

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 have begun the next phase of their build up to GCSE exams this week with their **Resilience Day** – a day of being put out of their comfort zone, along with lots of practical strategies to help the students look after themselves alongside revision techniques. It was great to see many Year 11 parents and carers investing their time in joining us for the parent session where the techniques were shared and practiced. Your support in the months ahead with school and with your child will be invaluable.

We know reading is vital to access every subject and so we support **Booka's new initiative – Pre-Teen Book Club**, for Years 7 and 8 students, which starts on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 4.15pm. Students just need to turn up, the first book is *Albi: The Glowing Cow Boy* and the author, Georgina Byng will also be there. Cost is £10 for the session, book and drink. Future sessions are every third Wednesday in the month.

**Admissions Policy 2024** Our policy contains a change relating to Year 12 entry across the Trust schools. We thus need to consult with stakeholders about this change. If you have any comments about this section – please email these to [claire.mason@mar.mmat.co.uk](mailto:claire.mason@mar.mmat.co.uk) before the 31<sup>st</sup> January. The change in policy is shown here, highlighted in yellow.

### 11. General Entry Requirements

CYP wishing to continue their studies with us are required to achieve a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language and Maths. **In order to secure a place at our Sixth Forms, we ask applicants to achieve a minimum of five grade 5s in their GCSE examinations and at least a grade 5 in the subjects they intend to study. Whilst ideally, we would like a grade 5 in the subject they intend to study, we will assess applications on a case-by-case basis.**

*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES



### Coral the Fish

Thanks to the National Schools Crisp Packet Challenge and the Oceans Clean-Up Programme being run by the British Ironworks Centre, we are now the proud carers of Coral. As a school, we need to fill Coral with empty crisp packets and once full, Coral will be collected, with the crisp packets turned into blankets and distributed to people experiencing homelessness.

### Year 5 STEM Day – Relaunch

Some things have taken longer than others to bring back – our Year 5 STEM days began again this week. The pupils came from Bryn Offa for a day of Food, Drama and exploration of space in the Planetarium. "We had a brilliant day, I loved it."

Year 5 pupil



### Year 7 Desk Buddies

The groups have been working hard in Design and Technology this term. They have learnt and developed a range of new skills in the workshop using an array of tools and equipment which has resulted in their first practical project, a Desk Buddy.

Here are some examples from 7W1 who managed to finish before Christmas. Good effort all!!!

Mr Richards



### The Gardeners are back

Members of our gardening club have been out and about preparing spaces for future displays around the school. Here they are pictured working next to an area by our new fitness suite.



### Football Derby Win



It was a classic for the girls, Marches vs Oswestry School. A 6-1 win and great team spirit. Well done ladies!

## FOCUS

### Motivating MFL

Monty Holmes said: 'We were given a competition by Mrs Gottschalk and it helped me with my French vocabulary. We decided the winner gets a chocolate bar, and the loser does recycling on the last day of term. Having the forfeit meant we were really motivated to not be last!' The boys have been competing all week at break and lunch and really added to their vocab. Here is Will Beckett, stepping up to take his forfeit with a smile – having only been pipped in the last 3 minutes of competition and still clocking up 5 hours and 14 minutes of learning!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January – Years 12 & 13 exams continue
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Collaboration Day – All students working remotely at home

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## NEWS

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