

Dear Families,

At one of the most important times in their Education, this Thursday will see the start of the busy summer GCSE and A Level exam season for our Year 11 and 13 students. Students have been working hard to reach this point over the last 5 to 7 years and will soon reap the rewards of their success. Year 10 will also sit their GCSE English Literature exam early in the season. We wish all our students the best over the coming weeks and look forward to sharing their achievements with them in August! If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. Please find below some encouraging words from our Progress Leaders.

This is your moment – your time in the sun. These exams are an opportunity to show what you have learnt and what you can do. Everyone at SJT is behind you and we are excited for you to show the rest of the world what we already know... that you are a very special year group with a great future ahead of you! - **Miss Lyons, Sixth Form Progress Leader**

We would like to wish our Year 11 students all the best of luck as they embark on the external examination process next week. Staff and students have worked tirelessly to ensure that no stone has been left unturned and we are so proud of the relentless efforts of these students. We would also like to thank all parents for your patience and support through this exciting, but stressful time. - **Mr Timmis, Year 11 Progress Leader**

The time has come for Year 10 students to shine in their GCSE English Literature Exams. Paper 1 is on Monday 13th May and Paper 2 is on Monday 20th May. Students have worked incredibly hard both in and out of lessons. I look forward to sharing their amazing achievements with them on results day in August. I wish you all the best! - **Mrs Elms, Year 10 Progress Leader**

Year 7 Keeping in Touch Evening – Thursday 9th May 2024

We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 families and children to their Keeping in Touch Evening which takes place on Thursday 9th May 2024. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointments.

Lockdown Practice – Wednesday 8th May 2024

In light of recent incidents in schools nationally and the understandable concern for parents and carers, we will be conducting a lockdown practice on the above date.

Students will be fully briefed on how the lockdown will operate, during their Tutor time on Tuesday 9th May.

Summer Uniform Policy

Please note, our Summer Uniform Policy, which is in place for the Summer Term, can be located on our website [here](#). Students are permitted to wear tailored professional style shorts with socks.

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024 – school closed

A reminder that it is Early May Bank Holiday on Monday and so the school will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend.

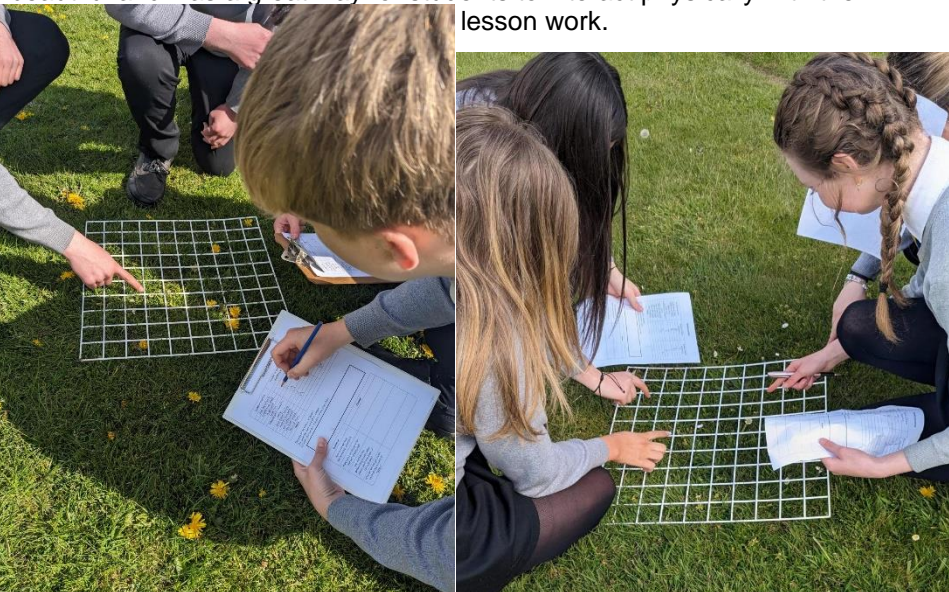
Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Monday 6th May 2024 – Week A

Biology Lesson

This week, Mr Stanyard took his Year 10 Separates Biology class outside to complete some sampling studies on the school field. The weather was beautiful and was a great way for students to interact physically with their lesson work.



Year 11 Postcards

This week, Year 11 students received Good Luck postcards with warm wishes from their tutors in time for their external exams!



Whitchurch Cricket Club

If any female students would like to play cricket outside of school, Whitchurch Cricket Club offer softball cricket to girls of all ages and abilities. Coaching is provided by ECB qualified coaches and training is on a Friday evening 7.30-8.30pm with matches on Sundays.

Student Support Week 27 Focus: Homophobic and Transphobic Bullying

It's never okay for someone to treat you badly because of your sexuality or gender identity. If this happens to you, remember that you're not alone, support is available.

The following [ChildLine](#) information provides further detail and support on what homophobia and transphobia is, how to get help and stay safe, ways in which an individual can build up confidence if they have experienced bullying and definitions on different types of prejudice.

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.

NSPCC Parent/Carer Course

The NSPCC are offering a free 40-minute pre-recorded presentation on online safety. If you are interested in this, please click [here](#).

Donation of Newspaper

Do you have any old newspaper at home that you no longer need? Our Performing Arts Department are after some newspapers to help create some props for their Summer Performance 'The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew.' If you can help by donating any newspapers, please drop them into our school reception.

Career of the Week – Youtuber

A YouTuber is a person who uploads, produces, or appears in videos on the video-sharing website YouTube. **Preparing our students to be #realworldready**

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

Events

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

In-Comm Engineering Apprenticeship Open & Taster Days

- [Aldridge Open Day 28th May 2024 10am-2pm](#)
- [Telford Open Day – 20th May 2024 10am-2pm](#)
- [Telford Taster Day – 28th May 2024 10am-2.30pm](#)

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 6th May 2024

Green Earth Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread Slices (V)
Delicately spiced Veggie Chilli with Rice (Ve)
Panini Selection / Veggie Cheeseburger (V)

Tuesday

Pork Sausage with Homemade Mashed Potatoes
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Panini Selection / Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato
Pizza Baguettes

Wednesday

Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Savoury Vegemince with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy (V)
Panini Selection / Hot Chicken Salad Wrap

Thursday

Sticky BBQ Chicken with Noodles
Home baked Vegetarian Lasagne (V)
Panini Selection / Pork Sausage 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:

- 6th May – Early May Bank Holiday, school closed
- 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
- 27th – 31st May – Half Term

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

NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

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