

Dear Families,

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Trust Leaders this week to share how our school is progressing, and I could not have been prouder. Our students are genuinely shining and living our culture with real pride every day.

Now that we are halfway through the academic year, **Crew** is becoming a pivotal part of life at The Marches. Students talk openly about the sense of belonging it gives them, the chance to connect with others, and the support they receive from their Crew Leaders. It is clear that Crew is quickly becoming one of the most important parts of their school experience.

Our students continue to come prepared and ready to learn, and this has been especially evident with Year 11 students this week. They have approached their second mock exams with excellent focus, behaviour and attitude. This level of commitment will stand them in very good stead as we move towards the summer.

A huge thank you also to our wonderful local community for their ongoing support of our Photography students across KS3, GCSE and A Level. We are especially grateful to the supermarkets who regularly donate beautiful flowers for students to use in their work — their generosity helps our learners produce some truly stunning images. Below is just a small selection of the amazing work created by our current Year 7 students.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 10 County Netball

The Year 10 squad travelled to Wrekin College to compete in the Trophy competition after last year's Plate victory. Facing tougher opposition, the Marches girls rose to the challenge and produced several strong performances.



Year 12 UCAS

Year 12 students attended the UCAS convention in Manchester to learn more about their choices post Sixth Form.



Panqueques para los peques – ¡Qué rico!

Just before half-term, our Year 10 Spanish students put their language skills to the test with a hands-on pancake-making lesson. They followed ingredients and step-by-step instructions entirely in Spanish, turning the classroom into a lively kitchen full of teamwork, great smells, and plenty of laughter!



Ski Trip 2026

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we sadly could not take the full group on the Ski Trip this year. We had to reduce numbers, so Year 11 went. The students made amazing progress and enjoyed fantastic conditions — a real epiphany for many of them as their confidence on the slopes suddenly clicked. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make it possible. We know how disappointing this was for some, and we are committed to making sure younger year groups have opportunities in the future.



FOCUS

Isabell Mayhew (Year 10)

Isabelle has won the Next Generation Volunteer Award in the Oswestry Life Local Hero awards. She was presented with her award in school this week. We are incredibly proud of Isabell. Well done!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- Thursday 19th March – Sixth Form Families Evening
- Tuesday 24th March – Silent Disco – Rewards Event
- Thursday 26th March – Year 11 Families Evening

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