

## MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week with our **Open Evening** being attended by nearly 200 families, despite the heavy rain.

Also this week, all of Year 9 took part in a police led session exploring **knife crime**, which involved some of our students donning police jackets to carry out a “stop and search”. We hope the material made the students think carefully about the dangers and criminality in making the decision to carry a knife on our streets.

We have also celebrated the **European Day of Languages** this week with house quizzes, treasure hunts and prizes for the most linguistic teachers.

Last night we held our annual **Year 10 Parent Event** with an excellent turnout exploring the demands of and support available for GCSE. The night was well attended and we thank you for your support. If you were unable to come along, the materials are available on our schools website [here](#). If you then have any questions please do contact each subject Director in the first instance.

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### Cyber Safety

It is easy for us to believe that teenagers know what they are doing on the Internet. It forms a part of their everyday life – socialising, gaming, shopping etc. But do they really understand the dangers? Are they making use of some very simple tips to ensure they are Cyber Safe?

1. Check privacy settings on social media sites – setting these to friends only is the best policy
2. Talk to them about their online reputation. Often things are said online that they would never consider saying face to face
3. Change mobile phones settings to ‘safe’ to ensure appropriate browsing when using public Wi-Fi
4. Check Apps – especially the free ones! Are they age appropriate? Free apps often make money in other ways, often by encouraging the user to download ‘paid for’ content to enhance the user experience.

For more information or advice visit <https://www.internetmatters.org>

### Qube Music Workshop

We were visited by Adrian Plant; percussionist, vocalist, guitarist and Community Arts Member, and Kate Turley; multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, writer and producer, who gave Sixth Form students the opportunity to be part of the brand-new music project ‘Wizards of Os’ which is being run by the charity Qube.

The project has been funded by the National Foundation for Youth Music and gives creative music opportunities for young people in Oswestry and the surrounding area.



### Auditions

On a Wednesday, over the past two weeks, we have seen our budding actors and actresses show their on-stage capabilities as they have auditioned to take part in our next school production of School of Rock.

With performances and talent at a superb level, competition for parts was strong and healthy which has resulted in the production team having plenty of tough but exciting decisions to make.

Congratulations to those who have auditioned, we are already looking forward to seeing the final performance!



## Rugby Tournament Success

The Marches School Years 9 and 10 Girls' Rugby Team were undefeated in the tournament that took place this week, beating Sir John Talbot's School, Corbet School and Oswestry School.

Some of the schools did not have enough players and our girls stepped in to play for them as well and were praised by the teachers for sharing their knowledge and helping the other players. Thank you to Lucie Calloway, who helped Oswestry School get into the scrum position and talked them through the process. Well done all.



## Operation Sceptre

We welcomed West Mercia Police last Friday as Year 9 students took part in a knife crime initiative workshop called Operation Sceptre. The workshop explored and discussed:

- The students experience of the police
- Why the police stop and search people
- Why students think people carry knives
- The consequences of carrying a knife

They then did a stop and search exercise using young peoples experiences and finally discussed what damage carrying knives could cause and what they thought would convince other young people not to carry them. It was a positive session and one that was extremely useful for the students.

## Health and Social Careers Event

There is a Health and Social Care Event taking place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Shrewsbury Town FC. The event is for students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13.

For more details on this Careers Fair, and any other information relating to careers, please contact Careers Advisor Mrs Murphy on [careers@mmat.co.uk](mailto:careers@mmat.co.uk).



## RYLA

Sixth Form student Freya Gillies-Foers attended the Wynnstay for lunch recently as she accepted her Rotary Youth Leadership Award at Arthog this summer.

Freya has been complimented on her bravery since completing the award.



## Netball

Our Sixth Form and Year 11 Netball Teams travelled to Ellesmere College on Thursday evening to compete in a North Shropshire Tournament.

Despite being down to Oswestry School in the first game, the Under 19 Team rallied to win all of their remaining games to become North Shropshire Champions, defeating Oswestry School, Ellesmere College and Thomas Adams School, Wem.



Despite beating Corbet 2 and St Martins, the Year 11 side were unlucky as they lost in the last minute to Thomas Adams School before being defeated by strong sides Ellesmere College and Corbet 1.

Well done to the girls in both teams.



## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2018

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

### Spring Term 2019

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

### Summer Term 2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
**PD Day: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

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

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