

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Friday 12 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week I had the privilege of spending a week at the Marches School on a short job exchange with Mrs Pearson, Headteacher of the Marches School. It was a real pleasure meeting the students and staff and I know that Mrs Pearson felt the same about her visit to SJT. I am incredibly proud of our school and was very happy to have the chance to show it off in this way to my friend and colleague from the Marches. As always students demonstrated all the values of our school and trust behaving and acting in a positive way throughout.

Mr O'Toole, Headteacher

Assemblies

In the week that UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued warnings about global warming our ECO Council also delivered assemblies to all year groups on this subject. The students explained the causes of global warming and effect on our environment. They also suggested how we can help to reduce our carbon footprint in school and at home. Students are also being encouraged to reduce their use of plastic by using reusable water bottles and to recycle where possible. The school council will be looking at how the school can reduce its total plastic use and aspire to be plastic free.

Year 11

Mrs Brown, Assistant Headteacher, delivered an assembly on preparing for trial exams and provided advice on how to revise and the need to be more resilient in the lead up to and during exams. Trial exams start on Monday 5 November and will continue for 2 weeks. Formal practical exams are also taking place over the forthcoming months. GCSE Food and Nutrition practical exam has been completed and other subjects are scheduled for this term and next. It is therefore imperative that students maintain 100% attendance.

Year 11s have also selected their A Level taster sessions in preparation for Sixth Form Open Day which precedes the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 18 October at 6pm. All students are encouraged to attend with parents/carers with a view to what will be on offer following their GCSE's.

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

Blackberry Fair

The Blackberry Fair took place last weekend and was another resounding success. Thank you to all of the students that took part following their hard work and preparation in the Willow and Percussion Workshops.



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.

SIXTH FORM 

Open Evening

Thursday 18 October
6pm – 8pm

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Boys' Rugby

Boys in Year 9 had a tough tournament this week as they played in a combined Year 9 and 10 rugby tournament at Whitchurch RFC against Oswestry School and The Marches School. Despite losing both games to older opposition, the boys persevered and were rewarded with two late, well-deserved tries in the second game against Oswestry School.



Shooting Success

Congratulations to Year 11 student Abbey Peacock who has been shooting for Mickley Hall Shooting School for the past two years. Abbey was selected to shoot for Cheshire County in North Wales recently. We hope this is just the start for Abbey as she aims to shoot for Britain in the future. Well done on your achievements and good luck for the future!



Trip to Whixall Moss

On Tuesday, 17 A Level Biology students from Years 12 and 13 visited local nature reserve Whixall Moss. In the warm autumn sunshine, they were able to study the contrasting vegetation growing in dry and wetland areas and practise some of the sampling techniques that they have been learning about during their course. Many thanks to Dr Gardner for accompanying the trip and the staff at Whixall Moss who were most welcoming and extremely helpful.



Latin Certificates

Latin students were presented with certificates, having passed an externally moderated test to mark finishing Book 1 of the Cambridge Latin Course. Congratulations to all.



Football

The Year 8 Football team reached the next round of the County Cup after a close fought game against Shrewsbury based Priory School on Tuesday evening. The boys were 1-0 down after a disappointing first half but drew level early in the second half with a goal from Andrew Brookfield. Scores remained level until full time when the boys held their nerve to win the penalty shootout 4-3 with a winning kick from Harry Barber.



A combined Year 10 and 11 Football Team travelled to Ellesmere College on Wednesday evening and faced a well organised side. Ellesmere College were 3-2 up with a few minutes left in a game where both sides were pushing for the win. The hosts scored a couple of quick fire goals and it finished 5-2. Toby Doyle and Ewan Bradshaw grabbing the goals for SJT. The boys did well considering Ellesmere College changed their entire side at half time.



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](http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk).