

Dear Parents and Carers

Class charts

We are constantly seeking to improve our systems and procedures for the benefit of students, parents/carers and teachers and have recently invested in a product called 'Class Charts'. This online tool aims to streamline many aspects of classroom management including homework, rewards, behaviour reports and attendance. Class Charts will replace our current online student planner and homework system MILK when we return to school following half term on **Tuesday 26 February**. All students have received login details. If you have any questions about the use of Class Charts please contact Miss Downward, Data and Examinations Officer: downward.s@mmat.co.uk.

Beauty and the Beast

Costumes have arrived, sound and lighting technicians are making final adjustments to the set and excitement is building as the cast prepares for the final rehearsal before the show starts on Monday evening at 7pm. We hope that as many parents/carers, family and friends will come along to support students as they 'take to the boards' in what promises to be a wonderful production of this classic fairytale. Tickets are still available from the school reception and cost £5 Adult and £4 Concession. Refreshments and raffle tickets will be available on the evening of the performances.

Year 9 Parents' and Subject Information Evening

In preparation for selecting subjects at GCSE, students in Year 9 have been exploring the links between careers and subjects studied in school. Last night parents/carers met with teachers to discuss progress and strategies for improvement. There was also an opportunity for students and parents/carers to talk to current Year 10 and 11 students to gain an insight into studying option subjects at GCSE Level. Some parents/carers took part in using an online careers resource called Kudos which matches responses to vocations. On the advice of Kudos my alternative career to teaching would be as a landscape garden designer!

ParentPay

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are urging parents/carers to make full use of the school's preferred method of payment via the online payment system ParentPay. Currently 70% of our parents/carers use this method and we would encourage all to make use of this to ensure that their children are not carrying money in school and to give you a record of transactions and expenditure. If you have not yet received your username and password, please contact school reception: SJTAdmin@mmat.co.uk

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

British Comic Book Artist

This week students were extremely fortunate to welcome Charlie Adlard, British comic book artist to SJT. Charlie who was born in Shrewsbury began his work in the UK on White Death with Robbie Morrison and 2000 AD series including Judge Dredd, and Armitage. In the United States he is best known for his work on The X-Files and The Walking Dead. Art students listened to Charlie intently and got to see his work in action.



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Tickets for the school production of Beauty and the Beast are still available for the performances on Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 February at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 Adult and £4 Concessions and are available from School Reception.



Go-Kart Party

Go-Kart 'Party' returns to Whitchurch Leisure Centre on Monday 18 February 2019. All of the details including how to book can be found here:

<http://www.gokartpartyshropshire.co.uk/events/holiday-courses/>

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 'HOLIDAY COURSES'

Mon 18 th	Whitchurch L Centre	£12
Wed 20 th	Telford Grange Park Primary	£12
Thurs 21 st	Temeludlow L Centre	£12
Wed 27 th	COWSHACCC Welshpool	£15
Thurs 28 th	Newtown Maldwyn L Centre	£15

ACTIVITIES Go-Karting/Naef
BouncyCastle/Bubbles/Football/Sports/Games

Early drop off option 9am +£2

Courses run from 10am-3pm for boys & girls in school year Reception to Year 7. Early drop off from 9am available for an extra £2. Packed lunch plus indoor & Outdoor trainers. BOOK NOW with your child's name, age & pay on the day.

BOOK NOW 07762 702515 lee@go-kartparty.co.uk
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GCSE History – System of Evacuation

GCSE History students have been taking part in role play lessons to recreate the 'system of evacuation' that soldiers experienced during the First World War. Some students took on the role of soldiers who had experienced gas attacks and shell wounds, whilst others took on the role of the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) and First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) treating them. Students were then able to 'retreat' to our very own underground Hospital at Arras. Both students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience.



Prevent Training

Miss Johnson, Assistant Headteacher, gave an assembly to Sixth Form students about Prevent. Prevent training was brought about by the Home Office to keep students and particularly vulnerable people, safe.

Miss Johnson gave students some training on what to do if they, or a friend, are being radicalised. She gave Sixth Form students some advice on how to help a friend if they become a victim. Miss Johnson made it very clear that the students should not keep this information to themselves, that they should speak up as it is not always easy to get out of these groups because of serious threats. She also made the students aware of what to look for in other people, including Key Stage 3 and 4 and to make sure that they are safe from radicalisation.



Reminders

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

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