



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church

We welcome you to join us for this year's Christmas Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church, on Thursday 20th December from 6.00 p.m. Our choirs and orchestras are rehearsing hard for this annual marker of the festive season and also performed at Sir John Talbot's School last night.

Our Art students were also busy taking part in the Chester Christmas Parade last night, wearing masks they have created and dancing with a Samba band.

Our students will get to see the work of both the artists and the performers at our whole school assembly on Friday afternoon next week as we come together to celebrate the start of the festive season.

In classes, it is business as usual through to the end of term, with Year 11 particularly focusing on closing gaps identified in their mock papers.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Admissions Arrangements 2020/21 Consultation



NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/21

Shropshire Council is conducting a consultation exercise on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Shropshire for 2020/21. The Council is simultaneously co-ordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools whose governing bodies are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on Wednesday 12 December 2018 for a period exceeding 6 weeks until Friday 25 January 2019.

The only change to Shropshire Council's arrangements is recommended by the DfE to introduce a high priority in oversubscription criteria to children who have been adopted from state care outside of England. The following own admission authority schools have also opted to follow the DfE's advice and are consulting on this change:

Barrow 1618 Primary School	Langden CE Primary School	St. George's Junior School
Beauchurch CE Primary School	Langstone Primary School	St. Mary's Bloucaut CE Primary School
Bishops Castle Primary School	Ludlow CE School	St. Peter's CE Primary School
Binley CE Primary School	Ludlow Primary School	Stokesay Primary School
Burford CE Primary School	Market Drayton Infant & Nursery School	Stokeston CE Primary School
Church Stanners School	Marville CE Primary School	The Community College
Clavatley CE Primary School	Mount Pleasant Primary School	The Corbet School
Clee Hill Community Academy	Oldbury Wells School	The Grove School
Coleham Primary School	Prees CE Primary School	The Minshes School
Conover CE Primary School	Radbrook Primary School	Tilstock CE Primary & Nursery School
Crommoor Primary School	Shrewsbury Academy	Whixall CE Primary School
Grange Primary School	Sir John Talbot's Technology College	Wilford Owen School
Greenacres Primary School	St Edward's CE Primary School	William Brookley School
Greenfields Primary School	St Martin's School	Woodfield Infant School
Lozon Childs School	St. George's CE School, Clun	Woodside Primary School
Lakebonds Academy		Worfield Endowed CE Primary School

Other proposed changes are as follows:

Proposed reductions to PAN	School Type	Existing PAN	Proposed PAN	+ / -
Alveley Primary School	Academy	17	15	-2
Bridgnorth Endowed School	Academy	174	120	-54
Church Stretton School	Academy	124	96	-28
Ludlow CE School	Academy	174	140	-34

- The Bishop Anthony Educational Trust is standardising the policy for all its schools: (Bishop's Castle Primary School, Bitterley CE Primary School, Burford CE Primary School, Conover CE Primary School, Ludlow Primary School, Morville CE Primary School, St Edward's CE Primary School Dorrington and St. George's CE School Clun).
- Bridgnorth Endowed School have proposed a closure of its sixth form.
- Coleham Primary School have added staff criteria.
- Oldbury Wells School have proposed an increased admission number of 50 for their sixth form and updated sixth form course requirements.
- St John's Catholic Primary School have proposed changes to their oversubscription criteria.
- Severn Bridges Academy Trust (Greenfields Primary School, Mount Pleasant Primary School and Radbrook Primary School) have added exceptional medical criteria to their policy.
- St Georges Junior School have added staff criteria.
- Woodside Primary School have prioritised applicants with a sibling in the out of area category.

The consultation documents containing further information can be found on the Shropshire Council website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/schools/admissions by following the link to the Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2020. Responses can be e-mailed to school_admissions@shropshire.gov.uk or sent to School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, SHREWSBURY SY2 6ND by Friday 25 January 2019.

Residential Home Singing

A group of students visited the Hengoed Park Residential Home recently as they wowed the residents with their impeccable singing.

Thank you to the staff and students who attended, Hengoed Park were extremely grateful to everyone.



Youth Speaks

Congratulations to Jennifer Cyffin-Jones, Chris Walker and Twila Morris who won the Oswestry Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition on Thursday last week.

