

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the cold and snowy weather, it has been business as usual at Sir John Talbot's. Year 11 continue to attend all after school revision sessions in preparation for their GCSEs. Year 10 students, parents and carers attended a very successful Parents' Evening. The evening focused on the importance of their forthcoming GCSE English Literature exam as well as maintaining high standards in all subjects.

Assembly

Following the Sixth Form visit to Krakow, Sixth Form students delivered assemblies on the Holocaust in the run up to Holocaust Memorial day. Sixth Form students gave an account of their visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. All students responded respectfully to the descriptions of the atrocities that took place and we are grateful to the Sixth Form for producing such a meaningful assembly on such a challenging topic. Miss Chadwick's History Club have also produced a small exhibition about the Holocaust which is on display in the school reception.

Uniform

During cold weather it is important that high standards of uniform are maintained. I would like to highlight a few key points regarding our uniform. Hoodies should not be worn as an alternative to a coat. Skirts should be pleated and 22" in length. School shoes should be worn at all times. Haircuts should be a minimum of grade 2 with no tramlines. It is essential that students wear the correct PE kit at all times. SMART cards will be signed if students do not bring the correct PE kit to school. If you have any queries on school uniform, jewellery, make-up and nail coatings please contact the Mrs King, Student Support: SJTPastoral@mmat.co.uk

Year 9 Options and Careers

Following on from STEMfest Year 9 students will be making further preparations towards selecting their Key Stage 4 Options. During lessons students will receive information about how the subject links to possible career pathways. Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 7 February, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Duke of Edinburgh's First Aid

On Monday the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award group undertook a Royal Lifesaving Society first aid course with instructor Shane Leavesley. Students were tested on basic first aid skills such as recovery position, CPR, using a defibrillator, bandaging, treatment for shock and other conditions such as hypothermia. Everyone in the group passed their assessment and are now basic first aiders accredited for two years. Congratulations to all.



Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise group, 'iCan', are launching an appeal for tin cans. They are creating products from tin cans to sell to the public in the upcoming trade fairs in Shrewsbury and Telford shopping centres. If you would like to donate any tin cans, then please could you ensure they are rinsed out and passed to the Young Enterprise team or Mr Richards, Design and Technology.

If you would like to purchase any products from the group, there will be a selection of items in the bulletin over the coming weeks.

Vacancies

The Marches Academy Trust are currently recruiting for a Marketing and PR Assistant across the Trust and a Teacher of Science here at Sir John Talbot's School. For further information on this vacancy and for details of how to apply, please follow this link: <https://jobs-marchesacademytrust.engageats.co.uk/>.

Snow Photos

The school looked lovely this week as snow fell on Whitchurch. We were delighted to receive some wonderful photos from Libbi Austin, Year 13.



Reminders

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

Year 7 Football Champions

This week the Year 7 boys' football team travelled to Oswestry School to play in a North Shropshire Tournament. The team did exceptionally well as they went undefeated throughout the tournament. The boys progressed through the group stages to play Lakelands Academy in the semi-final, winning on penalties 2-1, before taking on Oswestry School in the final. The game also produced a stalemate, with no team able to score in normal time, the game came down to a penalty shootout with Ethan Berry and Harry Barber scoring the winning penalties to win 2-1.



Whitchurch 10K

Whitchurch 10K 2019 is just a few months away, taking place on Sunday 7th April 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>.

To prepare you for the big day, the local running club, the Whitchurch Whippets have organised training runs which begin on Sunday 24th February. Further information can be found here.

**WHITCHURCH
10K TRAINING
RUNS**

WITH WHITCHURCH WHIPPETS



STARTING: Sunday 24th
February 2019 at 10am

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

MEET AT: Sir John Talbot's School Field



For more information, please contact Hayley on 07968 410067 / slt10k@gmail.com

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