

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer is here and I do hope everyone had a good, restful and enjoyable Half Term. In the warmer weather, students are still expected to bring their jumpers to school, although they will be allowed to remove them if it gets too warm. They still need to be smart, with shirts tucked in and ties done up properly. Please encourage your children to bring water with them or at least get some from the canteen.

Sports Day

Tutors are working with their groups to select teams for Sports Day on 20th July. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Please encourage students to come along to Athletics Club, after school on Mondays to practice their event.

Assemblies

Different tutor groups were charged with taking the assemblies this week and we have had some super presentations. Mrs Richmond's Year 8 group ran one on Tuesday which reminded us about teamwork while Mr Boken's and Mrs Cottrell/Miss Whittaker's groups focused on respect and courtesy. It was an absolute pleasure to sit in and watch the students lead these assemblies. We had a short clip in Thursday's assembly made by two Year 10 students which gave responses of staff and students to the question 'What does a respectful and courteous school look like?' Some of the best responses I feel were "it looks like SJT where students are polite and co-operative", "one where they accept people for who they are" and "a place where they support each other" and "respect others' opinions". We can all be proud of this and it was wonderful to experience their assemblies.

Year 10 Graduation

Some Year 10s have returned after Half Term wearing the Year 11 uniform as they have graduated as a reward for their excellent Attitude to Learning scores. They were told after Easter that those who received an average score of 10 or more would have the privilege of graduating into Year 11. It was wonderful to see so many graduate. This was not decided on their ability or how clever they are but simply their ability to engage and be positive in their learning. All were capable of achieving this; it is a way for us to praise and reward those who work hard and remain positive. Others in Year 10 can still graduate before the end of the summer by gaining good ATL scores in their lessons.

Presentation Evening - 7th July 2016

Nominations are now in from teachers for students who have shown the greatest effort and achievement in each subject. These are never easy decisions to make as we have so many excellent students. Invitations will be going out to students and their parents to join us in the evening to celebrate the achievements. I really hope you can be there.

Banned substances

We would ask parents to be vigilant in checking what their child is carrying in their bag. We are very vigilant in school and if we have any reason to suspect that a student has banned items in their bag, we will conduct a thorough search. Please see the website for our policy on searching for and confiscating banned items. We have a zero tolerance policy on banned items and if a student is found in possession of any, this could lead to permanent exclusion. If you have any concerns then please contact us.

Please contact me if you would like more information in the parent/career bulletin or information of a different kind.

Ms O Glackin, Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Trips and Events

- DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition - 10th - 11th June
- Much Ado About Nothing at Dearnford Lake (Sixth Form) – 21st June
- Year 10 Cambridge Residential Trip – 4th - 5th July
- Mamma Mia! Performances – 4th - 5th July
- Year 12 Cambridge Residential Trip – 18th - 19th July

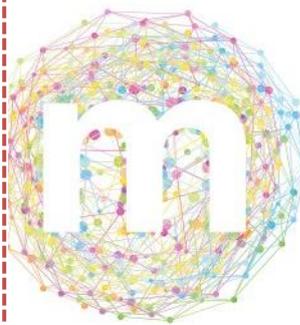
Whitchurch Food and Drink Festival

Several SJT students helped out at this year's Whitchurch Food and Drink Festival – with some even taking the chance to entertain the crowds. The students worked from 8.00am until 4.00pm, helping stallholders to set up before taking shifts handing out programmes for the event to guests at both entrances. Throughout the day, some of the students also danced and sang with Steve Chapman, founder of the annual autumn Whitchurch Blackberry Fair, encouraging everyone to get into the festival spirit. Zoe Dean, organiser of the festival, got in touch with us to say that "it was an absolute pleasure to work with them. All of the students are a credit to [the school] and we loved having them on board. The dancers went down a storm - they should be very proud." They should indeed, and we certainly are!



Book Fair – 13th – 22nd June

Between Monday 13th and Wednesday 22nd June, SJT will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the school library, where hundreds of books will be available at half price. The Book Fair's aim is to put the very best books directly into our students' hands. During the ten day event, there will be a huge range of books on offer, carefully chosen to reflect all tastes and abilities, including exclusive titles that can't be found in the shops or at any other fairs. Parents who would like to come along to see the choice of titles available can get in touch to arrange a suitable time to be welcomed in after school. To celebrate the event, we will also be running competitions and activities, so students should look out for plenty of book-related fun coming up at the school over the next few days.



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Sporting Fixtures (commencing 13th June)

Monday 13th June

- U15 North Shropshire cricket competition at Whitchurch CC 1pm - 5pm

Friday 17th June

- Athletics at Queensway Stadium, Wrexham – 9.30am arrival
- Primary Hockey event 2pm - 5pm

Reminders

From this term, as well as printed copies being handed out to students, School Letters will now also be emailed out to relevant parents/carers via the 'In-Touch' system. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8.30am. Call the School on 01948 660600 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2016: Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd July

Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

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