



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

GCSE pod - www.gcsepod.com

GCSE Pod is an excellent online resource we invest in for Years 9 to 11. All students should now have their login details, so all they need to do is go to the site at the address above and login.

Students can watch the 3 to 5 minute pods online or download them to watch offline.

With Year 10 Literature mocks and Year 11 mock exams fast approaching, GCSE pod should be forming part of your child's revision programme.

For a guide to how it works, please go to:
<https://www.gcsepod.com/parents-benefits/>.

Whole School Assembly

On Wednesday we held a whole school assembly to remind students of our high expectations – our students are excellent and know what is expected. However, for the minority who forget at times, we discussed:

Being on time to school and all lessons is vital for learning.

Students are great at not using phones but were reminded that mobile phones must be in bags by **8.30am** in the morning and not at the 8.40am lesson bell.

Respect for others at social time and on the way to and from school is a right for all.

We value your support when you reinforce these messages at home.

Skirt length – as students grow, there are some skirts that are now in need of a change. To support you in this, the pastoral team will be adding a sticker into planners where a new longer skirt is now needed. We will be checking all students with a sticker after the half-term break to allow you time to address this uniform issue.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Communications Survey

We are constantly thinking and adapting to find the best ways of communicating with parents and carers of students within the Trust.

Please can parents/carers fill in this [online form](#) so we can ensure our communication channels remain effective in the future.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Bronze Award students who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award went on a training walk last weekend. They left the school site and walked up to Treflach Hall and the Sweeney Fen Nature Reserve.

It was an enjoyable occasion for all and we are now look forward to the rest of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award weekends that will be taking place this year.



Frantic Assembly Theatre Company

Fifty GCSE and A Level Drama students from the Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School have taken part in workshops with world renowned Theatre Company, Frantic Assembly. The students were fantastic and even learnt how to fly!

The workshops have inspired the students to take creative risks with their Devised examination pieces. It was nice to see students and staff from both schools having a fun and creative workshop. This has been a wonderful experience for the students and we look forward to seeing how they apply it to their Devised pieces.



Years 7 and 8 Girls' Football

The new Years 7 and 8 Girls' Football Team played their first game as they welcomed Oswestry School in a fixture this week.

There was plenty of enthusiasm and enjoyment as the girls were defeated 5-2, with Mia Poole and Kiera Tomlinson scoring the goals for the Marches. Well done girls.



Sixth Form Open Evening

The Marches School Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 24th October between 6 and 8pm.

The Sixth Form Open Evening is an ideal opportunity for Year 11 students to meet staff, discuss career options and take the first steps towards their future.

The event can be found on Facebook [here](#).

To register for this event, please follow this link: <http://marchesschool.co.uk/event/sixth-form-open-evening-3/>

Explore. Think. Laugh. Discover. Believe.
Smile. Question. Consider. Focus. Enjoy.
Challenge. Grow. Succeed.
Your future starts here...

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Language Leaders

Congratulations to our young Language Leaders who completed their Foreign Language Leader Award from Sports Leaders UK.

Here they all are with their much-deserved certificates that they have received. Well done all!



Sixth Form Talks

Sixth Form students have been lucky enough to welcome visitors who have come in recently to talk about life post-Sixth Form.

Elizabeth O'Brien and Elly Vesty, who are two science lecturers at University Centre Shrewsbury, came in to speak to students who have an interest in a career in science.



Students also heard from Tom Howells, from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, who came in and spoke about the various careers that are on offer in the Trust, including office-based roles and the more traditional outdoors careers.



Year 11 Key Dates

Key dates for Year 11



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EVENT	DATE
Marches Sixth Form application deadline	30 th November 2018
Shrewsbury Sixth Form application deadline	1 st February 2019
Coleg Cambria Sixth Form application deadline	12 th April 2019
Wellbeck Defence College application deadline	
	Army 1 st December 2018
	Royal Navy 31 st January 2019
	RAF 28 th March 2019
North Shropshire College application deadline	12 th April 2019
Shrewsbury College application deadline	12 th April 2019
Coleg Cambria vocational course application deadline	12 th April 2019
North Shropshire College Taster Day	16 th November 2018
Marches Sixth Form Taster Day	16 th November 2018
Higher Education/Apprenticeship Week	26-30 th November 2018
Open Events	
Marches Sixth Form	24 th October 2018, 6pm - 8pm
North Shropshire College - Oswestry	24 th October 2018, 5pm - 8pm
North Shropshire College - Oswestry	13 th February 2019, 5pm - 8pm
North Shropshire College - Walford	20 th October 2018, 10am - 2pm
North Shropshire College - Walford	9 th February 2019, 10am - 2pm
Shrewsbury Sixth Form - English and Welsh Bridge	16 th October 2018, 5pm - 8pm
Shrewsbury Sixth Form - English and Welsh Bridge	24 th October 2018, 5pm - 8pm
Shrewsbury College - London Road	8 th November 2018, 5pm - 8pm
Coleg Cambria - Bersham Road and Yale, Wrexham	21 st November 2018, 5pm - 8pm

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December

Half-term: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

PD Day: Friday 26th October

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](#).

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Hargreaves – 412

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