

Dear Parents and Carers

A day in the life of a Sixth Form student

Prior to Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form Open Evening, Year 11 students arrived at school in business clothing and spent the day as a Sixth Form student exploring their possible post-16 career pathways. Astrophysicist, Doctor, Agricultural Engineer, Soldier, Beautician and Sports coach; these are just some of the careers that our current Year 11 students are aspiring to. The day began with psychometric testing to help students in their decision making process. Some students then attended A Level taster sessions whilst other students travelled to Shrewsbury College where they enjoyed a tour of various departments including IT, Construction, Sport and Hair and Beauty. SJT A Level taster sessions included; Biology, Product Design and History to name just a few with Psychology being the most popular on the day. Applications to Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form should be submitted as soon as possible and not later than 30 November.

Every Day Matters

The school target for attendance is 96% or better. Once students have fallen behind, catching up can be very difficult and absence in the later years of education always effects exam results and can cause problems with references for colleges, universities and employers. As a guide the Education Welfare Service advises that if a parent/carer would go to work with the same condition then the student should be in school. We do not operate a 48-hour rule, but ask that students returning to school following sickness observe good hygiene rules as an adult would in the work place. We are keen to support all students to achieve their very best and this must include having 96% attendance. If a student is well enough to be in school but is not able to access all lessons provisions can be made. If required medication can be brought into school and handed to a member of staff in the Pastoral Hub with a note stating that the school has permission to issue along with details of dosage and times.

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

Communications Survey

We are constantly thinking and adapting to the best ways of communicating with parents and carers of students within the Trust. Please can parents/carers fill in this [online form](#) so we can ensure our communication channels are effective in the future.

Frantic Assembly Theatre Company

Fifty GCSE and A Level Drama students from Sir John Talbot's School and the Marches School have taken part in workshops with world renowned Theatre Company Frantic Assembly. The students were fantastic and even learnt how to fly!

The workshops have inspired the students to take creative risks with their Devised examination pieces. It was enjoyable to see the students and staff from both schools having a fun and creative workshop. This has been a wonderful experience for the students and we look forward to seeing how they apply it to their Devised pieces.



Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening which took place on Thursday, 18 October was extremely well attended. Mr O'Toole, Headteacher delivered an inspiring and informative presentation. Parents/carers were then invited to meet with teachers who provided subject information and support with decision making. Current Sixth Form students were on hand to offer advice to prospective students and provide an insight into studying at A Level.



Football

The Under 14 girls' continued their winning run with a well-deserved 4-1 away victory over last year's National Cup quarter finalists Rainhill High School from St Helens. The team went one-nil down but showed great character to come back and score four impressive goals, with Prue Noss and Jessica Walley both getting a brace. They will now play against neighbours Bishop Heber in the next round.



Year 9 Tourism Module

Year 9 students visited Llandudno this week as part of their Year 9 Tourism module studying whether Llandudno was in decline as a tourist resort. The students carried out questionnaires, environmental surveys and a land use study. They also experienced a Victorian tourist attraction with a ride on the tramway up the Great Orme.



New Benches

Following the recent Key Stage 3 Founders Day Sponsored Walk, students raised a total of £1808.30 in sponsorship money which was excellent. From this we have been able to purchase three new benches which are located on the school playground. Pictured below on one of the benches are Alexander Hampton, Dylan Hodson, Grace Whittle and Luca Bridgewater who were amongst those students who raised the highest amounts. Well done to all those who took part and for their fund raising efforts.



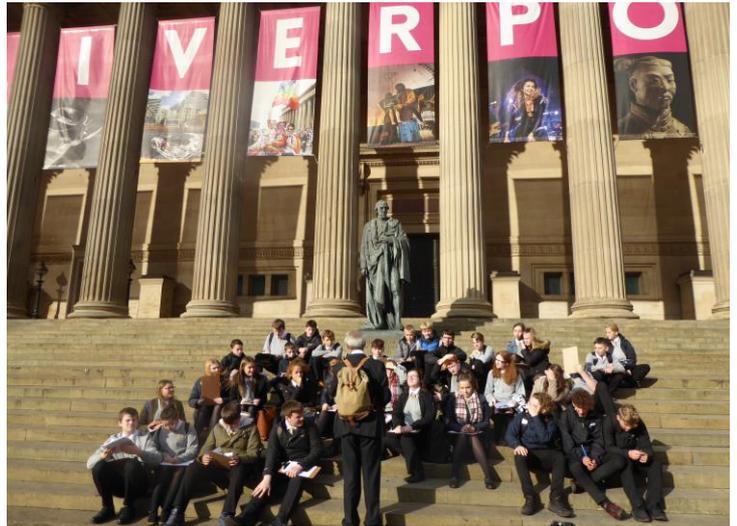
Rugby

Congratulations to our Year 9 Boys' Rugby side who defeated Thomas Adams School this week. The boys won 49-7 with Harry Corney leading the scoring with a hat trick of tries. Will Gilbert, Mark Morgan, Larry Barber, James Clarke, Sam Appleby and Zach Booth completed the scoring with a try each. Thomas Adams worked hard and were rewarded with a try in the second half.



Geography Fieldwork

Year 10 students went to Liverpool as part of their GCSE Geography course to study how the city has been regenerated in recent times. The students carried out environmental surveys, questionnaires, retail value surveys and field sketches as part of their primary data collection. They walked through the older parts of the city centre through to the redeveloped Liverpool One area and finally finished in Albert Dock.



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](#).