

Dear Families,

We were delighted to welcome our students to school this week for the new academic year. It has been an incredibly successful summer and a great start. Our focus has been on consistency across the school and ensuring high standards in teaching and learning.

Summer Outcomes

Our GCSE and A Level results were superb, demonstrating the hard work, determination, and resilience of the students in our school. GCSE outcomes continue to be incredibly strong and although the data is not yet verified, on certain measures the progress and attainment scores are amongst the best yet. We were delighted to celebrate with students of all abilities, supporting them onto their varied destinations. Our A Level students were delighted to accept university places, a quarter of which were for Russell Group universities. Finally, our current Year 11 students sat their English Literature GCSE last year achieving some spectacular outcomes. All staff are looking forward to supporting these students through their most important year at Sir John Talbot's School yet.

Schools within schools - Zones

This year we have a new structure in place to ensure our students are best supported in gaining the greatest outcomes. Mr Craig Campbell has been appointed to Acting Deputy Headteacher, responsible for Inclusion and Attendance, Attitudes and Safeguarding.

Mr William Davies, Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum Standards and Culture, Sixth Form Standards and Culture, Literacy and Transition, responsible for 'The Shore' Year 7, 12 & 13, will be supported by Mrs Adele Lewis, Year 7 Progress Lead/ Transition and Ms Chelsea Lyons, Sixth Form Progress Lead Years 12 & 13.

Mr Andy Hawke, Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning will be leading 'The Harbour' for students in Years 8 & 9, supported by Mrs Lucy Jennings and Mrs Lucy Southern, Associate Assistant Headteachers, and Mrs Price, Year 9 Progress Lead. All zones have a great team of Form Tutors who will be your first point of contact for any queries or concerns.

Mrs Elms, Assistant Headteacher, Raising Standards Leader, will be overseeing both Years 10 and Year 11 'The Quay', supported by Mrs Sara Chudley and Mr John Timmis, Associate Assistant Headteachers.

New staff

This week we welcomed the following new staff to the SJT community:

Senior Leadership Team: Mr Will Davies, Assistant Headteacher (The Shore), and Mrs Katherine Mills, Operations Manager.

Teaching staff: Mr Jonny Clark, Head of PE, Ms Freya Darbyshire, and Mr Michael Isherwood, English, Mrs Lyndsey Davies, Humanities, Mr Mike Keenlyside, Science.

Associate staff: Ebony Cooper, Bethany Johnston, Sharla Maddocks and Holly Smith, Access Leaders (Teaching Assistants)

Open Evening Year 5 & 6 pupils – Thursday, 19th September 2023 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Our Open Evening, which is primarily for pupils in Years 5 and 6 will take place at Sir John Talbot's School on the evening of Thursday, 19th September 2024. We look forward to welcoming you to our event, which will include:

- Headteacher's Address in the School Hall (times to be confirmed)
- Our offer including SEND provision.
- Tours of the School with interactive subject sessions
- Staff and students on hand to answer questions.

If you are unable to make this date, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lewis, Progress Lead Year 7/ Transition who will be happy to arrange a visit: Adele.Lewis@sjt.mmat.co.uk

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Monday 9th September 2024 – Week B

A-Level and GCSE Results Day



Boys Football Trials

We are excited to announce that next week, we will be holding some boys football trials on the grass. If you are interested in trialling out for our football teams, please bring your boots & shin pads and come to the PE department at 3.15pm.

Monday - Y7 Boys football trials (Y7-9 netball on as normal)

Tuesday - Y8 Boys football trials (Y10-11 boys football takes place as normal)

Wednesday - Y9 Boys football trials (Y7-11 girls football takes place as normal)

Student Support

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 for dealing with.

The Shore – Mr W. Davies

It has been a delightful week welcoming our new Year 7 children to the Shore. They have made an exceptional start to their journey at SJT and have coped with the adjustment to new school life impeccably. Not only has their uniform and preparedness been exemplary, but they have treated each other with respect and kindness throughout the week. I congratulate them on their start and give thanks to our families for your support in this exciting week.

In Sixth Form, it has been a successful week in welcoming our new Year 12 cohort and returning Year 13s. Students in Sixth Form have already started to think about what their success will look like through the year, and started to take a lead in how they can support students lower down the school. This has been best seen with volunteers who have supported with refereeing the Year 7s playing football at lunch. Next week, we will begin the process of expanding our Student Leadership Team and look forward to seeing the student applications.

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu w/c 9th September 2024

Green Earth Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread Slices (V)
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Panini Selection / Veggie Cheeseburger (V)

Tuesday

Pork Hot Dog Baguette with Baked Beans & Wedges
Veggie Chilli with Wedges (V)
Panini Selection / Fish Finger Bap

Wednesday

Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Vegemince Cottage Pie with Gravy
Panini Selection / Hot Pasta Pot of the Day

Thursday

Homemade Beef Bolognese with Pasta
Plant Based Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Panini Selection / Hot Chicken Salad Wrap

Friday

Sustainably sourced Battered Fish Fillet with Chips
Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll with Chips
Panini Selection / Chicken Nuggets with Fries

The Harbour – Mr A. Hawke

Students in Years 8 and 9 are now part of the Harbour zone. I would like to pass on my thanks to families for supporting our Harbour students to have an excellent start to the new academic year. I have been particularly impressed with the standards of uniform, equipment and the attention and focus students have demonstrated in lessons.

Congratulations to the following students who have had notable recent successes:

Austin Edwards Year 9 recently competed in the Tennis Shropshire County Championships, winning 3 doubles titles and reaching the final of the under 14 singles. Well done to Austin.

Jack Speed is a talented footballer who is currently having trials with Stoke City FC. We would like to wish Jack every success. I would love to know about other successes your children have had outside school. Please do pass these on for a chance to feature in future issues of "Talking Heads".

The Quay – Mrs A. Elms

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back students in Years 10 and 11 this week to the Quay zone. Year 11 students have embarked on their final year studying GCSEs and Year 10 have commenced their journey through Key Stage 4. At the end of the year, our current Year 11 students sat their English Literature GCSE exam and achieved superb results. They have returned with maturity and shown a real sense of focus as they start the new academic year and Year 10 have been enjoying introductions to their Option subjects. Our focus this year is to ensure all students are in lessons, engaging in their learning to gain the best possible outcomes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 9th September – Y10 Group A Geography Trip
- 10th September – Y10 Group B Geography Trip
- 19th September – Sixth Form Varsity Event
- 19th September – Y5 & Y6 Opening Evening
- 21st September – DofE Silver Expedition

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