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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Grove School

We are pleased to share the news that Grove School in Market Drayton has joined the Marches Academy Trust with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Here at the Marches School, all teachers and leaders will continue to focus on this school and the standards here, whilst accessing the best practice and challenge from our other Trust schools in collaboration, to further improve the experience of the students here.

We will also continue to benefit further from savings for services and resources through economies of scale, allowing us to focus more spending into what makes a difference in the classroom.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day will be on the last day of term, **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. All students may swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper if they wish. It is not a non-uniform day and no donations are asked for on this day, it is just a coming together of staff and students as a community. Part of this is our Christmas assembly which will take place in the afternoon, with some of our best musical talent showcasing performances in front of the whole school, demonstrating the depth of creativity and excellence that we have here.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

## Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Christmas Card Competition that we have run recently. The overall standard was incredibly high and it was extremely difficult to decide a winner. Congratulations to Sophie Williams in Stephens who claimed first place, followed by Olivia Luke of Whittaker in second and Jessica Daszkowska of Hargreaves in third position. Willow Casey-Jones of Mallory finished fourth and Ella Davies-Carr of Bonington came in fifth place. Well done to you all.



1<sup>st</sup>: Sophie Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Olivia Luke, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jessica Daszkowska



4<sup>th</sup>: Willow Casey-Jones, 5<sup>th</sup>: Ella Davies-Carr

## Visit from MP

Marches School students welcomed a special guest on Friday morning as North Shropshire Member of Parliament, Owen Paterson visited the school.

The MP, who has been representing the North Shropshire constituency for 21 years, spoke to the students about a variety of subjects, including the subjects they are currently studying, what they wish to study in future, how he became an MP and what the future of the country will look like.

Mr Paterson was interested in hearing about the views of the students, and offered them advice on their next steps as they make the transition between school, further education and higher education.



## New York Trip 2020

Following the success of the recent trip to New York, we would like to confirm that the Marches Academy Trust will again be visiting New York in the October half-term in 2020.

There will be an assembly in the first week back after Christmas, which will give further details of the trip. Letters will then be available from Mrs Swindley in the Enrichment Office.

The cost of this trip will be £1,180, which can be paid in four payments of £100 followed by 16 payments of £48.75.



## Operation Christmas Care Leaver

Sixth Form students have been busy participating in 'Operation Christmas Care Leaver', which is a scheme to provide gifts in the form of a shoe box for those that have recently left the care system.

Every young person deserves a present at Christmas and it is lovely that our students decided to participate in a scheme that will benefit local people and ensure that nobody is forgotten around this time of year.



## Lily Waring

Year 9 student Lily Waring, who we featured in Parents' Weekly Bulletin a few weeks ago, has recently competed at the European Synchronised Skating Championships with her team, the Angels from Deeside.

The team competed in Belgium against teams from all over Europe and were delighted to finish in fourth position out of twenty teams.

Lily now looks forward to February and March for the Welsh Championships, where the Angels are defending their title from last year and the British Championships, where they will be competing against the new European Champions.

We would like to say a massive well done and good luck to Lily.



## Sixth Form Student Council

Congratulations to the newest members of the Sixth Form Student Council, as Jevon, Tom, Emily, Jessie, Niall and Ben have been appointed to the group, following a difficult selection process.



## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### 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](#).

## Year 11 Parents' Evening

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place.

To register for the event, please click [here](#).

Please note that if you have already registered for the event, then you are not required to register again.

Bonington – 731

Mallory – 853

Whittaker – 674

Hargreaves – 752

Stephens - 714

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## Year 9 Rugby vs Oswestry School

The Marches School Year 9 Rugby Team faced a great challenge this week taking part in a training game against a mix of Years 9 and 10 players from Oswestry School. It was Oswestry who got off to a flying start with some slick handling in greasy conditions, working their way down the pitch. The Marches displayed some fantastic cover tackles to keep the physical Oswestry team out, but unfortunately it only delayed it by a phase or two and the away team got off to a two try head start. This finally kick-started the Marches and with a bit more confidence in their step they got going forward. Alex Hodgson delivered good ball from scrum half under pressure and there were telling runs from Callum Woodcock and Matthew Lee with the latter scoring on the stroke of half-time.



The second half was a different game with both teams sharing the possession equally. Nathan Sumang went in for a brilliant individual effort and managed to draw the second half 7-7. The Oswestry physicality at the breakdown was the difference, winning the game 28-12. Fantastic resolve was shown by the Marches playing against some well-trained opposition. Special mention to Jude Francis who rushed home to get his kit and made it back in time to contribute to the performance.



## 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

## Year 8 Rugby Tournament

This was the second attempt to run the Year 8 North Shropshire Rugby Tournament after a day of torrential rain caused the first attempt to be postponed last week. Thankfully the weather was great and the tournament went ahead with 4 teams from local schools.

The Marches School started well against St Martins School with Archie Thomas Brown catching the kick off and scoring after a run. There was a good fightback from St Martins at the end of the first half, but Marches won the game 7 tries to 1 with some free flowing rugby.



The second game was against Thomas Adams School from Wem. The Marches fought valiantly after being 3 tries down from the first half with stronger tackles flying in and the strong runners from Thomas Adams were much less effective. We scored twice, but unfortunately time ran out on us and we had lost by 3 tries to 2.

The final game against local rivals Corbet School was a great exhibition of rugby. The Marches scored a great team try with the ball going through several phases before we scored in the corner to great applause all round. Corbet had their own successes and the game was very tight. With four tries each, Marches had Corbet under real pressure with their defence coming out on top, however, the game ended in a draw.

The afternoon finished as a success with much learned in readiness for the County Cup campaign which begins in January.

## Sports Fixtures – 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

3.00pm: Presidents' Trophy – Telford Priory School vs Marches, Year 10 Football

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – the Marches Academy Trust Varsity Games at Sir John Talbot's School, Whitchurch

10.10am: Year 7 Mixed Hockey, Year 9 Girls' Netball and Year 9 Boys' Rugby

11.20am: Year 9 Mixed Hockey, Year 7 Girls' Netball and Year 7 Boys' Rugby

11.55am: Years 7 and 9 Girls Cross Country and Year 7 Boys' Football

1.10pm: Years 7 and 9 Boys' Cross Country and Year 7 Girls' Football

1.35pm: Year 9 Boys and Girls Football

2.15pm: Trophy Presentation