

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed nearly two full week's back in school following the summer holidays and we are very pleased with how focused students have been on their return and in particular how seriously Year 11 are taking their GCSE studies. Year 7 students appear to have settled well and are establishing good routines for learning. From next week Year 7 will no longer attend lunch earlier than the rest of the school and will go to lunch at 1:15pm as per their timetable. Year 7 are also doing very well at navigating around the school site and we extend our thanks to our older students who have been helpful guides who have been assisting them when needed.

Assemblies

Year group assemblies this week have had the focus of new beginnings. All students have been reminded of our usual expectations and routines for behaviour around the school site. With growing numbers of students we have implemented further routines to ensure the safety of all such as asking all students to walk on the left hand side of the corridor and to line up under the canopy at break and lunchtime if wanting to use the canteen in order to safely manage the queue. We feel really proud of all of our students who only need to be told once about these new routines and then get on board and embed them into daily school life, it is evidence of the respect they hold for the authority of the school and its leadership team.

Founders Day Sponsored Walk

Next Wednesday we embark on our annual sponsored walk for Founders Day which commemorates the day the school was founded on 19 September in 1550. All Key Stage 3 students will take part in the six mile walk around local farmland. Please encourage your child to gain sponsorship for this walk as all funds raised will be used to improve their school. Students should attend school in full PE kit and bring additional weather appropriate items such as: waterproof coat, hat and sun cream. Students should also carry a reusable water bottle to keep hydrated during the walk.

Change of contact details

School email addresses have recently changed from @sjttc.org to @mmat.co.uk SJTAdmin@mmat.co.uk
SJTPastoral@mmat.co.uk. More information can be found on the school website.

Miss Webb, Head of Key Stage 3 and Mrs Apperley, Head of Key Stage 4

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are currently recruiting students for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award with students able to join the following awards:

- Year 9 - Bronze
- Year 10 - Silver
- Year 12 - Gold

We will be holding an information evening for parents/carers and students on Thursday 27 September at 6pm. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Morcumb, Head of DoE: morcumb.l@mmat.co.uk



Open Evening

SJT Open Evening takes place on Thursday 20 September. The evening is aimed at Year 5 and 6 pupils, who are seeking September 2019 or 2020 entry, however, all are welcome to attend.

The evening will answer any questions parents/carers have on transition and uniform, as well as having an opportunity to tour around the school site seeing individual departments and teachers.

For further information on transition, please contact jones.m@mmat.co.uk.



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OPEN EVENING

Date: **Thursday 20 September**
Time: **4.30 – 7.30 PM**

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Interact Canal Boat Trip

On Monday SJT Rotary Interact Club enjoyed a Canal Boat Trip to begin the year as they visited the Whitchurch Arm of the Llangollen Canal.



They were invited by Whitchurch Rotary on the trip so that they could fully enjoy the natural environment around the Whitchurch area. Rotarians have been taking a variety of groups out on the barges, with SJT Interact Club being one of them.



Girls' Football Team

Katrina Kitchens have sponsored the Year 8, 9 and 10 girls football team with a really smart training kit that the girls can use in preparation for games and at training. Thank you to Katrina Kitchens for the kit.



Howdens sponsored the playing kit for the girls who look immaculate. Good luck to the girls and all of the sports teams for the school year ahead.



Engineering Careers Fair

There is an Engineering and Technology Careers Fair taking place in Birmingham next Wednesday afternoon. It is a good opportunity for potential engineering students to speak to employers from huge companies such as Google, Rolls-Royce and the Royal Air Force.

For further information on this careers fair, and other careers opportunities, please email Mrs Murphy, Careers Advisor: careers@mmat.co.uk.



Sixth Form

This year our new Sixth Form make our largest cohort since becoming an academy. Students have had an excellent start to the year and are keen to make this year as successful or better than the last.



New Staff

We have been delighted to welcome a variety of new staff at Sir John Talbot's School and we look forward to working with them all.



Reminders

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December

Half term: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

PD Day: Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 12th April

Half term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

PD Days: Friday 15th February, Monday 25th February

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th April to Friday 19th July

Half term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

PD Day: Monday 22nd July

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

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