

Dear Families,

Year 6 Welcome event Thursday 25th April 2024

We are looking forward to welcoming our new cohort of Year 7 families to SJT on Thursday next week. Parents have been invited to attend one of three sessions, where we will share important information about the next steps for transition. This includes the visits Mrs Lewis will make to the Primary Schools, the dates of the transition visits and the date of their first day in September. One of the most important reasons for the event is to welcome the families and students into our SJT family.

Y11 Photography Exam

This week our Year 11 Photography students sat their 10-hour GCSE exam. Students have worked solidly and have produced some fantastic outcomes for their project 'Power'. We are so proud of them and wish them the best in their upcoming exams.

Y9 Core Exams

Year 9 have behaved with real maturity during their core exams this week and I was particularly impressed with how well they entered the exam Hall. After speaking to the students, it sounds like their hard work has paid off - well done Year 9!

World Earth Day – Monday 22nd April 2024

This year's theme is 'Planet vs Plastic' and at SJT, we have worked hard to try and reduce our use of single use plastic especially in the canteen and with single use plastic water bottles. Did you know that it is estimated that UK households throw away a staggering 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging a year, averaging at 66 items per household per week! Please click on the link for information about the issues with single use plastic and tips on how to reduce it: [How to reduce plastic waste](#)

Uniform Donation – Ties

We are currently after any spare ties that you may no longer require to help support our student services department. If you have any spare ties that you would be happy to donate, please drop them into reception.

ParentPay – Top Up Account

If your child currently eats from our school kitchen, please can you log into ParentPay and check that there are sufficient funds in their account. Your account will now show if you are in arrears to the school. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, or receives free school meals, then there is no action required. Free school meals currently equates to a school meal deal at lunch time (£2.50) however, if your child goes above this limit, funds will need to be added on ParentPay. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Monday 22nd April 2024 – Week A

DofE Gold

The Gold DofE Students in Year 12 headed to the beautiful areas of Wensleydale and Swaledale in North Yorkshire last week where they completed their training expedition over 4 days and 3 nights. They did amazingly well considering they had to cope with some very challenging weather, especially on the final day.

However, the conditions helped them to gel as a team as they looked out for each other to ensure everyone was successful despite the difficulties.



Prom Fundraiser

Next Friday, 26th April, our Year 10 and 11 students will be holding their annual Year 11 Prom fundraising event at lunchtime. There will be lots of different stalls and events, such as a sweet stall, guess the baby photo, show off your ball skills, or sponge a teacher! If you can support this in anyway, the prom committee would be very grateful.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Nathan Hamer, Year 9, who won the Junior Masters Gold Competition at Hawkstone Park Golf Club over the weekend.



Cyber Prevent & Protect Webinar Series – April 2024

West Mercia Police are hosting three webinars directed at Parents, Guardians and Carers. One focusing on the *Prevent Network* and how referrals can be made if they have concerns and two focusing on the *Protect Network*, giving advice on how to keep families safe online. West Mercia's Force Cyber Crime Unit present these, in conjunction with the West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit. Whilst the links show as "Teams," if you do not have access to MS Teams on your computer it should still link into your browsers for access.

How to make a referral into the Cyber Choices Programme

An explanation of how the programme operates and what to look out for with children in your care.

29th April 2024 at 6pm - [How to make a referral into the Cyber Choices Programme](#)

How to Keep Yourself and Your Family Safe Online

Presented by West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit Prevent Team in conjunction with West Mercia's Force Cyber Crime Unit.

24th April 2024 at 6pm – [How to Keep Yourself and Your Family Safe Online](#)

8th May 2024 at 6pm – [How to Keep Yourself and Your Family Safe Online](#)

Student Support Week 25 Focus: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. It's also known as female circumcision or cutting.

FGM is often performed by someone with no medical training who uses instruments such as a knife, scalpel, scissors, glass or razor blade. Children are rarely given anaesthetic or antiseptic treatment and are often forcibly restrained.

The following [NSPCC](#) guidance outlines what measures should be taken if you have any concerns that a child or young person has been subjected to FGM.

Our Pastoral and Safeguarding team are situated in Student Services. If a child has any concerns, they MUST report it to a member of staff who will ensure that it is directed to the correct person to deal with it.

Career of the Week – Volunteer Coordinator

A volunteer coordinator is responsible for all aspects regarding volunteers and the organisation they work for, from recruiting new volunteers and promoting volunteer opportunities to conveying the organisation's purpose to the public. A volunteer coordinator arranges all the details of volunteering and keeps all parties informed. **Preparing our students to be #realworldready**

To find out more information about careers as a Volunteer Coordinator or alternative pathways click on the link below: [Volunteer Coordinator](#)

Events

- Work experience Y10 & 12 – w/c 1st July 2024

Post 16 and 18 Apprenticeship + Vacancies

- [Clinical Engineering Apprenticeship](#) at the Royal Wolverhampton Trust September 2024
- Apprenticeship Opportunities at [Barlows](#). For more information contact Pauline Elsley: pauline.elsley@barlowsuk.co.uk
- L3 Apprenticeship in Childcare. Contact: blossomchildminding@gmail.com
- [Apprenticeships with Airbus](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the army](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the RAF](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the NHS](#)

To find out more information about local and national apprenticeships visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu – w/c 22nd April 2024

Green Earth Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread Slices (V)
Creamy Vegetable Pasta Carbonara (V)
Panini Selection / Hot Pasta Pot of the Day (V)

Tuesday

All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast, Tiny Tater Hash Browns
Sweet & Sour Veggies with Noodles (V)
Panini Selection / Hot Chicken Salad Wrap

Wednesday

Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Vegemince Pie with Mashed Potatoes (V)
Panini Selection / Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato
Pizza Baguettes

Thursday

Creamy Chicken Korma Curry with Rice
Veggie Chilli & Rice (Ve)
Panini Selection / Buffalo Hot Dog

Friday

Sustainably sourced Battered Fish Fillet with Chips
Quorn Sausage with Chips (V)
Panini Selection / Southern Fried Chicken with Fries

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events [at a glance](#):

- 24th & 25th April – Year 11 Art Exam
- 1st May – Year 8 HPV Vaccination Clinic
- 9th May – Year 11 External Exams Start
- 9th May – Year 7 Keeping in Touch Evening
- 16th May – Simon Reeves End of the Earth Tour
- 23rd May – Cross Trust Big Sing Event

Click [here](#) to view our Term Dates.

NEWS

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