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Ex-pupils urged to share stories

Shropshire's largest secondary school is asking for past pupils to get in touch and share their experiences of life outside the classroom.

Governors at the Marches School in Oswestry are setting up a database of past pupils and hope to use it to arrange events and activities.

This will include celebrating achievements on the school website and inviting past pupils back to the school to talk to the present youngsters.

Past pupils include Jesse Armstrong, an accomplished comedy writer best known for Channel 4 comedy Peep Show and BBC2's The Thick of It.

To join the alumni network email alumni@marchesschool.net

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Top university in school link

AN OSWESTRY school has begun a partnership with Cambridge University to encourage pupils to aim for the top, whatever their background.

The Marches School in Oswestry has been nominated by the University of Cambridge's St John's College to offer help and advice to students in Shropshire.

Earlier this month 30 Year 11 students, many of whom will be joining the Marches' new Sixth Form in September, spent an afternoon finding out about higher education with Carly Walsh, access officer at St John's College.

A number of parents attended an evening presentation which covered areas including finance, accommodation and entry requirements for Oxford and Cambridge.

Claire Buckle, head of sixth form at The Marches School, said: "We hope to encourage other secondary schools to get involved in future events and look forward to hosting the next Cambridge activity in Shropshire."

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Town school is nominated to be Cambridge 'hub'

AN OSWESTRY secondary school has been nominated by Cambridge University to help encourage potential students.

The Marches School will be the prestigious university's hub school in Shropshire, providing information, advice and guidance for students and their parents.

It follows the nomination by St John's College at University of Cambridge and comes as the school looks to open its own Sixth Form in September.

Claire Buckle, Head of Sixth Form at The Marches School, commented: "We are very excited about this developing partnership between The Marches and Cambridge University and the benefits it will bring our students.

"We are currently in the process of arranging a number of visits to the university for current students and our new sixth formers, who will begin their post-16 education in September. We hope to encourage other secondary schools to get involved in future events and look forward to hosting the next Cambridge activity in Shropshire."

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Appeal for ex-pupils to share life story

AN Oswestry secondary school is asking for past pupils to get in touch and share their experiences of life outside the classroom.

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This will include celebrating achievements on the school website and inviting past pupils back to the school to talk to the present youngsters.

Amy Gregory, publicity and marketing officer at The Marches School, said: "We regularly hear, through various channels, about the range of fantastic careers past students go on to have so we would love people to get in touch, tell us what they are doing now and start to develop an active alumni network."

The school is delighted to have already heard from a number of past pupils who are keen to share their experiences.

They include Jesse Armstrong, ex-Marches School pupils and accomplished comedy writer best known for Channel 4 comedy Peep Show and BBC2's The Thick of It.

Any past pupils who would like to join the alumni network should email Amy Gregory at alumni@marchesschool.net for more details.

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EDUCATION

Pupils to sample life at university

Pupils with higher education aspirations are set to sample life at one of the country's top universities.

Nine Year 10 pupils from The Marches School in Oswestry will check into halls at St John's College, Cambridge, on Wednesday.

They will dine in the college's private dining room before spending a full day on campus.

Claire Buckle, head of sixth form, said: "We are very grateful to Cambridge University for providing us with the opportunity to visit and we anticipate this being a very helpful trip for our Year 10 pupils."

Parents and pupils who were unable to attend the recent information event at the school, delivered by Cambridge University, can see the presentation at www.marchesschool.co.uk



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Pupils given taste of life at university

STUDENTS with higher education aspirations are set to sample life at one of the country's most prestigious universities.

Nine year 10 students from The Marches School in Oswestry will check into halls at St John's College, Cambridge this week.

They will dine in the college's private dining room before spending a full day on campus, talking to current students and touring the grounds and buildings.

Claire Buckle, head of sixth form at The Marches School, said: "We are very grateful to Cambridge University for providing us with the opportunity to visit and we anticipate this being a very helpful and informative trip for our Year 10 students."

"We are very excited about this developing partnership between The Marches and Cambridge University and the benefits it will bring."

The Marches was chosen by the university to act as a hub school to deliver information, advice and guidance within the county.

Parents and students who were unable to attend the school's information event, delivered by Cambridge University, can visit www.marchesschool.co.uk

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Front, left, to right, Kirsty Bright, Henry Jones, Samuel Davies, Otto Smith and Adam Swain. Middle, left to right, Esther Fell, Miss Claire Buckle (head of sixth form), John Roberts and Alex Keir. Back, left to right Will Pickles and Chris Burgess.

THE Marches School in Oswestry has been nominated by St John's College, University of Cambridge, to act as a hub school for the delivery of information, advice and guidance within Shropshire.

In addition to events which take place at the school, students are also given opportunities to visit the university and take part in taster events. The first residential visit took place last week.

Claire Buckle, head of sixth form, said: "We are very grateful to Cambridge University for providing us with the opportunity to visit.

"I know many of the students' educational futures lie in the top universities in the UK and trips such as this will help them to focus their aspirations and ensure they aim to fulfil their full potential."