

Dear Parents and Carers,

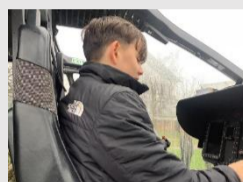
This week has seen our Christmas Lunch and last night, our Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church, which was a great community event to warm the heart. Next week, all students are invited to **swap out their grey jumper for a Christmas one on Friday**, with no charge - just for fun. We will end the term with our whole school celebration, and Santa will pay a visit to reveal the term's House competition winners – who will it be?

Marches Take Over the Park Run - Saturday 27th January, 9am

There are the perfect number of weeks to be inspired and get up to speed with the couch to 5K and join us as The Marches takes over the weekly Oswestry Park Run at Henley Wood. We would love as many of our students and parents / carers to come and join in with the option of running, jogging or walking. If you prefer, we are also looking to support the marshalling of the event with students and parents / carers.

Lots of staff will be there too! To take part: please complete the short form [here](#) so we can let the organisers know how many of The Marches Community to expect.

Careers Week round up in pictures – Thank you to all our local business who have supported the week, it has been an excellent experience.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Bebras IT Challenge

Students in Years 7, 8 and our KS4 and 5 Computer Scientists have taken part in this year's Bebras Challenge (bebras.uk). Students are enjoying the challenges of computational thinking and showing creativity and resilience in how they solve them.



Trading with the Dragon: China in Africa

Year 12 and 13 Geography students have been treated to a lecture by Gill Miller, Senior Lecturer Emerita at the Department of Geography, and the Environment at the University of Chester. As former President of the Geographical Association, Gill shared her knowledge of China's complex role in trade and politics across the 54 African countries, and its social and cultural impacts. We learnt a lot.

GCSE Food Skills

Students completed a 4 lesson practical, resulting in a chicken pie.

"We learnt how to joint and de-bone a chicken, make pastry from scratch, design and make the sauce and filling, putting it all together in a pie".

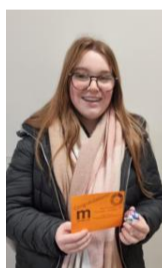
Students have been amazing throughout. Honorary mentions go to Millie, Dixie, Isabelle, Betsy, Ruby, Oscar and Will!

Mr Richards



Year 10 Winner

Spot prize for Year 10 yesterday was Courtney Williams for the most Lesson Grade 1s.



Year 8 Cell Art



FOCUS

Birmingham Symphony Hall Classical Laser Spectacular

GCSE & A Level Music students enjoyed an afternoon at Birmingham Symphony Hall watching the Manchester Symphony Orchestra play well known pieces including Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Vaughan William's Lark Ascending performed to dazzling lasers, specials effects, fireworks, and fire!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

22nd December – Christmas Jumper Day
22nd December – Last day of term
8th January – All students return to School
11th January – Year 11 Resilience Day and Parent Evening Event

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



NEWS

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