

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 students are getting ready to **move to black** after half-term – always a very moving sight. Please consider donating grey jumpers and ties to the school, we have many families who would welcome a size swap. All donations should be taken by students to Pastoral where they will be gratefully received.

Year 11 and Year 13 have now begun **Exam School** – the final four weeks of school, with exams coming thick and fast. Both year groups are doing fantastically well, they are with us and taking all the opportunities for revision and recap we offer – exam breakfasts and after school sessions are well attended – we are very lucky to have a team of teachers who want to run these.

The **summer enrichment programme** has now been updated on the website [here](#) – there is something for every student.

We are extremely proud of our Choir who performed at Oswestry School last week, helping to raise over £20,000 for the Ukraine Disasters Emergency Humanitarian fund. The final item saw 200 voices on stage singing a moving and powerful rendition of the 'World in Union'!

And finally – **the staff tug of war** – a tough fight, with all our site staff taking the strain and Whittaker taking the top spot.



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

The Science of Shelters



7W1 enjoyed designing and building shelters at the end of their shipwrecked topic, the buzz in the room was great as they worked in teams to build the best shelter for a borrower that would withstand heavy rain, wind and earthquakes!

KS1 Indoor Athletics

Our Junior Sports Leaders – busy again with Whittington taking the win.



Local MP and Alumnus Visits



Local MP Helen Morgan, with our Marches own alumnus, Alex Wagner, Helen's local aid, visited us last week. Students studying politics and others had the opportunity to ask some very topical questions about women in politics, the cost of living and the challenge of accessing services in a rural area.

Join our Alumni and share your experiences

Are you an ex-student? Join our alumni network [here](#) and share your experiences about the world of work, skills and talents with the current generation of students in the school. The students always love to hear real stories from real people they can relate to. Get in touch through our website.

Oswestry Museum Thanks

Year 8 Marches Extended Project students, Lucy Hawley and Draven Davereux got to experience a personal tour of Oswestry Museum. Lucy said, "It was really interesting as I had not been before. It will really help us with our project of launching an Instagram page of the local area's walks."

Year 7 in their Social Space having fun skipping

Mr Lee got them moving.



Year 11 Effort Premier League

Winners of this long running competition modelled around the Football League and focusing on effort towards the GCSE deadline, received their rewards trip to KFC this week.



FOCUS



Louise Humphries and David Clough from Oswestry Town Council on their visit to meet The Marches Gardening Club, to see what we do and to discuss our participation in this year's Oswestry in Bloom event.

We also showcased our eco site and talked about our eco group and the important environmental work we do.

Mr Hopley



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 27th May – last day of summer 1 half-term.
- Monday 6th June – Return to school after the half-term break.

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

NEWS

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