

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2, I hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term. Year 11 students started this half term with trial exams which take place over this week and next and we wish them the best in their endeavours. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers and students of the uniform policy in particular with regard to footwear, length of skirt, nail varnish and jewellery. Trainers and canvas shoes are not permitted and skirts should be 20-22' in length. Full details of the uniform policy can be found on the school website.

## Assemblies

House assemblies have taken place this week where we have launched the new competition which is to design a new Christmas card which will be on sale at the beginning of December. Today Mr O'Toole delivered a Remembrance assembly to the whole school where staff and cadets had the opportunity to attend wearing their military uniform.

## Etihad Stadium

On Wednesday evening a group of Year 10 students visited the Etihad Stadium where they were thrilled to watch Man City record their biggest win in the Champions League. Man City beat Shakhtar Donetsk 6 – 0. Students saw a hat-trick from Gabriel Jesus, including a bizarre penalty and goals from David Silva, Riyad Mahrez and Raheem Sterling. It was a thoroughly exciting evening.

## Children in Need

Children in Need day takes place on Friday 16 November. Students in Years 7 to 10 are invited to take part in a non-uniform day and will need to pay £1 towards the charity. Years 7 will be given the option to dress according to appropriate hobbies and interests and Years 8 to 10 should include something spotty in their clothing. Year 11 will wear full school uniform as normal due to trial GCSE exams.

House captains are also organising stalls and games to raise money for this worthy cause. Students will be able to buy cakes, guess the number of sweets in a jar and attempt to identify staff baby photographs. Students will still be required to bring PE kit if they have PE on this day.

## Mrs Apperley, Head of Key Stage 4

### New York Trip

Year 11 Students and staff from both Sir John Talbot's School and the Marches School headed to New York during half term where they enjoyed a cross Trust trip in a breath-taking city. Students and staff visited a variety of iconic structures which included the Empire State Building and the World Trade Centre memorial where they listened to a retired NYPD Officer's memories of 9/11. The visit to Ellis Island enabled students to learn about the history of the USA. Students also enjoyed a picnic in Central Park and visited the site of John Lennon's memorial. Students had a truly memorable experience and represented the Trust admirably.



## Airbus Apprenticeship Open Day

On Saturday 1st December Airbus are hosting an Apprenticeship Open Day. Students are encouraged to attend if they have an interest in business or engineering and would be keen on working with a local global business leader. For further information, on Apprenticeships and other Careers, please contact Mrs Murphy, Careers and Inspirational Officer: Murphy: careers@mmat.co.uk.



THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN FOR THE ANNUAL AIRBUS APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAY!

Airbus would like to invite students, teachers, parents and anyone interested in kick-starting their career with a Global leader to join us at our Apprenticeship Open Day!

Date: Saturday 1st December 2018

Time: 10:30am – 4:00pm

Venue: North Factory where we make the A350 wings, Airbus North Entrance, off Chester Road, Broughton, Flixton, CH4 0DQ.



For the first time ever, this year we are hosting the event in our state-of-the-art facilities in the A350 North Factory! Although the event location and name may have changed, one thing remains the same: that the Apprenticeship Open Day has been a tremendous success annually for 8 years running!

From exclusive site tours, gaming chairs and virtual reality activities to get involved with, attendees will be sure to have a fantastic time! On top of that, students will have the opportunity to speak with industry leading professionals, some of our major supply companies and our key education partners, who can provide all of the information imaginable about our Apprenticeship opportunities!

If you want to help your students learn how an Airbus Apprenticeship can drive their development and provide a clear route for them to their future career, then ensure they mark this unmissable opportunity in their diaries! Sign up and share it with your students!

There is no need for anyone to book a place, simply just show up! For more information check out our Facebook page and share it with your students!

We are looking forward to seeing you and your students there.

More information can also be found at

[www.airbus.com/en/careers/education/apprenticeship-open-day](http://www.airbus.com/en/careers/education/apprenticeship-open-day)

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## Children in Need Cake Sale

On Friday 16 November we will be hosting a cake sale to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

If you would like to make or donate a cake to help us raise money for this fantastic cause, please bring a cake to reception on the day.



## Ciara Bebbington

Year 9 student Ciara Bebbington has been 'air shooting' for just over one year. Ciara first started shooting with Whitchurch Scouts. During the last year Ciara was selected to be part of the National Scout Shooting Squad. This has led her to shoot in more competitions including the Junior International, as well as the Annual National Scout Shooting Championships, where she won one silver and two bronze medals. Ciara trains with Sedgemoor at Yate in Bristol for target sprint. In the National Target Sprint series, she came 7th in her age category in the U.K. Well done Ciara.



## Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch Confirmation

If you are wondering whether or not "confirmation is for you" or if you already know you would like to be confirmed, preparation sessions for adults and young people will take place in the New Year. For more information leaflets are available at the back of St Alkmund's Church and school reception or contact: [revjudyhunt@gmail.com](mailto:revjudyhunt@gmail.com).

## Sixth Form Forum

Students in the Sixth Form were visited by Dr Anthony Garrett a former physics researcher at the University of Cambridge. Dr Garrett spoke on the subject of science versus religion. He spoke at length about the different views on this subject and was very thought-provoking. He mentioned that there had been a survey taken in 1997 that asked all research scientists whether they believed that a god exists. When the result came back it showed that 40% of the scientists said they did believe that there is a god out there!

## Champions League



## On the Varusschlacht Talk

Latin and Sixth Form students were lucky enough this week to attend a talk on the Battle of Kalkreise (The Varusschlacht) given by Dr Anthony Garrett, a local historian and former Cambridge University lecturer. The battle took place 2009 years ago in 9AD in what is now known as Northern Germany between the ancient Romans and a group of Germanic tribes. It is an important battle in European history, because the Germanic tribes united to inflict a rare major military defeat of the Romans. We were also pleased to welcome Ellesmere College classics students and their teachers for this lecture.



## Reminders

**Term Dates 2018 – 2019**

**Autumn Term 2018**

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

**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](#).