

### Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a good week and managed to stay warm with this cold weather. Last night, our amazing Performing Arts department wrapped up warm and took the choir to perform at the Oswestry Christmas Light Switch On. It is so lovely to see our school community getting involved in the wider Oswestry community.

We have now come to the end of the mock exam period for Year 11 and we have been so impressed with their attitude and resilience. We will share their results soon. We look forward to seeing families at the consultation evening coming up.

### Join us in Creating Friends of The Marches!

We are excited to announce plans to launch **Friends of The Marches**, a families and community group dedicated to supporting our school through fundraising and events. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring families together, strengthen our school community, and help provide additional resources and experiences for our students.

#### Why get involved?

- Make a real difference to the opportunities available for our young people.
- Help fund enrichment activities, equipment, and projects that benefit all students.
- Build connections with other families and the wider community.

**How can you help?** We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to create the group, share ideas, and help plan fundraising activities. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your contribution will be invaluable.

If you are interested in being part of Friends of The Marches, please email: [claire.mason@mar.mmat.co.uk](mailto:claire.mason@mar.mmat.co.uk)



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Year 9 Netball Tournament

The Year 9 Netball team had a fantastic tournament, with several players representing the school for the first time. They started strongly, beating Lakelands and then SJT, showing great teamwork and determination.



### Sixth Form make Poppies

Our Sixth Form students created their own poppies last week, showing creativity and quiet reflection for Remembrance.



### North Shropshire Football Success

The Year 9 7-a-side team went to the North Shropshire Competition and had an amazing afternoon. 1-0 wins against Oswestry School and Thomas Adams, a semi-final against trust rivals SJT saw us win 1-0 and into the final.

Unfortunately, another 1-0, but a loss this time meant we finished runners up. This is a fantastic achievement for this group of boys who always work hard and show great spirit. Congratulations boys - you did your school proud.



### North Shropshire Cross Country

The Marches proudly sent out strong teams to the North Shropshire Cross Country Competition, and what a day it was!

Looking across the start line, the sea of red shirts was an inspiring sight, and our runners didn't just show up, they dominated the results.

#### Standout Performances

- **Jesse Humphreys – 2nd** and **Mabon Ellis – 3rd** in the Year 7 boys' race
- **Autumn McGivern – 2nd** and **Maisie Firkins – 3rd** in the Year 8 girls' race
- **Millie Barton – 1st** and **Evie Griffiths – 2nd** in the Year 9 girls' race
- **Harry Borthwick – 2nd** in the Year 10/11 boys' race
- **Ella Chaplin – 3rd** in the Year 10/11 girls' race



### Congratulations to Selma!

Taking GCSE Art a year early, Selma achieved an outstanding Grade 9. Her dedication, skill, and vibrant creativity led to truly exceptional outcomes. We are incredibly proud! 🎨 🍌



## FOCUS



### Hollie Wiseman Year 10

Well done to talented artist Hollie Wiseman who has drawn a beautiful portrait of her Grandad who served in the RAF.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Rewards Cozy Christmas Evening – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 11 Consultation Evening – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Shopping Rewards Trip – 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

## NEWS

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