

Dear Families,

This term has been buzzing with brilliant moments across the school. Year 11 have really stepped up—mastering revision strategies, building confidence and powering through POWER UP! to GCSE Day with real determination. Year 13 have matched them stride for stride as they head towards their final exams.

Year 12 have begun exploring their next steps through UCAS events, and Year 10 are rising to the challenge of GCSEs with work experience just around the corner. Year 9 have chosen their options, and we are now working through these so we can share confirmed subjects with families soon. Year 8 threw themselves into World of Work Day, and Year 7 have truly settled into secondary life—it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing week by week.

Careers events have been a standout success. Year 9 were amazing on the Speed Networking Day, and our Careers Fair brought a real buzz to school as 38 exhibitors inspired more than 1,200 students.

Enrichment has been just as lively, with trips that have broadened horizons.

And as we head towards the summer term, we are taking a little inspiration from the Badger spirit in *Wind in the Willows*: steady, curious and quietly getting things done. Our students are doing exactly that! Have a great week!



REMINDERS & NOTICES

House Bake Off

Students competed in our annual bake off competition. Hargreaves House was victorious this year with a savoury pizza design.



Outstanding Results in the Oswestry Youth Music Festival

Congratulations to all our performers who took part in the Oswestry Youth Music Festival. The results were amazing and we are very proud of them all.



9W5 Art

They have loved learning about playful painting and printing.



Year 8 Art



8K5 Science - Testing for Carbon Dioxide

8K5 have been enjoying experimenting with metals, metal carbonates and oxides recently. After testing for hydrogen with some incredible squeaky pops, Year 8 students reacted metal carbonates with acids and tested for CO₂ by running the collected gas through limewater. Brilliant results!



FOCUS



Congratulations to **Malachi Patel** who achieved first place for all three drum solo categories in the Oswestry Youth Music Festival with honours, honours and outstanding. His performance gained Mal a place as a finalist playing for the Oswestry Town Council Cup! Congratulations on your outstanding performances beyond your years - you have represented The Marches School brilliantly in this year's festival.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Tuesday 24th March – Silent Disco – Rewards Event
Thursday 26th March – Year 11 Families Evening
Friday 27th March – last day of term
Monday 13th April – All students return to school

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NEWS

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