

Dear Parents and Carers

Children in Need

Students raised a fantastic sum of £636.32 for this year's Children in Need. Great efforts were taken with costumes and students thoroughly enjoyed their fund raising activities. A huge thank you to parents/carers and students for making this possible. Pictures of the event can be seen below.

The SMART 7

This week's assemblies focused on the introduction of the SMART 7. The Marches Academy Trust met recently to review procedures and standards for a successful lesson. The new system, SMART 7, has been introduced to students and is outlined below:

1. Arrive SMART to the lesson before the bell.
2. Line up in an orderly manner outside the classroom.
3. When invited in to the teaching area, place **planners** and equipment on the desk.
4. Give full attention throughout the lesson. Listen carefully and follow instructions.
5. Show respect and cooperate fully in order to achieve best possible learning outcomes. Achieve at least a grade 2 in lessons.
6. Support each other to ensure that the classroom is tidy at the end of a lesson.
7. At the end of the lesson wait to be asked to stand behind chairs and leave in an orderly fashion when instructed to do so.

Reward Points

Lesson gradings are an important part of our monitoring and rewards system. Students receiving a grade 1 in their lesson will automatically be awarded 2 reward points. Grade 2 equates to 1 reward point. Total points are calculated and individual students and tutor groups are recognised and rewarded for their commitment to learning. Reward points contribute towards the total number of House Points achieved over the term.

School Day

Whilst the majority of students arrive on time for the start of the school day there are a small number who arrive at 8.50am or later. Lateness results in a Smart card signature and is not an ideal start to the day. Lessons start promptly at 8.50am and students should arrive to school for 8.40am in order to be at their lesson on time. More information can be found here: <http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/information/school-dayhours/>

Good News for Zac

Following our successful 'Wear Red for Zac' non uniform day, we are pleased to learn that Zac Oliver has now received the first stage of his therapy in America for a rare type of Leukaemia. White blood cells have been collected from Zac and will be genetically modified for re infusion in a months' time. We wish Zac and his family well.

Mrs Apperley, Head of Key Stage 4



Shrewsbury College Visit

Year 12 Engineering students were inspired by a 'Women in the Built Environment' talk and networking event that took place in the Origins Restaurant at Shrewsbury College. The event featured three inspiring speakers who are all successful women in the construction industry. The host and organiser, Ruth Shepherd, is the Founding Director and Owner of Results Communications. This is a specialist engagement and communications consultancy which provides independent, integrated and bespoke services to all sectors of the construction and development industry. The Sixth Form are looking forward to welcoming Ruth and our new contacts back to SJT for further events in the New Year.



Lake District Fieldwork

Year 12 A Level Geography students visited the Lake District in order to complete their fieldwork. They stayed at the Derwentwater Independent Hostel in Keswick and were studying glacial erosional and depositional features on the landscape and rural rebranding.



Cross Country

Congratulations to the five students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who were invited to represent North Shropshire in the School Games Shropshire Cross Country. Nell Warner, Prue Noss, Michal Kozlowski, Henry Appleby and Chester Romei represented North Shropshire in their age groups and did exceptionally well in a very competitive field. The Year 7 Boys won their team race as well as winning the Overall Boys Competition. Well done to all.



Art, DT and Photography Trip

Last week, the DT, Photography and Art Sixth Form students visited London to gather vital primary source material for their projects. They visited the Photographers Gallery and the National Gallery to gain inspiration.



Twickenham Trip

Last Saturday students and staff visited Twickenham to watch England play rugby against Japan. In an entertaining game, England came from behind to defeat next year's World Cup hosts 35 - 15.



Road Safety

Malcolm Farrar, Road Safety Officer for Shropshire Council gave a talk to Year 12 students who are fast approaching the age at which they can become a learner driver. Mr Farrar spoke about the importance of analysing road situations and making the right decisions. Mr Farrar gave a fantastic presentation where he explained how easy it is to be peer pressured into dangerous driving acts. He stated that, on average, young men are more likely to have an accident than young women of the same age. He showed students a range of video clips designed to make the students think and prevent possible accidents. Some of the videos were hard hitting and difficult but created a realistic message.

As we approach winter we would also remind students and parents/carers to be cautious when travelling to and from school in icy road conditions.

Forthcoming Events

November

29 November 2018 - Sixth Form Open Evening 5pm to 7pm

December

5 December 2018 - Year 7 and 8 Author Event

7 December 2018 - Year 11 and 12 Transition Trip York

12 December 2018 - Year 11 Parents' Evening 5pm to 7pm

13 December 2018 - Biology in Action

19 December 2018 - Year 10 Trafford Centre

20 December 2018 - GCSE and A Level Awards Evening

Term dates for the academic year 2019 - 2020 can be found online [here](#).