

Dear Parents and Carers,

And we are nearly off - Year 11 GCSE Business students sat the first of several walking talking mocks with Mr. Holmes and Mr. Davies. There was a focus on areas the students were shown to be struggling with the most following a 120 quiz that highlighted all areas of strength and weakness.

"The students were brilliant, focussed and worked hard on their exam technique for the whole hour. Bring on the exams - we'll be ready!"

And the same can be said for the full year group and their teachers, with not long to go now. For any guidance and timetables, you can visit our exam hub on our website which will be bang up to date next week [here](#). If you have any concerns throughout the exam period regarding your child, please get in touch with the Year 11 team at: Natalie.richards@mar.mmat.co.uk Having had two boys go through the exams system, I know this time is also a challenge for parents and carers too – I am thinking of you also over the weeks ahead.

Our whole school push this half-term is **keeping the standards high**. Students should be equipped for learning every day with a stocked pencil case, a planner and a reading book. We value your support in checking your child has these in their bag each night.

A stocked pencil case should have - black pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator, protractor, compass and whiteboard pen. All students should have their own non-leak water bottle to allow them to use the filling stations around site.

The Scientific Calculator we recommend is the [Casio fx-83](#)



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Chocolate Geology

Year 12 Geographers rocking their chocolate geology lesson "it'll definitely stick" said Iwan Hodson-Vaughan whilst munching through a Yorkie Raisin and Biscuit metamorphic rock!



Pond Spring Clean

Elliot Cullen and Mara Goodwin helping to plant more hedgerow trees to provide shelter for our Eco Garden pond.



Spring is in the Air

Our gardening club members are busy setting about preparing areas for new floral displays around the school.



Grace Thomas update!

In her most recent game for Shropshire, Grace received Player of the Match! A great achievement!



Marathon Madness

Fin Morris in Year 12 completed his first (and Last) half marathon at the weekend to raise funds for Hope House. He did it in 2 hours and raised an incredible £1265 for the hospice. Fin is studying A Level PE and is usually found working on his swimming times, but wanted to try something different.



FOCUS Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Gold and Silver students began their first training expedition in Llangollen. The weather was on their side and even though they were faced with some challenging walks across a variety of different terrains, the sun kept shining! There was lots of excellent map planning and reading skills, as well as tent and food preparation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May.
- Year 7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 11th May.
- Half-term break – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.

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