

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents and Carers

Sir John Talbot's Whitchurch 10K Sunday 7 April

This time next week, we will be very busy making the final preparations for our annual Whitchurch 10K. Students have kindly volunteered to help assemble race packs, unpack medals, erect the refreshment tent and sort out prizes for the children's races, which take place before the actual race. We would like to thank families who have been busy selling and buying raffle tickets in advance of the race and we ask that any sold or unsold tickets and monies are returned to school on Monday 1 April. Many thanks also go to our very generous sponsors: Agro Merchants Group, Wild Trail, Wenlock Spring Water, Jane Smellie Opticians, Leonard Brothers Veterinary Centre, G. Blackhurst and Son, DA Roberts, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Whitchurch Pre-school Nursery, Mornflake Oats, Tasty Little Numbers and Joules Brewery whose support is invaluable. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the roads along the route will be closed for a short period of time and your patience is much appreciated. We would be very pleased to see as many spectators along the route as possible cheering our fantastic runners on to the finish line. If you have not yet signed up to race there are still two days left in which to do so. Closing date for entries is Sunday 31 March at 11.59pm. If you are not able to run but would like to help marshal the event then please contact Hayley Alldridge, Race Director: alldridge.h@mmat.co.uk.

SMART 7

In the autumn term, we introduced the SMART WAY to students. The SMART WAY identifies 7 expectations of students in terms of behaviour for learning so that they can do their best in every lesson. The SMART 7 states that students should be fully equipped for all lessons. This includes a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. Over the next two days we will be reminding students about the need to bring the correct equipment to school. Any students who do not have this equipment should purchase items from the 'school stationary shop' which will be open on Monday and Tuesday. After Wednesday 3 April, students not having a full set of equipment will have their SMART card signed. If you have, any concerns please contact Mrs King, Student Support: SJTPastoral@mmat.co.uk

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Last night we held Year 11 Parents' Evening. Final exam timetables and Easter and half term revision programmes were handed out. Students, parents/carers and staff discussed the results from their recent trial exams in preparation for the actual GCSE exams which commence on 13 May and finish on 14 June. This year the awarding bodies have also designated Wednesday 26 June 2019 as a 'contingency day' for examinations and students must remain available until this date should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Shropshire Psychology Teacher Network

Recently, Sir John Talbot's School hosted the relaunch of the Shropshire Psychology Teacher Network. Mrs Haycock, Psychology, welcomed colleagues from the Grove School, Oswestry School, Oldbury Wells School and Wrekin College. On the agenda, was the discussion of supporting independent learning and potential collaborations to enrich student experience and understanding of the subject. The group hope to build on the success of the meeting, with their next scheduled for June.



Student Council

On Tuesday, a Joint School Student Council meeting took place between Sir John Talbot's and Tilstock C of E Primary School. From the agenda, students maturely discussed the progress relating to healthy eating and recycling around the schools, coming up with some excellent points and ideas. They then concluded by creating a list of actionable tasks to be looked into prior to their next meeting.



Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Evening

Last week, thirty students and their parents/carers attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Evening held at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club. A fantastic evening was had where students celebrated the completion of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The awards were presented by local author, Pen Taylor who spoke about following your dreams and making your wish list of life become a reality. It was wonderful to see present and past students collect their awards. The evening ended with homemade cakes provided by the parents and students which were excellent!



Gold Training Walk

Last weekend, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants from Sir John Talbot's and the Grove joined to complete some navigation training in Snowdonia. This was excellent preparation for the forthcoming training expedition in 5 weeks.



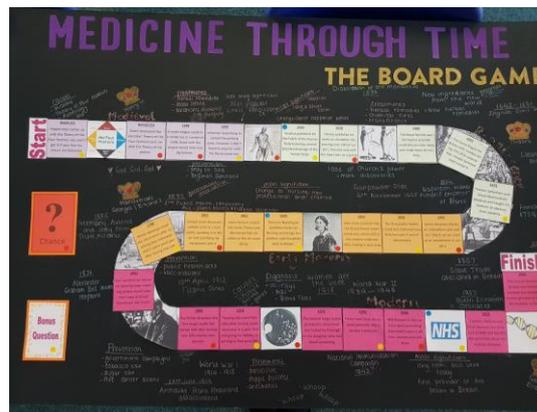
Annual Cook Off

On Tuesday, the annual Duke of Edinburgh's 'cook-off' took place between Gold and Silver participants. The aim was for students to come up with the tastiest dish they could create using standard camping cookery equipment. The four judges then had to choose their favourite based on appearance and taste. All three dishes were deemed excellent but the overall winner by a small margin was the Silver DofE A team with their dish of spicy noodles with pancetta.



Year 10 GCSE History

Year 10 students have been completing Medicine themed homework as part of their History GCSE. There have been some outstanding projects including washing lines, board games and decorative medical journals and books. The diligence and hard work that students have put into the work is exceptional and is contributing to their wide range of revision resources.



Equine Learning Sessions

Equine Learning Sessions have been continuing. During the sessions students have been working as a team and improving their communication skills; this was then put in to practice during an activity where they were required to help groom the horses. A beautiful moment was captured where horse Harley was pictured falling asleep in the arms of Year 11 student Amberley Jones.



Whitchurch 10K

The Whitchurch 10K on Sunday 7 April is fast approaching. The event, now in its third year, will start and finish at Sir John Talbot's School. It is set to be a fantastic event, please come along and show your support, the race starts at 10.00am.

For further details, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/whitchurch10k/>



Upcoming Events

- Year 12/13 Parents' Evening – 4 April 2019
- Year 10 GCSE Information Evening - 4 April 2019 6pm
- Sixth Form JET Fusion Reactor Trip – 4 April 2019 6am
- Year 6 Welcome Event – 11 April 2019
- Year 7 Opal Coast, France – 24 May 2019
- Sportsfest, Italy – 27 May 2019

Please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk>