

## WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed back students from Year 10 and Year 12 for some face-to-face sessions with their tutors. It has been wonderful to see more students in school and to see that our health and safety procedures are effective and simple to follow. This gives us reassurance that the school will be ready to accept more students once we get the permission from central government. While a return before September seems unlikely, we do anticipate an announcement later this week meaning that we will be able to offer you some insight into what the next phases of our plans will be. Meanwhile, please continue to encourage your children to complete their schoolwork and maintain contact with their teachers either via Teams or email.

If we can support you further in any way whatsoever please do reach out by emailing one of our staff.

This link was sent to me this week and is food for thought. Take a look.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4>

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Headteacher



### E-Safety – PS4

Gaming has always been a big favourite with children of all ages. This week's article looks at the very popular PS4 PlayStation and its services. The console is very similar to other platforms in that it no longer just offers game playing, but a full entertainment experience. This includes gaming online with other users, chat, watching movies and purchasing of 'add-ins' for existing games. For parents there are a number of safety features that can be utilised to help provide a safe entertainment system for your children. The National Online Safety organisation has released a guide which explains how to use the master account and parental controls to limit play time, spending on extras, age limit on content and the communication features. [Click here](#) to view the guide.

### Exciting Initiative Starting From September



**FOOTBALL REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Starting in September 2020, The Marches Academy Trust are excited to be hosting a Football Referee Development Programme for students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 that attend Sir John Talbot's School and The Grove School.

The programme will provide students with a great understanding of how to become a football referee. Students will gain experience and support primary schools within the Trust refereeing their school league football matches.

**For more information please email:**  
[sports@longlands.sat.coop](mailto:sports@longlands.sat.coop)

### Student Work

This week we have focussed on one of our values 'Integrity'.

**Ms Tomkinson** would like to acknowledge some students for their integrity to getting the maximum from home learning, and for always trying their best:

**Jake Corser (9ADA), Kinga Nowak (9CTA) and Jack Talbot (9CTA)** all achieved exceptional results in their Poetry Anthology keywords test. **Josh Hackett (9ADA)** also achieved 100% with his SALT lessons. Exceptional performance from these young people.

**Ernes Mazur (9CTA)** has been acting as a tech support, supporting and training many other Year 9 students on how to use TEAMS, share screens, upload files, and how to send sending emails to members of staff.

**Ross McGarry (9DJO) and Sophie Jones (9CTA)** have both been attending AAA lessons, which have provided great support to their learning.

### Trust News

Operation Encompass is now up and running in Shropshire and The Marches Academy Trust is part of this fantastic scheme. The initiative will see West Mercia Police working closely with schools and Shropshire Council to ensure the welfare of children who may have witnessed domestic abuse incidents. Members of school staff will receive special training enabling them to provide emotional and practical support for students experiencing domestic abuse. Full information regarding the initiative can be read in this article compiled by West Mercia Police – [click here](#).

### Competitions & Challenges

**MAT competition:** Do you see yourself as a future leader – an MP, a member of local government or someone with world-shifting ideas that need to be shared? SJT have created a competition, inviting short video submissions from young people across the county on the topic of 'improving the lives of young people in Shropshire'. We want to hear your views. How can we make our county an even better place to be? The competition will be judged by Karen Bradshaw Acting Chief Executive of Shropshire Council. Guidelines:

- Videos should be one to two minutes long so think very carefully about the messages you want to share. Film in landscape if possible.
  - We suggest you deliver your speech/presentation in a formal style.
  - You could consider issues you are passionate about such as: the environment, education, health or facilities for young people.
  - Videos should be emailed to [barnett.c@mmt.co.uk](mailto:barnett.c@mmt.co.uk) and [campbell.c@mmt.co.uk](mailto:campbell.c@mmt.co.uk)
- Closing date: Monday 22 June.

**History competition:** The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

**Geography competition:** The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

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

### WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



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- [Home Learning](#)
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