



part of the Marches Academy Trust

Talking Heads



Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week sees the first of this year's Futures Weeks – where we spend time on Citizenship, PSHE and spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. The theme is **Kindness** and the staff have pushed the boat out for some fantastic events for our young people to really remember – our Peak Moments.

Our FixUP seminar details can be seen below, we are very grateful to have Mark Hignett joining us from Oswestry Museum to share with our KS3 scholars group the research behind the fascinating story of [Gordon and Gilbert](#).

Every subject has exciting lessons ready – Drama Forum Theatre, Music Incredibox Raps, English poetry, the psychology of kindness in Science, PE – being kind to yourself, Art – creativity as mindfulness, Maths - sequences groupwork, Languages – the tree of life, RE – justice and kindness and in Business Studies, students will explore bullying in the workplace.

Tutor groups will listen to some powerful TED Talks and assemblies as well as exploring what our tag line, 'We care a lot', really means. **We are also coming out into the town to spread some kindness there – look out for us.**

I am sure we will have many pictures and stories to share in the coming weeks.

*Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher*



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Calling all Young Carers

We want to make sure we know who all our young carers are so that we can support them as best we can.



If your child is helping to care for others at home and you think this applies to you, then please follow the link [here](#) which will give you more details and a form to fill in.

Kindness Week is on the Way



Watch out for more next week.

Futures Week - Kindness

As part of our Kindness week next week, all students in KS3 and 4 will take part in this event – we share it here for families who would like to know more. Please ask your child how they found the session, we would love to hear your feedback.



Hello Happiness Workshop

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Helping your students to take responsibility for their emotions and help themselves and others to be happy. It provides knowledge and tools for students to maximise and maintain their happiness whilst building their mental strength to overcome challenges.

TOPICS COVERED

Choosing Happiness

Empowering students to understand the importance of happiness and intentionally choosing a happy mindset

Exploring the Emotion Cycle

Teaching students the power behind our thoughts and how it affects other emotions, actions and reality

Gratitude

Encouraging students to have an attitude of gratitude to combat enemies and obstacles of happiness

Happiness Hacks

Providing students with practical tips on how to maximise and maintain happiness

MORE INFORMATION

Who is the workshop for?

KS3 - KS5

How can it be delivered?

Pre-recorded video

Virtually

In-person

What is the length of the workshop?

30 minutes - 90 minutes

Parents' Evening Consultation Outcomes

Last term we asked for your views on an alternative format for parents' evenings.

Most of the feedback was against the proposal.

The online format was however liked – with each year group having been through this once now.

Staff also like the online format, and this has grown each time as we refined the event.

We balanced this picture against the real need for "in the flesh" conversations at key times.

As a result, the following schedule for parents' evenings will be in place this year – with review opportunities along the way.

Year 7 October – an in-school meeting with tutors as the end of the transition process with an online evening to speak to each teacher in March.

Year 8 May – an online parents' evening.

Year 9 February – an in-school parents' evening and options event.

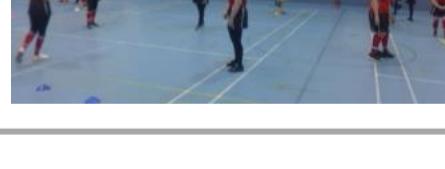
Year 10 January – an in-school parents' evening.

Years 11/12/13 December – an in-school parents' evening with a second online evening in March for Year 11 and April for Years 12 and 13.

FOCUS



Year 10 Practice their LORIC Leadership Skills



UPCOMING EVENTS



Open Evening
Including Sixth Form
Thursday 23rd September
4.30pm – 7.30pm
All Welcome



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