



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spanish Exchange Week

We have just said goodbye to 19 students and 2 staff members from our link school in Spain. Students have spent time in lessons and visited local sights which has given our students some valuable practice at conversing with native Spanish speakers.

We are looking to host a German Exchange in March 2019 and wish to open up the opportunity to host students aged 13-14 to all families with students in the school. You do not need to have a child of the same age to act as a host family and your child does not need to be studying German. If you would like to know more about what this involves, please contact Mrs Spencer at spencer.k@mmat.co.uk

Year 11 Mock Results Day – Wednesday 5th December

Students will receive their mock scores and then, during an assembly, receive their 'golden ticket', which will contain positive words from their teachers to let the students know what they believe they could get with the right motivation.

Please ask your child to share both sheets with you and suggest pinning the golden ticket up somewhere where your child will see it in the months ahead, when there may be low moments and they need a reminder of what they are working hard for. The fridge always works well for this spot in my home.

It is also Parents' Evening for Year 11 the following week. Please find the map of locations and the online registration [here](#).

Mrs Pearson. Associate Headteacher

Yaser Adwan

We had a surprise visitor this week as Yaser Adwan, who left the Marches Sixth Form in July 2017, called by.

Since leaving, Yaser has been studying and training in Poland to become a pilot. Yaser can now fly Single Engine Piston aircraft up to 7,000kg and as high as 20,000ft. Yaser is hoping to earn his Air Transport Pilot Licence by next summer, which has been his aim since he was just 4 years old. Good luck Yaser.



Light Switch-On

The Marches School Choir serenaded a large audience in Oswestry town centre as part of the Christmas Light Switch-On. Miss King conducted the students singing "Carol of the Bells" and "All I Want for Christmas is You".

The crowd were extremely complimentary of the students beautiful singing. Well done to everyone who took part.



Book Launch

Congratulations to the two members of staff who have produced a book and attended its launch on Sunday evening.

Dr Leoni, who wrote the book and Mrs Wyatt, who illustrated it, have been working hard in their own time to produce 'Into the Woods', which has taken true stories of modern day abuse, co-dependence and domestic violence and retells them as spell binding, classic fairy tales, ingeniously combining self-help with magic and fantasy.



The book is available to purchase from www.julieleoni.com or Booka Bookshop on Church Street in Oswestry.



Shropshire Council Early Help Support

Young Addaction Shropshire – Telephone helpline for parents. Are you worried about a child or young person you care about using drugs or alcohol? Young Addaction operates a confidential telephone advice service for parents and carers of young people on **07870 503187**. This helpline is available Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Autism West Midlands Helpline number change

Please note the helpline number for Autism West Midlands has changed. Parents can speak to a helpline adviser and book a Shropshire advice appointment by calling **0121 450 7575**.

Autism West Midlands training dates for parents and professionals

Understanding Your Child with Autism (parent course)
Due to demand there is a new date for the Autism West Midlands free one-day course for parents called Understanding your Child with Autism. This will take place on **Friday 7th December at 9.30 am to 2.00pm** at Richmond House, Harlescott, Shrewsbury. Diagnosis is not needed to attend this course. Book at this [link](#).

“Autism is for life, but it isn’t a life sentence” A free informal session with Violet Fenn. Violet is a writer from Shrewsbury who didn’t find out that she was autistic until she was 46. It explained a lot. Topics include: Diagnosis – adult and child, My autism-friendly career, Experiences of education and Embracing & celebrating difference. The talk takes place on **Thursday 6th December 2018, 7:00pm - 9:00pm** at Community Room at Tesco Extra, Cattle Market, Battlefield Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4HA. Book at this [link](#).

Awareness of Autism for practitioners

A free 2 hour course for practitioners working with families and children in Shropshire which includes: An introduction to autism, Information about how autism is diagnosed, Simple strategies that work and Supporting families of children with autism.

Wednesday 16th January 2019 or Wednesday 8th May 2019 Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm at The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Sundorne, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG. Book at this [link](#).

Shropshire Conference 2019: “Real Worries, Real Solutions” Thursday 7th March 2019 9.45am to 2.30pm at Barnabas Church Centre, Shrewsbury.

