

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Futures - Careers Week** This week has been packed with careers-based events with many years having talks from universities, our Careers Fair on Thursday and today the Year 9 Enterprise Challenge.



**Smart Watches - Parent Consultation** Smart watches are now so advanced; they can be as functional as a phone on the wrist. A survey of staff tells us that in a sample of 59 teachers – 61% have experienced at least 1 incident of learning being impacted negatively by a smart watch in class, with an average of 3 incidents per teacher in the first half of the year.

Our primary Trust schools do not allow smart watches in school and the Joint Council for Qualifications has this year banned all watches, smart or otherwise from exam venues.

All four secondary schools in the Trust are now consulting with you for views on the way forward – please use [this link](#) to join in.



Finally for this week – our Year 10 girls are seen here celebrating their **Shropshire County Netball Plate - joint first!** “It was a brilliant effort from all of the girls and we played some of the best games of Netball we have as a team :) *Captain Seren Lingard*

*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Year 10 Manchester and Liverpool Topflight Football Emersion Event



“I wanted to pass on huge thanks to the teachers involved in yesterday's trip to Liverpool and Manchester”.

**Year 10 Parent**

### Oswestry Youth Music Festival

We had an excellent outcome this year at the weekend event. It was a pleasure to watch so many of our talented students participate in various competitions throughout the festival - congratulations to all students that took part!

**Miss King – Head of Music**



#### Soloists

Jake Spelman - piano solo - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Amelie Lingard - piano solo - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Paige Powell - drum Solo - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Eliza Stonehouse - vocal solo - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Blake Stonehouse - vocal solo - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kate Steel - woodwind solo - 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Ensembles

Marches Senior Choir - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Marches Rock Band - 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Pictured with trophy!) Evie Delacassa, Charlie Whitehorne-Hunt, Ben Jones & Paige Powell.

### Year 12 Sports Visit to Glyndwr University

A fun and active day with coaching, fitness tests, psychology lectures and laboratory tests, as well as a chance to ask about sports courses and university life. “It was a really enjoyable experience and I learnt a lot about opportunities that I could have in the future.” **Keira Lee**

### Year 10 Cup Rugby



We went down to Lacon Childe on a very wet Wednesday but The Marches boys did not lose their fight and proved this by scoring their only try of the match in the final moments of the game up the hill through Thomas Edwards as he carried three players over the line. The final score was 7-31 but some valuable experience gained.

**The PE Department**

### Year 9 Ecosystem Identification



## FOCUS

### Year 13 Ceramics

A huge well done to Jasmine Innes in Year 13 for the amazing progress she is making with her ceramic vases. We cannot wait to see her glaze this piece and tell her story which was inspired by the work of Grayson Perry.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 31st March – Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
- 2nd April – Rewards Trip to Alton Towers
- 26th – 28th April - Core Exams for KS3

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