

Dear Parents and Carers

Wellbeing

It is widely understood that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Breakfast provides the brain and body with fuel after an overnight fast; without breakfast the body is effectively 'running on empty' and this certainly is not ideal with a six and a half hour day of learning ahead. A number of pupils have commented that they never or often do not have breakfast. We are asking for your support in ensuring that all of our pupils have the best possible start to the day and are encouraged to eat something filling and nutritious before they arrive at school to ensure they are ready to learn. Research also shows that children are likely to perform better in tests if they have had a good breakfast.

If your child has school meals please speak to them about budgeting to ensure they have enough food to get them through the day; recently a number of children have been overspending at break time and then getting to lunch to find they don't have enough funds left to purchase food. We have attached a sample menu to help you have this conversation. In the event that a pupil does not have any funds for the day they should go to reception where they will be provided with a lunch voucher, this will enable them to purchase food at lunch time. When the account is topped up the amount spent will be deducted from their balance; it is important that no child goes without.

Children in receipt of free school meals have a daily amount allocated to their account to the value of £2.35p. We encourage all parents/carers to use our cashless system for lunch/trips and in doing so, this allows a full breakdown of what has been purchased from the canteen. Each lunch account is set with a £5 daily limit, however, you can request a lower limit if required. More information on ParentPay can be found below.

Hair

Extreme hair styles including tram lines or unnatural colours are not permitted. Hair length should be a 'minimum number two' in length. Fashion hair accessories such as bows and flowers and baseball caps are not permitted. No dip dyed hair is allowed.

Miss Webb, Head of Key Stage 3 and Mrs Apperley Head of Key Stage 4

Alpha Centauri

Every term, one pupil in each year group is selected to be presented with the Alpha Centauri award. The award is for those pupils who are exceptional scientists; hardworking and a pleasure to have in science lessons. The most recent winners are: Callum Littlehales, Ben Kimberley, Blake Holmes, Rebecca Elsey, Jess Shah and Maisie Owen. Congratulations!



Latin Greetings Cards

As part of their extra-curricular, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been busy creating Latin greetings cards for a competition.

The winner of the competition was Zara Leary in Year 9, joint second were Lilly White-Culf and Molly Fry in Year 8 and third place was Olivia Talbot in Year 7. Well done to the girls, and well done to everyone else who entered.



Young Enterprise

Accompanied by Mr Richards, Teacher of DT, Year 10 pupils in the Young Enterprise group attended the Shropshire Awards Ceremony and Presentation evening at the Park Inn, Telford last night. The event was attended by over 300 pupils, teachers, business people and sponsors. The group which included those pictured below along with Arwen Macsween and Heidi Steel were up against 29 other companies from various schools in the county and were shortlisted for 3 awards. The group were awarded the 'Innovation Award' for their product, which was a fantastic achievement and a great reward for all of their hard work and commitment to the program this year.



Pictured above receiving their award on behalf of the group: Rebekah Roden, Luke Carty, Fraya Carty, Bridget Marshall, Tilly Evanson and Sophie Whittaker

Reminders

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. If you would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Team, please telephone 01948 660674 or email pastoral@sjttc.org

Recording of telephone calls: We wish to advise you that calls to and from the school, may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

Term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 can be found online [here](#).



ParentPay is an online system which enables you to credit your child's account using a debit card. Not only can this convenient system be used for paying for school meals electronically, but can also be used for trips and music lessons. This reduces the amount of cash being brought into school, stops you having to find small amounts of cash each day and allows you to monitor the spend on your child's account. If you have not yet registered and account please contact the school for your activation code. You will need to have a valid email address as a username and for account verification.

1. Navigate to parentpay.com
2. Select Login at the top right corner of the screen
3. Enter the username and password provided in your account activation letter and select Activate
4. Complete the activation as detailed on the screen.
5. That's it you're done!

University of Liverpool Challenge 18

Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Molly Fry, who was 'Best in School' in the recent Mathematical Education on Merseyside competition. Molly was successful in coming in the top two per cent in the United Kingdom. Pictured presenting Molly with her certificate is Mrs Garrett, Teacher of Maths. Well done to Molly on her excellent achievement.



Upcoming Events

- 7 May 2018 Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 14 May 2018 Bronze DofE Training Walk
- 14 May 2018 Year 11 GCSE Examinations
- 23 May 2018 Year 10 Parents' Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- 21 June 2018 Year 11 Prom Goldstone Hall

Transport Information from Local Authority

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share the following as we run up to prom season:

If parents are booking a vehicle, they should ask for confirmation that the vehicle and driver are licensed and a legitimate operator will be happy to provide this. Alternatively, parents can contact 0345 678 9046 or email taxis@shropshire.gov.uk and a member of the Taxi Team will be happy to assist.