



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Evening

Open Evening was a great event last night despite the torrential rain. I hope some of you managed to come along. The school was lively and vibrant with all staff on-hand to speak to parents, carers, family and students. Thank you to the families that supported by enabling their child to join us to help out, it really makes the school come alive.

Our next Open Evening event takes place in June.

Year 7 students took part in a **Careers Day** on Wednesday with guests for them to talk to, from a wide range of careers, to hopefully light a few fires. Our assembly at the start of the year talked about having a “point” to working hard in school – to understand the opportunities that are out there and what is needed in order to reach their chosen paths. Of course Year 7 should not be pinning their plan onto a fixed path just yet, but we hope that the world of possibilities grew for them on that day.

Do talk with your child about what they took from the day, your feedback is always welcome.

Year 10 Literature Mocks – Monday 22nd October and Wednesday 24th October

Year 11 Literature Mock – Monday 22nd October

Whilst these are some weeks away, the department are now preparing support material for parents and carers to allow you to support this key event in your child’s preparations. This will be with you shortly.

94 percent of the students who took the exam in Year 10 last year got at least a grade 4. We are working to match this success, if not better it, with hard work and focus from the students is needed now.

If you have any questions about how to support your child to prepare for these mock papers, please contact Mrs Lloyd at: lloyd.r@mmat.co.uk

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Trust News

The Grove School, based in Market Drayton, is looking to join the Marches Academy Trust on 1st December 2018.

There will be an open meeting at the Grove School on Tuesday 2nd October at 6pm to discuss the school joining the Trust, and all are welcome to attend to have any questions answered.

Open Evening

The Marches School Open Evening turned out to be a great success as we welcomed a total of 185 different groups of families.

Thank you to all that attended; parents, carers and future students, as well as current students who helped our visitors out with guided tours and were a shining example for students here at the Marches.

Thank you also to the staff who stayed and provided wonderful department workshops.



Carding Mill Valley Trip

Year 11 GCSE Geography students visited Carding Mill Valley near Church Stretton this week to carry out fieldwork to investigate how bedload changes downstream.

The fieldwork will be vital for their exams in the summer. All students worked very hard and were enthusiastic despite the challenging environment.

Thank you to the staff who helped organise and attended the trip in varying weather conditions.



Year 7 Football at Wem

The boys competed against teams from Lakelands, Sir John Talbot's School, Oswestry School, The Grove and hosts Thomas Adams. There was some sparkling football displayed by the boys who seem to have gelled straight away. The Marches won the tournament with some fantastic performances from every player in the squad. It was pleasing to win the first competitive tournament that we entered this year and hopefully the first of many. Well done boys!



Year 7 Careers Day

Year 7 students from The Marches School enjoyed an interactive and varied day as more than 20 volunteers attended the school to take part in the annual Year 7 Careers Day.

Companies who gave up their time to inspire our young students included Coldmove, Four Crosses Vets, Shropshire Council, Chester University, SIGS Swiss, Furrows, Crumbilicious, Shropshire Fire Service, Hawk Plant Hire, WSP, Lovegrove EBS Ltd, Shrewsbury College, Thomas Consulting, Department for Work and Pensions, Aico and STEM Learning. The varied range of job roles and industries provided a real insight into a number of future options available for our students. We would like to pass on our thanks to the volunteers, as without them, none of these events would take place.



Years 9 and 10 Girls Rugby

Our Years 9 and 10 girls attended a rugby session at Oswestry RUFC this week and learnt skills that will prepare them for their upcoming tournament.

They enjoyed themselves immensely and now look forward to playing in the tournament against Sir John Talbot's School, Oswestry School and Corbet. Good luck girls.



Marches vs Welshpool

We hosted Welshpool High School this week at Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form level.

Year 7 had two teams, played many fixtures and showed excellent endeavour and attitude throughout.



Year 9 have had a handful of new players since their exceptional season last year, but they showed superb fight as they were 2-1 down at half-time, and went on to win 3-2, with a 30-yard winner.



The recently formed Sixth Form side were 2-0 down at half-time and despite improving in the second half, claiming one goal back through a great finish from Harry Darley, lost the game 4-1.



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](#).

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Mallory – 253

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Hargreaves – 272

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