

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sixth Form students are focusing well at the moment on their mock exams and Year 9 students are getting ready for their non-core exams next week, as well as making their option choices.

It is an exciting time, a time in the year when many year groups are looking to the future and understanding what the point of their hard work means for them.

Year 11 had an excellent Resilience Day yesterday, learning about different methods of active revision, as well as strategies to keep themselves calm and healthy. Students responded well and left with new skills and belief for the weeks ahead. Thank you to all our Year 11 parents and carers who were able to join us for the evening session.

All KS4 students have access to the excellent GCSE Pod and should be using this independently now. If your child is experiencing problems with logging in, please encourage them to see their tutor who can reset their account.

We will be holding a GCSE Pod display and clinic at the upcoming Year 10 Parents' Evening, for parents and carers who would like to learn more.

Year 9 will soon be given their accounts to make use of the GCSE English Literature support.

Chair of the Local Governing Body

Mark Liquorish has recently stepped down as Chair of the Local Governing Body as of 1st January 2020, and it has been agreed that Peter Wiggins is to take over the role.

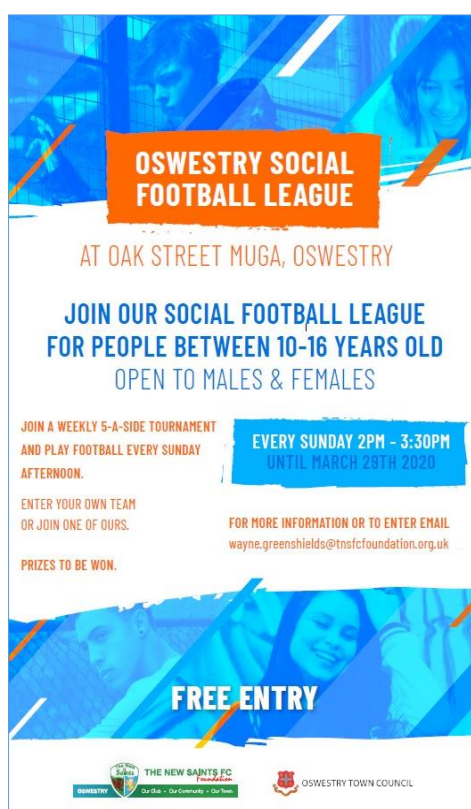
Mrs A Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Football League

Join The New Saints FC Foundation Oswestry Social Football League, at Oak Street Muga, Oswestry. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved in.



The Marches has Talent

CBBC are searching for 'Britain's Best Young Artist'. We are very proud of our students' talents in the Arts, and this is a great opportunity to showcase and celebrate the wealth of creative potential we have. Entries are open to children between 9 and 14 years old and any type of art can be submitted. The application deadline is Sunday 1st March 2020.

For further information, students should please see Ms Whelan. Details of the competition can also be found by [clicking here](#).



Shropshire Council Sessions

Just a reminder that Shropshire Council are running their 'Understanding Your Teen' Clinic at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry between 9:30am – 11:30am. The event, taking place over the next several weeks, is a fantastic opportunity to learn about different behaviours and pick up some hints and tips. For further information, please [click here](#).

The SHARP System

There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents of bullying. These include not feeling comfortable talking face to face, a general lack of confidence, fear, peer pressure and feeling scared in case someone sees them talking in the school's office to name but a few.

At The Marches, our Bullying Ambassadors chose to launch the SHARP Anti-Bullying System in school. SHARP stands for Student Help Advice Reporting Page. The system allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. The system can be used on phones, tablets, consoles or any device with an Internet connection.

To visit SHARP and submit a report, students are directed to the following link:

<http://marches.thesharpsystem.com/index.php>



SPORT FIXTURES



Week of 20th to 24th January 2020

Monday 20th January

- Year 7 Boys' Football 8-a-side, at Oswestry School, 3:00pm start.
- Year 7 Girls' Netball B Teams, at Oswestry School, 3:00pm start.

Tuesday 21st January

- Year 9 Football, at St Martins School, 3:30pm start.

Wednesday 22nd January

- Primary High Five Netball, at The Marches, 12:00pm - 2:30pm.

CAREERS



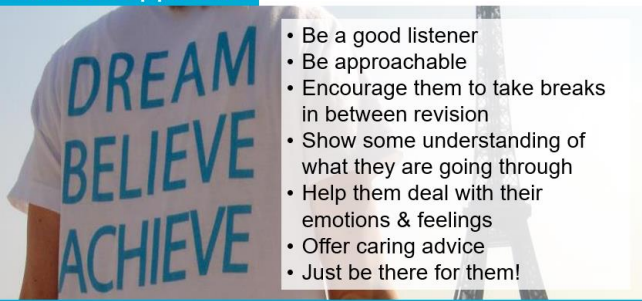
Please keep an eye on the careers page of our website by [clicking here](#). It is frequently updated with career advice, the latest apprenticeship opportunities in the area and helpful resources.

If your child would like to make a careers appointment, they should please contact Mrs Murphy, Careers Guidance and Inspiration Officer on: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk

EXAM SUPPORT

Tip number 10 in our parent exam support series:

10. Be Supportive



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. At a glance:

- **Year 8 HPV 1 Vaccinations**, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st January.
- **Year 10 Parents' Evening**, Thursday 23rd January.

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.

NEWS



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been taking part in recently.

A few highlights include:

- House News
- Whitchurch 10K is fast approaching.