



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to the school day for September

We have done so much this year to develop the social space for students and there is now a range of active spaces students can use – skipping on the tennis courts, the AstroTurf is open to all wanting to run and play ball games and the exercise equipment, which is proving to be extremely popular. We have also significantly increased the number of benches available and opened areas that used to be inaccessible.

Following the student survey and some parent feedback, a theme came up that we needed to explore relating to how students felt about lunchtime.

Students are enjoying the new space and facilities, however, some students avoid the canteen because they find it busy, the lines being too long and the time left to eat too short.

In response to this, the school day will be changing to allow students to further enjoy their social time and make better use of the restaurant.

There will be no change to the start and end times of the day and as you already know, the day will now begin with tutor time.

Break will be extended by 5 minutes, which is time being taken from PM tutor time. KS3 will begin their lunch at 1.05pm, meaning they will have exclusive access to the restaurant and social spaces for 20 minutes before KS4 students begin their lunch at 1.25pm. KS3 students will end their lunch at 1.45pm, with KS4 students having a further 20 minutes of lunch. This stagger is being achieved by moving the PM tutor time for KS4 students. Rooms with tutor time continuing during the lunch of others will not be disturbed due to their locations.

We are very much looking forward to September now with planning going at a pace to ensure new systems are embedded, for the benefit of the students, their learning and achievement.



Mrs Pearson, Headteacher

Summer Open Evening

Recently we invited pupils from the surrounding areas to our Summer Open Evening. Prospective pupils and their parents/carers had an opportunity to look around the school and take part in a variety of activities. A great number of creative workshops were available for our visitors to take part in which included a Science show, fun interactive Mathematical and Geographical games, baking, language games, print making and even a Drama performance! Mrs Pearson delivered a presentation during the course of the evening in which she explained our school values and some of the exciting activities that students at The Marches School enjoy. Mr Kemble, Head of Year 7 talked to parents about the excellent pastoral care the school offers and ways in which we help transition students into secondary education.



Biology Outdoor Classroom

Students have experienced the outdoor classroom during a trip to Ynyslas recently. A level Biology students took part in rock sampling, followed by a lecture on Biology and Geography. They looked at transect sampling on the dunes looking for environmental succession along a 200m strip.



KS4/5 Presentation Evening

On Tuesday 25th June, The Marches School celebrated KS4 and KS5 achievements with a fantastic presentation evening. The night commenced with Mrs Wilmot and co-presenter Mr Stonall welcoming students and their families to the event, followed by our outgoing Head Boy Dan Lee and Head Girl Hattie Leslie-Miller who reflected on the highlights of the year.

Subject prizes were then awarded across Year Groups starting with GCSE achievements followed by A Level awards. Presenters included subject staff along with Chair of Governors, Mr Mark Liquorish. Guest presenters also included members of Oswestry Rotary Club, Mr Justin and Mrs Sherie Soper and guests from Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club, Peter Martin and Geoff Barre. Special guests Mr David Lloyd and Mrs Ashley were also in attendance. Throughout the evening, visitors had the opportunity to listen to two beautiful musical interludes that were performed by some of our very talented Marches students, Amelie Lingard and Lewys Roberts. Along with awards in specific subject areas, a number of Prestige School Awards were presented by Headteacher, Mrs Pearson.

To conclude on the evening, Mrs Pearson talked passionately about the fabulous achievements students at The Marches have attained and the importance of nurturing students and building upon a legacy. A full album of photos can be viewed [here](#).



Year 5 MFL Event

On Friday 21st June, over 250 primary pupils came to The Marches School for our annual Modern Foreign Languages event. All of the pupils were able to have conversations in French, German or Spanish, depending on what they currently study at primary school, and were able to go through customs with their passports, write postcards, order a drink in a café and 'buy' a delicious croissant! The pupils were also treated to taster lessons in languages such as Arabic, Russian, Welsh, Hawaiian and German. The 25 student Language Leaders from Years 8 to 10 were also great ambassadors for the school with some of them even teaching Chinese, Polish and Irish to their younger peers.



Careers Resources

Click [here](#) to keep an eye on the careers page of our website.

There are new SBC Training apprenticeships available in the surrounding area, please [click here](#) for further details.

Congratulations

We have recently received exam results from the Music Theatre, London College of Music. They are some of the best results that students have ever achieved, with both Francesca Lepone and Mia McKay gaining UCAS points. Year 7 students Evie Delacassa and Talitha Bickley, along with Year 8 student Ellena Evans and Year 9 student Lauren Harper all received distinctions! A huge congratulations to all of the students, they worked so hard to get these fantastic results!



Immunisation

**New schools-based
Immunisation Service**
stakeholder event



Thursday 11 July, 3pm - 5pm
Severn Fields Medical Practice, SY1 4RQ

Our new service will offer:

- An **Annual Flu Vaccine** for Reception to Year 6 pupils (up to 18 years old in specialist schools)
- **School Leaver Booster** which protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACW&Y, Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)
- The **HPV Vaccine** being extended to boys in Year 8

Professionals and families are warmly invited to join us to find out more about the team and the service we will provide.



RAF Cosford – I Believe in me! Trip

A group of Year 9 girls enjoyed an interesting and confidence building day at RAF Cosford last week, where they were treated to talks from six amazing and inspirational women across a range of backgrounds. The girls were later able to talk to the women, ask questions, complete STEM related activities and also received a caricature drawn by one of the speakers.



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Mallory – 2413

Whittaker – 2394

Hargreaves – 2212

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Sporting Success

Well done to Tom Williams who has recently landed back after a Football Tournament in France. Tom played for The New Saints Football Club and the team claimed victory with Tom scoring the winning goal!

Congratulations to Ellie Potts who has recently won the Beryl Aubrey Trophy, resulting in her name being added to yet another competition board in the clubhouse at Henlle Park Golf Club. This is now the third 'major' competition Ellie has won since April. These include the Kathy Evans Bowl, Beryl Aubrey Trophy and the Ladies Club Championship, plus two monthly Stableford competitions. Not to mention three appearances for Shropshire resulting in three wins and the retention of the Tri-Counties trophy.



North Shropshire Schools Gymnastics

Last Thursday, our gymnasts competed in the North Shropshire Schools Gymnastics Floor and Vault competition organised by Border Counties Gymnastics club.

The girls had practiced hard and performed well in the competitive environment. The Marches Blue team won the team competition with the Red team finishing in 3rd place.

Individually, the girls dominated the Intermediate competition with Sophie Goodes claiming 1st place with Phoebe Harper and Lucie Calloway finishing in 2nd and 3rd. The Elite individual competition was of a very high standard, with our best performance coming from Chloe Downes finishing in 3rd place.

The girls were a credit to the school and we are very proud of their hard work during their gymnastics training outside of school.



Sports Day – Friday 12th July

The 27th annual Sports Day is almost upon us!

Registration

Students taking part in sports day will be registered on the AstroTurf at 8:40am.

Competing students

The provisional list of competing students will be placed on the PE windows from **Tuesday 2nd July**. If students want to take part, there are still some slots available for certain events. Please encourage them to go to PE and ask. Additionally, if a student does not want to take part as they have changed their mind, then they need to come to PE and request to change, by coming with the person who they will change their event with.



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