

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend! Time really is flying now.

External exams have started this week, which is a big moment for our students. It is completely normal for them to feel a mix of nerves and excitement, and staff are on hand to support them every step of the way.

At home, the best help is often the simplest: plenty of sleep, regular meals, calm mornings and reassurance. Gentle encouragement and keeping things positive can make a real difference. Thank you, as always, for the support you give your children during this important time.

Here is the link to our Exam Hub section of the website. Lots of information and our Revision curriculum is a fantastic resource to encourage techniques at home: [Exam Hub - Marches School, Shropshire](#)

Attendance Reminder

Q: I wish to take my child out of school for a Family Holiday (or other reason) during Term Time.

A: Leave of absence will only be granted in Exceptional Circumstances and can only be authorised by the Headteacher. Exceptional Circumstances are defined as 'one-off' occasions where a request for leave of absence is unavoidable and does not cover annually occurring family holiday. Please complete a Leave of Absence Request Form, available from the Attendance Officer, and submit no later than two weeks prior to the start of the leave. For the Headteacher to reach an informed decision, please include as much detail as possible to explain why Exceptional Circumstances apply.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Youth Club – Places Available (Years 5–8)

Our Youth Club is up and running and offers a relaxed, friendly space for pupils in Years 5–8 to socialise, play games and take part in fun activities after school.

Numbers have been small so far, which means there are still plenty of places available and a great opportunity for new children to join and help shape the club as it grows. It is a welcoming environment, particularly for students who may benefit from meeting new friends in a smaller group.



NEW MARCHES YOUTH CLUB!

Fridays from 6th March 2026
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Years 5 to 8
Limited spaces!

Marches School, Oswestry (Meet by main entrance)

Funded by Rotary Club of Oswestry and Cambrian

In partnership with marches school part of the Marches Academy Trust

Multi-sports Games & activities Arts & crafts Baking & creating & much more

Places must be pre-booked:



Year 10 GCSE Art

The Year 10 GCSE Art students have shown outstanding dedication and creativity through their focus on **Van Gogh**. Their work demonstrates strong observational skills, expressive use of colour, and a thoughtful understanding of his emotional and energetic style. The depth of experimentation and personal interpretation is impressive and reflects real commitment and artistic maturity.



FOCUS



Congratulations to Theo Addison who passed his Grade 6 Piano exam with distinction!

A fantastic achievement, we are very proud!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- Friday 22nd May – Hub Talent Show
- Friday 22nd May – last day of half-term
- Monday 1st June – Return to School
- Thursday 4th June – Year 7 Families' Evening

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



NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

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