



Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day was yesterday, with staff enjoying celebrating the joy of reading. Our next **Parent Forum** follows this theme on Wednesday 15th March in the Library at 4-5pm, or join on video call. We would love to have a good turnout to explore where we are as a school and your thoughts on our plans. To take part please contact: tracy.whelan@mar.mmat.co.uk

Tracy writes, "As a school we put a big emphasis on developing a love of reading. We are now auditing our reading to see where we can do things better. The Parent Forum is a perfect place to be further involved in the offer."

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

Option 3 – Send a WhatsApp message stating your child's name, year group, form and reason for absence to 'Marches Attendance Office' WhatsApp group on **07572 971076**.



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Parent Guide attached to this email



Year 9 Introduction to Portraiture



It was great to see the students engaged and enjoying their Art lesson where they were challenged to produce a series of timed drawings increasing in time and understanding. Students laughed the whole lesson as half the group were models and the other half were artists.

Miss Whelan



World Book Day

All students have a voucher, attached to this bulletin, which can be redeemed at Booka, Asda, Blackwell's (selected stores only), Morrisons, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones and WHSmith.

The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions.

ONE TOKEN per transaction.

Offer valid 16 February 2023 – 26 March 2023 inclusive.

The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store.

Please check with your local bookseller before visiting whether they can accept the barcode on mobile devices.

The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online.



Alton Towers Rewards Trip 2023

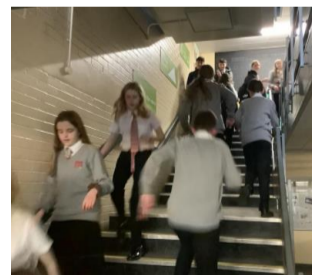
Invites for this always anticipated event are out at the end of the week and given to reward students who have shown a focus on their learning and a good attitude to others. Online booking opens on Monday 6th March at 3pm. We will take as many students as we have staff volunteering to go on their day off, but that said, places will be limited, so don't delay.



FOCUS **House – Climb the Burj**



Students need to complete as many steps as they can each day in the tower block. The House with the most steps will win. Photos from day 2, and still 2 more days to go. Bonington are currently in the lead, but it is very close. Comments from students include: "I'm going up again to earn another straw" and "I'm shattered now!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Further NEU Strike planned – 15th and 16th March.
- Years 12/13 Parents' Evening (online) – 16th March.
- Alton Towers Rewards Trip – Saturday 25th March.

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

NEWS

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