

Dear Parents and Carers

SJT Eco Council 'Switch Off Fortnight' 16 to 30 November

Students will learn why it's important to save energy. They will go undercover and complete a school audit to find out where energy is being wasted. They will plan a campaign that will help persuade everyone in school to try to use less energy. Over the two weeks the school will reward the class who is most successful at remembering to turn off electrical appliances and lights when they're not in use. Everyone will be encouraged to maintain these energy saving strategies throughout the year. If you would like to join in with 'Switch Off Fortnight' at home, I am sure Mrs Jennings, teacher of Geography, and the Eco Council who would like to hear your results: jennings.l@mmat.co.uk

Medication

Students should not have medication on their person whilst in school, this includes paracetamol, hay fever tablets or ibuprofen. Exceptions to this apply to students with diabetes and severe allergies. All medication should be handed to a member of staff in the Pastoral Hub along with a signed note from parents/carers giving clear instructions about dosage and storage. When students need to take their medication they should report to Mrs King, Student Support, in the Pastoral Hub: sjtpastoral@mmat.co.uk

Children in Need

Several Pudsey Bears, Einstein, Winston Churchill and the Green Lantern arrived this morning in support of Children in Need. Year 7 students were invited to dress up as somebody they aspire to be or a favourite character. Other students were asked to wear something spotty. House Captains organised cake sales and a variety of competitions including name the teddy, identify staff from baby or childhood photographs and pin the bandana on Pudsey Bear. Many thanks to students and parents/carers for their supply of cakes and sweets to enable us to raise money towards this worthy charity. Total raised will be announced in next week's bulletin along with photographs of the day.

Operation Christmas Child

Sixth Form students have been busy collecting the shoe boxes which were produced by tutor groups for the Samaritans Operation Christmas Child. Over 60 boxes were delivered to the collection point at Rowland's Pharmacy in the High Street before they continue their journey across the world to children who may face the challenges of famine, poverty and war at Christmas.

Mrs Apperley, Head of Key Stage 4

Remembrance Assembly

Staff and students at Sir John Talbot's School participated in a moving, thought-provoking and poignant Remembrance Assembly on Friday afternoon.

Whitchurch Air Cadets and Army Cadets along with the Scouts and Guides assisted wearing full uniform and formed a guard of honour to welcome the students into assembly. Keith Robinson, Crew Manager of Whitchurch Fire Service and Mrs Newey, ex RAMC, also attended in full uniform. Sixth Form student and Cadet Sergeant Chloe Edwards read a verse from 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon, which was originally published in The Times on 21 September 1914.

Chloe's first official appointment as Lord Lieutenant's

Cadet for the County was to attend the Royal Wedding in London earlier this year. Head Girl

Hannah Smith read Flanders Field. All students took part in the service and left the assembly in silence through the guard of honour in remembrance of the fallen, a hundred years on from World War I.



University Visits

Year 12 students were invited to a Rolls Royce sponsored Engineering careers event at Wrexham Glyndŵr University. They had a tour of the workshops including the flight simulator, wind tunnel and were provided with engineering careers information from industry experts. Students found the day extremely valuable.



Years 12 and 13 Chemistry students visited Warwick University to attend a Chemistry in Action event.



They learnt about advances in nanotechnology, microscopy, forensic chemistry and were captivated by the colourful chemistry demonstrations.

Year 9 Girls' Football

The Year 9 Girls' Football Team made the short trip to Bishop Heber High School, Malpas this week to play their National Cup Third Round fixture with a prize of a place in the last 32 for the winner.

The girls made an uncharacteristically slow start, and they were 2-0 down within 15 minutes. When many teams would have crumbled, Sir John Talbot's redoubled their efforts and enjoyed the majority of possession and chances, only to be denied time and time again by Bishop Heber's Welsh international goalkeeper.

The girls were rewarded in the final minute as Ebony Cooper scored with nearly the last kick of the game as the girls went down 2-1 despite being the stronger side for the majority of the game. The girls can now focus on their other two cups, with a County Cup game against Belvidere next week.



Newsletter

The Autumn 2018 Newsletter can be viewed by clicking on the thumbnail image.

All newsletters can be viewed on the School website:

<http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/newsletters/>



Operation Christmas Child

Students in Miss Brown's form have been busy filling and wrapping shoe boxes in preparation for Operation Christmas Child. This is organised by the Samaritans and the boxes will be sent to children who are victims of war, poverty and famine across the World.



Half Price Book Fair

Mrs Burge, Library Manager, will be holding a book fair in the School Library on Thursday 22 to Wednesday 28 November. A fantastic selection of new publications together with posters and stationery will be on sale at a reduced rate of at least half price and an ideal Christmas gift. The Fair is open to students at break times and after school. Parents/Carers are welcome to shop at the end of the school day and should report to reception. Commission on sales will be used to purchase books for the library.



Health and Social Care Careers Event

SATH will be holding a Health and Social Care event which will take place at Shrewsbury Town FC on Wednesday 28 November. This event is for students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 who have an interest in Health and Social Care.

For more information on this event or other career related information, please contact Mrs Murphy, Careers Advisor:

careers@mmat.co.uk

Time to focus on your future career

Why not come along to our Health and Social Care Shropshire wide event for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

Wednesday 28th November 2018

Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Cratley Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 6ST

Schools and Colleges: Bookable session times for the event are:-
9.00am - 10.30am
11.00am - 12.30pm
1.30pm to 5pm

Open Session for anyone to attend
No booking required
Open 3.30pm - 5.30pm

There are more than just Doctors and Nurses working in health and social care. With over 350 roles in the field of social care, why not come along to our event to find out more and be inspired. Staff representing a wide variety of roles in health and social care will be in attendance throughout the day, where you can come and talk to them about their job and have a go at some of the practical activities involved in those jobs.

Reminders

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December

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](#).