

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Good evening to Year 11, 12 and 13. As this is the last bulletin of the year we really want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a most unusual term and to congratulate you on how you have taken it in your stride. Your resilience and adaptability have been wonderful to see.

**Year 11** We could not be happier with your enthusiasm and engagement on your induction day this week and in recent months. You are going to be brilliant Sixth Formers. We already have a new Sixth Form event in the calendar because of your initiative, more on that to follow! The second part of our Sixth Form induction for Year 11 took place today with a training programme delivered by **Off The Bench Training** in partnership with **Landau, Shrewsbury**. Off The Bench Training specialises in providing bespoke training and qualifications across different sectors. The company's focus lies in tailoring programmes for organisations, groups and individuals working in or aspiring to work in sport or education. Students listened to an inspiring talk given by Jack Rutter, Team GB Paralympian, former England Cerebral Palsy Team Captain and current Under 21 Coach and took part in activities with Owen Bainbridge (England Blind B1 Senior Player).

**Year 12** You have had to manage work and assessments in a completely unprecedented way, and we are looking forward to seeing you all individually next week for your one to one end of year reviews. You have adapted to a new way of working with no complaints and just got on with it. We are very optimistic for your Year 13 and you have truly learnt how to work independently! Well most of you have 😊 I applaud those of you who have never missed a morning registration with us, even if you were still half asleep!

**And to Year 13**, who had the most abrupt end to Sixth Form, we are truly proud of you. We will continue to be here for you in the coming months to support you with your next steps and we will be sharing our farewell message with you next week so keep an eye out for that. We hope to still be able to celebrate with you in the future and say our goodbyes in person.

Please be aware that your school email account will only be available until September. Please keep an eye out in case we have any updates if things change over the summer. Do not forget to save any documents that may be stored on your account in readiness for the removal of this.

### September Opening

The preparations are fully under way for our return in September. The Government has released the following document [Guidance for full opening: schools, 2nd July 2020](#). In the letters attached, Mr Stonall, Head of School, gives further information of our initial planning and how we will be informing parents and students of the final details for September during the summer holiday.

The headlines are as follows:

- All staff and students will be expected to return to school from the first day of the new term 1st September 2020
- All students will be expected to wear full school uniform from September
- **Year 7 and 12** only will start on Wednesday 2nd September
- **Year 8, Year 9 and 13** will start on Thursday 3rd September
- **Year 10 and 11** will start on Friday 4th September (please note this is a change to the published return date, but is required to ensure all students receive full training on the new Health and Safety measure and systems in school)
- On return to school all staff and students will have a full health and safety induction and training
- Support materials for all students/parents, including specific guidance and videos to help students understand the return to school will be sent out no later than 21st August
- All staff and students will receive training in the new Health and Safety systems on their return to school

You all deserve a break, it has been a pleasure working with you this year, please keep in touch.

Have a lovely summer break, Mrs Jones and Mrs Haycock.

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



## REMINDERS & NOTICES



### Year 11 Prom

Thank you for submitting the Prom refund request form. If you have not yet done so please click on the link here: [Prom refund request](#)  
Refunds will be made directly to your bank account by BACS. You will be notified when this has taken place so that you can check that payment has been received in your bank account

### Textbooks

Please can students return any textbooks loaned to them via the School Reception. If the Reception is not manned please leave items on the countertop. Please adhere to social distancing whilst on site and arrive after 9.15am and avoid 12.45pm to 1.30pm. Please note hours of opening may vary.

### Off The Bench Training Programme



### Competitions & Challenges

**Biology Competition:** The Nancy Rothwell Award celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining Art and Science. The competition challenges entrants to draw, paint, sketch or digitally create artwork capturing plant and animal anatomy. Open to students aged 7 to 18 years old, closing date for submissions 31 July 2020. [Click here](#) to view full details and prizes available.

**History Competition:** Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work; drawing, poster, short story, video, or artwork to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close on 30 September 2020, [click here](#) for more information.

**Current Affairs Competition:** UCL openDemocracy are running a competition for students aged 14 years+. To enter they need to share their vision of the future by submitting either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crises has passed – **entries close today 10 July 2020**. There are some great prizes up for grabs! Please [click here](#) for more details.

## CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, is available for remote career guidance 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. Please click here for a list of [Virtual Events](#). Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: [murphy.m@mmat.co.uk](mailto:murphy.m@mmat.co.uk)



## WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

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

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



## EXTERNAL LINKS

[UCAS Clearing-launch](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) This website allows you to explore vacancies by company or by area of interest and gives an overview of when opportunities open - go to explore > vacancy snapshot.

[Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Apprenticeships](#) will help you to find apprenticeships at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Hospital Trust. You can sign up for alerts.

## FACEBOOK

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

