



# GROVE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure holding our first Community Evening on Thursday 7 February where Mrs Sarah Longville shared the vision and values of The Marches Academy Trust. Our guests were greeted by our Student Ambassadors, who are excellent role models and we opened the evening with Liam playing the piano and Grace singing two beautiful songs; both performances filled my heart with joy and pride. We displayed a variety of work from different year groups which showed the high expectations that are upheld across the school and the great standards that our students are achieving. Niamh, from Year 13 shared her exhibition about the damage that the use of plastics are doing to our environment. She has illustrated this point wonderfully through making a large shark made purely from the number of plastic bottles that have been used by students in Grove College.



I would also like to name Lily-Rose who has been selected to represent our country in the World Dance Competition taking place in Los Angeles and later in the year in Portugal. We also have Cameron who



has been selected to be part of the Worcester Warriors development squad and was one of only five to be selected from the whole of Shropshire.

Jodie is a talented swimmer whom we hope to see representing our country in the future. Many of our students have special talents, interests and hobbies outside of

school where they absolutely shine so please do share your child's successes with us as I would like to celebrate their achievements in school too.

We have a school full of bright, happy, cheerful, very hard working young people who strive to achieve their best every day. As I walk around the school I see lessons that are engaging, challenging, fun and interesting where students and teachers have great relationships that enable real progress to be made. I also see our support team working relentlessly and compassionately to help some of our students overcome the challenges that they face. One of the reasons that I entered teaching is because I wanted to make a difference to the life chances of young people. I am

witnessing every member of our school team make that difference every day and I want to publically thank them for their dedication, enthusiasm and passion.

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Mrs Taylor, Headteacher**

## Grove Alumni – Ben Garratt

This week, we were visited by former student Ben Garratt, who is a professional footballer for Crewe Alexandra.

Ben, who left Grove School in 2011, and achieved excellent GCSE results whilst he was here. He has been with Crewe Alexandra since he was 6 years old and is an England Youth International.

Ben was keen to stress that achieving excellent GCSE results is vitally important as a sporting career is only a short one, and there was never any guarantee of him becoming a full-time footballer.



## Law Careers

The University of Chester are hosting an 'Explore Law' event on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

The event is designed for students who have an interest in careers in law in Years 10, 11 and 12. The details are shown here.

To book your place at the event, please go to [law.ac.uk/explore-law](http://law.ac.uk/explore-law)



## ATL Top 5

Congratulations to the following students who are in the top 5 for ATL 1's (Outstanding lessons) in the last school week. ATL 1's are given to students in lessons for the following areas:

- Positive and highly motivated
- Exceptional level of effort and commitment
- Work independently
- Punctual to lessons and fully equipped
- Completing work to the best possible standard, including homework

Position	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Matilda	9EBR	29
2	Erin	7MHR	23
3	Jade	9EBR	21
	Tanisha	9EBR	
4	Zachary	9EBR	20
	Georgie	8ADA	
	Loveday	10JOB	
5	Michaela	7MHR	19
	Ellie	8DPO	
	Georgia	8ADA	
	Jacob	7MHR	
	Jessica	7MHR	
	Justin	7KKP	
	Olivia	8DPO	
	Paige	9EBR	

## Extended Project Qualification

One of our EPQ students, Niamh Hurley, aged 18 has worked on a project on single use plastic and the damage done to our oceans. She has designed and built a 'shark' filled with the plastic bottles thrown away at Grove College. She has also produced information boards and a pledge or promise frame for students to make pledges to reduce waste.



An Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a qualification taken by some students in England and Wales, where it is equivalent to half an A Level. They are part of Level Three of the National Qualifications Framework. The project is undertaken voluntarily and the topic of study can be anything.

The staff and students have been visiting the project which is currently sited in the school hall. Niamh said: "I feel very passionately about the current state of our environment, particularly our oceans. The exhibition is all about educating people on the dangers of using single use plastics. There is a few interactive parts to make it more fun, but really, it has been created to make an impact. It has been great to see people really engage with the exhibit."

## British Science Week Events



### COME AND JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FANTASTIC EVENTS!

- Friday 8th March- Party animals! (3:30pm-5:00pm) £5 per ticket
- Wednesday 13th March- Party animals! (3:30pm-5:00pm) £5 per ticket
- Friday 15th March- WonderDome! Mobile planetarium! (30 minute shows from 3:30pm-6:00pm) £3.50 per ticket

### TICKET INFO

These events are suitable for all ages.

Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by a parent.

Students of the Grove school can attend unsupervised but must collect a consent form from Miss Hardy.

Tickets can be purchased on WisePay for families of the Grove School, or alternatively bought from the main reception. Please leave contact details in case of cancellations.



### PARTY ANIMALS

Suitable for all ages!  
Interact and handle exotic animals and learn about their incredible evolution and amazing adaptations. Show lasts 1.5 hours. £5 per ticket on WisePay or at the main reception.



### WONDERDOME

Suitable for all ages!  
Get your own taste of space in this fantastic mobile planetarium where you'll watch solar systems and galaxies fly over your heads and hear all about space exploration. 30 Minute shows from 3:30pm. last show at 5:30pm. £3.50 per ticket.

## Notices

Safer Internet Day 2019 was celebrated on Tuesday 5th February 2019 with the slogan "Together for a better internet", the day provides a fantastic opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives. For further resources click [here](#).

There is to be a Valentine's Day Disco, exclusively for Year 7 students, on Tuesday 12th February in the Main School Hall from 5.30 to 7.30pm. Admission costs £4 and there will be loads of drinks, sweets and other goodies on sale.

If any students would like to take part in the Spring Festival of Music, Dance and Drama performance, please see Miss Brundrett before half term during break time in D07.

## Community Event

The Community Event we held yesterday evening was attended by current and prospective parents plus members of the local community.

Everyone in attendance were honoured to be entertaining by two exceptionally talented students; Liam from Year 7 playing the piano and Grace in Year 11 singing. There was also a number of exhibitions showcasing students work from a mixture of students.



The CEO of the Marches Academy Trust presented and hosted a question and answer session. The feedback from all attendees was very positive.