

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 Work Experience

In preparation for their work experience, Mr Haynes, Education Business Links, Telford and Wrekin Council, visited Year 10 to give a talk about the importance of Health and Safety in the work place. This year's work experience takes place for one week commencing Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June 2019. We would like to thank the many businesses in the community for their kind support with placements as without them this valuable opportunity would not be possible.

Year 6 students

Over the last two weeks our Transition team have visited 20 primary schools in the surrounding area. We have been made to feel most welcome and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the class teachers and finding out about our new students. Year 6 pupils will visit SJT for a three-day Summer School on 10 to 12 July where they will be introduced to their tutors and take part in several taster lessons. We are very much looking forward to working with our new intake and their families.

Year 11 Leaver's Assembly

Year 11 students completed their final GCSE exam today when they sat their Physics 2 paper. During the afternoon, the Class of 2014 were invited to a Leavers Assembly where they looked back at photographs of their time at Sir John Talbot's and enjoyed refreshments before departing. They have come to the end of what has been a fairly gruelling four-week exam season for them. They can now look forward to their Year 11 Prom, which takes place at Goldstone Hall. The Prom committee visited Goldstone Hall last week to discuss menus, 'mocktails' and decoration for the big event. We very much hope that the weather improves and they can enjoy their walk along the red carpet into the Hall and have a fabulous evening. Staff always look forward to greeting the students as they arrive in their vast array of vehicles and I believe we may see one type of vehicle which we have not seen in recent years. See next week's bulletin for photographs.

Summer Open Evening

Last night we opened our doors to year 4 and 5 pupils from the surrounding areas and invited them to have a look around the school and take part in a variety of activities such as a science show, baking and controlled robots. Mr O'Toole, Headteacher, delivered a presentation during the course of the evening in which he explained our school values and talked about the importance of the school being part of the wider community.

Changes to Early May Bank Holiday 2020

Please note that the early May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Congratulations

Last week Jessica Busby in Year 9 found out last that she was the winner of the Shrewsbury Comics Competition! Jessica created a fabulous comic inspired by Darwin. Her prizes included a signed artwork from the artist Charlie Adlard the creator of the walking dead comics and of TV fame. Well done Jessica, watch this space!



Year 8 Science

Students in 8J were set the task of making models of specialised cells and they certainly rose to the challenge! The winner with a gigantic and delicious red blood cell cake was Ewan Macsween, closely followed by a fantastic and detailed cell from Mabel Hazlehurst who had used sweets to represent the different parts of the cell on top of another delicious cake. Third place was taken by Faye Croughan with some playdoh red blood cells and fourth place went to Tegan Andrews for the very cute hand-sewn red blood cells. Well done to all those who put such effort into their homework.



Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace

Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh's Award students, Ben Fry, Shola Bailey and Nadine Burke recently received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award from Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. They attended a garden party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace for the ceremony. They had chance to meet celebrity actor, Jason Watkins who has starred in films such as *Nativity* and recently won the BAFTA TV Award for Best Actor. Ben, Shola and Nadine have all completed Bronze, Silver and Gold awards at Sir John Talbot's School. They have always participated enthusiastically and been great role models for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. During their DofE experience, they have given over 300 hours volunteering and have participated in numerous sports and learnt new skills.



They completed their Gold expedition in Mid Wales, walking over 50 miles in 4 days. Although it was a tough challenge, they always did it in good spirits, showing excellent teamwork and resilience. The memories they have made while doing DofE will stay with them forever.

Many congratulations on a fantastic achievement!

Bronze DofE Expedition

The Year 9 Bronze DofE training expedition took place in the Clun Valley area last weekend. Despite the groups experiencing some really wet conditions they performed very well, showing good navigation and team work skills. For a bit of fun, the groups chose their own team names this year, which were Smores, Grasshoppers, We Are Walking, Sitting Ducks, The Duckers, The Castaways and Ronke Donkey!



Upcoming Events

- Year 12 Professional Development – 17 to 21 June 2019
- Year 11 Prom Goldstone Hall 20 June 2019
- Year 10 Work Experience – 24 to 28 June 2019
- KS3 Awards Evening – 4 July 2019
- Year 9 Rewards Trip – 8 July 2019
- New Intake Days - 10, 11 and 12 July 2019
- Sports Day – 16 July 2019

Sixth Form Forum Home and Dry Campaign

Mrs Walsh, Access Leader at SJT is an ambassador for West Mercia Search and Rescue. She became involved with the team after her husband sadly drowned in the River Severn following an evening out in Shrewsbury. She spoke of how the West Mercia team are a group of volunteers that give up their time frequently to help search for missing people and help to raise awareness about water safety amongst the public. Sixth Form students listened carefully to the talk, as Mrs Walsh went on to highlight the 'Home and Dry' campaign. She spoke to students about the dangers of becoming intoxicated, the impact of cold water shock and how this can lead to drowning and also discussed her involvement in making the river embankment in Shrewsbury safer, through the installation of a 'throw line'. From the talk, the Sixth Form students really took away the importance of looking out for each other and being responsible, particularly important as they head off to University.



Alumnus News

This week former Sir John Talbot's student Jack Radcliffe visited school. Jack studied at SJT for all of his secondary education, prior to continuing at the school to sit A levels in Maths, Physics, Biology and Chemistry. Post school he went on to study a Masters Degree in Physics at the Imperial College London, before going on to study towards a PhD in Astro-Physics at the University of Manchester in partnership with the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. In a few weeks, Jack is headed to South Africa to work on a multibillion pound radio telescope project known as the 'Square Kilometre Array'. Here he hopes to contribute to Astro-Physics research by increasing our knowledge of supermassive black holes and how they shape our galaxies.



Student Career Opportunities

Keep an eye on the careers page of our website by [clicking here](#). It is frequently updated with useful resources.

NEW Apprentice Opportunity

NFU Mutual are advertising for a Customer Services Advisor Apprentice, for further details please [click here](#).

Information Evening at Harper Adams University

A Higher and Degree Apprenticeships Explained Evening, with a focus on Engineering is taking place on Monday 8 July at 5.30 to 9pm. To find out more, or to register for this event: [click here](#).