

Dear Families,

I hope this bulletin finds you well and that you have had a wonderful week. This week we have seen the exams coming thick and fast now for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. I continue to be impressed with the focus, maturity, and resilience I see as I walk around lessons. Both year groups are taking all the opportunities for revision and recap we offer – we are lucky to have a team of teachers wanting to run revision breakfasts and after-school revision sessions.

Year 10 students are getting ready to **move to black jumpers** after half-term – always a very moving sight. Please consider donating grey jumpers and ties to the school, we have many families who would welcome a size swap. All donations should be taken by students to Pastoral where they will be gratefully received.

One Voice Group

I had the pleasure this week of meeting with students in our 'One Voice Group'. They have been working on a project around Mental Health in Schools and wanted to share with me their findings. They also wanted to share some of their work with families and will be updating regularly:

This week is Mental Health Awareness week, and we in the One Voice Group wanted to share with you who we are and what we have been doing this year as a part of our project for Mental Health at The Marches School. One Voice has been a great opportunity for us, spread across The Marches Trust to get our views across in our school on a subject of our choice we felt needed improving.

This year we have been focusing on how we can improve visibility of how our school already accommodates students in terms of supporting them when they need to discuss problems or enquiries regarding their mental health as well as their mental wellbeing.

Each week we will be sharing in the parent bulletin, tips on supporting students with their mental health. Something that we wanted to share with you this week is "Place2Be". This website has a page specifically to support students in stressful times during their exams to offer support and top tips. You can find more information by going on the Place2Be website at [Navigating exam season resources - Place2Be](#).



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Summer Sports fixtures

Our Year 8 Rounders team beat Thomas Adams and Lakelands!



The Year 10 team won their match and Daisy Griffiths received player of the match!



Year 9 team



Year 12 Law Guest Speaker

Students in Year 12 enjoyed a talk from Dylan Rhys Jones last Friday. He talked to them about his development of the Wrexham University Law School and his career as a solicitor working on criminal cases. He gave students advice on training and working in the legal profession.



House Musical Wordle

The Performing Arts department ran a fabulous House competition. Students played 'Musical Wordle' where the song is played with an extra layer added each time. Stephens took the victory!



Form Board Winners

Year 8 form board winners were Mrs Proctor's form with their theme of belonging. Well done!



Author Visit - Bea Fitzgerald

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Review by Pheonix Atherton, Year 10

'Bea Fitzgerald, author of *Girl, Goddess, Queen*, gave an insightful talk all about her career - its development, the stages in creating a story and the different aspects of getting a book edited and published...far more steps than I had imagined! My friend and I found her advice very helpful and extremely interesting. The book is based on her love of Greek Mythology, a re-telling of the story of Hades and Persephone, enemies to lovers and some very overprotective parents. I can't wait to read my signed copy!'



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Friday 24th May – last day of this half-term
- Friday 24th May – Year 7 France Trip
- Friday 5th July – Sports Day

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NEWS

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