Bookings are now being taken for the 10th Shropshire Autism Conference. Key note speakers this year are Debby Elley and Tim Tuff from Aukids magazine, followed by the opportunity to attend a range of workshops and browse the marketplace of local organisations and SEN bookshop. Workshops topics include: communication, anxiety, self harm, personal care, art therapy, education, preparing for adulthood, student support and developing resilience. Full details of the workshop content are listed on the booking webpage. Early bird delegate prices for parents £18 and professionals £45 available until 4 January. Full details and to book at this [link](#).

Higher Education Week

Year 11 participated in a Higher Education Week this week, which involved a number of organisations visiting the school to deliver assembly talks and careers workshops. The school provided speakers from a wide range of establishments including Aberystwyth University, Wrexham Glyndwr University, Bangor University, LLS Sports Coaching, Royal Navy, County Training, National Apprenticeship Service and National Citizenship Service. The week was designed to give students an insight into the wide range of options available to them in the future.



Spanish Exchange

This week we welcomed nineteen students from our partner school in Pamplona, Spain. They stayed with the Marches students and visited the local area including Manchester, Chester and Powis Castle. They also visited Liverpool and spent the day exploring the cathedral, the city centre and the Royal Albert Docks.

We would like to thank the students and staff here at the Marches for making our Spanish visitors so welcome.



Scooters

To support the local community, following concerns raised regarding the use of scooters out of school, students will not be permitted to bring their scooters to school until further notice.

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](#).

Bonington – 391

Mallory – 473

Whittaker – 334

Hargreaves – 452

Stephens - 554

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Netball

Thirteen Year 7 students represented two netball teams against Oswestry School on Monday. Both teams played really well with support from some parents on the sideline too. All of our girls gave their absolute best and implemented the coaching points after each quarter to improve their play. Overall the effort from the girls was rewarded with a 6-3 win.

On Tuesday, the Years 8 and 9 mixed Netball Team competed against Oswestry School in a netball fixture. Considering the girls had never previously played together before, they knitted brilliantly as a team. Kayleigh Roberts in Year 8 showed her excellent skills in defence as she constantly intercepted the ball and Daisy Whitlam in Year 9 showed excellent skills as a shooter, as she rarely missed a shot. The game finished with Marches being victorious by winning 11-5.



Lunchtime and After School Clubs

Monday

Lunch: Fitness Room (Years 9 to 13)

Tuesday

Lunch: Dance Club

After School: Year 9 and Year 11 Rugby, Year 8 and Year 9 Football and All Years Netball

Wednesday

Lunch: Badminton

After School: Volleyball Club, Year 7 Rugby, Girls' and Year 10 Football and Years 12 and 13 Netball League

Thursday

After School: Year 8, Year 10 and Girls' Rugby, Year 7 Football, Badminton, Handball Club and GCSE Trampolining

Friday

After School: Hockey Club, Fitness Club and GCSE Badminton

Rugby

The Year 10 side travelled to St Joseph's College, Stoke, in the next round of the National Cup. The boys left early, to embark on the 90-minute trip, on the wettest and coldest day of the academic year.

The boys struggled in the first half into the wind, against strong opposition, and as such, St Joseph's College raced into a 27-0 lead.

In the second half, the team rallied and worked hard. With their new instilled belief, the Marches were the better side, and won the half

17-15 with tries from Joe Davies, Simon Muzychenka and Joe Hodgson, to make the final score 42-17.



The boys did the school proud once again, against talented opposition and now look forward to their County Cup fixture against Thomas Adams School in the new year.

Football

The Marches Year 10 side returned to National Cup action this week and came out on top in a fiercely contested Fourth Round fixture against Hadley Learning College.

The boys were 2-0 up thanks to a fast start, with a solo goal from Tom Williams and a tap in for Toby Gallagher-Keenan. Hadley replied soon after with a scrappy goal from a set play before Tom Williams then missed a penalty but slotted in the rebound. Despite the match becoming heated in the second half, the Marches boys kept their cool with another Tom Williams goal and some fine saves from late replacement goalkeeper Dylan Santos. A free-kick finally beat Santos but a powerful low drive from Charlie Morris extended the Marches lead. Tom Williams completed the scoring and his own hat-trick to make the final score 6-2.



Sports Fixtures – 3rd to 7th December

Tuesday 4th December

2.00pm: Marches vs various opponents, Year 8 North Shropshire Rugby Tournament

3.10pm: Marches vs Oswestry School, Year 9 Rugby