

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great excitement and a profound sense of responsibility that I step into this role, and I am eager to begin this journey alongside you and your children. I believe in open communication, collaboration, and transparency and I am dedicated to working closely with you to address any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of a strong partnership between home and school, your input and involvement in our school community is valued and welcome. If you would like to come along to a coffee morning here at the school, please complete the form [here](#).

### School Bags

We have received a recent email from a parent with concerns about the weight of school bags that children are carrying around daily. We agree that bags can be heavy, and this is particularly concerning for our younger students. With this in mind, we are changing our practice. Students will now be allowed to leave school books in their classrooms. They will be encouraged to take books home only when they need to do homework or prepare for an assessment. This should reduce the amount of books they carry and make their bags lighter.

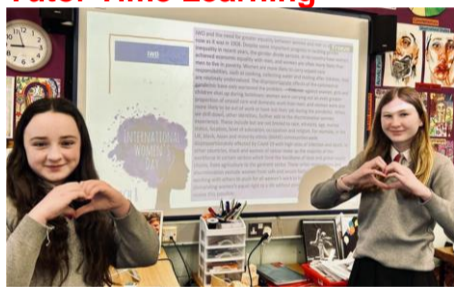
We have been contacted by the Friends of Oswestry Library who are keen to see young people in the town busy with activities – which we support with our enrichment offer after school.

The letter describes some unpleasant behaviour in the library including videoing staff, throwing leaflets and food, knocking books from shelves and up-ending furniture, most often in the holidays. I share this to allow you to speak to your child if they use the library to reinforce as needed, how we demonstrate our values when we are out in our local community, especially in our important community resources like the library.



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### International Women's Day – Tutor Time Learning



### Tarde de Cine, Spanish Film Club



Our KS5 Tarde de Cine Club run by Sra Coopman is where passion for Spanish culture meets the silver screen! Our A Level Spanish students are currently captivated by the Oscar nominee film Sociedad de la Nieve.

### Our fab Dance Studio getting put through it's paces!



Wednesday night Dance Club – all welcome to come and shake off the day.

### U13 Girls' Football – International Women's Day Win!



A win against Idsall School 3-1 which moves us into the semi-finals. Well done to Erin Barton for her 3 goals.

### Prom

If you have any pre-loved suits or dresses suitable for Prom and are willing to donate, please get in touch with our Admin team at:

[admin@mar.mmat.co.uk](mailto:admin@mar.mmat.co.uk)

### Exceptional GCSE Students!

Their trip into the heart of our town centre was more than just a walk through the streets; it was a delve into the theme of architecture. They are not just sketching buildings - they are unearthing stories and celebrating the rich tapestry of our local heritage.



Stay tuned to see how they transform their observations into stunning pieces of art!

Mrs Proctor – Leader of Art

## FOCUS



### Year 12 UCAS Trip to Manchester

Students were able to talk to over 50 Universities and also explore the city.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Presentation Evening
- Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April – Futures Week – Diversity
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Parents' Evening (face-to-face)

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## NEWS

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