

## Dear Parents and Carers

### Assemblies

This week SJT welcomed Kate Thomas from Macmillan Cancer Support UK. Kate delivered an assembly about the vital work carried out by Macmillan to help families who are affected by cancer. Macmillan Cancer Support depends on charitable donations from individuals and organisations. Over the last two years the Whitchurch 10K has raised £10,000 for this very worthy cause and received a 'Best 10K' running club award. This year the 10K takes place on Sunday, 7 April and over the next few days' students will be bringing raffle tickets home to sell in advance of the event. Parents/carers and friends can help raise money by taking part in the run or by volunteering as marshals. If you would like to help marshal the race, assist with car parking or refreshments please do not hesitate to contact Hayley Alltridge, Race Director: [slt10k@gmail.com](mailto:slt10k@gmail.com)

### Drop off and pick up point

Parents/carers who drop off and pick up students should park in the main school and Leisure Centre car park at the front of the school (Prees Road) and not the car park off the Tilstock Road entrance. The car park off the Tilstock Road is for students and carers with access needs. It is also important to note that Tilstock Road should not be used for dropping off and picking up. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Year 11 Trial Exams

Year 11 students have now finished their trial exams, which are part of the final preparations for their forthcoming GCSE exams which are now only 30 school days away! These results and further advice will be discussed at the forthcoming final Year 11 Parents' Evening which takes place on Thursday 28 March at 5.30pm to 7.30pm. If you haven't already done so please register your attendance here: <http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/parents-evenings/>

### School Lunches and the School Council

Shire Catering met with the School Council recently to discuss the amount of plastic waste generated by school meals and to look at healthy menu options. This week the school kitchen started serving vegetable sticks with humus a variety of pasta salads and fruit pots which was with much delight to both students and staff.

### Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

## Revision Techniques

Following its launch at the 'Countdown to Success' event, Year 11 students have been completing their retrieval roulette question sets and achieving some excellent scores. Teachers have given out question sets to be tested in lessons next week. This initiative has shown to be very successful with most students saying how useful they are finding it. Students worthy of special note are: *Morgan Ashley, Tyler Ashley, Natasha Baker, Fraya Carty, Brodie Edge, Oliver Evans, Tilly Evanson, Jack Forrester, Matthew Jackson, Bridget Marshall, Nathan McGuinness, Abbey Peacock, Heidi Steel, Megan Stokes, Sophie Whittaker and Emily Wynne-Edwards.*

Please can you continue to support your child with revising these questions. The strategy of turning the questions into flashcards with the question on one side and the answer on the other has proved to be successful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Milne, Director of Science Faculty:

[milne.r@mmat.co.uk](mailto:milne.r@mmat.co.uk)

## Year 11 GCSE PE

Pictured below in their GCSE PE kit, Year 11 students, who are preparing for their practical moderation, which will take place at Ellesmere College on 4 April as part of their final assessment. Sports to be assessed will include athletics, badminton, football, netball and swimming.



## British Science Week

In celebration of British Science Week, local feeder schools visited SJT to take part in various activities associated with the topic of Space. All pupils sat inside the planetarium where they enjoyed an exciting display of star formations and galaxies. Pupils used their knowledge of aerodynamics to make space rockets which was extremely popular. Finally, pupils tested the pH of soil samples to learn about the difficulties of growing food in a hostile environment.



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## Upcoming Events

Young Enterprise – 20 March 2019, Telford 8.15am  
Year 11 Parents' Evening - 28 March 2019 5.30pm  
Year 12/13 Parents' Evening – 4 April 2019  
Year 10 GCSE Information Evening - 4 April 2019 6pm  
Year 7 Opal Coast, France – May 2019  
Sports Fest Italy – May 2019

Please visit our website to register and for more information:

<http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/parents-evenings/>

## Inspirational

Mrs Newey, PE Teacher is training to take part in a series of exhaustive challenges in order to push her physical and mental limits, whilst raising money for the charity Combat Stress UK. The leading mental health charity for veterans is close to her heart having been in the army six years prior to joining the school. She has seen the fantastic help and support the charity has given to family and friends whilst they transitioned between military and civilian life. Over the course of her 'silly summer', Sarah will be embarking on a number of challenges to raise money for charity over the course of 5 weeks. These include a 'swim run', which encompasses a 20km course made up of four swims and four runs up, down and around Snowdon. To make things just a bit more challenging the event encourages participants to run in their swim kit and swim in their running kit. Mrs Newey then plans to take part in a 24 hour 10K, where she will aim to run as many laps of a 10K course during the 24 hours and hopes to achieve a minimum of 100km. She will then embark in the Bolton Ironman, which incorporates a 2.4-mile swim, followed by a 112-mile bike ride and a marathon all in one go! Despite having a terrible fear of heights, Mrs Newey is then hoping to overcome her fear by skydiving with the Red Devils.



Mrs Newey aspires to raise £500 for Combat Stress UK and has set up a Just Giving page to help raise funds. If you would like to show your support for this inspirational story, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/snewey87> or text PTSD80 to 70070.

We wish Mrs Newey the best of luck with her continued training and upcoming challenges!

## U12 North Shropshire Netball

Pictured: Year 7 students attending the U12 North Shropshire Netball Tournament at Ellesmere College.



## Fairtrade

Last week students on the Eco Council sold items and raised a total of £54.87p for the Fairtrade Foundation.