This is the first time that the Marches School have won the prize in recent memory and the trio will now go on to represent the area at the quarter-final stage at Wrexham Glyndwr University in March.



Rotary Writers Competition

We would like to congratulate both Robbie Mitchell and Jessie Shaw for winning places on a residential creative writing course in March.

Both Jessie and Robbie wrote pieces on 'Unity' and the judges were impressed with both students' potential as writers.

Well done to you both.



Year 11 Mock Exam Results

Our Year 11 students received their mock exam results last week and there were a number of students who achieved above their target grades.

We would like to congratulate the students on their hard work and we look forward to them continuing this effort and determination into the new year as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.



BTEC Level 2 Certificates

Congratulations to Year 11 students Max Kinsey and Ivory Hickman who have both received their Pearson BTEC Level 2 certificates for Peer Education through St John Ambulance recently.

Golf Success

Congratulations to Sixth Form student Daniel Potts who is the Junior Captain of Oswestry Golf Club for the 2019 season.

Daniel looks forward to helping the juniors and organising junior competitions, as well as home and away fixtures and giving the other juniors valuable advice.

Daniel's aim for 2019 is to keep enjoying his golf as he bids to study Maths at Cambridge and then look at a career in teaching.

The role model of captain will undoubtedly help Daniel towards these goals.

Ellie Potts, in Year 11, will be the County Vice Captain in 2019. Which means in 2020, she will be the Girls' County Captain and as golf junior honours go, this is one of the highest achievements. Congratulations to both students.



Sculpting Workshop

Last Friday, Art students took part in a Sculpting Workshop which Russel Kirk delivered.

The students were making skeleton birds, having studied birds in lessons and the costumes were created so they could participate in the Winter March Parade at the Forum Shopping Centre in Chester.



Donating Tin Cans

Last week, Mrs Proctor's form were getting into the Christmas spirit of giving by donating tin cans to the local food bank. Well done to you all.



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 – 731

Mallory – 853

Whittaker – 674

Hargreaves – 752

Stephens - 714

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Varsity Hockey

Those who were asked to represent the Marches at hockey put in some determined performances against quality opposition and did not let the score affect their enthusiasm and effort. The Year 9 team lost 7-0 and the Year 7 team were defeated in a closely fought match 2-0.



Varsity Rugby

The Year 9 rugby team made a quick start against their opponents and despite Sir John Talbot's improving as the game went on, the Marches were victorious by 9 tries to 3. In the Year 7 game, the boys controlled the game very well and outplayed their opponents with a final score of 9 tries to 1.



Varsity Netball

In two one-sided contests, the Marches sides completely outplayed their cross-trust opponents from the start to the end of their matches, with the Year 7 side winning 28-0 and the Year 9 side winning their match 30-1.



Varsity Football

The football teams gained mixed results at the tournament as both boys' sides put in strong performances against their opposition. Year 7 won their match 6-2 before the Year 9 side won their game 5-0.

The girls' sides were unfortunate, with the Year 7 side losing a closely-fought match 1-0 and the Year 9 team facing a strong Sir John Talbot's side and lost 8-0.



Varsity - Overview

The final score was 24-21 to the Marches but credit must go to both schools for having an excellent contest on the inaugural Marches Academy Trust Varsity Tournament. It was a wonderful day and we must thank our hosts for providing a brilliant tournament that was enjoyed by everyone.



Varsity Cross-Country

The honours were evenly spread in the cross-country races, as the Marches won both the boys' and girls' Year 7 races, and Sir John Talbot's won both the boys' and girls' Year 9 contests.



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 10 Football

The first defeat of the season for the Year 10 football team occurred at Telford Priory School, who boasted two players playing at professional academies. The boys started solidly enough but were on the back foot for the majority of the opening 20 minutes and Telford Priory were deservedly 2-0 up by half-time, with an excellent second goal. After some half-time soul searching, the boys came out firing and Tom Williams smashed in a goal to reduce the arrears. Unfortunately, the hosts hit straight back to make the score 3-1. The game took another twist when substitute Sam Wall slotted home a goal from a corner to make the score 3-2. This set up a nervous last 10 minutes for Telford Priory who resorted to getting the ball in the corner and time-wasting as they held on for the win.