

## Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you and your family are feeling well rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

### Year 11 Countdown to Success

Year 11 will visit Marches School on 17 January for a 'Countdown to Success' day which aims to prepare students for their GCSE Exams. The highlight of this event will be a presentation delivered by the highly respected Karim Al-Abbas, Educational Psychologist, who explains how the brain processes and retains information and therefore how best to revise. This event will be followed by a very important evening event for parents/carers and students to be held at SJT at 6pm in the Gymnasium. Exam statement of entry paperwork will be issued and provisional exam dates will be provided, booklets providing essential advice on how to succeed in exams and provide top tips for revision and Directors of Faculty will deliver key note presentations to help Year 11 prepare for GCSEs.

**(Car parking for 'Countdown to Success' event will be available to the front of school/Leisure Centre as normal).**

### Year 9 STEMfest

Stemfest will also be held on 17 January at 5.30pm in the School Hall. The nation is in the midst of a STEM revolution and students at SJT are the next generation of thinkers that will be leading it. With more and more industries turning to engineers, scientists and mathematicians – students of these disciplines have more opportunities to find jobs that truly inspire, challenge and reward them. Year 9 students and parents/carers are invited for an evening of talks and workshops with guest speakers from a range of different STEM industries including construction, veterinary science and engineering.

**(Car parking for STEMfest will be on the school playground which can be accessed via the Tilstock Road.**

There will be staff and students present on the evening to direct you to the playground for parking and also into the School Hall.

### Sixth Form

Year 12 students headed off on a visit to Krakow, Poland this week. More information and pictures to follow.

**Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher**

## Awards Evening

On 20 December we held our annual Awards Evening for the academic year 2017/2018. The event was well attended by current and past students. We would like to congratulate all of the award winners and everyone who attended what was a fantastic evening. We would also like to thank Richard Williams of Williams Financial Planning Ltd who gave an inspiring talk and presented the awards. Pictured receiving awards from Mr Williams: Shola Bailey and Rebecca Brookfield who received the William Cambridge Award for Work Experience and Joe Rutherford who received the Young Award for Mathematics.



## Foodbank Certificate

The Rotary Interact Club were delighted to receive a certificate from Whitchurch Foodbank for the donation of food received before Christmas which amounted to 63kgs. Thank you to all who donated items as well as to the Interact Club who, by organising this collection point, supported families in Whitchurch and the surrounding areas.



This is To Certify that

### Sir John Talbot's School Interact Club

Donated food to the Whitchurch Foodbank

Whitchurch Foodbank wish to express their sincere thanks for this food which will be used to help those in crisis

Charity No. 1153274

Weight of food donated  
**63Kg**  
2018

## Careers Event

A Shropshire Apprenticeship event will take place on Tuesday 5 February from 3pm to 7.30pm at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. For further information on apprenticeships, or for any careers related details, please contact Mrs Murphy, Careers Advisor: [careers@mmat.co.uk](mailto:careers@mmat.co.uk).

**TUES 5 FEB 2019**

**ALL ABOUT apprenticeships**

Find out about career opportunities available in Shropshire.

3pm – 7.30pm at - SHROPSHIRE -  
Shrewsbury Town Football Club  
For more information visit [shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk](http://shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk) #ShropApprentice

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## Winter Newsletter

The Sir John Talbot's School Winter 2018 Newsletter is now available to view by clicking on the thumbnail here:



## Whitchurch 10K

Whitchurch 10K 2019 is less than four months away and with hundreds of entries already confirmed, it is set to be the biggest and the best 10K we have hosted yet. The race is for all abilities, from those who are running their first 10K, those wanting to post a PB and those who are elite runners.

To register for the race, please click here:

<http://whitchurch10k.niftyentries.com/Whitchurch-10K-2019>.

Sir John Talbot's School  
**WHITCHURCH 10K**  
SUNDAY  
7th APRIL

THE RUNNING AWARDS  
BEST 10K WEST MIDLANDS  
Whitchurch 10K  
GOLD

## Trafford Centre

Year 10 students spent the afternoon at the Trafford Centre, Manchester. Students showed exceptional behaviour throughout the day whilst visiting shops, restaurants and the cinema in the run up to Christmas.



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**Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**  
Awareness raising session for parents  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
at  
Market Drayton Infants School  
Longslow Road TF9 3BA  
Booking Details: 01743 250950

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## Reminders

Term dates for the academic years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 can be found online [here](#).

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