

Dear Parents and Carers

Whitchurch 10K

There are less than 48 hours to go before our third 10K event. The refreshment tent has been erected and the goodie bags are being filled with donations of vouchers and food items. In addition to the 10K there are children's races that commence at 9am which can be entered on the day. The Sir John Talbot's lion will be joining us again this year to lead the children's race. Raffle tickets can still be purchased on the morning of the run. I would like to thank you for your patience in advance of the road closures which are necessary in order to conduct the 10K safely and will reopen on a rolling basis. The route can be seen on the school website: <http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/course/>. We very much hope that everyone has a successful day and manage to improve on your personal bests. Mr O'Toole, Headteacher, is hoping to lead the run for at least the first 100 metres!

Assemblies

This week's assemblies have looked at how to revise for exams and how to conduct yourself in the exam hall according to the rules produced by exam boards. Exam boards are very clear about codes of conduct in exams and violation of these rules will lead to disqualification. Students must place equipment in a clear plastic pencil case. Water bottles can be taken into the exam room but they must have all labels removed. Coats and bags are placed in a specific place within the exam room away from students. Most importantly, students cannot communicate with each other once they enter the room. During the GCSE and A Level exam period, unannounced inspections will take place and it is vital that all students are following the rules set out by the JCQ. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be sitting their end of year exams after the Easter holidays. Students have been shown how to use mind maps and flash cards effectively in preparation for these exams.

Uniform and equipment

A uniform and equipment check took place this week. The majority of students looked extremely smart and clearly take great pride in their uniform. There are a small number of students who need to make some changes so that they are following the uniform policy in regard to skirt length, make up and jewellery. Skirts should be 22" in length with wide pleats as shown in the skirt photograph on the RAM leisure website. By Monday all students should be equipped with pens, pencil, ruler, rubber and a calculator as recommended by the Maths faculty. We thank you for your help in the matter.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Arts Alive

Jenny Matthews, Talbot Theatre Co-ordinator at Sir John Talbot's has been promoting Arts Alive shows at the Talbot Theatre in the School Hall for 20 years! Jenny was presented with a long service award at the Arts Alive 20th Birthday celebrations. Arts Alive promotes shows throughout Herefordshire and Shropshire for members of the community. For further information on The Talbot Theatre, visit: <http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/leisure-centre/community-arts-events/>



Sixth Form Student Forum

Dr Anton Garrett, who has previously talked about the subject 'Science Versus Religion', was guest speaker at the Sixth Form Forum. On his visit the Cambridge scholar, gave students a lecture on the 'History of Boats'. The students learnt a lot from Dr Garrett's packed presentation, gaining new knowledge of famous boats such as the SS Great Western and the Queen Elizabeth II (QE2). On Wednesday students were then quizzed in their form groups to demonstrate what they had learned.



Sir John Talbot's Whitchurch 10K

The Sir John Talbot's Whitchurch 10K has finally arrived. In preparation for the event, this week students have kindly been helping to 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.



The event takes place this Sunday 7 April, with the race starting at 10.00am. The event now in its third year is set to be the best on record. We would be very pleased to see as many spectators along the route as possible cheering our fantastic runners on to the finish line. A number of students from Sir John Talbot's will be taking part and it would be great if you could show them support and encouragement. We wish these students the best of luck in the race!



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the roads along the route will be closed for a short period and your patience is much appreciated. We are very grateful to all students and members of the public, who have kindly agreed to help marshal the event, without volunteers like this; the event simply could not take place. For further details or to keep up with the latest event news, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/whitchurch10k/>

Football Club Easter Holidays

**EASTER
SOCCER
CAMP**

@ SIR JOHN TALBOT'S HIGH SCHOOL

24TH, 25TH & 26TH APRIL
9AM-3PM EVERY DAY

Kickerz Coaching will be holding an event at SJT during Easter.

Limited spaces available!

£40 for 3 days or £20 for 1 day.

To Register:
www.kickerzcoaching.com

County Cup Football

Commiserations to the Under 13 Girls Football Team, who were knocked out of their recent Semi Final County Cup game by reigning champions Thomas Telford School. Despite missing out on this occasion, the girls all played exceptionally well with a great score of 2 - 0.



Inter-house Games Presentation

On Tuesday, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 gathered in the sports hall for the first Inter-house Games Presentation. Inter-house competition has always been an integral part of Sir John Talbot's and it is hoped that the regular re-establishing of the games will provide students with a fantastic opportunity to display their sporting prowess and build upon the core visions of the school: resilience, excellence and respect.

Awards were presented to students under three categories. Medals were handed to the girls and boys from each house who had shown outstanding performance. This award was not just based on these students sporting talents, but given to individuals that embody the school's values. Trophies were then given to the students from each house who had accumulated the highest combined netball and football scores in each year group. Finally, the House Trophy was presented to the overall winners, whom with an amazing score of 19 points, were Red Brook. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding achievements!



Upcoming Events

Year 6 Welcome Event – 11th April 2019
Year 7 Opal Coast, France – 24th May 2019
Sports fest, Italy – 27th May 2019