

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to partner with the Oswestry Olympians for their 10K road race and children's fun run. You can find more details and entry forms [here](#).



It is such a shame that parent events that we intended to be face-to-face have had to move online – however it is reassuring to see that most parents and carers are finding our School Cloud reliable and efficient. Feedback from the latest event shows the system was given a 4.58 rating out of 5. We would love to make slots longer than 5 minutes – but after the full working day, staff have three hours available – giving a maximum of 36 slots. An increase to just 6 minutes would reduce this down to 30, which is not enough for most staff with a large class or more than one set. We are getting better at being efficient, please have any questions ready for your slots when your child's next event is due.

Parent/Carer Survey – closes on Sunday – [here](#) is your link if you have not yet had a say.

Year 9 Options – your child received the course booklet this week to bring home and our online guide is [here](#). Please spend some time watching the videos that have replaced the parent event. For further support, please contact: adrian.holmes@mar.mmat.co.uk

We have a flurry of **sporting success** to share over the next few bulletins – here we have the annual Sports Hall Athletics Competition. The 5 schools that took part were St Martins, Sir John Talbot's, Grove, Marches and Oswestry School. The sports hall and gym were a buzz of activity with students taking part in track and field events. The night was a huge success for The Marches, winning the boys and girls competition, meaning they are the overall North Shropshire Sports Hall Athletics Champions of 2022. Well done to all the team!



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

U14 Football County Cup Quarter-Final

The team hosted Belvidere School in the first game the boys had played at home for nearly two years. With a place in the semi-finals at stake, there was excitement before the game. The boys started strongly, dominating the play before Belvidere found their feet in what became a very tightly contested first period.

The second half then erupted with action, as Rui Clarke-Phillips capitalised on a short back pass to the goalkeeper to settle the nerves and score the first goal of the game, with Belvidere then scoring a quick equaliser. The turning point was when Ollie McTweed was brought down in the penalty box, he picked himself up to score the penalty with calmness and accuracy.

Well done to all the boys involved, with Tommy McArdle being named Man of the Match.



Year 8 Early Morning Workout

While indoor assemblies were not possible at the beginning of this half-term, Year 8 decided to replace them with an outdoor active wellbeing session every Tuesday. Activities included walk a mile, Yoga and Astro Aerobics with Mr Lee. Gruffydd Heard had this to say: "I have really enjoyed the active sessions. The walk a mile is the best as you get the heart going and you get to have a chat and catch up with your friends to start the day."



Wacky Water

Mrs Corfield's Year 10 class investigated intermolecular forces between water molecules by dropping water onto a penny!



Well done to Chloe, who in her life skills lesson, made an amazing pizza and coleslaw from scratch which she took home to share with her family.



Year 10 Work Experience is back – can you help?

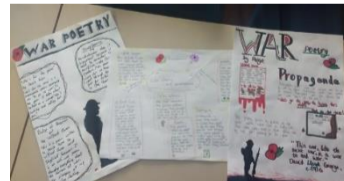
Can you help a student secure a place with your business or organisation? Work experience will run from the 4th– 8th July. Please contact:

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FOCUS

7W1 War Poetry The class have been working very hard in their English lessons, reflecting on what they have learnt in the War Poetry unit so far. These are just some of the amazing posters that were produced! Well done everyone!

Mrs Lloyd



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 17th February – Parent Forum
- 18st February – Last day of this half-term
- Tuesday 1st March – Return to school for all students
- Thursday 3rd March – Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening

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



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