

### Dear Families,

The sun has been out this week, but it is deceptive how cold it still is! I hope you have all had a good week.

#### Families' Voice – Phone Survey Update

Back in June, we asked for your views on mobile phone use in schools. Your feedback was incredibly valuable — we received over 1,250 responses across the Trust, and only 11% of families said they *never* worry about their child's phone use. One message came through loud and clear:

A complete ban on bringing phones to school does not help families feel confident about their child's safety when travelling to and from school. We hear you, and we agree — any changes we make must support you in feeling reassured about your child's journey as well as their experience in school. Next week, alongside the bulletin, we will be sharing a further update on this work and the next steps.

#### Ski Trip

We know how disappointing it was for our younger students not to be able to go on the ski trip this year, and we are truly sorry. It was a heartbreaking decision for us to make, and we can only imagine how it felt for the young people who were looking forward to it. Seeing their disappointment was incredibly hard for staff too.

Please be assured that we are already working with a range of companies to explore options for running a ski trip next year. As soon as we have firm plans, we will share an update, so families know exactly what to expect.



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Separate Science Titrations

Year 10 Separate Science students got hands-on with their titration practical today 🧪 Great focus, steady hands, and plenty of accurate results!



### Year 9 Speed Networking Day

A huge thank you to all the brilliant exhibitors who supported our Year 9 Speed Networking and Workshop Day. Your enthusiasm and expertise made the event truly inspiring.

We're grateful to: DWP, The Army, Furrows, RAF, Start Tech, NHS England, Career.Cards, St John Ambulance, Severn Trent, Shrewsbury College, North Shropshire College and Chester University.



### Marches students represent Shropshire

A huge congratulations to the Marches students who represented Shropshire at the West Midlands regional final for indoor athletics.



### Crew time in Year 8 - Roles

Students in Crew 8WSW have been voting for who they would like to be the lead of a variety of roles within the Crew. They are developing their strong leadership skills.



## FOCUS



## Families Survey

Your voice matters to us – please share your views if you haven't done so already.

<https://edurio.com/poll/BhKTtN>

## 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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