

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 7 students and welcome back to most year groups, with Years 9 and 10 to join us on Monday. The students are looking excellent, they have a great attitude to the term ahead and the school is a calm place to be.

Thank you for your support for the lateral flow testing, students have been sensibly arriving for this and it is going well. We continue to use the hand gel and spray in classrooms and are keeping rooms ventilated. We no longer need to keep year groups apart but have chosen to make the year group zones a permanent addition, for the many positives it has brought. We have also retained a stagger to the end of the day, with Years 7 and 8 leaving at 2.55pm, Years 9 and 10 at 3.00pm and Year 11 and Sixth Form at 3.05pm.

Teaching staff have been in school from Tuesday this week, preparing for the student's return – and I have been reminded through these days what an excellent teaching team we have here – dedicated to working with the students to get the best from them and to raise their expectations and aspirations for themselves. It is an exciting year ahead and we are delighted to get going.

#### Covid isolation and illness

The current guidance is that anyone with a positive lateral flow test or PCR test, should stay at home. Please keep us in the loop using the absence line.

Students under 18 years and 6 months, and students over 18 years and 6 months who have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days, or are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons, do NOT need to isolate now if they are a close contact to someone with a Covid infection.

Symptoms of Covid remain – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change of sense of smell or Taste. Students with these symptoms – even if mild – should stay off and arrange a PCR test.

Keep us informed – **learning will continue for isolating students who are well on Teams.**

*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Recording Homework

From the start of the new term, teachers will be asking students to record details of the homework being set in their planners. This will ensure that you are able to monitor the type of tasks being set and help your child organise themselves when working to deadlines.

Homework/independent learning tasks will be set according to the scheme of work being studied and will vary in length and frequency. If a student has no homework, the teacher will expect students to record 'n/a' or 'no homework' to assist with your monitoring.

### Art Projects

There is so much to celebrate in the Art department but these beauties are right up there (see below). A huge well done to the entire Year 9 cohort who threw themselves into this new project and have created some incredible ceramic robots.

### Sports Leaders Charity Event

Before the summer break, Year 10 students organised a mixed charity Netball competition for our chosen charity Ethos. Much like the Football tournament earlier in the year, there was a real buzz in the air, and the PE staff decided it was only fair that the Year 10's got their chance to compete too and umpired their tournament. Mia Poole, who helped at every tournament and was in the winning Year 10 team said: "I think the girls and boys playing in mixed teams worked well, I think it was well balanced and looked equal. It felt good knowing that we were helping a charity and felt like we were doing our part for those people who need it more. I also think the leadership certificates gave confidence". Overall, the tournaments raised £108 for Ethos. Well done to all those involved!

### Sports Honours Ties

The last week of term saw the Sports department award the latest group of sports honours students with their ties ready for Year 10. The students are selected for their commitment to sport at The Marches throughout their school career so far. The room was bursting with pride and the PE team cannot wait for the new honours students to represent us.



## FOCUS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 8<sup>th</sup> September - Years 9 and 11 Individual photographs and Year 11 and Sixth Form Group photos
- 16<sup>th</sup> September - Year 12/13 Parent Event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Open Evening

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