

Dear Parents and Carers

For some of you this may be the first Parent Bulletin received if you have a child joining us in September as a new Year 7 student. Once again I would like to welcome you to the community and team of SJT, part of the Marches Academy Trust. We look forward to working with you in supporting your son/daughter to be the best that they can be. Year 7 will start school on Tuesday 5th September. As a Parent/Carer you will be asked to come in for a meeting with Leadership after the first day. Information regarding meetings which commence from 5pm will be sent to you.

We've hardly had time to draw breath this week, we are on a real high from the many wonderful events hosted by SJT students and staff. I say 'students' because they are our greatest asset. We could not do it without them taking charge of the events. As one student said when she and a friend were asked to look after a nervous student on New Intake Day, 'of course we will'. We receive constant offers of help and many positive responses, constant displays of being in the big team of SJT. So from the Year 5 Creative Day and Performances in the evening (supported by Year 8 and 9), to the New Intake Day and evening (supported by Year 7, 8 and 9) to Year 4 Mini Olympics (supported by Year 9) and run by Year 10 GCSE students: Antonia, Dan, Robert, Brooke, Bethan, Caitlin, Liam, Tom and who all did a fantastic job, we had a wonderful week. Thank you to our Primary School colleagues for their support in getting the children to us and to you for allowing us to work with your children.

Next Week Celebrations

As I said to staff in Monday's briefing, it is business as usual this week. There is still a week of 'teaching and learning time' along with many organised events to celebrate the end of a great year:

Tuesday 18th July 2017 - Oscars Celebrations for Blake Mere and Brown Moss

Thursday 20th July 2017 - Oscars Celebrations for Oss Mere and Red Brook

Friday 21st July 2017- Celebration Assembly for the whole school and to celebrate all students with high numbers of reward points.

Following which the winning House with the highest number of points will receive light refreshments in the social dining area as a way of us saying 'we think you are just great'. Year 10 students with high ATL scores have fun activities organised for them on Thursday afternoon by Mrs Apperley and this goes on and on. Our aim is to make sure that every student is rewarded for their fantastic efforts and achievements.

Uniform Orders over the summer

Orders can be made at Ram Leisure either by visiting the shop in Wrexham (Tuesday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm) or online www.ourschoolwear.co.uk. Orders placed online can be sent to school and collected during the holidays from the main reception between 8:30 am and 2:30pm. Please make sure you order early as Ram Leisure can be very busy. All students must return wearing the correct uniform with the correct length of skirt (20"/22") and width of trouser leg (judgement based on tightness from the knee down). We make no apologies about being specific with uniform and asking students to pay attention to detail. It is the small things which lets us see how keen students are to be part of Team SJT. Mr O'Toole states that uniform, top button and ties are the first thing he notices about a student as it sends a clear message to him that they want to be in his school.

Cycling to School

Road users have been in contact with the school to say that students cycling to and from school are not travelling safely and are a danger to themselves and others. From September I plan to issue cyclists with a licence when they can show me that they can be safe when travelling to and from school on their bike. Any student cycling dangerously will have their licence taken off them and will not be allowed to cycle to school. We need students to be safe. If anything happened to a student which caused injury or harm to themselves or others, we would be devastated. Parents if you have any other suggestions then please get in touch. Mr Malcolm Farrah from the Local Authority Road Safety team has spoken to students about travelling safely to and from school. He gave very clear simple messages which I ask parents to reinforce with their child. For further guidance please www.cyclinguk.org.

Ms Glackin, Assistant Headteacher

Reminders

School letters may now 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, tutor group and reason for absence. Please remember to inform us if you have changed any of your contact details, including email address. **Recording of telephone calls:** We wish to advise you that calls to and from the school, may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

New Bibles

The Rev Judy Hunt presented 30 new Good News Bibles to the school which will be a very valuable resource for the new GCSE Christianity curriculum.

Receiving the Bibles on behalf of the school were: Matthew Simmonds, Jess Walley, Evie Rymer and Harvey Gardner who were all prize winners for RE in the recent achievement awards. We would like to thank Rev Hunt and the Hannah Lee Charity for providing these.



Science Trip

Year 7 students visited Leicester Space Centre as part of their science course. They experienced sitting inside space capsules, operating machinery to move moon rock, taking the 'baked bean challenge' to compare gravity on different planets and finding out about black holes.

Students also had time to sit in the reclining chairs of Britain's largest Planetarium to enjoy a 360 degree film about life as an astronaut.



Workhouse Guided Tour

On Friday 7th July Year 12 Historians visited The Workhouse in Southwell as part of their A Level Unit 3 Poverty, Public Health and the State c.1780-1939 preparation. They were shown around the workhouse by two expert guides before completing an evidence analysis workshop, investigating whether workhouse life was as bad as Dickens suggested in Oliver Twist.



Year 6 New Intake Day

Year 6 pupils spent the day at SJT as a trial which was a great success. Parents and Carers joined us in the evening where they had the opportunity to meet their child's tutors: Mr Brown, Mrs Clarke, Miss Lloyd and Dr Thorley. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to [email me](mailto:admin@sjtcc.org).



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentations

To complete the expedition section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Year 9 students gave presentations to parents about their expedition and their expedition aim. The three teams were involved in different activities for their 'aim' which were: making a calendar, creating an expedition mood board and a tree classification booklet. Mr Sanders then presented our annual "Rucksack Awards" which saw some fun certificates handed out to students.

