

Dear Families,

It has been quite an intense term. We have certainly packed in an awful lot at school. This week I have seen some of the very best of our students. On Monday I attended the DofE Awards event at the Hill Valley. It was a standing room only as students and parents packed the room for Bronze, Silver, Gold, and First Aid Awards. There was an inspirational speech by Danielle Brown who shared her life story about how she achieved 3 Gold Medals for archery at the Paralympic games and Commonwealth Games. Wednesday saw the Sixth Form vs Staff football match. Students cheered loudly for the staff who managed a late goal in the extra time and managed to win 5-4! We had the Sixth Form Easter Ball on Wednesday evening. Our students behaved impeccably and were a credit to Miss Lyons. Finally, after such a busy term we finished with the Year 11 Keeping in Touch event last night. Mr Timmis has been working tirelessly with Year 11 who received their mock results earlier that day. It was a pleasure to celebrate a rewards breakfast with 27 Year 11s who had achieved at least 1 grade 9 in their mocks. As Headteacher, as well as knowing the challenges that are still present for us as a school, I have the privilege of seeing so much talent in our school. It has certainly reminded me the potential that lies in our students who will go on to do great things.

Behaviour Focus after Easter

We are constantly striving for the highest standards in school. After Easter we will be having a drive on two key priorities:

- Uniform** (with a specific focus on footwear)
This term we have seen a rise in students not wearing the correct footwear. Our Uniform Policy can be found on our website or via the link <https://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/uniform-and-equipment/>
- Students in lessons learning**
Whilst this may sound obvious, our focus as a school is learning. We do everything we can to stand by our vision of 'Achievement Through Caring'. To achieve this, students need to be in lesson and on time.

Where students are not able to meet these expectations, we will follow the Behaviour Policy.

IT Support Roadshow

Our Trust has a wealth of experience in IT to share and support parents and carers. We are coming to your child's schools soon on our IT support roadshow. Do you need help to set parental controls on your child's phone? Would you like help to set up your child's free Office 365 account? We can support with this and more. To help us plan when to visit – please help us by filling in the very short form [here](#).

The Marches Academy Trust's Spring Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust's Spring Newsletter is now available to read! This issue celebrates the recent term across our schools. It also includes an update from our CEO, Sarah Finch. Please have a read at the following link: [The Marches Academy Trust's Spring Newsletter](#)

We hope you manage some family time over Easter, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 8th April 2024

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Monday 8th April 2024 – Week A

DofE Awards



Sixth Form vs Teachers Football Match



Sixth Form Ball



Student Support Week 23 Focus: Young People and Self-Harm

If a young person in your life is self-harming it can be distressing and confusing. It may be difficult to start a conversation with them. They might be doing it because they don't have the words to explain what they're experiencing. But it's important you know that you can support them.

Read the following [NSPCC](#) article to find out how you can best support your child if you are concerned that they might be self-harming.

Our Pastoral and Safeguarding team are situated in Student Services. If a child has any concerns, they MUST report it to a member of staff who will ensure that it is directed to the correct person to deal with it.

Career of the Week – Town Planner

A planner's main aim is achieving sustainability. This means balancing different social, environmental, and economic issues when official decisions are made on whether a piece of land is built on or not. Planners do not construct buildings but recommend how and where buildings should be built, what they should be used for and how they should fit into the local surroundings.

Preparing our students to be #realworldready

To find out more information about careers as a Town Planner or alternative pathways click on the link below: [Town Planner](#)

Events

- Work experience Y10 & 12 – w/c 1st July 2024

Post 16 and 18 Apprenticeship + Vacancies

- [Clinical Engineering Apprenticeship](#) at the Royal Wolverhampton Trust September 2024
- Apprenticeship Opportunities at [Barlows](#). For more information contact Pauline Elsley: pauline.elsley@barlowsuk.co.uk
- L3 Apprenticeship in Childcare.
Contact: blossomchildminding@gmail.com
- [Apprenticeships with Airbus](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the army](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the RAF](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the NHS](#)

To find out more information about local and national apprenticeships visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu – w/c 8th April 2024

Green Earth Monday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Garlic Bread Slices (V)
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Panini Selection & Veggie Cheeseburger (V)

Tuesday
Pork Hot Dog Baguette served with Baked Beans & Wedges
Veggie Chilli served with Wedges (V)
Panini Selection & Fish Finger Bap

Wednesday
Roast of the Day served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Vegemince Cottage Pie served with Gravy
Panini Selection & Hot Pasta Pot of the Day

Thursday
Homemade Beef Bolognese served with Pasta
Plant Based Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta
Panini Selection & Hot Chicken Salad Wrap

Friday
Sustainably sourced Battered Fish Fillet served with Chips
Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll served with Chips
Panini Selection & Chicken Nuggets served with Fries

Click [here](#) to view our Vacancies

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- 5th – 8th April – DofE Gold Training Expedition
- 8th April – Year 11 Drama Exam
- 17th & 18th April – Year 11 Photography Exam
- 18th – 20th April – DofE Silver Training
- 24th & 25th April – Year 11 Art Exam

Click [here](#) to view our Term Dates.



NEWS

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

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