

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents and Carers

Following a very early morning start over 50 of our Year 7 students will have arrived in France. They have a very exciting programme of activities ahead of them. The first stop is the beautiful town of Le Touquet where students will get the chance to buy some refreshments and stretch their legs on the beach. On Saturday students will visit three very different attractions including a French bakery, a snail farm and a World War II Nazi military bunker. Students will be fully immersed in the French culture. No trip is complete without having a picnic and this one will take place in the wonderful surrounding of Montreuil sur Mer.

Assemblies

Assemblies this week covered the topic of British values. Schools have a duty to 'actively promote' the fundamental **British values** of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs according to Department for Education (DfE) guidance.

SEND development

We are delighted that Shropshire Council is considering a proposal to create a SEND resource provision at Sir John Talbot's School. The consultation period concludes four weeks after the 7 May and further information on this proposal can be found here: <http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/proposal-to-create-send-resource-provision-at-sir-john-talbots-school/>

An aerial view

The photographs below were taken from a hot air balloon by Mrs Morcumb, Teacher of Geography/Head of RE. They show a panoramic view of the school and remind us how fortunate we are to have our educational establishment in such a beautiful setting. May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable half term and hope that you are able to take advantage of the magnificent countryside.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher



Tolkien and the Classics

Last week students had the opportunity to listen to an interesting talk by guest speaker Dr Phillip Burton. Dr Burton is a lecturer at the University of Birmingham and he spoke to students about Tolkien and the Classics. He talked enthusiastically about Tolkien's background and various historical and cultural moments that have influenced some of his most famous works. The students contributed well to questions asked of them, impressively answering questions about the origins of certain words and phrases used in Tolkien's books.



Alumni News

The accompanying photograph shows some of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Sixth Form students both past and present. Sir John Talbot's alumni student Charlie McCarthy is currently having huge success at University and whilst at SJT he was awarded a place on the BAFTA/ British film work experience programme. Recently Charlie got to meet and hold Jason Watkin's BAFTA! - an exciting moment!



CyberTech Trip

Sir John Talbot's Psychology and ICT students attended a CyberTech event at Wrexham Glyndŵr University. The trip was designed to increase student awareness to careers in computing, criminology and policing as well as to increase awareness about online safety. The day was delivered in association with the Cyber Crime Police Team for North Wales and the students experienced a fun day learning about cybercrime and the risks of technology through fun, interactive learning sessions and activities.

The group attended a number of workshops throughout the visit, Officers from the Regional Cyber Crime Unit conducted a talk about protecting students from the latest cyber threats and highlighted positive steps that students could take to protect themselves. The group attended a code cracking session, where they deciphered encryption methods Julius Caesar had made. The students also attended the hacker lounge and the CyberTech arcade.

The group found the day informative and learnt a lot during their visit and it has certainly opened their eyes to possible career opportunities.



Achievements

Navy Psychometric Testing

Following a recent visit from the Royal Navy, Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form students achieved a 100% pass rate when they undertook Navy psychometric testing. All the students that took part passed at good or high level and six students passed for Officer level!

CVQO Westminster Award

Year 13 student Chloe Edwards celebrated some fantastic news this week. Out of 1500 candidates which were then shortlisted to 40, Chloe has made it as one of ten finalists chosen for the CVQO Westminster Award. This is an annual competition designed to recognise and reward the most deserving candidates from across the cadets and youth groups. Chloe who is a member of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force, Ellesmere Detachment will travel to South Africa for an incredible two-week expedition in July. Chloe will have the opportunity to take part in community projects, work with and visit local schools in the area, learn about South African culture, visit Rorke's Drift and have an amazing adventure! Well done Chloe on your amazing achievement!



Year 9 Volunteers

Throughout this week ten Year 9 students have been helping at the annual Whitchurch Junior School's Sports event.

The pictured students have all opted to study GCSE PE in Year 10.

Students have really enjoyed working with the staff and pupils to deliver activities to all year groups at the primary school, which will help them to develop their leadership and organisational skills.



Career Opportunities

Keep an eye on the careers page on our website: <http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/careers-he/careers-he-careers/>. It is frequently updated with career advice, the latest apprenticeship opportunities and helpful resources.

NEW: Two apprenticeship opportunities have arisen with BBS, a small and friendly owner-managed, mailing house based in Farndon, 10 miles south of Chester. They send out marketing mailings for a wide range of customers, including retailers and theatres. They also write postal sortation software, which they use in-house and sell to third parties.

- Commercial Artwork & Office Administration Apprenticeship.
- Mailroom & Office Administration Apprenticeship.

For further information, please contact Mrs Murphy Careers Guidance and Inspiration Officer: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk

Henry Royce Engineering Summer School

An excellent opportunity has arisen for Year 10 and 11 students, to find out more about the exciting world of materials science this summer at the University of Manchester. Hurry the deadline has been extended to 24 May, with places filling up fast. For students interested in this opportunity, please apply here:

<https://www.materials.manchester.ac.uk/connect/events/su-mmer-school/>

Information Evening at Harper Adams University

A higher and degree apprenticeship explained evening, with a focus on Engineering is taking place on Thursday 6 June, 5.30pm to 9pm. For further information about the event visit: http://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/05/2019-05-19_HDA-Engineering-at-HAU.pdf

Upcoming Events

- Sports Fest, Italy – 27 May
- Year 10 Work Experience – 24 to 28 June
- KS3 Awards Evening – 4 July
- Sports Day – 9 July