

## Dear Parents and Carers

### Year 6 Welcome Event

Last night we welcomed Year 6 pupils who will be joining Sir John Talbot's School in September. The evening was organised as two events in order to accommodate the large number of students who will become part of the SJT community. We look forward to working in partnership with our new students and their families.

### Careers

Year 10 students were visited by Mr Palletina from the Royal Navy this week. Students were given a brief insight into various roles and life in the Navy. The Naval Service is made up of five dedicated services, Surface Fleet, Submarine Service, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary with 100 roles being available. For further information:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk>.

### Changes to Academic Mentoring time

When students return to school on Monday 29 April they will go directly to their tutor for Academic Mentoring before going to lesson 1 at 9.15am. Students should line up quietly outside their tutor's room at 8.45am ready to enter the room for a prompt 8.50am start. Tutors will be checking that students have the correct equipment and uniform. Students should not be wearing nail varnish, makeup, more than one pair of stud earrings or other piercings. Skirts should be 22 inches long and shoes should be leather style and not canvas type shoes. The new arrangements will enable students to communicate any concerns they may have with their tutor at the start of the day.

### Equipment and exams

Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be taking their maths, English and science exams after Easter and it is essential that they have the correct equipment going into these. Students will need to have a compass and protractor in their clear pencil case in addition to a pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and pencil sharpener. In regard to calculators, we request that students purchase a CASIO 83GTX which normally retails at approximately £10. Students will be taught topics such as trigonometry using this particular calculator and students have until September to purchase this item. We wish all our students well in their forthcoming exams and ask that they apply the revision techniques shown to them by Mrs Brown, Assistant Headteacher.

### Easter holidays

We hope that all our students and their families have a restful holiday and that the good weather continues through the Easter break.

### Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

## Key Stage 3 Rewards

Students in Key Stage 3 with consistently good behaviour and conduct around school this term were given the opportunity to participate in various inflatables this week. These included a penalty shootout, sumo suits, a gladiator style podium, an agility inflatable and a rodeo sheep. Although the activities tested their skills it was an opportunity for students to relax and socialise.



## Student Forum

Mr Liam Kelleher from Staffordshire University visited the Sixth Form students last week and delivered a presentation on pathways to consider after A-Levels. Students received information on degree apprenticeships, apprenticeships, university courses and weighed up the pros and cons of full and part time employment. Mr Kelleher also spoke about what is involved in a sandwich degree course, which combines having two years of study with a year of work in between. The forum helped students to carefully consider their options and they learned that the location and type of course should be considered carefully when making their decisions.



## Joint European Torus (JET)

Heading towards the future, Sixth Form Physics students set off for Oxford at 6am to visit the Culham Science Centre for Fusion Energy to specifically see the JET Fusion reactor.

Following security checks students made their way into the conference centre where their day started with a presentation based on the problems we as a world are facing with our energy crisis, as well as battling climate change. This set the scene for how important Fusion Energy will be in the battle for clean, limitless energy. Students were taken from the conference centre through the sprawling corridors, past the offices of the experts working on the reactor, to the main control room before reaching the reactor itself.

Students arrived at the reactor minutes before it was going to turn on and pulse up to 150 million degrees centigrade (the hottest place in the universe). While they were expecting to hear or feel something when it happened, all students were treated to was a light changing colour from red to green!

In the short time that the students were there, their eyes were opened to the many challenges faced with this type of energy as well as the enormous possibilities. Students commented on how they had enjoyed the day and had taken a lot away in terms of their future careers as well as the future of energy.



## EI Salvador Presentations

As part of their Hispanic Culture and Film Study module, students in Year 9 delivered their PowerPoint presentations on the El Salvador Civil War. Despite the students originally being a little timid, they soon got in to the swing of the occasion and spoke confidently in front of their peers. Students shared the various information they had resourced on El Salvador's: location, economy, past history and culture. Well done all!



## Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Spring Newsletter 2019 has been published. The Newsletter highlights the Cross Trust activities that students participate in and is available to view by clicking on the adjacent thumbnail.



## Year 7 Science

This week Mrs Unwin's Year 7 Science students put finishing touches to their displays which were designed as part of their 'Shipwreck Survival' module. In lessons the students have been focussing on the merits of various materials that could be found on a desert island. Considering the strength and flexibility of materials, students were then tasked with collecting items to build their impressive structures.



## Year 7 Textiles

As part of their introduction to hand stitching, Year 7 students have been working with Mrs Barlow, DT, to create monster keyrings. Students have created some fantastic designs and will be progressing on to a bigger project after the Easter break where they will design themed cushions.



# Sir John Talbot's School Whitchurch 10K

## Pre-Event Preparation

We are very grateful for the efforts of our students who played an important role in the preparation of the Sir John Talbot's School Whitchurch 10K which took place on Sunday. Students kindly helped to assemble race packs, unpack medals and sort out prizes for the children's races.



## Sunday 7 April – Event Day

This week marked another successful year for the Whitchurch 10K. The community came together to support the third annual road race in Whitchurch where over 900 runners took part. The race sponsored by Agro Merchants, took place on Sunday 7 April and has doubled in size since the first race in 2017.

Starting and finishing at Sir John Talbot's School, over 900 runners took part in this popular event. The course is mainly flat but does have some short, challenging hills incorporated in it, to keep runners a little challenged! It is confined to roads within the boundaries of the historic market town. The town centre, with its half-timbered buildings, bustling pubs and an imposing Georgian Grade 1 listed church, St Alkmund's, forms part of the course, where residents of the town and visitors alike, congregated to shout, cheer and encourage all runners.

The support along the route was incredible this year with more and more residents each year coming out and supporting the runners. Hayley Alldridge, Race Director, comments: "I never thought that the Whitchurch 10K would become so popular with not only runners but the local community who were out supporting this event. I was overwhelmed to see so many runners taking part this year and look forward to seeing this race grow year on year and become a firm favourite on the events calendar for the town."

The school field had an amazing atmosphere where we saw nearly 200 youngsters taking part in the children's fun run and earning their medal and goody bag. Local businesses and sports clubs also showcased what they have to offer. Thank you to each and every one that supported this event including sponsors Agro Merchants and the vast number of volunteers that make this event possible.

The 2020 Whitchurch 10K is already booked for Sunday 5 April and information can be found at [whitchurch10k.niftyentries.com](http://whitchurch10k.niftyentries.com)



## Results: Top Runners

The overall winner from the Male Category was Matthew McCormack from Crewe and Nantwich Running Club, in a fantastic time of 33.11 minutes also taking the lap record! Second place went to Richard McKenna in a time of 33.53 minutes and third place was achieved by Mark Coulthard in a time of 34.03 minutes.

The Female Category winner was Rachel Parker from Mercia Fell Runners, who achieved a great time of 38.32 minutes. Second place went to Eden O 'Dea in a time of 39.20 minutes and third place went to Rachael Handley in a time of 41.56 minutes.

Well done to Sixth Form student Cameron Prendergast who had the fastest Sir John Talbot's student time of 43 minutes.

