

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Last week an intrepid group of Year 12 students participated in a rigorous application and remote interview process for senior student roles. Mr Stonall, Head of School, Mr Thompson, Chair of Governors and Mrs Haycock, were impressed with the passion, creativity and enthusiasm shown. We are delighted to announce the following students who were successful and will play an important part in leading the Sixth Form and the wider school next year. We look forward to working with them and developing some of the ideas that they have put forward. Congratulations to all:

- Head Girl and Leader of Student Council – Megan Stokes
- Deputy Head Sixth Form Cohesion – Charlie Smith
- Deputy Heads for Mentoring - Tilly Evanson and Bridget Marshall
- Deputy Heads for Charity and Community Links - Edina Jones and Hannah Mellor

Please see attached Sixth Form Senior Students 2020-21. Many thanks to Evie Williams, Head Girl and Ben Kimberley, Head Boy for their support over the year and their input in this process, we wish you all the very best on your future.

Year 11

As we make final preparations for our two important Induction Days you will have noticed an increase in email traffic from Mrs Haycock this week; **Firstly** you should have received an official invite to our Virtual Induction Day which takes place via Teams on Tuesday 7 July. **Secondly** yesterday we sent you the Induction Schedule along with details of all the sessions you will be invited to. Please check carefully that you are in the relevant sessions that you expect to be in and contact Mrs Haycock, if you would like to discuss any changes to this. **Finally**, we have outlined the second part of the Induction week which takes place on Friday 10 July when we will welcome you into school for a specialised on-site training event with Of The Bench Training. This event will focus on preparing and motivating yourself for the next steps.

As a matter of urgency please do RSVP to these events, important information will be shared on the 7 and 10 July and you will meet some truly inspiring visitors including British Paralympians. They will be helping you to get ready for a return to school after this prolonged absence.

Year 12

Next week is assessment week for Year 12, we are sharing the schedule with parents so that you can see when students will need to be online. Some of these sessions are longer than the usual lesson so we appreciate your support in ensuring that Year 12 can take priority in use of the technology at home if necessary.

In the last week of term, we will be inviting all Year 12 into school for individual appointments. We will review the term, the assessments and look at targets for next year and individual careers pathways. All students will have the option to have this appointment online, but many of them are keen to visit us and get a feel for being back on site.

We are also now looking in more depth at Higher Apprenticeships. I met with students who are considering this on Tuesday, and we attended a Webinar about the options and the pathway. There are links below that we would like students to look at to find out more about the amazing opportunities that are available. We would also ask that students considering Apprenticeships AND UCAS also do this research and create an up to date CV, using the Unifrog CV tool.

Year 13

We are now meeting with year 13s who are looking to begin apprenticeships and Mrs Murphy our careers officer is also in touch with these students. We are currently making decisions about the programme for results day and this will be shared at the earliest possible opportunity. Please do encourage your son or daughter to keep in touch with us if they have any concerns, we are still meeting them on a weekly basis.

Many students have been disappointed that we have been unable to hold the annual Prom this year. Although the end of year assembly will not substitute the Prom experience, it will allow all students to come together. Our aim is for students to be able to finish for the summer break on a high.

As always, we are only an email away and ready to meet with any student or parent who needs our support.

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



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 13 Hoodies

The deadline for ordering Year 13 Leavers Hoodies is Tuesday 30 June. Orders will be placed on 1 July and the supplier will not take additional orders after this date.

Year 11 Prom

Details of refunds will be sent to parents/carers via email in the coming week. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Year 11 Transition to SJT Sixth Form

If your child is in Year 11 moving to Year 12 please remind them to join us for the Virtual Sixth Form Induction Day on Tuesday 7 July to find out more about their courses and to meet their tutors. They will also get to ask our current students questions about life at Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form.

We are also running a specialised on-site Training Day on Friday 10 July for Students transitioning to Sixth Form. The day will be delivered by 'Off The Bench Training' – a training company committed to unlocking potential in young people. They have an expert team of performance psychologists and Paralympians to engage students both theoretically and practically, whilst exploring key attributes for success in education and wider life.



Competitions & Challenges

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.

History Competition: Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work; drawing, poster, short story, video, or artwork to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close on 30 September 2020, [click here](#) for more information.

Current Affairs Competition: UCL openDemocracy are running a competition for students aged 14 years+. To enter they need to share their vision of the future by submitting either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crises has passed – entries close 10 July 2020. There are some great prizes up for grabs! Please [click here](#) for more details.

CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, is available for remote career guidance 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. Please click here for a list of [Virtual Events](#). Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk



WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

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

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



EXTERNAL LINKS

We have attached a separate list of useful Apprenticeship websites please take the time to look: [Amazing Apprenticeships](#) This website allows you to explore vacancies by company or by area of interest and gives an overview of when opportunities open - go to explore > vacancy snapshot. [Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Apprenticeships](#) will help you to find apprenticeships at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Hospital Trust. You can sign up for alerts.

FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook @[SirJohnTalbotsSchool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

