



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had great feedback from parents and carers about our MILK homework app and we now have a new tool with added features that will launch on the 3rd December.

We have been using the new software, Class Charts, in school all term and are now ready to share parent login codes and student login codes.

Initially, you will be able to see your child's attendance, rewards points and detentions – with an alert if your child is set a detention, showing you when, how long and why this detention was set. As usual, all our detentions will be set at least 24 hours in advance to allow families to make any changes to travel arrangements if needed. There is no change to school policy taking place; it is just an electronic method of sharing details.

Over the year we will be moving homework recording onto the Class Charts app and closing the MILK app down. We will share more news about this nearer the time.

Your child will be bringing home the login codes you need along with a more detailed letter soon. We hope you find having this wider information of value and welcome your feedback which can be sent to phillips.j@mmat.co.uk.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Understanding Your Child

Understanding Your Child with Autism (parent course)

Due to demand, a new date has been added for a one-day course for parents in Shrewsbury on Friday 7th December at 09.30 to 14.00 at Richmond House, Harlescott. Diagnosis is not needed to attend this course.

To book this event, or to book the event at Market Drayton in March 2019, please click [here](#).

Shropshire Conference 2019: "Real Worries, Real Solutions"

Thursday 7th March 2019
09.45 to 14.00 in Shrewsbury.

Early bird delegate prices for parents and professionals available until 4th January 2019. For full details and to book, please click [here](#).

Shropshire

Do you understand your child's behaviour?
Would you like the opportunity to discuss some of the challenges you might be facing with one of our Parenting Practitioners?

For support and guidance why not visit us at one of our Parenting Clinics

Venue: Osakeery, The Courts, Oak Street
Days: Monday
Time: 12.30 – 16.30 (15.00 on)

Other locations and days are available throughout the County

To book an appointment call 01743 250950 or email ParentingTeam@shropshire.gov.uk
Or visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/info/20000/parenting for more information

Trip to Liverpool Hope University

Last week, A Level Music students from the Marches and Sir John Talbot's School attended a Set Work Seminar at Liverpool Hope University. Students and staff watched a live performance of Debussy's "estampes" and listened to various discussions on some of their other set works by Dr Dori Howard, Professor Stephan Davismoon, Dr Annika Forkert and Dr Miles Brocken.

The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and found it to be extremely helpful, beneficial and inspiring.



Twickenham Trip

Staff and students enjoyed a trip to Twickenham at the weekend as they watched England play against Japan.

In an entertaining game, England came from behind to defeat next year's World Cup hosts by a score of 35-15.

Students were given an extra treat of meeting and having photos with World Cup winning outside half Jonny Wilkinson.



Psychology Conference

On Thursday, we hosted a Psychology Conference with over 200 students from the Marches, Sir John Talbot's School and a variety of other local schools and colleges attending. There were representatives from several higher education institutions including Aberystwyth University, Wrexham Glyndwr University, the University of Wolverhampton, Liverpool Hope University, Bangor University and the University of Chester, with lecturers delivering a wide range of psychology lectures and presentations.

As there are A Level exams and university application deadlines fast approaching, this conference was a well-timed and thought-provoking revision session for Year 13 students. It also allowed Year 12 students to not only further their psychology subject knowledge, but to find out more about the many excellent universities locally and gain an idea of what direction they would like to head towards when they have completed their A Level studies.

The lectures that were covered were 'Lying as a social phenomenon', 'eating disorders', 'introversion and extroversion', 'the psychology of humour', 'managing our online identity' and 'the ethics surrounding neurodevelopmental disorders'.

A special thank you goes to Dr Leoni for her hard work in organising the successful day.



Sixth Form Taster Day

Year 11 students were able to sample life as a Sixth Form student here at the Marches last Friday as they took part in a taster day.

Students had taster lessons, talks from Sixth Form tutors and the Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Boyes and team-building exercises.



Top Trumps

Miss Redfern's class in Year 8 have been studying development in Africa. The students were using 'Top Trumps' cards with different development indicators such as 'Life Expectancy' and 'GDP' to work out which countries were most and least developed.



