



Sir John Talbot's school   
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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers

## Work Experience

Year 10 students have been out of school visiting their work experience placements this week. The placements have been extremely varied and included Tech Heroes in Mold, Tilstock Motors, Mickley Stud Farm, Little Bears Nursery, Psyche and Whitchurch Town Council to name just a few. We are enormously grateful to local businesses and those further afield for providing our students with the opportunity for a work experience post. Staff have visited placements and feedback from employers has been very positive. Comments included: 'outstanding work ethic', 'would like to keep this student on', 'grown in confidence', 'diligent worker and always looking for finer details to improve', 'uses initiative and carries out duties beyond expectations' and 'more than happy to get his hands dirty'. We look forward to sharing photographs next week.

## Road Safety talks

Malcolm Farrah, Road Safety Officer, recently visited KS3 PSHE classes to explain how to keep safe as a pedestrian. He described the different types of road crossings and how they work and encouraged students to be aware of their surroundings and vehicles when travelling to and from school. He also emphasized the dangers of using mobile phones when crossing the road and the importance of 'being seen' at all times. All students responded very positively to the excellent presentations from our Road Safety Officer.

## Reading Families Celebration

On the 27 June a group of 40 parents/carers and students came together to celebrate the success of SJT Reading Families. In Reading Families students share a book in small groups and read aloud with the guidance of a reading tutor. The evening event, led by English teacher Miss Brown, saw students and their parents discussing books, listening to reviews and making bookmarks. Students received certificates to record their impressive progress. It was fantastic to share the success of this group of readers and we are looking forward to expanding the Reading Families next year.

## Sixth Form Induction

The Sixth Form Induction will take place on Monday 8 July and includes a BBQ lunch in the Sixth Form Courtyard. If you haven't done so already, please email to confirm your child's attendance: [STJAdmin@mmat.co.uk](mailto:STJAdmin@mmat.co.uk). In addition, future students are invited to spend Sports day with us on Tuesday 16 July. Sixth Form students provide a helping hand supervising students on this day and their participation in the Sixth Form versus staff tug of war and relay is appreciated!

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

## Psychology Network

Last week saw a very special collaboration between Shropshire Psychology Teachers Network and Staffordshire University Psychology Department, which was hosted at Sir John Talbot's. Presentations on issues in research methods, teaching and progression in Psychology were followed by exciting discussions about future joint ventures.



## Sixth Form Forum

We were delighted to have Professor Watson back to speak to Year 12 about 'Imperial Nostalgia and Brexit'. The Sixth Form students really got involved in the conversation about the Empire and how we are presented with the past in the media. We look forward to welcoming Professor Watson, Sir John Talbot's Alumni, back in the autumn to talk to us about the Colonial Hangover Project.



## Geography GCSE Fieldwork

Recently our Year 10 students and Geography staff headed over to the Afon Clywedog at Felin Puleston on the Ereddig estate to carry out their rivers fieldwork.

Given that the previous week had seen record amounts of rainfall, the concern about the depth of the river proved unfounded (although one or two wellies were overtopped!). The students carried out measurements for width, depth, velocity; bed load and slope angle at four different points in the river, so that they could evaluate the accuracy of "Bradshaw's Model" of changes to a river.

Luckily, the day was bright and fine apart from one short hail shower and all the students completed the work successfully. A big thank you to all the staff who supported the fieldwork.



## Year 11 Prom

After a long awaited finish to their exams, Year 11 students arrived for their Prom at Goldstone Hall Hotel in their amazing outfits. The students travelled to the event in a wide range of vehicles including tractors and limousines! As the students arrived they each made a spectacular entrance by walking up the red carpet, before they were handed a glass of fruit fizz to enjoy in the stunning floral gardens. It was then time for everyone to take part in group photographs and lots of lovely pictures were taken which we are sure the students will look back on fondly. The group then made their way up to the marquee for a beautiful three-course meal, which was followed by farewell speeches and a disco to finish off the evening with a bang! Students were joined by many staff who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

A big thank you to the following students who very kindly took photographs at the Prom and have provided a report of the evening: Sicily Mason and Daisy Bardsley Year 9 and Chloe Edwards Year 13.



## Art Mural

This year Tesco are celebrating their one-hundred-year anniversary. The team at Tesco Whitchurch commissioned the students at Sir John Talbot's School to design and paint a mural that represents Whitchurch. Students were selected to go and paint the design on a wall in the store's warehouse. This was a fantastic opportunity for our talented students to showcase their creativity.



## Upcoming Events

- Subject Awards Evening – 4 July 2019
- Sixth Form Induction – 8 July 2019
- Year 9 Rewards Trip – 8 July 2019
- Year 10 Keele University – 9 July 2018
- New Intake Days - 10, 11 and 12 July 2019
- Sports Day – 16 July 2019