

Dear Families,

After being closed since before the summer holidays, I am delighted to say that we now have a brand new astro pitch with state-of-the-art turf and shock pad. To ensure that everyone can enjoy the facility safely and maintain its quality for years to come, please follow these important guidelines: <https://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/footwear-for-astro-pitch/>

Lesson Grading

You may have seen that we have a new lesson grading system within the school. This is a new Trust directive that lesson grades are now changed to incidents. Therefore, they can no longer be viewed on the parent portal. We are collaborating with the executive team to improve the way this is communicated to you in the future. Lesson Grade 4's will be communicated home via an automated message from the class teacher. Should you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will direct the concern to the most appropriate member of staff. If your concern is relating to a lesson grade 4 that your child has received, please contact the teacher who issued this.

Enrichment

At Sir John Talbot's we offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. These are not compulsory; however, we do encourage all students to select at least one of the many activities on offer. Our Autumn Term enrichment has begun and has been shared with students in school. Should students choose to participate in any of our after-school clubs, they need to ensure that they have communicated this with you so that you can account for their whereabouts and safety. We are now updating our website with full details, and this should be ready to view in more detail next week (link to follow).

Open Evening Years 5 and 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 at 4.30pm repeated at 5.30pm and 6.30pm.
- 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 16th September 2024 – Week A

Tempest Photos – Free Delivery Deadline

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 18th September 2024**. You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

Student Support Week 2 Focus: Tackling Bullying Together

The following **NSPCC** advice is for **parents and carers** to help keep children safe from bullying, whenever it happens. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

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.

Football Trials

Over 70 boys from KS3 attended football trials this week which was fantastic! The purpose of the trials is to gauge what the squad will be for arranged fixtures. Squads will be announced when we have fixtures and will never 'set in stone', these could change game by game. Details of squads will be shared on the PE noticeboard for students to check. Details will also be communicated home via email with full match details. KS3 Boys' Football training takes place on Mondays after school at 3.15pm to 4.15pm and is *currently* open to anyone; not just those selected for a squad. We still want everyone to enjoy playing football. If numbers over the coming weeks become too high to manage then we will review this. Any cancelled training sessions due to fixtures taking place will be notified in advance via a notice on the PE Noticeboard. Any last minute cancelled sessions due to poor weather conditions will also be communicated home via email.

The Shore – Mr W. Davies

Mr Davies, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Lewis, Year 7 Progress Lead/ Transition, have been visiting Year 5 and 6 pupils in our feeder primary schools this week. They spoke to children about life at SJT and the exciting development of The Shore before answering questions on a wide range of topics. They also shared details of our Open Evening which takes place next week and are looking forward to welcoming prospective families to SJT on Thursday (19th September 2024 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm) where we will be exhibiting many of the great things about our school community. Congratulations to James Sullivan and Ted Edwards who are now representing the county hockey team and wearing their county ties in school.

The Harbour – Mr A. Hawke

Years 8 & 9 have enjoyed their first full week of lessons this week. I continue to be impressed with the high standards that students are setting for themselves, particularly in reading time and their subject lessons. It is the time of year when many extra-curricular clubs are starting, and students will have been given information about the opportunities available through their class teachers. I hope there will be something for everyone so all students can embrace the full life of the school and feel a sense of belonging, with things to look forward to each week. School production rehearsals for Oliver! are already underway, and in two weeks' time, Year 9 will be introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in assembly. This week, we would like to congratulate Mason Digby who plays football to a high standard for Telford Utd. Mason contributed to an outstanding 7-0 win in the team's opening match.

Erddig

Year 11 Geography students visited the River Clywedog at Erddig this week to undertake their physical fieldwork enquiry. They were tasked to investigate 'does the River Clywedog follow the Bradshaw model?', students used a range of fieldwork techniques to measure the gradient, width, depth, and velocity of the river. The students enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to work on their practical Geography skills which will support them in their Paper 3 Geography GCSE.



Gav Speed's Cycling Challenges for Prostate Cancer UK!

Well done to Whitchurch Alport coach and parent, Gav Speed, who has recently taken on three monumental cycling challenges to raise as much money as possible for Prostate Cancer UK!

His most recent challenge, along with friend and parent, Mark Musgrove, is the "Ride Across Britain" - a ride from Lands' End to John O'Groats. This ride meant that they could pass through Whitchurch and meet some of the football team Gav coaches. They even had the opportunity to do an interview for BBC Radio Shropshire.

If you would like to listen to the interview, or donate, please see below:

Interview: [Ride Across Britain](#).
Donation: [Pedaling4Prostate](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 19th September – Sixth Form Varsity Event
- 19th September – Y5 & Y6 Opening Evening
- 21st September – DofE Silver Expedition
- 23rd September – DofE Gold and Silver Expedition Evening Presentations

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



NEWS

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

Why not also follow us on Facebook [@SirJohnTalbotsSchool](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff, and school celebrations to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

