



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

For those who do not know me, I am Mr O'Toole, Headteacher at Sir John Talbot's School and former Deputy Headteacher at the Marches School. I have had the privilege to spend this week at the Marches on a short job exchange with Mrs Pearson during our internal review. It has been a real pleasure meeting the students and staff and reacquainting myself with old friends. I am incredibly proud of the Marches School having spent ten years of my life working with colleagues to make it the superb organisation it has become and a further five years at Sir John Talbot's School under the trust.

During my week I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms, absorb the atmosphere at social times, observed how meetings run and carried out observations as part of our standards review. There is a great deal to be celebrated in the school from brilliant musicians, young sports people and creative talent to outstanding mathematicians and scientists.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind all students that mobile phones are not allowed out in school and should be switched off and in bags when they arrive on site. Mobiles, headphones and other electrical devices will be confiscated if the Technology Policy is not adhered to. I would also like to remind all students that school shoes must be all black with no visible logo. All policies are available on the school website and in the student planner.

As I return to Sir John Talbot's School next week I will take a great deal from my experience here and will continue to work collaboratively with Mrs Pearson on making our partnership under the trust even stronger. Thank you.

Mr O'Toole, Headteacher of Sir John Talbot's School

Hope House

At the end of last week, we invited Linsey from Hope House to accept the cheque for the money we raised, which was £937.74, during the 2017-18 academic year.



The charity for the 2018-19 academic year has also been chosen. The Harry Johnson Trust received 63 percent of the vote from our students. For more information on the Harry Johnson Trust, please click [here](#). We look forward to raising money during the year for this incredible cause.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Sixth Form students did superbly well last Friday as they hosted the 'Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning' in the foyer of the Sixth Form Centre.

An exceptional total of £236.84 was raised for MacMillan by selling delicious cakes during break-time to both staff and students.



Minibus Spaces

Minibus 1 currently has two available spaces for students. It starts in Rhostyllen, before heading to Hightown in Wrexham, Marchwiell, Ellesmere, Criffins and St Martins.

To enquire about the spaces on the minibus and for all other minibus enquiries, please contact Mrs Picken on 01691 664400 or picken.a@mmt.co.uk.

Rugby

The boys in Year 10 started the season with a home fixture against Telford-based side Abraham Darby Academy this week. Despite being defeated by the strong rugby specialist school with a credible 31-24 result, the boys showed excellent attitude and endeavour throughout. Well done and good luck for the rest of the season.



Mural at RJA Orthopaedic Hospital

Following the wonderful mural that was painted for the Wilfred Owen Festival on Welsh Walls at the end of the last academic year, our Art department was approached by the RJA Orthopaedic Hospital for our students to produce a similar mural on their Veterans Orthopaedic Centre Appeal.

The new mural is again, stunning. Well done to our Year 10 Art students and to Mrs Robinson for organising the project.



Netball

Our Year 9 girls played in a North Shropshire Tournament at Ellesmere College this week. They started the tournament with comprehensive victories over Lakelands Academy and Grove Sch before a narrow defeat against Adcote School and another defeat by Corbet School in the semi-final stage.

At the weekend, the Year 10 girls did extremely well as they reached the semi-final stage of a national tournament at Condoover Hall where they were defeated by a school from Newbury in Berkshire.



Football

This week, boys' Football Teams from Years 9, 10 and 11 travelled to Shrewsbury School to compete against their sides on Wednesday, before our Years 7 and 9 welcomed Priory School the following evening.

Year 10 were victorious in their game as they edged a terrific close-fought match through a second-half goal from Max Thomas.



Year 11 faced a tough, well-organised side in their game and were defeated 6-2 but did exceptionally well to compete in the second-half after being 3-0 down at half-time. Robbie Allan scored both of the Marches goals.

The Year 9 side, who were giving several new players a chance to impress at Shrewsbury School, defended superbly and lost 4-0 in a game when it could have been much more. They were 2-0 down until the last few minutes.

The following evening a much-changed Year 9 side, welcomed Priory School and were defeated by the finest of margins as they lost 3-2. Harry Darley and Max Evans scored the Marches goals and they also hit the bar with the last kick of the game, denying the team a deserved draw.

Year 7 also played against Priory School and as a new side, have taken a little time to familiarise themselves with each other. They started off brightly with a few good chances but unfortunately lost 4-0.

Theatre Trip

Over 70 GCSE and A Level Drama students from the Marches went to The Everyman Theatre on a cross-trust trip with Sir John Talbot's School to watch the stage premiere of 'The Lovely Bones'.

It was a sell-out performance. The play was very intense and gave the students lots of inspiration for performance and even more to write about in their written exam. The students were excellent role models for the trust and we look forward to our next cross-trust performance theatre visit to see 'Wicked' in December.



Year 10 Parent Event

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along last week for the event which saw a series of 'speed dating' sessions exploring topics such as Year 10 English Literature support available for the early GCSE being taken this year. Feedback was extremely positive with parents commenting on the benefits of having smaller groups, and another complimenting the event for being the best-organised information evening they had witnessed.

Them and Us

This year, students in Years 7 to 10 are taking part in a programme called Them and Us. This programme focuses on changing the culture in our community. It is about helping young people understand the importance of demonstrating [kindness, showing respect and living without harm](#); not just to those people who are like them but also to people who are not like them. How we relate to people who do not think the same way as us, or believe the same things, is a crucial skill that needs to be taught. In order to make the programme specific to meet our needs here at the Marches, we would appreciate your help to identify the key areas we need to work on, by completing a short survey, the link to which can be found below. We appreciate you taking two minutes to complete this and we will let you know the results and our focus areas when the results have been collated from staff, students and parents.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ThemandUs>

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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