

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus information is all around us at the moment. As a school, we are monitoring and following the Department of Education guidance that comes in daily. The current guidance focuses on washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. It recommends that pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands thoroughly:

- Before leaving home
- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before food preparation
- Before eating any food, including snacks
- Before leaving school

All tutors will be going through the key messages again next week. Boxes of tissues have been distributed across classrooms and we are encouraging all students to follow good hand hygiene, we have posters in place to remind them in the toilet areas.

Currently the message from the government is – if you are well, life should continue as normal. All trips and events will continue as calendared unless advice alters.

The latest guidance for schools can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>



**How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?**

**If you need to cough or sneeze**

- Catch it** with a tissue
- Bin it**
- Kill it** by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

**You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser**

- After breaks & sport activities
- Before cooking & eating
- On arrival at any childcare or educational setting
- After using the toilet
- Before leaving home

**Additional reminders:**

- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
- If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Mrs A Pearson  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### STEM Week 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March

The Marches School is looking forward to our third Futures Week this academic year. As you will know, the Futures Weeks aim to focus our students towards the wider curriculum. In October, we had our Environment and Democracy Week where students voted to change our use of plastic bottles. In January, we held our Wellbeing Week. Now, we look forward to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

As well as planned activities through Tutor Time, Reading and House events, there will be a range of activities taking place during the week:

- Year 7 – Maths 'You've Been Scammed'.
- Year 9 – STEM Experiences through the curriculum:
  - Science – Science Show.
  - Technology – Electronics Challenge.
  - IT – Coding Challenge.
  - Maths – Build a Bridge Challenge.
  - Aico Trip (50 Students).
  - Maths Careers Speaker.
- Year 10 – Airbus Visit (30 Students).

Please note that the Year 8 visit to 'The Big Bang Fair' in Birmingham has been cancelled.

### 2020 Calendars for Sale

Mr Walker has 2020 calendars for sale for 50p, all money raised will be donated to The Movement Centre. The calendars will be available from top pastoral for students to collect if they wish to purchase. The following designs are available:

- Arsenal
- Chelsea
- Everton
- Manchester City
- Tottenham Hotspur
- WWE
- Rugby Addicts
- Little Mix
- Take That
- Robbie Williams
- Gary Barlow
- Cliff Richard
- Boyzone
- 5SOS
- BTS
- Elvis
- Friends
- The Simpsons
- Call Of Duty
- The Umbrella Academy
- Harry Potter
- Rick And Morty
- Peaky Blinders
- Minecraft
- Dumbo
- Harry Potter
- Sherlock
- Bon Jovi
- Kylie
- Supernatural
- Hatley Quinn
- WWE
- Mrs Browns Boys
- Toy Story 4
- Frozen 2
- Stranger Things



### Bake Off Applications

We have been informed by the Casting Researcher at Love Productions that applications are now open for the sixth series of Junior Bake Off - the Channel 4 programme which celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for budding bakers aged between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2020, but applications close on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Interested bakers can apply by [clicking here](#).



### Autism West Midlands Conference

Autism West Midlands are hosting a conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. There will be an opportunity to hear the life journey of this year's keynote speaker, Corey Wood, and attend two different workshops. For more information and to book please [click here](#).

## SPORT FIXTURES



### Week of 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 10 Netball, at Hadley Learning Community, 11:45pm start.
- Years 7 & 8 Netball, at Oswestry School, 3:00pm start.

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- Sixth Form Netball, at Oswestry School, 3:00pm start.
- Year 11 Presidents' Trophy vs Telford Priory, at The Marches, 3:00pm start.
- Primary Football Competition, at The Marches, 12:00pm start.

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 10 County Cup Semi-Final vs Thomas Telford, at The Marches, 3:00pm start.

## 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](mailto:murphy.m@mmat.co.uk)



## External Events

### Sir John Talbot's School

**Whitchurch 10K** is just four weeks away, and with hundreds of entries already confirmed, it is set to be the biggest and the best yet. The race is for all abilities, from those who are running their first 10K, to those wanting to post a PB, as well as for elite runners. To register for the race on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020, please [click here](#). If you can spare a few hours and would like to join the team of volunteers and road marshals, please email: [sjt10k@gmail.com](mailto:sjt10k@gmail.com) or call Hayley on 07968 410067. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **STEM Week**, 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Greece Expedition Training Weekend**, 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Year 9 Aico Visit**, 13<sup>th</sup> March.

[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:

- Barcelona Trip.
- Science Stars.
- Granada.
- Careers Day.

