



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Mock Exams

The first half-term is done – and effectively a quarter of the year for our Year 11 students has passed. It has been a busy and productive time and the year group should be well prepared for their mock exams that are taking place during the first week back. I hope they are finding a good balance between preparation and also taking time to recharge for the half-term ahead.

If you have not already seen the communication from school, extensive support for each subject can be found on the website [here](#) and the timetable for the exams can be found [here](#).

Using social media responsibly

My thanks for your support in ensuring our young people are aware of some of the serious consequences for themselves and others regarding internet safety and the correct use. The link to the clear government guidance for young people can be found [here](#).

New York

Good luck to the 105 students going to New York this weekend; for some it will be the first time on a plane, which will be a real honour to be able to share this experience with them.

Purple for Polio

Our thanks to the local Rotarians who have donated 5000 purple crocus bulbs to the school, which will be planted at the front of school after the half-term break. All year groups had an assembly with guests from the Rotarians to explain what the disease is and the effects it has around the world. Our non-uniform day today is also to support this cause.

We look forward to spring when the plants will be in flower.

Finally - thank you to all parents and carers for your participation in events and involvement in supporting your child with us. We know we only get the best from a young person when there is a strong partnership with home and school.

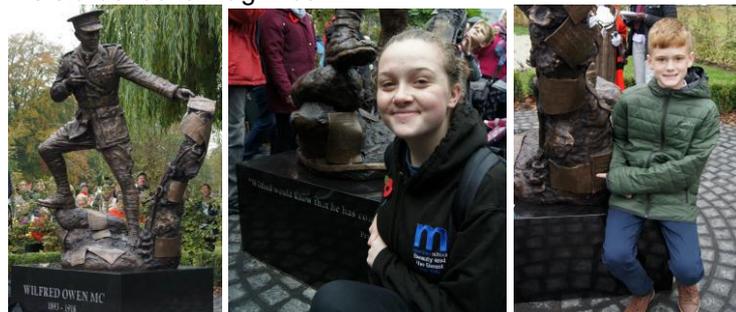
I will be responding to some of your comments and feedback from our recent events in the next parent email.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Millie Lloyd and Ted Morris

Last Friday, the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry hosted the Wilfred Owen Festival Launch which the History and Art Department were heavily involved in. Year 11 student Millie Lloyd was awarded a commemorative coin for her poem which has been engraved on the new statue. Year 7 student Ted Morris also had a poem engraved on the new statue, which was revealed on Saturday morning.

We would like to say a massive well done to both students, the statue looks magnificent.



Non-Uniform Day

We have been fortunate to welcome Mr Soper from the Rotarians to talk to all students about the disease of polio and its eradication. Mr Soper spoke about the importance of the eradication of the disease and continually raising awareness of it, to prevent its increase again.

As it was World Polio Day on Wednesday, we supported it by selling badges in the shape of a purple crocus. When a badge is purchased for £1, it can help save the lives of two children. The money we collected from our Non-Uniform Day also went towards supporting the cause.



Parenting Workshops - Autumn Term 2018

All sessions take place at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry. All bookings via Parenting Team:

parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk / 01743 250950

12th November, 09.30 – 11.30: Understanding Your Child

26th November, 09.30 – 11.30: Understanding Your Teen

3rd December, 09.30 – 11.30: Effective Communication

Clay Art in the Community Workshop

On Monday, Year 9 students took part in a Clay in the Community Workshop which was a highly beneficial and rewarding day. The students had never used clay before and were quick learners as they produced fantastic pieces of art which will be used on a ceramic trail in windows around Shrewsbury and could last 1000 years.



Cross-Country

The North Shropshire Cross-Country Championships took place last week at Oswestry School and saw a great deal of success for the Marches. We are very fortunate to have such talented and determined students, with the Marches coming in first place in 5 of the 10 team categories and having three individual winners. Well done to everyone who took part.

Year 7 Boys: 1st, Individual winner:
Charlie White-Jones
Year 7 Girls: 1st, Individual winner:
Poppy Kendrick-Jones
Year 8 Boys: 2nd.
Year 8 Girls: 4th.
Year 9 Boys: 3rd.
Year 9 Girls: 1st.
Year 10/11 boys: 3rd.
Year 10/11 girls: 1st,
Individual winner:
Beth Jones
Boys overall: 2nd.
Girls overall: 1st.



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Wednesday evening, we hosted a Sixth Form Open Evening and it proved to be a successful occasion with well over 100 potential future students attending.

Students from a variety of schools were shown around the school, given talks and the opportunity to ask questions to teachers. We would like to thank staff, students, parents and current Sixth Form students who helped make the event a success.



Charity Shave Off

On Thursday, bearded male members of staff headed to the Learning Resource Centre to trim down their facial hair ready to participate in the charity event, Movember.

Students donated money to watch the 'shave off' and it proved to be a popular event.



Army Visit

The Army visited us this week and they spoke to students about the variety of careers and prospects that the Army can offer.

Students enjoyed the visit and left them with much to think about.



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](#).

Bonington – 391

Mallory – 473

Whittaker – 334

Hargreaves – 452

Stephens - 554

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