

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, another busy week here for our Marches family with so many exciting opportunities for our students to get involved in. Our Diversity *futures* half-term has kicked off with a bang and there is a real buzz around site. We have even had the most adorable guide dog to visit the students!

#### Coffee Mornings

Yesterday we had our first parent coffee morning. I now know we have such wonderful students here because our parents and carers are wonderful too. We had some great conversations and there is plenty of learning for us that I have taken from this session, so thank you to those who attended, and I look forward to the next.

#### Attendance

There has been a lot in the national press recently about school attendance. We know across the country that attendance has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. This is a real focus for us and we are keen to work together to ensure our students are here every day and enjoying school life.

#### Illness or Medical Appointments – How to let us know

**Option 1** - Ring the absence line no later than 8.30am on 01691 664400 (Option 1), leave a message stating your child's name, year group, tutor group and brief details. A call is needed every day of absence unless you have spoken directly with the Attendance Officer.

**Option 2** – Email the Attendance team by no later than 8:30am at: [marattendance@mar.mmat.co.uk](mailto:marattendance@mar.mmat.co.uk)

**Option 3** - Send a WhatsApp message with your child's name, year group, tutor group and brief details to 'Marches Attendance Office' WhatsApp group on **07572 971076**.

#### Alton Towers – keep a look out on Arbor!

Booking will open for students invited to this year's Alton Towers Rewards Trip on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm. The trip will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Those students not going on the trip are expected to attend school as normal.



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

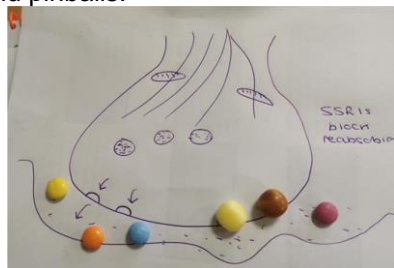
### Diving into Textures with Clay!



Our Year 7 creative explorers have embarked on a tactile journey, mastering the art of texture with clay. From pinching, coiling, and slab building to imprinting and carving, our students are pushing the boundaries of their imagination.

### A Level Psychology

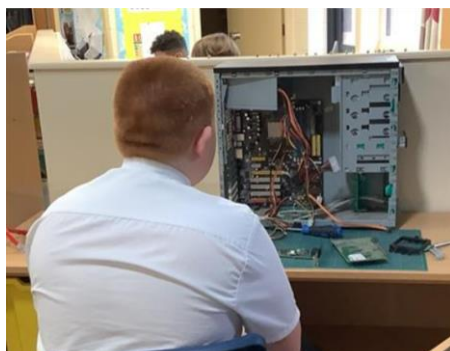
Psychology students learning about how SSRIs prevent the reabsorption of serotonin in OCD using smarties and pinballs.



### Cyber Explorers



Year 9 experienced a day in the life of a "white hat hacker". A massive thank you to CyberFirst and the Department for Science Innovation and Technology for a fantastic day.



### Sustainable Fashion



Lizzie from With Love from Oswestry came into school to showcase sustainable fashion, sharing views on slowing down fashion habits and to tell us more about the Prom Reimagined event in April where students can come to browse planet-friendly prom outfits.

### Year 12 Liverpool Field Trip



Students experienced multiple different fieldwork techniques at both Crosby Beach and Liverpool City.

## FOCUS



### Annual Book Topple Results are in...

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bonington 95 books
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mallory 90 books
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hargreaves 85 books
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Stephens 71 books
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Whittaker 37 books



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

- Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April – Futures Week – Diversity
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.30am – Coffee Mornings with the Head of School
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Parents' Evening (face-to-face)

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