

Dear Families,

Open Evening Success!

Last week, we welcomed families to our annual Open Evening, and it was a fantastic showcase of everything that makes The Marches School special. A huge thank you to our brilliant students who supported departments and led tours - their kindness, confidence and leadership left a lasting impression on our visitors. We are a proud school community, and that pride shines through in events like this.

What is my child learning?

Do you want to know more about what your child is studying in school? Visit the Curriculum area of our website to explore what is being taught in each subject — and what is coming next. We hope you find it helpful and informative: [Curriculum - Marches School](#)

Student Support Focus: Vaping & Drug Misuse

Two growing national concerns: **vaping** and **drug misuse** among young people are increasingly being highlighted by health professionals, schools, and national agencies. We want to ensure our families feel informed and supported.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know

- **Vaping is not risk-free.** While often marketed as a safer alternative to smoking, many vape products contain addictive substances and harmful chemicals.
- **Drug misuse can start subtly.** It is important to be aware of changes in behaviour, mood, or social circles that may signal concern.

We encourage all families to read the advice found here: [Vaping, its effects and how to quit | Childline](#)



REMINDERS & NOTICES

7K1 Geography

A lovely lesson getting the students up and mingling to see who has got some basic geographical knowledge.



Addams Family Auditions

What a fantastic turn out to the auditions for Addams Family with over 100 students trying out! We were blown away by the talent in the room! More to follow with call back auditions next week!



We cannot wait for the performance. Keep a look out for ticket sales when they become live! You will not be disappointed.

Leadership Update – Mr Pritchard



Culture Update: Ready, Respectful, Safe

At our school, we are committed to creating a positive and supportive environment where all students can thrive. Our core expectations are simple: **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We encourage students to demonstrate these values every day, in lessons, during social times, and around the school community.

Alongside these expectations, we continue to promote the importance of **saying thank you, apologising when mistakes are made, and standing up for our school values**. These skills help students develop responsibility, respect for others, and confidence in making positive choices.

We also ask for families' support in maintaining our high standards around **uniform and presentation**. Recently, we have seen an increase in concerns regarding **rolled-up skirts** and **hooped earrings**. These expectations are in place to promote safety, consistency and a sense of pride in our school. We appreciate your support in ensuring students arrive at school in the correct uniform each day.

FOCUS



Homework: Developing independent study habits is a key goal for all our students. Homework plays an important role in this by reinforcing learning and building the skills needed for success. To support this, we have updated how homework is set in Key Stage 3 to align with our Revision Curriculum. Please see the link below for details of homework expectations in each year group. [Homework Policy - Marches School, Shropshire](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Thursday 24th September – New intake Welcome Event for Year 12
- Friday 25th September – Collaboration Day
- Thursday 1st October – Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening

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

NEWS

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