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# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Half term in Europe

Half term was a busy one with three trips heading off to mainland Europe – we are fortunate to have staff here who invest in the students by offering these experiences in their own time. Students have had a journey of discovery in Belgium at the Science Centre, one of thoughtful reflection at Auschwitz in Poland and an immersion into Spanish culture as guests of the staff and students at Colegio Santa Teresa in Pamplona, Spain.

## Leading Learning Conference

We welcomed the students back on Tuesday after staff had spent Monday at the Alliance of Leading Learning Conference where we were all refreshed with new ideas and inspiration. The students have returned focused and there is a warm and positive atmosphere around the school, despite the cold weather. We are looking forward to making the most of the weeks up to Easter, with all groups, but most significantly with our GCSE and A Level classes.

## Year 11

For this year group the workload and expectation rises now and not all children cope in the same way. If you have any concerns you would like to share or questions to ask about the weeks ahead for your child, do not hesitate to contact Mr Kemble, Year 11 Progress Leader at [kemble.m@marchesschool.net](mailto:kemble.m@marchesschool.net)

## Parents' Evenings

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 parents' evenings all take place this term. To support you in planning your appointments that are grouped in similar areas of the school, and reduce your time walking around the site, a map of where subjects will be for all three of these events, is attached with this newsletter.

Year 8 Evening – 8<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Evening – 15<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 Evening – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

## Leading Learning Conference

Marches School hosted a very successful and inspiring Leadership Conference on Monday attended by over 350 delegates including staff from across the Trust, as part of their professional development. We welcomed some of the highest quality names in education including the inspiration behind the BBC drama Hope and Glory, Sir William Atkinson, and Channel 4's Educating Essex star Vic Goddard.



## Academy Trust Supports GCSE Students

90 Year 11 students collaborated with Sir John Talbot's School, Whitchurch for the day to participate in a series of workshops and talks to prepare for their GCSE examinations.

Workshops were delivered by a former GCSE examiner and teaching staff across the Trust and included developing skills and understanding of narrative writing and language. The day allowed students the opportunity, away from their traditional classroom, to listen to a variety of teachers and share different ideas.

## Science Trip to Belgium

Marches School pupils were accompanied by pupils from Sir John Talbot's School, Whitchurch on a visit to Belgium where they visited the Atomium Centre, Euro Space Centre and Natural Science Museum.



The trip was a great success in engaging and developing pupils' knowledge of the world around us. Cross-Trust friendships were made and the trip concluded with a day spent in Euro Disney, France.

## World Book Day

The Marches School hosted The Biggest Book Show on Earth on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February which was attended by more than 500, Year 7 Marches School pupils and Year 5 and 6 pupils from the local area. The event organised in partnership with Booka Bookshop, in Oswestry, was one of just five of these events held nationally.



Published authors and illustrators Abi Elphinstone, Olaf Falafel, Andy Griffiths, Katherine Woodfine, Jennifer Bell and Steven Butler all spoke to the pupils about the world of books, the pupils' aspirations and the opportunities that being an author can bring.



## Reminder

If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

## Spain Trip

During February half term, 11 intrepid students from Years 9-13 took part in the return leg of the Spanish Exchange. Our partner school, Colegio Santa Teresa, is in Pamplona – famous for the running of the bulls; however, that does not happen until July.

During the week, they were treated like VIPs and taken on trips out all round Pamplona and beyond to San Sebastián, Vitoria and to Jaca in the Spanish Pyrenees. Firm friendships were formed and lots of Spanish spoken!

David Lewis in Year 11 and Katrin Georgieva in Year 13 spoke about how they could not think of a better way to spend half term and how much their Spanish improved during the week.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in next year's Spanish exchange, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brookes, Associate Assistant Headteacher on [brookes.r@marchesschool.net](mailto:brookes.r@marchesschool.net)

## History Trip to Auschwitz

History pupils at the Marches School visited Krakow in Poland over half term. They visited the Auschwitz Concentration Camps - Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz Birkenau and the Jewish museum.



They also visited the Jewish quarter and Schindler's Factory.



## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2018

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Half term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Half term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**PD days Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

### Term Dates 2018 - 2019

For further term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 please click [here](#).

Bonington – 872

Mallory – 730

Whittaker – 702

Hargreaves – 779

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