

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 students are working exceptionally hard in their exams. They have completed one week of their four-week exam season and appear to be reasonably pleased with their papers so far. Essential revision sessions continue to take place throughout the next three weeks. Mrs Brown, Assistant Headteacher, has issued students with a clear schedule for after school revision and in school lesson 3 sessions which allow for any final preparations ahead of the afternoon exam. Further revision sessions will also be held on Saturday 18 May and during half term. I would like to wish our students well in the remaining exams and look forward to celebrating their successes in August.

Uniform

The recent spell of warm weather has prompted some students to ask about uniform during the summer term. Our uniform remains the same throughout the year. Students are expected to arrive at lessons wearing full uniform. A number of classrooms have recently had air conditioning installed so students should not experience uncomfortable temperatures. Where classrooms are very warm students may ask to remove their jumper during the lesson.

Building improvements

We are continually looking at ways to enhance the learning environment in order to provide the best facilities for our students. Building work has been carried out to create a larger study area for our growing Sixth Form and we now await the delivery of new furniture. This will be an excellent resource for our students.

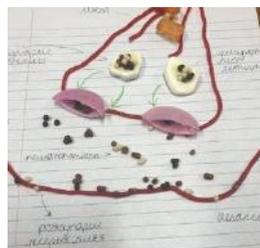
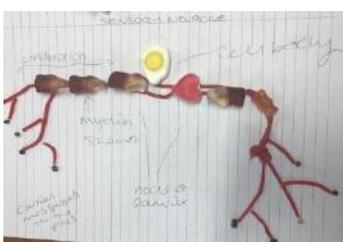
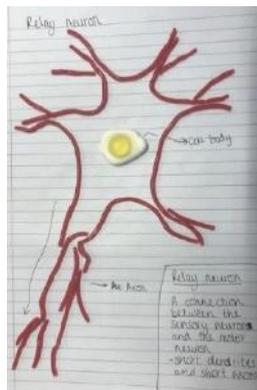
Whitchurch Rotary Club Civic Concert

A level music students were invited to take part in the above concert held on Wednesday evening. Becky Brookfield and Chloe Edwards delighted the audience with their beautiful singing. Thank you to Mr Moore, Music Subject Lead, for accompanying students on the piano.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Psychology

Year 12 Psychologists have been learning about Biopsychology and the physical determinants of our behaviour. Here they were consolidating what they learned about neurons and synapses by modelling them out of sweets. Year 13 are currently revising hard for their exams starting shortly but took a few moments to see what they could remember about Biopsychology too.



Sixth Form Forum

Recently, Darren Pallatina from the Royal Navy gave the Sixth Form Students a taste of what a day in the life is like working as part of the Navy.



The students learned about the role of the Royal Navy, in protecting our supply of raw materials and oil.

They also discovered the extent of its role in preventing illegal immigration. Mr Pallatina spoke about his multiple jobs in the Navy, which have seen him act as a bomb disposer and diver!

We thank Mr Pallatina for coming into school and providing our Sixth Form Students with an insight into possible career opportunities within the Royal Navy.

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

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

During the Easter holidays Gold DofE students from Sir John Talbot's and one student from the Grove School participated in a Gold Training Expedition in North Yorkshire. The group started and ended their expedition in Hawes, taking a circular route along Wensleydale and Swaledale covering over 50 miles in four days. Although there were a few blisters by the end of the expedition, the students all worked well as a team and enjoyed the challenge.



Bronze DofE students had their first training walk on Tuesday 7 May. They learnt to navigate along the Sandstone Trail in Cheshire and at lunch time used a Trangia Stove to cook a camp curry. The weather remained dry and the students were treated to views across the Cheshire Plain as far as the Cathedral's in Liverpool. This is the group's first training walk in preparation for their expeditions in June.



Gardening Challenge

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, students over the upcoming weeks will be taking part in a gardening challenge House competition.

Inspired to act, in response to their new knowledge regarding global warming and climate change, students have been set the task to grow as many fruit and vegetables as they can by the 12 June.

This week saw the students tending to their 2m by 2m plots for the first time. The tutor groups got their hands dirty: weeding, raking back the overgrown patches of grass and levelling the area to reveal the soil.



Cheerleading

Year 11 students were recently given the opportunity to take part in a cheerleading workshop in one of their lessons. Sixth Form student, Imogen Edwards-Peck led the session in which students were taught lifts. The workshop allowed students to have fun and de-stress.



County Cup Final

The U14 Girls football team represented the school in the Greenhouse County Trophy on Wednesday 8 May at Shrewsbury Sports Village.

The team lost the fixture 8-1 with Prue Noss scoring the only goal. Jessica Walley was voted 'Girl of the Game' by the supporting Shropshire Schools officials which was well deserved.

Sir John Talbot's would like to congratulate the extremely talented Burton Borough School and wish them luck for the future. Full credit to the team who put on a performance that the school and parents/carers are proud of.



Girls Rugby

On Monday with the sun shining down, Sir John Talbot's took part in an U13 Girls rugby tournament at Shrewsbury College. The girls played against various schools; they drew their first match against a mixed Belvidere School and SJT Barbarians side as sadly Shrewsbury Academy were unable to attend. They then went on to beat Belvidere School in their next game. Going into the final round against the Priory School, it was a must win game for the girls if they were going to secure first place. Unfortunately, this was not to be and a very strong and organised Priory team were to take overall victory. All of the girls played really well to secure second place.



Upcoming Events

Year 7 Opal Coast Trip, France – 24th May 2019 | Sports Fest, Italy – 27th May 2019

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