

### Dear Parents and Carers,

**Strike Action by the NEU** – There are four possible days affected by the proposed strikes as shared below. Not all teaching staff at the school are members of the NEU. I have asked staff to share their intentions to strike, though they do not need to do this in legislation. Once I have a picture for our school, I will share our plans to ensure as much of the school can run as possible, whilst also remaining safe. This detail will not come until the end of next week but please look out for it.

#### Possible strike action – dates affecting our school:

- Wednesday, 1 February (England and Wales)
- Wednesday, 1 March (East Midlands, Western, Eastern regions)
- Wednesday, 15 March (England and Wales)
- Thursday, 16 March (England and Wales)

**Year 7 Oswestry Museum Visits** – Every student in Year 7 has now been to the museum, one of our pledges for our students. The museum, on the top floor of the Town Hall, is a great local resource for projects and we have really enjoyed again, listening to Mr Hignett who has given his time all week to share tales of heroism, resilience and the downright wacky people of Oswestry's past, really bringing them to life.



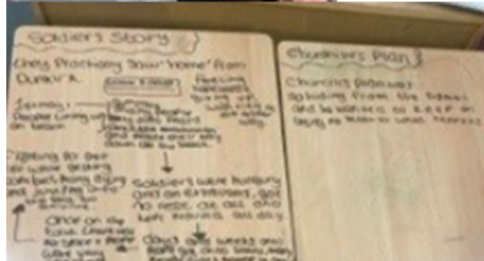
Mrs Alison Pearson  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Dunkirk Evacuation Plans

9K3 have been working really hard in History looking at Nazi Germany and the Homefront. They have been smashing the source analysis and written skills in their books, so last week we put the books away and they created their own evacuation plans on the tables using whiteboard pens. They split the tables into four: one quarter setting the scene, the second quarter telling the story of a soldier's journey to Dunkirk, the third explaining what Churchill's plan was, and the final section looking at what they would do differently.



### Climate Survey shows Marches students are ready for action

We are one of 20 schools to take part in a pilot project, led by Inter Climate Network to survey students about their attitudes towards, and action to, tackle climate change.

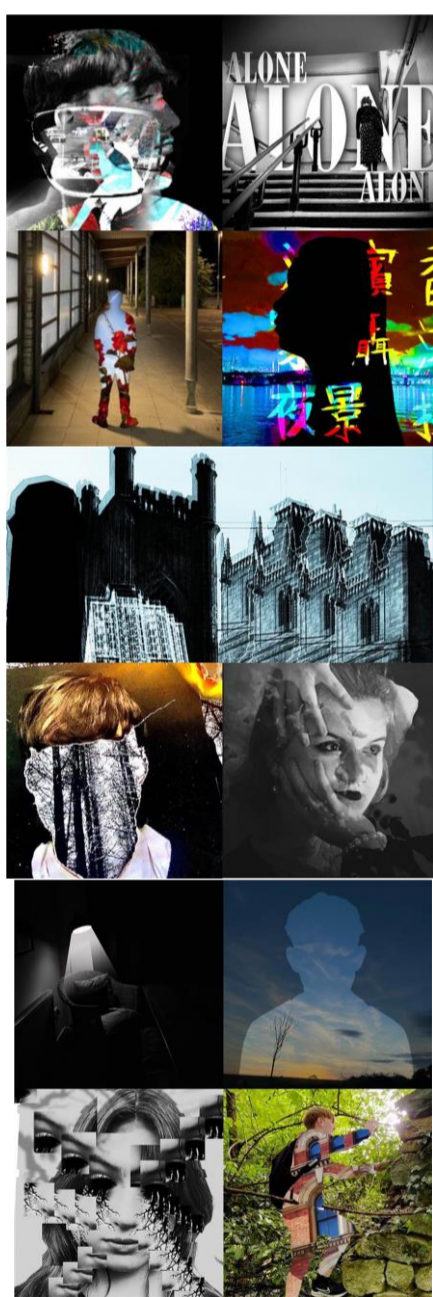
63% of our students say that they are already taking action on climate change, particularly in energy (78%), transport (73%) and waste (69%).

Our EcoClub have reviewed the report. Charlie Ide and Tabitha Land said "it is fantastic that so many students are taking action on climate change, and that others are willing to take action if we provide them with the opportunities and incentives for students (and teachers) to take more eco action".

EcoClub are now putting together an action plan to support more eco action by The Marches School.



### GCSE Photography Update



## FOCUS

### Match Action

Year 11 Boys' County Cup Rugby v Sir John Talbots School  
Written by Joseph Wright

Starting the game knowing our last game against SJT was a struggle, missing a few players and with no training...hopes were low. However, strong performances from all the team proved us wrong. A couple of standout moments from Josh Burnett, Thomas Edwards, Jac Jones and Jac Williams led to a big win against a big pack. Marches 46 -19 SJT. We are ready and raring for our next game.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Careers Futures Week – starting 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
- Remote learning day – 17<sup>th</sup> February. School closed for students with online lessons set.
- Half-term break starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

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