

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Friday 5 October 2018

## Dear Parents and Carers

### Assemblies

The theme of this week's assembly was eSafety. Students discussed the misuse of social media and in particular the dangers of posting photographs and information on platforms such as Snapchat, Instagram and many others. The assembly also highlighted the consequences of cyberbullying and the devastating effect this has on young people. Students were reminded of the school policy on mobile phones and the duty of care schools have to protect young people. Policies can be found in the student planner and on the school website.

Year 11 students received a motivational talk from a Liverpool based company called Little League Sports (LLS) who offer sports coach training courses in partnership with secondary schools and use sport as a vehicle to raise aspirations. They stressed the importance of good GCSE results and how this provides more opportunities in life. They focused on the benefits of developing a 'unique CV' as a gateway for life changing experiences. Year 11 students commented on how valuable this presentation was and some expressed an initial interest in pursuing this pathway.

### Sixth Form Forum

This week saw the return of Professor Watson from Warwick University who is SJT Alumni. He spoke about Brexit and Democracy and took questions from the students. Professor Watson was once again impressed by their interest and probing questions around this topic.

### Blackberry Fair

The annual Blackberry Fair will take place tomorrow in Whitchurch town centre. This is a fantastic event with students and staff from Sir John Talbot's involved. This is a wonderful Autumn festival which goes from strength to strength every year thanks to the sterling work of the organisers and those who take part. We will include photographs in the next bulletin.

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

### Quiz Night

We are hosting a Quiz Night in support of MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 12 October. Tickets cost £7.50 per person and includes a fish and chip supper.

Soft drinks will also be provided but guests are welcome to bring their own drinks, including alcoholic ones.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 01948 662448 or emailing [alldridge.h@mmat.co.uk](mailto:alldridge.h@mmat.co.uk).

## QUIZ NIGHT

Sir John Talbot's school 

- Quiz night with a fish and chip supper

- Tickets £7.50 per person

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

- 7.30pm

- Bring your own alcohol (some soft drinks provided)



In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 18 October between 6pm and 8pm. Students in Year 11 with an interest in attending Sixth Form at Sir John Talbot's School in September 2019 are encouraged to attend.

You can register for the event [here](#). For further information regarding Sixth Form please contact, Mrs Jones, Head of Sixth Form:

[jones.m@mmat.co.uk](mailto:jones.m@mmat.co.uk).

## SIXTH FORM

### Open Evening

Thursday 18 October  
6pm – 8pm

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## Latin and Art History Trip

Last week KS3 and KS4 Latin students attended a trip to the British Museum, London. They took part in talks on Roman Britain and the Parthenon and saw evidence and artefacts from this time. Students also had the opportunity to explore the Museum thoroughly.



## Performance

### 'The Lovely Bones'

Over 70 GCSE and A Level Drama students from both the Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School went to The Everyman Theatre in Liverpool to watch the stage premiere of 'The Lovely Bones'. It was a sell-out performance. The play was very intense and gave the students lots of inspiration for performance and even more to write about in their written Drama exam.

### Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast rehearsals are taking place with Mrs Edwards, Drama Subject Lead and Mr Moore, Music and we are looking forward to seeing our own production which takes place in February.

## National Cup Success

The Year 9 Girls' Football Team made history this week as they played and won their first ever National Cup game.

The girls made light work of their opponents, Christleton High School, Chester as they chalked up an impressive 9-0 victory. Ebony Cooper, Prue Noss, Jessica Walley and Scarlett Edge came away with the goals and the girls will now travel to Rainhill School, St Helens in the next round.



## Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Snowdon Challenge

Eight Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh participants started their 'Silver' journey with a challenge to climb up Snowdon. Although a challenge to climb the mountain, they all coped very well and made it to the top in under 3 hours. Walking along the Rydd Ddu path and then along the South Ridge, some participants overcame their nervousness of heights! Unfortunately, there was no view at the summit due to cloud but there was some amazing scenery on the lower slopes. Congratulations to the students involved.



## Year 7 and 8 Girls' Rugby

It was the turn of Years 7 and 8 girls to attend a rugby training session at Oswestry RFC this week as 25 students took part in a combined training session with Lakelands School, Ellesmere.

The girls had a great time with plenty of talent on show as they improved their handling and tackling skills.



## Squad in Touch

All correspondence regarding after school sports clubs and sporting fixtures can be found on our mobile phone app 'Squad in Touch'. Parents/carers should create an account for consent when required. Further information can be obtained from Mr Brown or Mr Timmis: [brown.j@mmat.co.uk](mailto:brown.j@mmat.co.uk) or [timmis.j@mmat.co.uk](mailto:timmis.j@mmat.co.uk). This communication is paramount and failure in doing so could result in your child's omission from the squad. We have a busy few weeks of fixtures ahead, therefore, some of the after school clubs will be affected. The PE department will ensure all information is placed on 'Squad in Touch' with plenty of notice.

## Reminders

### Term Dates 2018 – 2019

#### Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**PD Day: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

#### Spring Term 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**PD Days: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

#### Summer Term 2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**PD Day: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

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