

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Resources For All

You may not be aware that all students at the school have a school email account and login to Office 365 online.

We are now developing our resources available to students through our school portal, and will soon be able to share how to obtain full office tools - Word, Excel, etc for 5 devices for all students at the school. These tools work on PC's, tablets and phones, putting tools right into the hands of students and homes for free, for the time they are at the school.

Every class has a designated 365 Team available for sharing files and work. When students log onto Teams on 365, they will find their list of classes.

Our first 365 special Team is our new "Year 11 Revision Resources". Students only need to log into Office 365 online and find the Team. Making it a "favourite" will allow them to reach the Team quickly. Departments have been adding useful resources. Please remind your child of this if you feel they need it in the weeks ahead.

Futures Pathway - STEM Week.

Despite some activities being cancelled, students have taken part in careers events as well as special Maths and Science events, with the Science Fair for Year 9. Our thanks again to local businesses and parents who have supported this event and also last week's Year 7 Careers Day.

Feedback from emails received from parents of Year 7 show they have widened horizons and lit fires. We know this support, given generously, is priceless.

Coronavirus Update

Please look out for a Trust Newsletter being sent out today which contains the latest update.

Mrs A Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

GCSE Pod

GCSE Pod is once again proving to be an invaluable resource for revision for Years 10 and 11. We have had a good response from Year 11 as part of their countdown to success, and they are accessing a range of pods across subjects. There are huge benefits in using GCSE Pod and we are actively encouraging students to take advantage of this excellent recourse.

Well done to the following students who were our 'Top Podders' for February: Moriom Uddin (206 streamed); Jake Spelman (114) and Chloe Ellis (77).

As a school, The Marches is currently 28th out of 118 schools in the Pod Leader Board. This is a great ranking, but we will continue to strive to get even higher up the table.



Reminder: Junior Vet Clinic

Moreton Hall in Oswestry are holding a fantastic free event for students in Years 10 to 13 who are interested in a career in Veterinary Science. The event is taking place this Saturday 14th March, 9:00am – 12:00pm and is an opportunity to meet practising Vets and Veterinary students. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Our Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh's Award teams battled horizontal hail and the high winds of storm Jorge to practice their navigation in Snowdonia last weekend. The group worked well together and are well prepared for their practice expedition in April.



Be Kind

The PE Department have focused on being kind to each other. They reflected on the recent news of Caroline Flack's death, and the implication words can have. As such, students were encouraged to make kind statements anonymously to each other during a PE lesson.



E-Safety – TikTok

TikTok is a video sharing social media app which lets users create, share and view user created videos. Although a fun and popular app, there are a few dangers that parents should be aware of, some of which include: access to mature content and inappropriate music, TikTok fame, online predators and in-app purchases, to name a few. To find out more about the platform and to learn some top safety tips, please see this helpful guide by National Online Safety - [click here](#).

SPORT FIXTURES



Week of 16th to 20th March 2020

Monday 16th March

- School Sport Games Finals, at Wrekin College, 12:30pm start.

Tuesday 17th March

- Years 9 and 10 Netball, at Oswestry School, 3:15pm start.

Wednesday 18th March

- Year 7 County Netball, at Shrewsbury High School, 1:30pm start.
- Primary Football Tournament, at The Marches, 12:00pm 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



External Events

Oswestry Hockey Club Families Day

To celebrate the end of the season, Oswestry Hockey Club are holding a 'come and have a go at hockey' Families Day at Oswestry School on 28th March. The event commences at 1:00pm with a training session, followed by a mixed game between the hockey club teams at 1:45pm. It is £3 to take part which includes entry to the match. All funds raised will go to The Midlands Air Ambulance charity. [Click here](#) for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Greece Expedition Training Weekend, 13th – 15th March.
- Oxford & Cambridge Student Conference, 16th March.
- Birmingham University Trip, 17th 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:
- Telford Apprentice Show.
 - Year 7 Careers Day.
 - New Sports Equipment for The Marches School.
 - Match Report: Year 11 Football Presidents' Plate Semi-Final.