

## Dear Parents and Carers

### Moving On

This is an important time of year for all year groups in terms of contemplating and preparing for future career pathways. Following recent progress reports pupils are currently meeting with their tutors to consider current achievement and to set short and long term targets for the year ahead.

### Year 11 Exams

Year 11 begin their exams on Monday, the outcomes of which will determine opportunities available to them and subsequent occupational direction. In order to support Year 11, a new bespoke exam preparation programme will start next week. Pupils can also access revision tips as well as attend revision sessions during half term, as indicated on the school website.

### Year 10

Year 10 pupils have now finished their exams and parents/carers will have the chance to discuss results and plan for next year at the forthcoming Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 23 May**. Next month pupils will also have the opportunity to explore career choices during a Career Management Day to be held at school. Only two more weeks until we find out which pupils have graduated first time round into Year 11 uniform and wearing their black jumper and tie after half term. If their conduct in the exams is anything to go by, they should all graduate as their behaviour was excellent. To place an order for Year 11 black jumpers and ties please follow the link: [www.ourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk)

### Year 9 Options

Pupils have recently received letters confirming their GCSE subject choices for the next academic year. Pupils will be expected to reflect on their current working practices and prepare to move on to Key Stage 4.

### Sixth Form

Year 12 students are planning their work experience placements for week commencing 18 June and our Year 13 are about to embark on their A level exams and continue their career journey beyond school. We wish them all the best in their endeavours.

### Rotary Young Leaders Award (RYLA)

Sixth Form students Molly Davies and Jasmine Wood won a place on the RYLA scheme last summer. Last week they were after dinner speakers at a Rotary Club where they talked about their experience and how much they had learned during their week developing their leadership skills. Students are pictured with the Rotary Club President Walter Schafer.



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

## Equine

Pupils at Sir John Talbot's are enjoying the great outdoors taking part in Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL) sessions. Each term a new group of pupils will be invited to enjoy the benefits. Simply put, it is a learning model that uses interaction with horses as a means for pupils to gain personal awareness, breakthrough and growth.

The focus is on learning specific skills as defined by carefully thought out proven and highly effective ground activities. This allows those who do not wish to mount a horse to benefit fully even those not yet familiar with or comfortable around horses can benefit tremendously from being with them.



## Cricket Success

Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form Student Ashleigh Heath had a tour to remember as she represented Warwickshire under 19s on a cricket tour of South Africa. A member of Whitchurch Cricket Club, Ashleigh was one of only two players from Shropshire. Ashleigh has been attending the West Midlands Regional Development Centre frequently to train with Warwickshire and has aims of progressing to play in the newly formed Super League and play for the England Academy in the future.

Despite the squad only linking up together for the first time prior to the tour, the team played in 5 games and won a creditable and promising 3 times.

Ashleigh did not let an injury hamper her and bowled terrifically on what was a tour to remember.

Ashleigh will shortly complete her studies at Sir John Talbot's and move to Leeds Beckett University where she will study Sports Science. Whilst at university, one of Ashleigh's aims is to play cricket for the men's team, being the first female to do so.



## Young Enterprise

Following winning the 'Innovation Award' for their product last week, the Young Enterprise group returned to school proud to show off their award. Once again, well done to all involved in this fantastic achievement.



## 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](mailto: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](#).

## Upcoming Events

- 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
- 20 June 2018 Year 4 and 5 Open Evening
- 21 June 2018 Year 11 Prom Goldstone Hall

## Revision Tips

Exam season is upon us. Here are a few tips to help.

### 5 Tips for Helping with Revision

1. Make a **revision timetable** and stick to it
2. Revise for 30 minutes then take a **short break**
3. Set yourselves **little rewards** like 10 minutes on your phone or a snack
4. **Testing!** Learn something then test yourself or ask someone else to test you
5. **Start now;** the longer you have to revisit things, the more likely you are to remember it



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## Cancer Relief Mile

Pupils headed for the sports field today as they completed their Cancer Relief Mile.

It was a fantastic event with both pupils and staff taking part to raise money for a worthwhile cause. Well done to all those who participated either by taking part or helping out and to Miss Newey, Teacher of PE, who organised the event.

