



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the year and have spent time in whole school assembly looking back at the many highlights including trips, fun projects, performances, sporting successes, rewards and more.

We have certainly make good use of the year and have not stopped this week.

On Friday, we revealed that Mallory are this year's House Champions - well done to students and staff in Mallory who have contributed to the points total. There were just 20 points in it, with every participation point counting.

On Tuesday, we held our first Eco Dome Garden Party, with our student leadership teams entertaining guests and local neighbours with their homemade bakes.

Our Sixth Form five year reunion took place on Wednesday and were overwhelmed by the response as the common room and outside spaces were filled with past students, many of whom have now completed degrees and have moved into the world of work, making real contributions to society. It was lovely to learn about where they are now and to hear how their time at The Marches has supported their ambitions.

We all wish our students a safe and happy well-earned break for the summer now. We return for current students on Wednesday 4th September. Please take the time to ensure your child's uniform fits the 2019 policy, which you can view on the website [here](#) and that their pencil case is filled with the right equipment, including a calculator, to allow no wasted time in lessons.

As always, we value you support and look forward to working with you again in September.

Mrs Pearson, Headteacher

Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Summer Newsletter 2019 has been published. The Newsletter highlights the Cross-Trust activities that students participate in and is available to view by clicking [here](#).

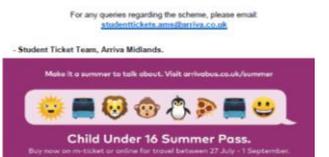


Student Travel

Student Travel 2019-20 

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Have you thought about your child travelling to school by bus? If so we've got the perfect solution!
• Arriva Child Saver Tickets are available for children up to & including Year 11.
• Arriva Student Saver Tickets are valid for anyone 16+ in full time education.
For around £1.50 a day your child will get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus across all our routes in Shropshire and the West Midlands.
Saver tickets will not only cover their travel to and from school, but can also be used to travel at evenings, weekends and throughout school holidays too.
Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows parents or guardians to spread the cost of their child's ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole school year, without paying upfront.
It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit please visit:
arrivabus.co.uk/ss-midlands
To ensure delivery of tickets in time for the start of the new school year, we recommend registering by the end of July.
Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your child's mobile phone. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

Have you thought about your child travelling to school by bus? Please click [here](#) to view an enlarged copy of this Arriva poster containing further information.



Reading Books

Please ensure that students bring a reading book with them on the first day back after the summer break, as the Library will not be open early enough for students to borrow one.

Beam

Beam are a low-level service providing brief interventions in relation to the emotional wellbeing of children and young people under 25. They also assist parents and carers, by providing advice, information and signposting in relation to emotional wellbeing issues experienced by young people in their care.

For more information about Beam and to view details of their Summer Workshops, please click [here](#).

Careers

Keep an eye on the careers page of our website by clicking [here](#). It is frequently updated with career advice, the latest apprenticeship opportunities in the area and helpful resources.

A Summer Engineering Club is taking place on 27th August to 30th August at Marches Centre of Manufacturing & Technology, for students aged 9 to 13. Please click [here](#) for further details.

Sponsored Walk

On Monday, students and staff took part in The Marches annual Sponsored Walk. This year money raised will be put towards improving student spaces around school. It was a great day, with the weather holding off along the fantastic route. We would like to thank students for their enthusiasm and staff for organising the event. A big thank you to our Sixth Form students who were situated across the route, they all played a key role as guides at set checkpoints, which helped with the smooth running of this event.



Prom

After a long awaited finish to their exams, Year 11 students arrived for their Prom at The Lion Quays in their amazing outfits. The students travelled to the event in a wide range of vehicles including tractors and limousines! As the students arrived, they each made a spectacular entrance by walking up the red carpet, before they were handed a glass of fruit fizz to enjoy in the stunning floral gardens. It was then time for everyone to take lots of lovely pictures which we are sure the students will look back on fondly. The group then made their way into the Lion Suite for farewell speeches from the Head Boy and Head Girl followed by a beautiful three-course meal and a disco to finish off the evening with a bang! Students were joined by many staff who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. A special thank you to Mr Pearce for taking the photographs.



