



Sir John Talbot's school 
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers

Subject Awards Celebration

On Thursday evening Key Stage 3 students were invited to attend the annual Subject Awards Celebration at school. Mr O'Toole, Headteacher opened the event with a welcome to parents/carers and spoke of the importance of the school values in relation to achieving your very best. He praised the students for their outstanding effort and achievement and challenged them to maintaining this high standard throughout their education. On arrival guests were met with a non-alcoholic reception drink before taking their seats. Miss Lloyd, Art teacher, arranged an exhibition of Key Stage 3 art work for all to see. Hosted by Ms Dawson, Deputy Headteacher, students were invited to receive their Academic Awards from the English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Languages and Performance Faculties as well as PSHE and Head of Year Awards for their achievement and efforts throughout the academic year. Certificates were presented by Mr O'Toole to over 140 students. They also received an invitation to 'Afternoon Tea' with the Headteacher on Monday 15 July as a thank you for all their hard work. Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented to: Jacob Elliott and Alicia Cooper (Year 7), Oscar Cooke and Rebecca Elsley (Year 8) and Andrew Cundiff and Molly Fry (Year 9). The event was accompanied with music being played by Mr Moore, Head of Music, accompanied by Henry Appleby and Oliver Le Toquin who were making their debut performance in front of over 200 parents/carers, students and teachers.

STEM MNA Final

Young engineers of the future were given the chance to put their STEM skills to the test through a competition organised by the Shropshire Star. Students in Year 8 attended the Midland News Association (MNA) STEM event to present their project which they have been working on over the past few months. Students designed and built a portable walking frame with 360 degree wheels. The design and manufacture of this product has been guided by an external mentor; Steve Owen, from Paveways to whom we are very grateful for his support and expertise. The students won 'Best Entrepreneurial Team'. This is a fantastic achievement and congratulations to all students.

Mrs Apperley
Associate Assistant Headteacher

Sixth Form

Away Day

Our newly appointed Head Girl, Evie Williams and Head Boy, Ben Kimberley, have been busy planning an 'away-day' for the Senior Student Body. The team will spend a day at Carden Park in the conference facilities in preparation for the next academic year.

Outdoor Space

Sixth Form students have been making the most of their outdoor space revising for their mocks and keeping cool!

Dress Code

The recent hot weather has given Sixth Form students the opportunity to follow the summer dress code! Jackets and trousers have been swapped for summer dresses and tailored shorts and the students continue to look incredibly smart.

Sixth Form Induction

The Sixth Form Induction for returning Year 11 and new students will take place on Monday, 8 July. Students will meet Sixth Form tutors, receive information on the Dress Code and Attendance Policy and will get to spend some time with the current Year 12. The day will include a BBQ lunch in the Sixth Form Courtyard.



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Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Year 9 students recently took part in their qualifying Bronze Expedition in record temperatures. Walking in the Long Mynd area of South Shropshire. Students coped very well with the conditions which were in contrast to their last expedition! We are pleased to announce that all students passed their expedition. To complete the expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award the participants are required to give a talk about their expedition. Presentations from the current Bronze DofE group will take place in the School Hall on Monday, 15 July at 2.15pm and the participants parents/carers are invited to attend.



Aspire Trip

On Monday a group of Year 10 students spent an overnight night stay at Kingswood in Staffordshire. The students faced and conquered many challenges including building a buggy, scaling a 25ft wall and taking a 'leap of faith'. Students also had a motivational and inspirational session with guest speaker Harry Takhar. Harry left school with one ambition, to become a professional footballer. After failed trials with Southampton FC, he worked in a number of different sectors before he went on to become Director of a large recruitment agency. Harry eventually went on to set up many recruitment agencies with multi million pound turnovers. Students now need to carry these new skills into the classroom!



Careers Resources

Click [here](#) to keep an eye on the careers page of our website.

New SBC Training apprenticeships available in the surrounding area, please [click here](#) for further details

Work Experience

Year 10 students returned on Monday following a busy week in their work experience placements. The placements were extremely varied and included the Met Office at Shawbury, Hibberts, Headquarters, PMB Landscapes, AGRO Merchants, Primary and Infant schools in Whitchurch and the surrounding areas along with many more. We are enormously grateful to local businesses and those further afield for providing our students with the opportunity for a work experience post. Staff 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'.

National Trust Great Score Bake

Last Friday current Year 9 students who will become future GCSE Food and Nutrition students, spent the morning baking scones. This was a good opportunity for the new Food and Nutrition students to familiarise themselves with their new working environment and team, as well as being introduced to the strict Health and Safety criteria expected of them. Students sold a mix of scones filled with a variety of jams and cream which were very tasty. A total of £71.96 was raised for the National Trust.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC
Cholmondeley Castle

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Brightening the Lives of Children
with Disabilities

WHAT'S ON
Bear Hunt • Punch and Judy
Face Painting • Bouncy Castle • Fun Day Show
Play Box • Arts and Crafts • Games and Stalls
Tea Rooms and much more!

Sunday 14th July 11am-4pm
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Registered charity number: 327713

Upcoming Events

- Sixth Form Induction and BBQ – 8 July 2019
- Year 9 Rewards Trip Alton Towers – 8 July 2019
- Year 10 Keele University – 9 July 2019
- Year 10 Shrewsbury College – 9 July 2018
- New Intake Days - 10, 11 and 12 July 2019
- Sixth Form Staffordshire University – 11 July 2019
- GCSE Drama 'West Side Story' – 11 July 2019
- Sports Day – 16 July 2019
- Year 8^{2nd} HPV Vaccination – 18 July 2019

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