Ellie Potts

Year 11 student Ellie Potts has had quite a year playing golf, with her highlight being that she won both the County and Regional Nett Championships, which is something that has never been done by a Shropshire girl in the same year before.

Amongst her achievements this year, Ellie was Midland North Region 36 Hole Nett Champion, Shropshire Girls Nett Champion, the Kathy Evans Bowl Winner and the Lady Captains Day Team Trophy Winner. We would like to say well done to Ellie and good luck in 2019 as she retains her Henlle Park Junior Captaincy.



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](#).

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Mallory – 473

Whittaker – 334

Hargreaves – 452

Stephens - 554

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Rugby

The Year 7 Rugby Team hosted cross-trust opponents Sir John Talbot's School earlier this week. The boys' attitude was fantastic as they were happy to help their opponents to make up numbers and both sides played some fantastic rugby.



The Years 9 and 10 Girls Rugby Team played against Oswestry School this week and were victorious by a score of 45-15. The enthusiasm was superb and many tries were scored, with Heidi Lantos, Lucie Calloway, Jasmine Innes and Lily Swindley scoring.



It was a big day for the Marches as they took three full teams away to Ellesmere College to play on Wednesday afternoon. The Year 9 team played against a strong Ellesmere team, and conceded several tries, with George Chapman replying for the Marches. Whilst many teams would have crumbled, the Marches School showed great resolve and determination and scored through Matthew Lee, Callum Woodcock and Nathan Sumang to make the final score 45-20.

The Year 10 side had a very close game with hard running and tackling from both sides, especially from Cooper Lock. Joe Davies gave the Marches the lead with a few minutes to play, but a last ditch effort from Ellesmere College saw them score to take the win by a score of 12-10.

In the Year 11 fixture, the Marches played their part in an end-to-end fixture with strong defence from both sides. In a real team effort against a very strong Ellesmere College team, Martin Petrov, Luke Hodgson and Dan Gittins scored the Marches tries with Will Hudson converting two of them. Unfortunately, Ellesmere College scored with the last play of the game to make the final score 22-19 to the hosts.

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

Football

The Year 7 side beat Belvidere on Monday evening to reach the quarter-final stage of the County Cup. Charlie White-Jones and a fantastic solo effort from Blake Parry made it 2-0 to set up the next round against either Telford Priory School or Church Stretton School.



Later in the week, the Year 8 team welcomed St Martins School to play a friendly fixture. A strong start saw Harvey Greig open the scoring, closely followed by Henry Walker to make it 2-0. St Martins then pulled a goal back to make the score 2-1, but then the Marches dominated the rest of the game, with Kian Watkins and Cody Williams both scoring twice and Tom Wostenholme adding another to make the final score 7-1.

The following afternoon, the Year 8 team had another fixture against Lakelands School. The Marches team played some quality football in a strong and well-disciplined performance, with goals from Henry Walker, Archie Thomas Brown, Tom Wolstenholme, Harvey Greig, Kian Watkins and two from Alfie Thomas Haigh to record their second 7-1 win in as many days. This result puts the Marches in the quarter-finals of the Presidents' Plate.

Swimming

Several students headed to the North Shropshire Swimming Gala this week as they competed against students from a variety of schools and did phenomenally well as they finished in the top two in most heats.

Outstanding performances came from Keira Lee, who won both the Under 15 Breaststroke and Individual Medley as well as helping the Under 15 Girls to first place in the relay.

The Under 13 Relay Team finished in second place overall, despite having three Year 7 students competing against Year 8 students from other schools.



Sports Fixtures – 26th to 30th November

Monday 26th November

3.30pm: Oswestry School vs Marches, Years 7 and 8 Netball

Tuesday 27th November

2.00pm: Marches vs various opponents, Year 8 North Shropshire Rugby Tournament

3.30pm: Oswestry School vs Marches, Years 9 and 10 Netball

1.30pm: St Joseph's College vs Marches, Year 10 Rugby

Wednesday 28th November

3.40pm: Sir John Talbot's vs Marches, Year 9 Rugby