

Dear Families,

Year 7 End of Transition - Belonging

Yesterday we invited our Year 7 families to meet with their child's Form Tutors to discuss how their children have settled into the SJT community and there was a real sense of belonging. Mr Davies, Assistant Headteacher, said 'it was wonderful to meet so many of you and celebrate how brilliantly our Year 7s are doing in their first term at Sir John Talbot's School'. All students now have a busy week ahead before they can take a well-earned break over the forthcoming half term.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 17th October 2024 at 4pm to 6pm

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 Talbot's Sixth Form](#).

Professional Development (PD) Day – Friday 18th October 2024 – School closed to students

The school will be closed to all students for the next Professional Development (PD) Day which takes place before half term on Friday 18th October 2024. The last day of half term for students is Thursday 17th October 2024 ending at the normal time of 3.15pm. Students return to school on Monday 4th November 2024.

NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents/Carers

The NSPCC are providing an opportunity to support schools in delivering online safety workshops to parents and carers via Zoom. They are providing a number of dates this term. Whilst this offer is being facilitated by the NSPCC they are asking that there is a representative from the school also in attendance. Dates for the workshops are:

- Thursday 17 October, 5-6pm
- Tuesday 12 November, 6-7pm
- Wednesday 11 December, 6-7pm

If your school would like to find out more or sign up to one of these, please contact Lizzie Brookes, Local Campaigns Officer: lizzie.brookes@nspcc.org.uk



Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Timetable w/c Monday 14th October 2024 – Week A

Student Support Week 6 Focus: Criminal exploitation and gangs

The following NSPCC advice is to support parents and carers on how to spot the signs of criminal exploitation and involvement in gangs. [NSPCC Criminal exploitation and gangs](#).

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 Shore – Mr Davies

In Year 7 it's been a fantastic week with lots of extra-curricular activities, including a victory for our Boys' Football team in their first fixture and students from our Speaking and Listening Club and Student Council visited the Houses of Parliament.

For our Sixth Form, it's been an equally busy week with a Trust Varsity Cricket event (where I'm reliably told we came a valiant 3rd) and UCAS applications being finalised. Staff from SJT were proudly representing the school at The Grove's Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, showcasing many of the brilliant collaboration subjects we offer between our schools. We're looking forward to hosting our own Open Evening event on Thursday 17th October, where staff and students will be highlighting the great work being done across the Sixth Form.'

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

At the end of last week (Friday) and the beginning of this week (Monday) we held our first monthly Harbour hot chocolate breakfasts for Year 8 and 9 respectively to celebrate our star students. Students invited, all gained 30 or more lesson grade 1s in the month of September and enjoyed a range of pastries with hot chocolate and whipped cream in our Social Dining area.

Mrs Jennings delivered a thought-provoking anti-bullying assembly this week and shared our Year 8 and 9 School Council representatives with all students - congratulations to all those chosen to fulfil this important role in school. Our representatives are: Year 8 - Eliora, Tia, Alexia and Babur and Year 9 - Verity, Krishnadev, Summar and Ben.

On Tuesday the Year 8 Netball team travelled to Thomas Adams for their North Shropshire Tournament. Despite the heavy rain, the girls fought hard against many tough teams and beat St Martins, Thomas Adams and Lakelands, which put us through to the Semi Finals where we took on Ellesmere College in a very close end to end game our girls were the winners, and on to the final we went. The girls took on The Corbet School and took the win 5-3 to be crowned U13's North Shropshire Champions. We are so proud of the girls and look forward to the rest of the Netball season to continue working hard and developing our skills.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

In this week's assembly for Year 10, Ms Chiverton-Stanway delivered key information about work experience. Students are now tasked with finding a work placement in preparation for their work experience which takes place for one week from Monday 30th June 2025. Students have been given until Friday 13th December to find a placement and complete the consent form.

Year 11 have been developing their study skills in preparation for their mock examinations commencing 11th November. Teachers will be sharing revision topic lists prior to half term to fully prepare students with their examinations.

Our Year 11 Rugby team came 5th in the Shropshire 10-a-side Rugby Tournament last week at Wrekin college. Students represented the school incredibly well. Oliver scored around 40% of our tries on the day, with multiple tackles coming from Cooper, great teamwork from the boys!



Houses of Parliament

Our Speaking and Listening Club, Student Council, and One Voice students had an incredible day at the Houses of Parliament on Monday! They saw many MPs and even had the chance to see the Prime Minister in the Commons. Students participated in a petition workshop, which gave them valuable insights into how to make our voices heard. Students found the experience brilliant – building confidence, learning new skills, and even exploring potential careers in politics! A highlight of the day was meeting our MP Helen Morgan where students asked her some fascinating questions. A truly inspiring day for all!



Blackberry Fair

Over the weekend, members of our Senior Band performed a set of 6 songs on the Fae Market Stage in Whitchurch front of a huge audience. They performed a duet, some small group numbers and a whole band piece. The atmosphere was amazing, and the crowd erupted with cheers for them. They represented our school tremendously and it was a pleasure to watch them sing and play their instruments beautifully. They really are such a talented group of musicians, well done to all who took part!

A number of Year 7 students were also in the 'children's zone' at Blackberry Fair, helping visitors paint environment/ sustainable themed pebbles. Over 150 pebbles were decorated, some were taken home while others we placed around the town. Have a look out to see how many you can spot!!



Taylor Shaw Catering Menu w/c 14th October 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 11th – 12th October – DofE Gold Expedition to Malham
- 16th October – Careers Festival
- 16th – 20th October – Latin trip to Sorrento and Pompeii
- 17th October – School breaks up for half term at 3.15pm
- 17th October – Sixth Form Open Evening 4pm to 6pm

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