Governors' Awards

The Governors' Rewards Evening took place on Wednesday 10th July and it was wonderful to see students, parents and staff combine to celebrate the hard work of the students. Thank you to everyone who attended and well done to the students for winning their certificates and medals.



Ryman National Enterprise

On Wednesday 10th July, The Marches School winners of the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge attended the Grand Final event at Wembley Stadium in partnership with UCFB (University Campus of Football Business). The event hosted by Diversity's Jordan and Perri, invited winners from almost 250 schools to pitch their idea of an event promoting women's football to a panel of judges. A select few were then given the opportunity to pitch again to another panel including Theo Paphitis from Dragon's Den. Lucy Davies, Lauren Harper and Keira Lee from The Marches School thoroughly enjoyed the exciting experience and delivered a confident and engaging pitch, which incorporated a ukulele backed catchy song.



Musical Success

Congratulations to Will Bachelor who last week was awarded the £1500 Lions Bursary Music Award. Well done also to the following students; Louis Faux, Immie Dean and Danny Gittens, who performed beautifully and were a credit to the school.



2019 House Champion Revealed

Our annual House Competition came to a conclusion last Friday. Over the course of the year, staff and students have been competing in a variety of competitions to earn points for one of the five assigned houses. Some of these competitions have included photography, sport, fishing and even Eggheads. The house competition is a huge part of The Marches and we strongly believe that the House System provides students with a sense of belonging. After a close competition throughout the year, we can now announce that the 2019 House Champions are Mallory, who just pipped Bonington to the post by 20 points! A huge congratulations to the members of Mallory House, with commiserations to the remaining houses. All students and staff who have taken part should be extremely proud of their efforts throughout the year.

On Wednesday, Mallory celebrated their win with an enjoyable House BBQ, thank you to KFC Oswestry for their donation of cups.



Congratulations

Annabel Haralambous (7RJJ) has qualified to compete at the UDO World Street Dance Championships in Blackpool this August.

Not only has she qualified with her team Dynamite, based in Wrexham, but also as a solo dancer and as a duo with her dance partner.

The UDO World Street Dance Championships is the height of the annual Street Dance and Hip Hop Dance Competition calendar, the most prestigious Street Dance Competition of them all.

Thousands of dancers from over 35 countries across the globe will come together to compete for World Champion titles in front of the world's best Street Dance and Hip Hop Dance celebrity judges.

Annabel has been dancing since she was five, her first dance teacher being current school teacher Miss Yeomans. We wish Annabel and her team the best of luck!



Competition Winners

This year's competition winners are:

- Pheobe Shaw in Year 9 (KS4), her astronaut will appear on student planners.
- Chloe Downes in Year 7 (KS3), her artwork will be used on our invitations throughout the year.



Sports Day

The Marches 27th annual Sports Day took place on Friday 12th July. This year has been the closest House Championship with three houses in the running for the overall prize. All was to play for with Bonington holding the House Championship for the previous three years.

The 1500m was moved to Thursday afternoon and was well attended, with a special mention going to Seren Roberts who won the Year 7 Girls category, after having set a new school record two weeks earlier at Queensway that had previously been held for 28 years! Well done Seren!

The day ran smoothly, despite some intermittent rain, as the students competed across all track and field events. Some exceptional performances were put in by numerous students, notably Matthew Lloyd winning the Year 10 Boys 100m sprint, which needed a slow motion replay to decide the outcome; Seren Roberts' amazing new school record in the Year 7 1500m; Bethan Jones dominating the Year 10 Girls long distance running. A special mention goes to Kels Evans for winning her race and going straight to a fellow student to console her after a fall, displaying all the values we look for in our Marches athletes.

Congratulations to our overall student winner for Victor Lodurum, Drew Brennan in Year 10 and overall student winner for Victrix Lodurum, Bethan Jones in Year 10.

The day culminated in Mallory sneaking passed Bonington, winning Sports Day, and the House Championship as a result.



Mallory – 1st

Bonington – 2nd

Whittaker – 3rd

Hargreaves – 4th

Stephens – 5th

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