



2024 - 2026 Community Plan



Shrewsbury Academy



Marches Academy Trust



Community within the Trust

The Marches Academy Trust's vision is 'Achievement Through Caring'. We believe that our children are part of our community of learners and as such we work hard to create a sense of belonging and connection in our family of schools. Our staff across the Trust work hard to form effective partnerships within each of our communities; it is this work that makes each school unique as each community has its own character.

I have put together examples of how each of our schools are building strong foundations in their communities that will help the school community to evolve and best serve the children. We also do all that we can to support all our children and young people to contribute and strengthen their own communities.

- The Trust has strengthened Local Governing Bodies (LGB) and built upon the lines of communication so that our Governors from all schools in the Trust feel connected and more importantly an integral part of the journey of the Trust.
- Our Trust has connected with Health, Police and Social Services in Shropshire to ensure that our children and communities are getting the support they need to thrive.
- The Trust has a successful partnership with Shrewsbury school. We are sharing good practice in maths, careers, Sixth Form, ExpertEd and the development of talented sports people.
- All schools are looking at ways to connect with their communities from open days at Longlands Primary School where the community were invited in to spend time in the social farm to the Marches School holding a kindness week, where they took cards with messages of gratitude to members of the Oswestry community.
- We are fortunate that the Rotarians based in each of the areas that our schools are located in are proactively involved in supporting our schools through mock interviews, mentoring and fundraising to support special projects.
- Our schools continue to play a vital role in collecting and distributing food parcels to their communities.
- The Trust has setup a connected charity, the 4 All Foundation to support our communities.

Sarah

Sarah Finch
CEO, The Marches Academy Trust

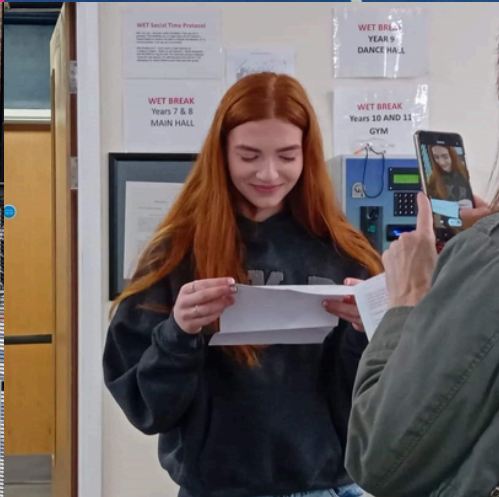




To provide students with the best experiences, supporting them to be ready for the challenge of being a young and responsible adult in today's world. We enhance the experience of school with close working relationships and living our vision of achievement through care. We aim to tap into the rich talent of experience, skills and inspiring role models in our local community, including engaging with Shrewsbury town Council, the High sheriff and local MPs. We encourage the exposure of such people to our students and listen to their views on key issues affecting their futures. We are proud to share and showcase the incredible talent that our student body have within our community and champion the positive impact they can have on this area. We want our students to showcase their talents as well as our school to become a community venue space for other groups.

Jim

Jim Taylor
Headteacher
Shrewsbury Academy



Working today to protect tomorrow

Marches Academy Trust is committed to creating schools of the future that promotes learning for life by ensuring we deliver our Trust core values of excellence, equality, integrity, empathy and creativity in everything that we do. An important part of this pivotal role includes the way we engage with our communities to ensure a sustainable, ethical and inclusive future.

Our Trust recognise it is critical to deliver inclusive education, sustainable environments and healthy spaces for all of our children and young people, staff and communities whilst minimising our impact on the environment and protecting the future of our planet.



We embrace our social obligation and recognise that as global citizens, we have a moral responsibility to contribute to the wellbeing of our environment and wider society. As such our Trust seeks to actively make socially responsible decisions in all it does so that together we can grow.



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Our Community Plan



Action / Aim	Time Frame
Our community coming to Shrewsbury Academy	
Commit to fundraising and charity events within the local community. Giving opportunities from local charities to come in and present to students their aims and ideals. Students can then nominate where fundraising totals are sent. Charities will be invited to our fundraising events.	2024 - onwards
Local businesses to be given the opportunity to sponsor or take part in school events, such as a Christmas Fayre. Members of the community invited to all events to enable us opportunity to thank the community for their support.	2024 - onwards
Continue to build strong links with post-16 providers in the community, including colleges and local businesses with provision for apprenticeships. These also support our KS4 cohort with CV writing and college mock-interviews – preparing them for the real-life situations they will follow.	2023 - onwards
The Academy will continue to host events with Primary links such as the Dance Festival. We will continue to develop these links and host further Primary liaison events where parents can be involved to build our transitional bonds.	2022 - onwards
Continue to host coffee mornings for families within our community based around both fundraising, such as the Macmillan coffee mornings, and community liaison. Students to work with the school team to provide decorations, refreshments and entertainment for these events. This will encourage students to build positive interactions within the community.	2022 - onwards

Going out into our community

All Year 10 students will attend a work experience placement, the vast majority will be within our local community. After the impact of the pandemic on this type of event, we are excited to grow this back to a week's worth of experiences. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to be out in the community and developing future skills.

2022 - onwards

Continue to develop creative links with our community such as the carolling for local old age pensioners at Christmas. Students to be growing these links throughout the year and developing positive interactions across many vulnerable groups within our wider community.

2023 - onwards

Commit to providing opportunities for students to visit and interact with local attractions and places of interest. This will encourage students to grow bonds within their local area and learn about the history and the culture of our community.

2024 - onwards



Case Studies



KS4 Mock Interviews

Tilbury Douglas have been working with us on preparing our Year 10 and Year 11 students for their next steps. This year we had a phenomenal event which really helped students to prepare for their forthcoming college interviews. Every member of Year 10 received a one-to-one interview and then had personal feedback shared. Students were really pleased with the activity and gained lots of useful knowledge to prepare them for the real thing.

Dance Festival

The Primary dance festival happens every year during our summer term. It's a great opportunity for pupils from our Primary Schools to visit us and take part in such an exciting and powerful event. This year we had performance from, performances from: HJS, Mount Pleasant and Shrewsbury Cathedral showing work they have done with our Dance teacher. They were also joined by our KS3 Dance group.


Christmas Carols


As part of our Christmas celebrations we visited Montgomery House a part of the Coverage Care group, where a group of students sang a mixture of popular and traditional Christmas songs for the community at the Care Home. In addition to this a carol concert was held for families and the wider community in our main school hall which was a sold-out event.



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