

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Illness or Medical Appointments – How to let us know

**Option 1** - Please call the school absence line no later than 8.30am, 01691 664400 (Option 1), leaving a message stating your child's name, tutor group and a brief explanation of the nature of the illness. A call is requested for every day of absence unless you have spoken directly with the Attendance Officer.

**Option 2** – Email the Attendance team by no later than 8:30am at: [marattendance@mar.mmat.co.uk](mailto:marattendance@mar.mmat.co.uk)

**Option 3 – coming soon** – a WhatsApp number to share your child's absence on.

Attendance is key to your child's outcomes in school. The overall absence rate of students not achieving Grade 9 to 4 is over twice as high as those achieving Grade 9 to 5 (8.8% compared to 3.7%).

One of our Head Students, Seren, presented our cheque for over £1,700 to U&I Counselling, our local charity for last year. This will support their work with the local community, providing 'pay what you can' support for counselling for people of all ages. Let's see what we can do for OsNosh this year.

Our Year 11 leaders also represented the school at Sunday's Remembrance Parade, laying a wreath prepared by Year 7 students.

**Dell Computers Offer** – please see the attached flyer if this is of use to you. The school does not gain any incentive, but are sharing as this may benefit some families.



Mrs Alison Pearson  
Headteacher

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Year 9 Boys' Football

The Year 9 Boys' Football team have got away to a flying start this term with 3 games and 3 wins. 17 goals scored from a range of players across the team. A fantastic start to Football in Year 9.



### Town Centre Art Inspiration

40 Art and Photography students headed into the town centre. They sketched and photographed away, celebrating Oswestry town's brilliant and vast architecture!



### Our First Trip Abroad for Three Years – WW1 Battlefields

The trip was full of reflective moments at the Tyne Cot Memorial and the Menin Gate where students took part in the nightly last post service and laid a wreath made by Year 7.



### The Rainbow Flag Award

We nearly have our full award – with the policies element now achieved.



**Did you know** – "Warm Spaces" can be found in Oswestry [here](#)

## FOCUS



### Shrewsbury Rugby – Skills Development Day

The girls had a brilliant time finishing with full contact games and a hat trick of tries by Sophie. On the bus home, it was nice to hear the girls chatting about how much fun they had. **Rugby training continues every Wednesday after school - come and join us!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- Futures Theme – Kindness
- Years 12/13 Parents' Evening – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas Carol Concert – 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Term ends - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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## NEWS

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