

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Next week will see us welcome new students and staff to our school community. Although transition will be a 'virtual experience' for those involved, we are looking forward to it. Our Year 12 students will be introduced to life at Sir John Talbot's School through interactive activities.

Year 11 - We are excited for both of our Induction days next week. Thank you to everyone who has accepted the invitations, for those who have not yet replied we still expect you to attend. The final instructions are below.

Induction Day Tuesday 7 July - For the virtual Induction on Teams - please join the introductory meeting in time for an 8.45am prompt start. We will then remind you of some basic Teams Protocols for working on Microsoft Teams - for example muting your microphone when you are not speaking so that background noise can be minimised. We will show you how to use the chat facility and microphones which can be turned on for discussions. Please be prepared to engage in the lessons. The final session of the day will see us all come together to meet our newly formed Senior Student Team who will tell you a bit about their roles and how they might help you settle in to Sixth Form in September. In only 12 months some of you will be taking on those same roles.

Off The Bench Training Friday 10 July (in school) - This event will now take place with two groups starting at 9.30am (no afternoon session).

You will be allocated to either group A or B and should come to the front of school at 9.20am where you will be asked to stand behind line A or B. Marks on the floor will indicate appropriate social distance. You will be given a desk number of between 1 and 10 and this will be your allocated desk for the whole session.

- Your temperature will be taken from distance as you enter the building. Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household is ill. If you are unable to attend, please email to let us know so that we are not holding the session up.
- You will be required to use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave.
- The sessions will mainly take place in a sanitised, specially prepared classroom but also outside if the weather permits. Once again, all safety precautions will be taken.
- Please dress comfortably and appropriately for the occasion, bearing in mind outdoor activities. Sportswear or non ripped jeans would be ideal with trainers or casual shoes.
- Please bring a drink with you and a small snack if you think that this will be needed. The activities will allow use of a mobile phone app if you have it with you.
- The session will end at 12.30pm

This is an excellent opportunity to hear some fantastic speakers and engage in some activities that will put you in the perfect mindset for starting your Sixth Form career.

Year 12 - We hope that the assessments are going well and that you are reflecting carefully on what you have learned during this time away from school. Appointments for meetings in the last week of term will be sent out next week - please make sure that we know if you are not able to come in for this and the appointment will be made on Teams. We are planning carefully for next year and are fully aware that you will have had very different experiences over this time and will be asking you to tell us honestly about what you need in the way of support. Please be ready with your thoughts and comments. There is no forum this coming week - please use this time for revision and preparation for your final few lessons of the year. In the final week of term, the last forum which takes place on Tuesday 14 July will be for everyone to attend.

Year 13 - Please continue to keep us informed of your next steps Year 13 and remember we are here for you on results day. Next week's bulletin will include a guide to results day and a timeline of what will happen in terms of UCAS and what to do if you want to use clearing and adjustment. In my recent conversations with you I know that some of you who may not have applied yet are still considering finding a place in August. We can certainly help you to do this, we can also help you to polish up CVs and our careers adviser is ready to work with you.

Mrs Jones Head of Sixth Form
& The Sixth Form Team



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Year 11 Prom

Please complete the Prom refund request form by clicking on the link here: [Prom refund request](#). Refunds will be made directly to your bank account by BACS. You will be notified when this has taken place so that you can check that payment has been received in your bank account.

Textbooks

Please can students return any textbooks loaned to them via the School Reception. If the Reception is not manned please leave items on the countertop. Please adhere to social distancing whilst on site and arrive after 9.15am and avoid 12.45pm to 1.30pm. Please note hours of opening may vary.

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 the morning of 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 crisis 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



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](#).

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

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

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

