

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Welcome to this week's Sixth Form Bulletin. I would also like to convey Mr Stonall's message in today's Parent Bulletin: 'It was great to welcome Year 10 back to school this week. As 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.'

Year 11

On Tuesday you should see a very special invitation in your inbox. This is for our first virtual Induction Day which takes place on Tuesday 7 July. Please respond quickly to confirm your attendance. An explanation on how to respond can be found on the invite. You will also receive an Induction Day schedule and details of which sessions you will be invited to. Please check that you have been invited to the correct subject sessions so that we can formerly invite you via Teams. If you do have any queries or want to talk to us about changing your option choices, please get in touch and we will organise a telephone call or online meeting with you.

Year 12

This is a very busy time for Year 12, assessments are taking place at the end of this month and the start of July and first drafts of personal statements are coming in. Please do register for the online open days which are now happening, you have several lists of these to refer to. Our forums the last two weeks have focused on University pathways and personal statements, next Tuesday we will be looking at Apprenticeships and degree level apprenticeships. In addition, please ensure you have registered for the Apprenticeships event on 23 June (information below). After your assessments we will meet with all of you individually as discussed, I will write to Year 12 parents with more information about this separately.

Year 13

The UCAS deadline has now passed and our Careers and Inspiration Officer is in touch with students who are planning apprenticeships and employment routes. We will still be available to support you in this and if you decide that maybe University is for you, then we can still help you on results day. The universities have a variety of reopening's/online arrangements in place for the Autumn term, keep up with updates via the university website or Twitter. We hope to finalise arrangements for results day in the next week and we will update you as soon as this information is available, as always, we will be here to celebrate with you and ensure you are all set for September. Results Day is Thursday 13 August.

Following some queries, Mrs Haycock, would like to clarify the situation regarding results of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). EPQ is going through the same government-led procedure as other A Level qualifications. We were in a really good position to determine assessed grades as everyone had done their presentations and, in most cases, completed Project Q etc. We were able to look at all the information as a staff team and carry out our own moderation to be as sure as possible about the grades and rankings that we were asked to provide. As you will have seen from the news and government guidance, Centre assessed grades will now go through a moderation process at the exam board to ensure the fairest possible outcome. In-line with JCQ and Ofqual guidance, we are not able to inform students of the grades that have been submitted. Results will be released following the moderation process by the exam board on 13 August as it would have been, had there been no Covid-19. We have been told that the certification will look the same as usual and will follow follow in a few months time. You will be able to put this grade into your UCAS form or state it on any other applications and it will have the same value as any other EPQ grade. As explained, we are still waiting to see what our results day will look like and we will let you know as soon as this is available.

Interviews for senior student roles took place yesterday via Teams, the outcome will be announced next week.

Finally, please try your hand at the Trust wide competition shared by Miss Barnett, Head of English, in the Competitions & Challenges section below.

Mrs Jones **Head of Sixth Form**
& *The Sixth Form Team*



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 11 Photographs

Due to Covid-19, like many businesses, Tempest Photography closed its doors temporarily. The Fun Friendship Group photo's have been received; however, the Year Group photos are yet to be processed. We are still hoping these will be received and ready for distribution along with Hoodies which will take place on results day in August. Thank you for your patience.

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 and campbell.c@mmat.co.uk. Closing date: Monday 22 June.



Apprenticeships Webinar

LMP Education are a national apprenticeship training provider who will be delivering a 25-minute broadcast to all **Year 11, 12 and 13** across the country. This is to fully explain the apprenticeship route and available opportunities. **To tune in via ZOOM on Tuesday 23 June at 3pm [please register here now](#).** The webinar will include:

- Understanding Apprenticeships – Key Facts & Considerations.
- LMP Education Courses and Employment Opportunities Nationwide (Sept)
- Inspire ATA Courses and Employment Opportunities Nationwide (Sept)
- Opportunities Available Now.
- Eligibility & Application Process, Next Steps and more...

CAREERS



Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should you 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 for Year 11 students.

Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk



EXTERNAL UNIVERSITY LINKS

What are my options:
[UCAS Further Education](#)
[Further Education Skills Apprenticeships](#)

What and where to study:
[Open Days Virtual Tours](#)
University College Oxford:
Super Curricular Activities
[Explore Your Subject](#)

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WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Sixth Form](#).
- [Term Dates](#).

