

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our “**Futures Programme**”, is described in our curriculum pages on the website [here](#). Year 7 students had their first Futures event with four hours exploring the systems of law in the UK, alongside learning skills of teamwork. There was much enthusiasm working in teams to debate and present the case for lowering, increasing or keeping the age of criminal responsibility the same, it is 10 by the way. Here we have Amber Wilcox motivating her team, Ethan Willcock acting as team leader, Obie Roberts making an impassioned speech and Nathan Aldwinkle presenting his team’s case.



Lost Property - Please encourage students to visit the Medical Room at lunchtime if items are lost. We have some lovely new coats but with no names – please mark items with full names, not initials.

School Closes at 12.30pm on Thursday 13th October – with all students provided with a Teams assignment for their Period 5 lesson. Students should return home and complete the assignment as a remote lesson – this is one where materials have been provided, but the teacher is not available live in the lesson.

This early finish to the day is to allow for all teaching staff to have some essential training, students needing a free school meal can pick up a package at break time.

Buses – Marches minibuses, Tanat Valley and Lakeside coaches will be running their end of school service at 12.30pm.

Arriva buses have their usual routes from town and the end of school 3.00pm route. If your child needs to wait for the 3.00pm Arriva buses, please let us know and we will accommodate them in the IT suite for their remote lesson to 3.00pm. Please let us know on [this online form](#).

Arriva bus timetables can be found [here](#).

Autumn 2 begins on **Monday 31st October** with all students in school.



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Published Author – Alumna of the School



Congratulations to Alumna of The Marches - Nilopar Uddin who, after studying Law, has become a barrister and this weekend was celebrated with a reception at The Simla Restaurant, where she was born and grew up, as she becomes a published author. Nilopar has signed a copy of her book for the school library.

Do you have a story to tell from our Marches Alumni? Please let us know, we love to celebrate their success. See more [here](#).

Sixth Form - LLS Level 3 Sports Industry Programme

The students on this newly launched course run by the sports industry on site, have taken to their new course like ducks to water. Leo Thomas and Tom Wolstenholme have been sharing their experiences of leading sports sessions to help the current Year 11 Sports Studies class. Leo helped to team teach a section of the lesson. The LLS students circulated the class supporting with individual students.



The course leads to a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (development, coaching & fitness), equivalent to 3 A Levels.



Eco Club back in action

Today we made bird feeders out of recycled plastic bottles and metal cans from home and we also made energy saving posters for above the light switches and the printers to save energy, paper and money for the school.



All our clubs and enrichment offer for the autumn term are now on the website to explore – [here](#).



We encourage all students to join at least one after school activity – with a vast array to choose from thanks to the dedication and energy from our staff, who put on all these events as volunteers. We are very lucky!

FOCUS



Jess Williams from Shropshire Youth Association and Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Jay Moore, have been in school to invite students to be part of the Oswestry Youth Forum and decide on how to improve Oswestry for young people. The first meeting is on Wednesday 26th October 2-4pm at The Centre, Oak Street.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **End of Autumn 1 term** – 12.30pm, Thursday 13th October
- **Start of Autumn 2 term** – for all students – Monday 31st October
- **Year 11 mock exams** – 7th to 18th November

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



NEWS

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