

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents and Carers

D-Day 75 Years on

World leaders attended events this week to mark 75 years since the D-Day landings in Normandy. Theresa May and Emmanuel Macron joined service honouring veterans to pay tribute to our brave soldiers who fought for freedom on the beaches of Normandy 75 Years ago. The pair unveiled a new memorial to British troops at Ver-sur-Mer. We must remember that some of our students lost their lives in this conflict and names can be found on the fireplace in the School Hall.

Uniform Reminder

It has come to our attention that a few girls are wearing converse style lace up shoes as shown in the adjacent picture. Please note that these are not acceptable and correct school shoes should be worn as shown in the uniform policy, viewable by [clicking here](#).



Graduation

Students in Year 10 who have met our expectations regarding attendance, uniform and lesson gradings have been invited to graduate into Year 11 uniform. Following a Graduation assembly successful students will be allowed to wear the black school jumper and the Year 11 tie which includes a black stripe. These students will become role models to the rest of the students and particularly to our new Year 7 students who join us in September. It is essential that our older students demonstrate the school values and set the standards for the rest of the school to follow. In September the new Year 11 students will be asked to apply for the role of student ambassador and they will play an important part within the school community.

House Gardening Competition

Competition between the House gardens is growing weekly! Mrs Jennings's Tutor group (10LJ) have constructed a mini greenhouse out of recycled plastic bottles to house their tomato plants as well as herb planters attached to the fence. And in true gardening tradition, garden gnomes have now appeared in four of the gardens, therefore, there will be an additional prize for the most interesting gnome. Photographs to follow next week.

Half Price Book Fair

A Book Fair is being held in the school library from Thursday 13 to Wednesday 19 June. A fantastic selection of new publications together with posters and stationery will be for sale for at least half the recommended price. The Fair is open to students during break, lunch and after school. Parents/Carers are also welcome to shop after school on the Monday through to the Wednesday. Commission on sales goes towards buying more books for the library.



Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Year 7 RE

Recently, Year 7 RE students were learning about religious founders for their half term focus. Students were then tasked to create a mood board about one of the founders as part of their homework project, creating some fantastic pieces.



Year 8 History

Year 8 students have been busy working on a project about the evacuation system of injured soldiers on the Western Front during WWI. They have worked hard either individually or in small groups and spent time researching the project at home. Students then went on to present their work by producing posters, comic strips, PowerPoint presentations and some groups even chose to create model representations.



Senior Student Body News

Recently our new Senior Student Body was appointed, with the following students taking up roles: Ben Kimberley, Head Boy, Evie Williams, Head Girl, Harry Rutherford, Deputy Head Boy, Imogen Edwards-Peck and Jessie Hambleton, Deputy Head Girls, Joe Rutherford, Student Body President KS3/4, Saskia Stevens, Student Body President KS5/Sixth Form, Jess Booth, Pastoral Lead Student Mentor and Bronwyn Poole, Academic Lead Student Mentor.

Each of the students will play a specific role as part of the Senior Student Team. They will also be ambassadors for Sir John Talbot's across varied activities and events, play a role in ensuring that student voices are heard and act as both role models and mentors to the rest of the school.



SportsFest, Italy Trip

Over half term, The Marches and Sir John Talbot's School took 37 students on a Netball Tour to Italy. Even though it rained for four days, which resulted in activities being changed, students and staff had an amazing time and the students were a real credit to their schools.

Upon arrival, students were given some free time in rainy Venice; they explored the city and had the opportunity to sample some of the local cuisine. On Tuesday, students received Netball coaching where staff commented on how talented our students were. On Wednesday it rained again, but this did not stop the group going to a local zoo, which was followed by some shopping and a pizza evening. The girls then took part in a full tournament on the Thursday, where all students got through to the semi-finals and the Under 15's came runners up in their competition, which was a brilliant achievement! The girls finished the day with a disco and did not want to leave the dance floor.



Opal Coast

On Friday 24th May, our Year 7 students headed through the channel tunnel to the Opal Coast in Northern France.

Upon arrival, the students had the opportunity to get some refreshments and stretch their legs, while they explored sunny Le Touquet beach. After an exhaustive day, the group headed off to bed in high spirits. On Saturday after a hearty breakfast, the students were divided into three groups to enjoy a range of activities on rotation. Students visited the WW2 Nazi military bunker in La Coupole; they learned how to make French bread and croissants at the Le Fournil Bakery and finally the groups visited a snail farm where they learnt about the life cycle of the snails – with some of the students brave enough to try the French delicacy! Sunday saw the end to the trip with the group visiting Montrelieu where Les Miserable was set, before departing on the ferry.

The aim of the trip was to make foreign visits available to all and we have worked hard to make this trip accessible to those students who wanted to partake. Students and staff had a very enjoyable trip, for many of the group this was their first time abroad and their first time on a ferry, resulting in new experiences and memories.



Whitchurch Foodbank

Sir John Talbot's School works closely with the Whitchurch Foodbank who are able to provide essentials to local families in need. Whitchurch Foodbank also offer support to families who normally access free school meals but might struggle to provide for their families during the six-week summer break. Should you wish to find out about this service or have any general enquiries about foodbank vouchers, please contact Miss Downward: downward.s@mmat.co.uk or by telephoning the school.



Upcoming Events

Year 10 Work Experience – 24 to 28 June
KS3 Awards Evening – 4 July
Sports Day – 16 July