



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Ruth Lloyd

It is with great sadness that I share news of the loss of our colleague and friend Mrs Ruth Lloyd who lost her battle with cancer last Friday.

Ruth was our last remaining teacher at the Marches who began teaching in Oswestry at the Fitzalan School in 1985 before the creation of the Marches School in 1987. Ruth taught English to more than one generation of the local community over the years and in school rose to the position of Deputy Headteacher before taking on the leadership of our Teaching School, training many more of our current staff at the start of their careers.

There are many of us here in school and in the town that have been shaped in some way by her work.

Ruth was an educator with great conviction and moral compass who strived for the students in the school over the generations, leading on the bi-annual New York trip for over 15 years, believing that, for the students who attended, it opened eyes onto the world and lit fires in young people to expand their horizons.



Mrs Lloyd's funeral will be attended by most of the staff and some of the students at the school and to facilitate this the school will need to close early at **1pm on Friday 30th November** with opportunity for students to visit the restaurant at break time to collect food for lunchtime if they wish.

All students will be set independent study work by their class teachers on MILK prior to the closure. We ask for your understanding at this time.

If your child is unable to make their way home early on that date, please contact Mr Pearce before Monday 26th November, at pearce.j@mmat.co.uk who will be holding the list. There will be provision for students who need to remain with us until 3pm.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Trip to Belgium

This week, seven Sixth Form students, Mrs Wyatt and Miss Murray have travelled to Belgium to participate in the Erasmus Cultural Exchange trip to Antwerp and Brussels.

They had a fantastic time as they visited wonderful locations such as the Red Star Line Museum and European Parliament.

They also visited Atheneum MXM School and were recipients of a lecture by Professor Burssens from Antwerp University on the 'Current Vision of the EU'. They also had taster sessions on different enrichment modules and team building activities.

It was a highly beneficial trip for the students as they were taken out of their comfort zone, they integrated with students from the Erasmus+ schools and took part in simulated interactive European Parliament role play. Thank you to Mrs Wyatt and Miss Murray for attending the trip with the exemplary behaved students.



Autumn Newsletter

The Autumn 2018 Newsletter can be viewed by clicking on this thumbnail image here.

To view all newsletters, please visit the website at this link:

<http://marchesschool.co.uk/newsletters-2/>



Year 7 LORIC Day

On Friday, we welcomed BBC Radio Shropshire to talk to Year 7 students about the LORIC Day they were participating in that day.

The students focused on World War I, and looked at the Geography of where people came from, the religions of people who took part in the war, the role of women around wartime and the participation of animals.



Once they had learnt about the war, the students created a poppy wreath, which they then presented to the other students in the hall at the end of the day. We would like to thank everyone who took part.



Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 11th November, Head Boy Dan Lee and Head Girl Hattie Leslie-Miller, along with Year 11 Progress Leader Mrs Newey, represented the Marches School at Remembrance Sunday in Oswestry.

The students laid a wreath to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War at the Park Gates and a special wreath that Year 7 students made on the new statue of Wilfred Owen.



Poetry Slam

Last week, we welcomed several local primary and secondary schools to participate in a 'Poetry Slam'.

It was a wonderful evening with high-quality, powerful and thought-provoking poetry being written and recited on World War I. We would like to thank those who represented the Marches School so well and to those who helped organise the evening.



ITV cameras were in attendance and the footage of the evening can be seen in this clip [here](#).



Airbus Apprenticeship Open Day

There is a Health and Social Care event taking place at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on Wednesday 28th November.

This event is for students who have an interest in Health and Social Care and are in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. For further information on this event, other events and other careers related information, please contact Careers Advisor Mrs. Murphy at careers@mmat.co.uk.

Time to focus on your **future career**
Why not come along to our Health and Social Care Shropshire wide event for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

Wednesday 28th November 2018
Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Dawley Rd., Shrewsbury SY7 6DT

Schools and Colleges: Bookable session times for the event are:
9.00am-10.30am
11.00am-12.30pm
1.30pm-3.00pm

Open Session for anyone to attend: No booking required: Open 3.30pm-5.30pm

There are more than just doctors and nurses working in health and social care. With over 160 roles in the NHS and social care, why not come along to our event to find out more and get inspired. Staff here setting a wide variety of roles in health and social care will be in attendance throughout the day, so you can talk over and talk to them about their job and how a part of some of the practical activities involved in those jobs.

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 – 391

Mallory – 473

Whittaker – 334

Hargreaves – 452

Stephens - 554

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Year 10 Football

A dominant display from the Year 10 boys saw them cruise through to the next round in both cup competitions that were at stake in their 'double header' against Shrewsbury Academy.

Two early goals from Max Thomas, the second being a lovely chipped finish, set the tone. The Marches School controlled the first half and it was 3-0 at half-time, with the third goal coming from a great strike by Billy Clarke.

Backed by a bumper crowd, the boys continued their first half form, with Olly Evans and Toby Gallagher-Keenan scoring early on to make it five-nil, much to the supporters' vocal delight. Later in the second half, Shrewsbury Academy scored a consolation and well-deserved goal. With the 5-1 victory, the boys are now through to the fourth round of the National Cup and the semi-final of the Shropshire County Cup.

A special mention must go to goalkeeper Matthew Lloyd who played through the pain barrier after suffering a back injury earlier in the day.



Year 7 Netball

The Marches School managed to field four sides in a series of friendly matches against Corbet earlier this week.

The girls' effort was superb, the netball they played was impressive and they won a number of games. Well done to all of the girls who represented the school so well.

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 Trampoline

Friday

After School: Hockey Club, Fitness Club and GCSE Badminton

County Cross Country

Congratulations to the twelve students who were invited to represent North Shropshire in the School Games Shropshire Cross Country Championships this week.

Charlie White-Jones, Jack Tinney, James Nuttall, Poppy Kendrick, Seren Roberts, Jess Steel, Chloe Downes, Massimo Wyatt, Ben Rothera, Rhys Jenkins, Demi Williams and Mia Wyatt all represented North Shropshire and did exceptionally well in a very competitive field.



Poppy Kendrick came third in the Year 7 Girls' race, with the Year 7 Boys winning their team race, the Year 8 Boys won their team race and the boys won the Overall Boys' Competition.

7-a-side Football Winners

Congratulations to the Year 9 Football Team who travelled to Oswestry School this week to play in a North Shropshire Tournament.

The 'B' Team won one game in their group and lost two, with one defeat being on penalties, so they were unfortunate not to progress further.

The 'A' Team won both group games 2-0 before facing Oswestry School A in the final.

The Marches School were winning 1-0 before conceding a last minute goal to take the game into extra-time, which proved to be a stalemate as no side could find a breakthrough. In the penalty shootout, the Marches School were victorious, winning 2-1.



Sports Fixtures – 19th to 23rd November

Monday 19th November

3.40pm: Marches vs Sir John Talbot's, Year 7 Rugby

Tuesday 20th November

3.20pm: Marches vs St. Martins, Years 7 and 8 Football

Wednesday 21st November

1.00pm: North Shropshire Swimming Gala at Moreton Hall
3.00pm: Ellesmere College vs Marches, Years 9, 10 and 11 Rugby

3.00pm: Welshpool vs Marches, Years 12 and 13 Netball

Thursday 22nd November

3.00pm: Marches vs Lakelands, Year 8 Football