

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we break up for half-term, thank you to all our Parents and Carers for your support in keeping the standards high at the school.

We were pleased to hear from members of the public this week about students out of school – one wished to share “How well the students behaved on the way to and from school and how smart they looked.”

The other had praise for the students conduct during a recent fire drill, and commented on how impressed she was with the behaviour of the children who “conducted themselves with some considerable maturity.” They did indeed, demonstrating the excellent culture here at the school that goes beyond statistics.

I have shared both of these pieces of praise with students at the whole school assembly yesterday, where we also enjoyed a final Sister Act medley – I do hope you were able to get tickets.

Finally, students were reminded that they represent the school, even in the holiday. The Churchwarden’s at St Oswald’s, where we hold our Carol Concert, have asked if students would not socialise in their porch before school and in the breaks. I am sure you will reinforce this plea at home as needed.

The next half-term starts for students in all years on Tuesday 25th February.

Mrs A Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Exciting Times for the Trust

Oakmeadow CE Primary and Nursery School, located in Bayston Hill, is looking to join The Marches Academy Trust on 1st April 2020.

Sister Act

Well done to all the students and staff who took part in this year’s Drama production of Sister Act. It has been an incredibly busy and tiring week for the cast who performed a number of matinee performances for local primary schools which started on Monday, ahead of their three big evening performances to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The performances were absolutely fantastic and the cast, crew, orchestra, band and all those involved should be incredibly proud of themselves. All the performances were really well attended and we would like to thank everyone that came out to support the shows.



Young Enterprise

Well done to our two Young Enterprise teams (Envirocraft and The Green Bottle Co.), who after setting up their companies and designing their products attended their first trade fair at Pride Hill Shopping Centre in Shrewsbury last Saturday. It was a long day for the Year 10 students of wheeling and dealing but the hard work paid off and both teams left with a healthy sales revenue to reinvest in their businesses. Both teams also received lots of helpful feedback from the Young Enterprise judges, the professional business advisers and the mayor of Shrewsbury. The next stop is the Telford Trade Fair on the 29th February, where the students will be judged on presentation of their stand and their sales techniques, before presenting their ideas to the judges on Wednesday 25th March at Wolverhampton University in a Dragon’s Den style pitch. Young Enterprise runs every year and is open to Year 10 and Year 12 students. For information on getting involved next year, students should please see Mr. Davies – Head of Academic Progress for Year 8 and Subject Leader for Business.



Rewards Shop

The Rewards Shop has been open since November and students have been purchasing treats with their points. We have had our first mocktails and cake from the ICT Department, which the students found to be ‘fantastic’ and thoroughly enjoyed the mocktails and cake provided. Sister Act tickets were kindly gifted by Performing Arts. The photo shows Connie, Head Girl, who is also in the production gifting the reward to some lucky purchasers. Shlurp has generously supported our scheme again this year and we have vouchers available on the shop for those that earn enough reward points in future. We know how ‘in demand’ these are amongst our students so we thank Shlurp for their donation. We are always looking for any future options for our reward shops, and would appreciate any feedback or support so please contact us.



SPORT FIXTURES



Week of 25th to 28th February 2020

Tuesday 25th February

- Year 9 Girls’ Hockey and Year 7 North Shropshire Netball, at Ellesmere College, 1:30pm start.

Wednesday 26th February

- Year 9 Girls’ Football, at Thomas Adams School, 3:45pm start.
- Primary Dodgeball, at The Marches School, 12:00pm start.

Please [click here](#) to view a timetable of Physical Education extra-curricular activities.

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



External Events

Charity Run

One of our regular employers who supports our career activities is running the London Marathon this year and is holding a fun run this Saturday 15th February to help raise funds. The event held at Shrewsbury Sports Village, starts at 11am and challenges entrants to run as many 1km laps in an hour as they can. All money raised goes to the Royal British Legion. Please support this event if you can.

To register your place, please [click here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Half-Term, 17th February to 21st February.
- PD Day, 24th February.
- Students return to school, 25th February.
- Year 7 Parents’ Evening, 27th February.

[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:

- County Training Careers Workshop.
- Match Report: County Cup Rugby.
- Success at Rotary Club Young Writer’s Competition.
- Match Report: Year 9 County Cup Rugby.

