



MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Purple for Polio

Following the work that the Oswestry Rotarians have done in the school to raise awareness of Polio, a huge well done and thank you to the students, and to you, their parents and carers, for supporting our fundraising. We raised well over £900 from the non-uniform day and over £150 from the crocus sales.

Harry Johnson Trust

I was also delighted to see our students leading fundraising themselves this week when the Year 11 Business class raised £40 for the Harry Johnson Trust, our chosen charity this year, with their cake sale at lunchtime.

Parent Event Feedback

Thank you to all parents and carers who take the time to fill in the feedback forms, it really does help us to refine our practice and encourages us to reflect on why we do what we do.

Before the break, we had a Year 7 Parent Tutor Event and a Parent Learning Event for Years 8 and 9. Some of the points that were raised, along with a response, are shown below:

"The presentations were very good and overall this event was very worthwhile. My main feedback points are around progress of my child both personally and academically. I don't find out until parents' evenings which is too infrequent to affect positive change."

"Require more information at where (my child) is at rather than just her school report at the end of the year."

Data sheets are released to parents and carers at the end of every term to share progress in each subject. We also aim to ensure that parents' evenings do not take place at the end of the year so that matters that need attention have time remaining in the year. All staff are reminded that if there are concerns, home should be contacted at the time and staff should not wait until parents' evenings to share any issues with parents and carers.

"Could improve - end of term tests, copies of the test to explore what application is needed to expand and encourage."

Best practice is to stick the test into the book with a reflection sheet and most departments do this as their normal practice. We will be working with the students this term to ensure they understand that where they have gaps that a test has identified, they will be directed to resources that they can use

to close that gap independently.

"The only issue is not being notified if clubs are cancelled."

Our apologies for any occasions where this has not happened. I have instructed the PE Team and other staff to ensure that this is done routinely.

"Would like to know how the targets are set."

Our parent guide to how we set our GCSE grades, which we no longer call targets, is being updated to reflect this change. However, the original page on our website can be found [here](#).

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

New York Trip

Students and staff from both the Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School headed to New York during half term and enjoyed a breath-taking week in a stunning city.

The attendees visited a variety of places, including Times Square, the World Trade Centre memorial to listen to a retired NYPD Officer's memories of 9/11, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to learn some of the history of the USA, as well as a visit to the Brooklyn Bridge.

Having welcomed the students and staff back this week, we would like to say a huge thank you and well done to the students who represented the school and trust so well during the trip to New York.

We would also like to thank the staff who attended the trip and ensured that a truly wonderful time was had by all.



Netball

The Marches Sixth Form Netball Team did exceptionally well as they defeated Ellesmere College 8-7, Oswestry School 19-5 and Idsall 14-2 in the pool stage of the County Netball Plate.

They were then unfortunate to lose in the semi-finals to William Brookes 7-5. Well done girls on being one of the top four sides in Shropshire.



International Teachers Visit

This week, we have hosted teachers and staff from five European schools. Schools in Sweden, The Netherlands, Norway, Belgium and Spain have joined together with the Marches for an Erasmus+ project called 'Co-living-Co-working' which will look at aspects of preparing our students for the opportunities which are available to them in other countries. Over the course of two years projects such as diversity, Brexit, cultural similarities and differences as well as other elements will be covered through a multilateral exchange project.

This week, the staff have spent a hectic three days preparing for the two-year research project, which is fully funded by the European Union.



Sixth Form Football

On a cold evening on the last Thursday before half-term, the Marches Sixth Form Football Team played their first game against Llanfyllin.

Ben Richards scored both of the Marches goals in a 2-0 win. Cam Coldwell took man of the match and the lads really did themselves proud - well done!

Lily Waring

Year 9 student and synchronised skater Lily Waring is heading to Belgium in the next few weeks as she competes in the European Championships.

Lily, who is part of the Deeside-based Angels team, who were Welsh champions last season, has been reaping the rewards of getting up at 5.30am to train with her team on a Saturday morning.

Lily has no real aims in the sport yet, but just to keep enjoying it and to do the best she can. Good luck in Belgium, Lily.



Minibus

Minibus number 2, which travels from B&Q in Wrexham, and stops at Johnstown on the way, currently, has three available spaces.

For information on minibuses, and to book your child on this bus, please contact Mrs Picken at picken.a@marchesschool.co.uk.

Alex Young

Alex Young in Year 10, has recently attended the RAF Cadets North Region Concert Band Camp and was awarded a Silver Musicians badge.

Alex performed with his valve trombone in the RAF 100 concert in the huge, echo-filled Gorton Monastery in Manchester, in a concert that was attended by a number of Manchester dignitaries. An Air Vice-Marshall, which is the third highest rank in the RAF, was in attendance at the concert.

Alex, who represents Chirk Air Cadets, is now applying to take part in national camps and would like to become a Communications Engineer in the RAF in the future. Good luck Alex.



Airbus Apprenticeship Open Day

Airbus are hosting an Apprenticeship Open Day on Saturday 1st December.

Students are encouraged to attend if you have an interest in business or engineering and would be keen on working with a local global business leader.

For further information on Apprenticeships and other careers, please contact Careers Advisor Mrs. Murphy on careers@marchesschool.co.uk.

Apprentice Open Day

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN FOR THE ANNUAL AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAY!

Airbus would like to invite students, teachers, parents and anyone interested in kick-starting their career with a Global leader to join us at our Apprenticeship Open Day!

Our Open Day is a fantastic chance to meet our staff and find out more about our apprenticeships.

For the first time ever, the day will also feature a special event for our apprentices from the Airbus North Region. Through the event, our apprentices will have the chance to meet our staff and find out more about our apprenticeships.

From education to work, getting started and what really makes us get started, attendees will be able to learn from the experts in the industry and have the opportunity to speak with industry leaders.

There is no need for anyone to book a place, simply just show up! For more information check out our Facebook page and our website.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your students there.

More information can be found at www.airbus.com/careers and www.airbus.com/apprenticeships

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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December

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](http://www.marchesschool.co.uk).

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