

### Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Sixth Form has been a hive of revision activity for the past few weeks. Year 12 have been sitting initial assessments to check course suitability and give advice as to any additional steps that are needed for success. Year 13 have been dusting off lockdown feelings and sitting assessments that will help us in predicting grades but also identify where we need to revisit material before next year. With all that done there is a noticeably lighter atmosphere and a feeling that everyone has started to settle down, back into a routine.

**Year 13** have been attending future pathways meetings with me and working on applications and CVs in their tutorial time. Applications will be going in between mid-October and Christmas. There will no doubt be a new buzz around as the offers come in, my favourite time!

**Year 12** have been focusing on study skills in tutor time and are really recognising the difference between GCSE and A level study. Teachers are also informing students how they should be utilising their 4-5 hours study outside of their lessons. Anyone who is still not sure should approach their teacher, they will happily point them in the right direction.

### Absence

We are monitoring absence extra carefully so please help us by emailing myself or leaving a message on the absence line before 8.30am with a reason. If the absence is Covid related, then a declaration must be completed and returned to [SJTPastoral@sjt.mmat.org.uk](mailto:SJTPastoral@sjt.mmat.org.uk) before students return to school. Students who are well enough should contact teachers for work to be sent. Planned absences for unavoidable medical appointments, driving tests and open days should be requested via email to Mrs Haycock as soon as possible and work should also be requested from the teacher.

### Sixth Form Drivers

If students are bringing a vehicle on to the premises then must provide us with their registration numbers and sign the updated driving policy which now states that, if transporting any other students, they will ensure that masks are worn. Copies of the policy for signing will be available on the Sixth Form notice board or from Mr Mannion.

### Russell Group Webinars 7<sup>th</sup> October

We are asking every Year 12 student to take the plunge and get involved with some webinars that are being provided for us. Every Year 12 needs to choose at least one of the talks and they will be asked to give feedback about them in a tutor time. You can listen to them at home or during a study period, but we want you all to investigate something – be it, why you are doing EPQ or something about different Universities. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this. We will also be able to tell who has logged into what as an example of your interests for future reference.

Please register for the events and study the timetable in advance to select webinars of interest below:  
Year 13 are welcome to log in too!

*Mrs Haycock*  
Head of Sixth Form

### Webinar Timetable Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

We will be hosting 12 live webinars throughout the day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, with university representatives and student ambassadors from the Russell Group universities talking you through a range of topics and answering your questions.

These will take place in the Auditorium, which you can access from the lobby or by using the navigation bar.

We recommend catching the topics you are interested in live so you can take part in the Q&A chat; but you can catch-up on any sessions in the Auditorium after they have aired too.

Please register for the events by clicking here: [Register here](#)

Please study the timetable and add a note of the webinar session times in your calendar

Webinar Timetable: [Russell Group Webinar Timetable](#)

**SENIOR STUDENT TEAM** Year 13 students will be meeting School Council representatives from each tutor group in their year group bubbles (more information will be given to elected students shortly). Students in the School Council will have the opportunity to represent the views of students in their class, discuss changes that they would like to see or raise any concerns. Senior students including myself, Charlie Smith, Bridget Marshall, Tilly Evanson, Hannah Mellor and Edina Jones will be leading the meetings and sharing ideas, interests and concerns with Senior Leaders.

We have also met Mrs Haycock to discuss a range of ideas we have for charity and mentoring support.

*Megan Stokes* Head Girl



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Sixth Form Attendance/Appointments

We request that medical, driving test appointments etc are not arranged during the school day. Should this not be possible all requests should be directed to Mrs Haycock, Key Stage 5 Lead (Head of Sixth Form) via email: [Haycock.j@sjt.mmat.org.uk](mailto:Haycock.j@sjt.mmat.org.uk)

We also request that family holidays are not arranged during term time as these will only be authorised by the Head of School in very exceptional circumstances.

## CAREERS



Mrs Murphy, Careers and Inspirational Officer attends SJT weekly for career or work experience related questions or concerns. Mrs Murphy will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with students. Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: [murphy.m@mmat.co.uk](mailto:murphy.m@mmat.co.uk)



## EXTERNAL LINKS

[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.

## WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



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

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



## 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](#).

