net to @mmat.co.uk. The new admin email is marchesadmin@mmat.co.uk.

A list of useful contacts for staff at the school can be found [here](#).

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Mr Moffatt has spoken to a number of students who are interested in signing up to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award this week and the take up has again, been strong.

If your child is interested in participating in the award, then please contact Mr Moffatt at moffatt.r@mmat.co.uk as soon as possible.

A Visit from Cambridge

Former Sixth Form students Alex Keir and Jonathan Jones paid the Sixth Form a visit earlier this week to speak to current students.

Years 12 and 13 students listened to the alumni as they described the work they were required to do in order to go to a university like Cambridge, the application processes and the experiences they have received as a result.

Thank you to Alex and Jonathan for coming in and to Mrs Wyatt for organising this very beneficial experience for the students.



Chess Club

All-school Chess Club begins next Tuesday, 18th September in AW5. The club is open to all students from Year 7 upwards and takes place during lunchtime.



Open Evening

The Marches School Open Evening takes place on Thursday 20th September.

The evening is aimed at Year 5 and 6 pupils, who are seeking September 2019 or 2020 entry, but all are welcome to attend. The evening will answer any questions parents and carers may have on transition and uniform, as well as having a tour around the site and seeing individual departments and teachers.



Engineering Careers Fair

There is an Engineering and Technology Careers Fair taking place in Birmingham next Wednesday afternoon.

It is a good opportunity for potential engineering students to speak to employers from huge companies such as Google, Rolls-Royce and the Royal Air Force.

For further information on this careers fair, and other careers opportunities, please email our Careers Advisor, Mrs Murphy at careers@mmat.co.uk.



Student Earns Job

Shropshire motor dealers Furrows have been so impressed with a local student that they have given him a job.

The team at Furrows of Oswestry have been working with The Marches School to give students the opportunity to take part in extended work placements at their dealership.

The first candidate, Thomas Simmonds, who was aged 14 when he signed up for the scheme, has now been appointed as a Modern Apprentice on the Ford Apprenticeship programme. Congratulations Thomas and thank you to Furrows for their continued support in providing our students with invaluable opportunities.



Triathlete

Congratulations to Sixth Form student and Oswestry Olympian Matthew Collins who took part in the Saundersfoot Triathlon last weekend and came first out of all the junior competitors that entered. Matthew took part in the gruelling course and finished an incredible third behind two senior competitors in a time of 1 hour, 9 minutes and 4 seconds.

Congratulations Matthew.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December
Half term: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November
PD Day: Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 12th April
Half term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February
PD Days: Friday 15th February, Monday 25th February

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th April to Friday 19th July
Half term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
PD Day: Monday 22nd July

Term dates for the academic year 2019 – 2020 can be found online [here](#).

Roadworks

We would like to inform you of the Severn Trent works that will be taking place outside of Archways on Morda Road on Friday 16th November from 09.30am.

There will be temporary two-way traffic lights outside of the school for one day.

We will update you if there are any changes to the date of the roadworks.

Bonington – 211

Mallory – 253

Whittaker – 254

Hargreaves – 272

Stephens - 294

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