

Dear Families,

### Whole School Review

Next week concludes our annual School Review. Over the last couple of weeks we have been quality assuring our practice as a school. Quality assurance has been conducted via middle, senior and Trust leaders. We have also had external visitors into school during this period. I look forward to sharing the outcomes with you after half term.

### Year 7 End of Transition Evening – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Invites have now been sent to for the Year 7 End of Transition Keeping in Touch event which takes place this Thursday, 10th October. If you have not received an invite, please contact [Bryony.Elkin@sjt.mmat.co.uk](mailto:Bryony.Elkin@sjt.mmat.co.uk).

### Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is open to all families of students primarily in Years 10 and 11 from Sir John Talbot's School as well as to prospective students from our wider community. To find out more, please visit: [Sir John Talbots Sixth Form](#).

### West Mercia Police - Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Do you want to learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe? West Mercia Police are hosting a free one-hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever-changing digital world. To find out more about the awareness training and to sign up to one of the free sessions, please visit [Exploit Workshops](#).



Mr Tim Stonall  
Headteacher

## Timetable w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Week B

### Student Support Week 5 Focus: Mental Health

This week we celebrated World Mental Health Day. In association with [Mind](#) and ITV, students were set a 'different kind of homework' involving talking with a parent or carer about their feelings.

The following NSPCC advice is for *parents and carers* to help you recognise the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health and understand ways in which you can support them.

[NSPCC Mental Health Advice](#)

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.

### The Sixth Form – Mr Davies

Year 12 A-Level Geography students had their first fieldtrip to Crewe as part of their preparation for their own independent investigation. Students conducted a range of surveys and questionnaire to investigate the impact of migration on Crewe, the health of Crewe Town Centre and the impact of new investment projects such as The Market Hall and Cultural quarter.

### The Shore – Mr Davies

Year 7 have continued to embed themselves into life at SJT this week, with reminders of our 3Cs: Caring for Ourselves, Caring for Others and Caring for the Environment which the students are showing regularly across the school. This Friday we welcomed Mrs Kaminski and six students from Tilstock Primary to tell us all about the 4 ALL club which has been set-up in the community.

We're looking forward to welcoming families of Year 7s to our End of Transition event this Thursday. The event will be a chance to check in with Year 7 form tutors with how students have been settling in (students will need to bring their planners). We're also delighted to be able to welcome staff members from our primary schools into the event to see some familiar faces.



### The Harbour – Mr Hawke

This week in assembly, students in The Harbour have looked at the personal qualities required to succeed in life and in school. We have studied ex-professional footballer David Beckham's free kick training routine to learn about the importance of technique, repetition, resourcefulness, resilience, persistence and practise.

### The Quay – Mrs Elms

On Tuesday, the Performing Arts department took Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students to Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury to see The Bristol Old Vic production of WONDER BOY, a heart-warming.

and inspiring story about the power of communication. The Drama students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were fantastic advocates for our school. The production

was packed with playful humour, dazzling visuals and thrilling original music, it was an innovative production which included live creative captioning on stage throughout.

The production had the audience laughing and crying in equal measure.



### Thank you to AR Richards

We would like to pass on a big thank you to A.R. Richards Ltd for their donation of school equipment for our departments such as Science and Creativity. Their mascot 'Ben' delivered the equipment to us last week and our students were extremely grateful to receive them.

Their donations will massively improve our ability to do practical work with larger groups and some more varied practicals.



### Talking Sport Evening

Shrewsbury School is delighted to be hosting a 'Talking Sport' evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Barnes Theatre, Shrewsbury, SY3 7AA. The evening is aimed at pupils in the locality who are keen to explore opportunities in this ever-growing industry. If you would like more information on this event, please click [here](#).

### Taylor Shaw Catering Menu

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> October 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 5<sup>th</sup> October – Blackberry Fair (Town Centre)
- 7<sup>th</sup> October – Houses of Parliament trip for Speaking and Listening Club and Student Council
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – Sixth Form Varsity Event at Shrewsbury School
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October – DofE Gold Expedition to Malham
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – School breaks up for half term

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

## NEWS

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