



Dear Parents and Carers

Comic Relief

Last week students and staff dressed up as characters from Disney films and sold cakes in aid of Comic Relief, a UK charity which aims to free the world from poverty. This year the total amount raised was a fantastic sum of £1000 and without your support this would not have been possible. This is the highest amount we have ever raised for Comic Relief and we are extremely grateful for your generosity.



Shire Catering

This week the School Council's joint Chair, Victoria Hopwood and Chloe-Anne Higgins delivered a presentation to the School Governing Body in which they reported on their recent meeting with Shire Catering. The School Council is made up of representatives from each tutor group and aims to give students an opportunity to have their say about how they could help to improve school life. Student Council discussions identified a need to change school meals in the light of national concerns about child obesity and promotion of healthy eating. They met with the school catering manager to discuss ideas about how to reduce carbohydrate rich foods and how to increase the amount of vegetables and fruit on offer. They also highlighted the need to address the problem of plastic waste. The Student council project has led to the introduction of vegetable and humus pots, healthy popcorn snacks and cold pasta pots. Plastic cutlery has also been replaced by wooden recyclable knives and forks. These changes have been welcomed by students and staff and we look forward to the next part of the project.



Lesson Grades

Last week's top grades include:

Year 7: Toby Pryor, Hattie Tasker, Lily Chidlow, Harry Barber and Chloe Cank.

Year 8: Ivneet Kaur, Pru Noss and Izzy Williams.

Year 9: Lily Davies, Rebecca Fox, Will Lloyd and Molly Fry.

Year 10: Ailie Small, Louise Pace and Holly Gilbert.

Year 11: Heidi Steel, Tilly Evanson, Hollie Millerchip and Arwen MacSween.



Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Geography Trip

Year 7 visited Whitchurch Town Centre this week to gather data in order to answer the geographical enquiry question 'Is Whitchurch Town Centre in decline?' Students enthusiastically carried out a shop count to see how many vacant shops there were, a pedestrian count and a questionnaire survey to find out the views of the local shoppers. An environmental quality survey was also carried out to gauge how attractive Whitchurch is.

All students enjoyed their first taste of a geography field trip and the school received welcome comments from members of the public on how polite and well-mannered the students had been whilst carrying out their survey.



Young Enterprise Shropshire

Sixth Form students attended the Shropshire Area Young Enterprise Presentation Day yesterday at Wolverhampton University Campus, Priorslee, Telford. Students had to prepare and present a 4 minute presentation about their Young Enterprise experience and their journey taking part in the programme in which the group 'iCan' up cycled tin cans. They also had to undertake a Dragons Den style interview in front of a panel of business experts from around the area. The presentation was done in front of several other schools from Shropshire, again in front of a panel of industry experts. The students represented themselves and the school really well and we await the results of this year's programme, which will be announced during a presentation and awards evening on 2nd May at Park Inn Hotel, Telford.



Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Training Weekend

Recently Gold DofE students took part in a training weekend in Cynwyd, Near Corwen. As part of the weekend, instructor, Shane Leavesley, taught them the basics of first aid. Students then put their knowledge into practice outside on the hills. Practicing first aid outdoors created a completely new set of challenges for them to deal with. Training exercises set up included: an unconscious person and someone who had fallen awkwardly. Students then used their skills and knowledge to carry out basic checks needed for life support. They dealt with casualties in difficult terrain which gave them more of a challenge. Keeping the casualties warm and insulated from the cold ground while keeping themselves as first aiders warm regardless of the weather was an important part of their learning.



Upcoming Events

DofE Training – Saturday 23 March 2019
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 6 Open Evening – 20 April 2019
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/>

Whitchurch 10K

Whitchurch 10K is just two weeks away. The event, now in its third year, will start and finish at Sir John Talbot's School and is an ideal event for runners of all abilities, from those completing their first 10K, to those wishing to set a new PB or for elite seasoned runners.

Hurry registration closes 31st March 2019.

For further information, or to register for the event:

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



Young Writers

Following the recent Young Writers competition, Whitchurch Rotarians presented Interact students with their awards. The competition offered participants the chance to develop their creative writing skills. Pictured receiving their certificates from Rotarian Mr Valentine, Youth Activities and Benn Magee, Interact President: Grace Clutton, Katie Pierson, Zara Leary and Kitty Vasey.



Shingler Group Apprentice Experience Day

The first ever Shingler Group Apprentice Experience Day takes place on Saturday 13th April, commencing at 8am. The event is for students in Years 10 to 13 and who have an interest in the construction industry. The event will take place at Cruckmeole Meadows Site in Hanwood, near Shrewsbury, SY5 8JN. Students will have the opportunity to work with skilled tradesman looking at various different carpentry, bricklaying and general maintenance skills. It will be a very hands-on day, so students should arrive in warm clothes and expect to get dirty. During the event, students will be informally assessed to find out their abilities and interests. They will also receive a one-on-one interview to discuss career opportunities and this time will give them the chance to ask any questions they might have.

For further information, please see Mrs Murphy, Careers Officer: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk
Please also confirm attendance at this event: emily@shinglerhomes.co.uk or 01939 291082

Girls Rugby

The Under 15 Girls Rugby Team took part in a tournament at Wrekin College this week. This is the first major tournament for the development team and they fought hard against tough opposition. The squad plans to build on their experience.

