

### Dear Parents & Carers

It has been great to welcome back Year 10 this week. Attendance has been very good. I am sure that many of the students may have felt some apprehension on returning to school, however, they have been a credit to themselves in their behaviour and application towards the work. In school, standards have been very high, and I would like to urge all Year 10s to maintain the same standards in the community staying 2m apart as they move around. Whilst it has not been a return to 'normal' for Year 10, we have seen the benefits of face-to-face lessons. Students have told us that coming back into school has provided a chance to see teachers, begin to re-establish a routine and found time in school supportive to the remote learning via Teams. We will be sending a survey to parents and students in Year 10 to help us capture your thoughts about the process. Please take the time to complete the survey as the information will help us to improve for all students in school as we plan for further wider opening. Indeed, as I write, we await clarification from the government on plans for summer schools and how we will prepare for September. We are currently modelling different scenarios and look forward to sharing the plans when we know more. The partial return of Year 10 has reminded us all of what we are missing at school. The energy, fun and life that the students bring to our school is sorely missed. We look forward to bringing back our full community as soon as is possible.

Mr T Stonall  
Head of School



## NOTICES

### SJT Dance Challenge

Staff recently challenged students to see if they could top the teachers moves in a dance off! We have received some great videos showcasing our students brilliant dancing talent. [Click here](#) to view and remember it is not too late to take part!



### SJT 'Looking After Me'

'SJT - looking after me' is a new wellbeing curriculum designed to offer support and strategies for students to consider and use. Each week will have a different focus. Week 1 is themed around staying connected. Students will have access to these resources via Class Charts but you can also [click here](#) to view.



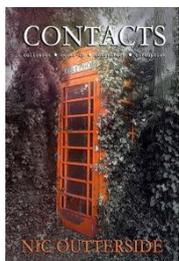
### Zoom Workshops

Dates for your diary! [Autism West Midlands](#) have a number of online Zoom workshops coming up, for students aged 12-18 years who reside in the Shropshire Council area. [Click here](#) to enlarge and read full details.



### E-Safety – PS4

Gaming has always been a big favourite with children of all ages. This week's article looks at the very popular PS4 PlayStation and its services. The console is very similar to other platforms in that it no longer just offers game playing, but a full entertainment experience. This includes gaming online with other users, chat, watching movies and purchasing of 'add-ins' for existing games. For parents there are several safety features that can be utilised to help provide a safe entertainment system for your children. The National Online Safety organisation has released a guide which explains how to use the master account and parental controls to limit play time, spending on extras, age limit on content and the communication features. [Click here](#) to view the guide.



### Alumni News

Exciting times for former student Chlöe Edwards as her photograph is chosen for Author Nic Outterside's new book 'Contacts - Collusion, Cover-up, Conspiracy and Corruption'! Chlöe is currently studying for a BA in Education at Chester University but enjoys photography as a hobby, her picture of a telephone box taken whilst on holiday in Devon really resonated with the author. One of Chlöe's other photographs has already been selected for the cover of another of Nic's books 'Western Skies', scheduled for publication next spring – great news!

### Competitions & Challenges

**Leadership competition:** Do you see yourself as a future leader – an MP, a member of local government or someone with world-shifting ideas that need to be shared? SJT have created a competition, inviting short video submissions from young people across the county on the topic of 'improving the lives of young people in Shropshire'. We want to hear your views. How can we make our county an even better place to be? The competition will be judged by Karen Bradshaw, Acting Chief Executive of Shropshire Council. Guidelines:

- Videos should be one to two minutes long so think very carefully about the messages you want to share. Film in landscape if possible.
- We suggest you deliver your speech/presentation in a formal style.
- You could consider issues you are passionate about such as: the environment, education, health or facilities for young people.
- Videos should be emailed to [barnett.c@mmat.co.uk](mailto:barnett.c@mmat.co.uk) and [campbell.c@mmat.co.uk](mailto:campbell.c@mmat.co.uk)  
Closing date: Monday 22 June.

**Sport challenge:** Richard Whitehead MBE Double Gold Paralympic medallist and 4 times World Champion, is challenging students from across the Marches Academy Trust to complete as many star jumps as they can in 1 minute. To win a medal upon return to school, post a video of your attempt in the comments of the post on our Facebook page.

**Biology competition:** The Nancy Rothwell Award celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining Art and Science. The competition challenges entrants to draw, paint, sketch or digitally create artwork capturing plant and animal anatomy. Open to students aged 7 to 18 years old, closing date for submissions 31 July 2020. [Click here](#) to view full details and prizes available.

## CAREERS



Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should your child have any career or work experience related questions or concerns. She will be sending out [useful articles](#) and will be in touch with colleges and sixth forms to keep abreast of developments relating to admissions. She can be contacted by email at [murphy.m@mmat.co.uk](mailto:murphy.m@mmat.co.uk)



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