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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote access to our network at home

In supporting students with their exam preparation, some staff have discovered that not all students know how to access the "Remote desktop" from home.

Many excellent resources and revision tools are available to your child through our school website, giving them access to our "Remote desktop". Launching this app allows the students to work on their home devices as if they were at a school PC, giving them access to all their files, resources placed on "T-Drive" for them by departments, the software they use at school for graphics and Microsoft tools you may not have at home.

The app does not allow the school network to access any of the files on your own machine.

The route to getting to the Remote desktop differs depending on your machine at home – please find [here](#) the guide which walks you through all the alternatives. If you have any issues in accessing remote desktop for your child please contact our ICT technicians at ithelpdesk@marchesschool.net.

Enterprise Success

Well done to the Enterprise teams who attended the gala celebration last week – they came home with a win for **Best Quality Concept** and Mr Davies deservedly won an award for **Best Lead Teacher**. The full team have been with the students every step of the way, including supporting their sales days in Shrewsbury and Telford – another example of how our students benefit from staff who enjoy spending time working with them beyond the classroom. A new competition begins in September and, with five Business GCSE groups, we should be able to support more than the two teams we ran this year.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

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.

Young Enterprise Awards

Our students had their awards dinner last week and did fantastically well. They were all dressed up and enjoyed a three course meal before the awards themselves.

They were up against 28 other businesses, so competition was always going to be tough, but one of our businesses 'Inspirit' was nominated for three awards: Best Quality Concept, Best Sales Strategy and Most Passionate About Their Business. The team won Best Quality Concept for their cushions that they designed and made.

The group were delighted with their victory and our other group, 'Marbleous', can count themselves unlucky not to have at least a nomination, but they had a fantastic time and at the end of the day, they have all made a profit.

Also, a special well done to Mr Davies, who won the Best Centre Lead award at the ceremony.



Exam Revision

As we are now in exam season, here are a few tips to get going during revision.

5 Tips for Helping with Revision

1. Make a **revision timetable** and stick to it
2. Revise for 30 minutes then take a **short break**
3. Set yourselves **little rewards** like 10 minutes on your phone or a snack
4. **Testing!** Learn something then test yourself or ask someone else to test you
5. **Start now;** the longer you have to revisit things, the more likely you are to remember it



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Year 8 Cricket

Our Year 8 Boys' Cricket Side got their season off to a solid start by seeing off Corbet School in comprehensive fashion.

The Marches School batted first and scored 99, with Harry Darley, pictured below, top scoring with an unbeaten 50. The opponents responded with 28 all out. Harvey Greig was the star of the show with the ball, by taking 5 wickets.



National Citizen Service

The National Citizen Service (NCS) visited us to tell pupils and students about the benefits of joining NCS. NCS is a 3-4 week experience that helps build confidence and self-belief so that pupils and students can take on anything in life. Participants live away from home, develop skills and meet amazing people. Food, accommodation and activities are all included for up to £50, and it looks great on a CV and UCAS application. More information can be found [here](#).



County Football

Congratulations to Year 8 footballers Harry Darley, Jay Barrow and George Chapman as they were successful in reaching the next stage of the trial process to play for the Shropshire under 14 side in the next academic year.

The second round of trials, which take place later in May, will involve a reduced number of players who have been selected from the initial number who trialled. After this trial, a final trial will be held in September from which the 2018-19 squad will be selected.

Mentoring

A select group of Year 10 pupils have been chosen to work closely with mentors from our Sixth Form 'Scholars' group. The elder students are supporting the Year 10 pupils through their mock exams over a four week period offering advice and support on how to achieve their best in school.



Careers

We are currently changing our Careers webpage on the website so that it includes all the current apprentice and employment opportunities, a careers video of the week and events in further and higher education that are available to the students and pupils who are due to leave the Marches School soon. To view the new webpage, please click [here](#).

For careers guidance, please contact Careers Advisor Meg Murphy at careers@marchesschool.net.

Continued Golf Success

Year 10 Pupil Ellie Potts won the Kathy Evans Bowl for the second year running at the weekend.

On Saturday, Ellie led the county team in a handicap match against Staffordshire Junior Girls. She was playing against an England international and got off to a flyer as she was 4 up after 4 holes, even after 9 holes she was 3 up but ended up losing the match on the last hole. It was an incredible achievement taking an England player all the way to the 18th hole. The team, however, won the match 3-2.

On Friday after school, Ellie played in a 9-hole social and won that.



Summer Serenade

Our annual celebration of music, Summer Serenade, takes place in the Main Hall from 4pm next Thursday 17th May. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.



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