

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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## Dear Parents and Carers

### Assemblies

House assemblies have taken place this week.

Currently, the total number of house points for each house is as follows:

- Oss Mere have 126 684 points
- Brown Moss have 123 561 points
- Blake Mere have 122 357 points
- Red Brook have 110 438 points

House points are awarded for good lesson gradings, clean SMART cards, taking part in extra-curricular clubs, outstanding achievement and entering House competitions. The assembly highlighted the crisis of Global warming and climate change and that each person can make a difference and help to reduce the problem. Students were alerted to the fact that many vegetables in our supermarkets are transported thousands of kilometres and that it is possible to grow our own seasonal fruit and vegetables. This half term's House competition is a gardening challenge and each tutor group has been given a plot of ground approximately 2m by 2m. Students will plan, sow and maintain their garden plot with the aim of producing as many fruit and vegetables by the 12 July. Students have been asked to supply their own appropriate equipment and seeds or plants for their garden plot. If parents or grandparents have any small garden tools they could lend to the students this would be much appreciated. Likewise, if you have any surplus lettuce plants or bean plants that you would like to donate to the students this would be most helpful. I have already received offers of courgette plants and some strawberry plants for students to plant out into their gardens. Students will also need to make a decision about how they will manage their plants in terms of controlling pests and diseases. Photographs of gardens in progress will be included in the bulletin over the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing lots of wonderful home grown vegetables and aim to display these in a produce show in July. I wish the students lots of happy gardening and, of course, the winning gardens will achieve 500 house points.

Mrs Apperley, Associate Assistant Headteacher

### GCSEPod

Sir John Talbot's School subscribes to an online revision service called GCSEPod. The provision allows students to watch short 'pods' for all their subject areas to help prepare for exams. This year we were very proud to be winners of the regional 'Pod Games' which included 77 schools of similar size in the region, a fantastic effort from all of our students who are using this resource to work independently, well done!



### Young Leader Recognition

Sixth Form student James Owen, continues to provide support to local organisations in the Whitchurch Community. This involves supporting the Whitchurch Food and Drink Festival, the Blackberry Fair and the Christmas Lights Switch-On to name but a few. Recently James has also taken part in training as a Young Leader to support the Scouts in Whitchurch. James was trained by Tern Valley District over a two-year period. Well done James on your fantastic achievements!



## Young Enterprise Awards

Sir John Talbot's Young Enterprise group, 'iCan', attended the Shropshire Young Enterprise Awards at the Telford Centre Hotel, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



The event was to celebrate the achievement of all 22 Young Enterprise groups from the area, with 29 awards for various criteria. The evening was attended by over 200 students, teachers, business professionals and sponsors.

'iCan' won the first award of the night the 'Green Award' for the most sustainable and eco-friendly product in recognition of their up cycled tin can products. The award was presented and sponsored by the Co-op. They were also shortlisted for the 'Social Enterprise Award'. Mr Richards, DT, who runs the group, also won an award as 'Best Centre Lead' in Shropshire which was sponsored and presented by Telford and Wrekin Council and nominated by the students.

Well done to the group for all their hard work this year learning about the world of business and developing skills which will prepare students for the future world of work.



## Equine Assisted Learning



A new group of Sir John Talbot's School students are experiencing Equine Assisted Learning sessions (EAL). Recently the group were introduced to their therapy ponies and later undertook a mindfulness activity, where the students were encouraged to use their senses to: see, hear, taste and touch.

## Sixth Form Forum

Recently, Sixth Form students received a talk from Mr Evanson, a carer who spoke about his son, who has been diagnosed with an extremely rare muscular wasting disease called IGHMB type two. It is said that only eight people in the world have this disease and are still living. Mr Evanson, gave the students an insight into his son's life, explaining how he uses a heart rate monitor, breathing machine, a cough assist machine and much more to help keep him alive on a daily basis. This forum really increased students' awareness of the disease and they found learning about the various equipment extremely interesting and would like to give a big thank you to Mr Evanson for his insightful talk.



## Italy Netball Trip

Sir John Talbot's netball players from Year 8, 9 and 10 will be heading off on an exciting trip to Italy over the May half term. The girls will be taking part in an international netball tournament, whilst also benefiting from additional training. We would like to thank sportswear company Macron, who have very kindly sponsored the girls with a very smart new netball kit, which the team will showcase on the tour.



## Upcoming Events

Year 7 Opal Coast Trip, France – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Sports Fest, Italy – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019



### Date For Your Diary!

Please come along and support this fun bingo evening.

Prices:

£6 for a bingo book  
£1 for the flyer game  
£1 for a raffle ticket

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