

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Students

Friday 8 May marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe) and we hope that you are well and able to take some time to reflect and to commemorate this in some way.

This week we gained recognition of our efforts by the celebrated author and entertainer David Walliams. David passed on his best wishes in a Facebook post to all the Marches Academy Trust students and staff in recognition of our continued hard work, of course he couldn't resist a little self promotion of his excellent books. You can listen to David's message [here](#).

Some key messages to pass on to you this week:

Year 12 moving to Year 13

As we are adjusting to a new way of working, you will be *increasingly required to meet your teachers online* to work. These meeting invitations have started to go out on Teams. Some of you have already started your online lessons and the feedback is brilliant. Please ensure that you respond to these invitations and attend the lessons. We want you to be as prepared as possible for the start of Year 13. We must find a new way of working and this is the way forward as we do not know how and when schools will be fully operational so we must adapt. I need you all to join my Teams meeting at 8:45am until 9am each day please, it will be good to catch up and check all is well. If we feel that I need to put you into smaller groups for this meeting, we will make changes as necessary.

Next week Mr Mannion and Mrs Haycock will be sharing a 'next steps' questionnaire with you, please complete this.

Year 11 moving to Year 12

Your Unifrog accounts are now set up, and you should have received an email containing details. Hopefully you have watched this video, but if not, please do, it lasts approximately 25 minutes: [Unifrog](#). You can then complete the tasks on Teams, if you have not already done so using your parent accounts. Please let us know of any issues with logging on (parent or student).

Next week we will send details of how to apply for Head Girl and Boy, Student Body President and Lead Mentor.

Year 13

We can see that more and more of you are accepting final places and getting finance etc sorted. We are STILL here to meet you and talk these decisions through. Please let us know how we can help you and we can arrange a virtual meeting.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and stay safe.

*Mrs Jones Head of Sixth Form
& The Sixth Form Team*



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 12 moving to Year 13 Daily Teams Meeting

You will be invited to join Mrs Jones on Teams daily during term time (Mon to Fri). This will commence on Monday 11 May at 8.45am to 9am. Tips: Please attend the meeting on time, dress code casual but appropriate. Remember other people can see and hear you!

Year 13 2020 Leavers Hoodies
Please click on the link to select colour and size of Hoodie [Ram Leisure](#) before completing your details on the form here: [Hoodies](#)



Wellbeing support

CAMHS Resources contains a collection of downloadable self-help guides relating to wellbeing that you may find useful – click [here](#). Some of the downloadable PDF's are aimed at adults but ideas and suggestions in them can still be relevant for both young people and parents.



YEAR 13 NEWS



Year 13 students have been keeping themselves extra busy since leaving school in March. They have been taking part in the 5K challenge to fundraise for the NHS. The concept is to run 5K, donate £5 and then to nominate 5 people to do the same. A couple of students have also taken the time to focus on their fitness. Students are also busy organising university accommodation and have been practicing their cooking skills! Some students are working in shops, so are "key workers" and helping the community. We have also been helping grandparents with shopping and picking up prescriptions whilst adhering to social distancing and keeping safe.

Evie Williams Head Girl

CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should you have any career or work experience related questions or concerns. She will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with colleges and sixth forms to keep abreast of developments relating to admissions for Year 11 students.

Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk



EXTERNAL UNIVERSITY LINKS

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/>

FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook @[SirJohnTalbotsSchool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#).



WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Sixth Form](#).
- [Term Dates](#).

