

Dear Families,

Sixth Form Open Evening

What a wonderful way to finish a brilliant half term at SJT. It was fantastic to welcome students with their families from Years 10 and 11 into the school for our Sixth Form Open Evening and continue with conversations about post-16 study. We are proud of the growth of our Sixth Form in recent years and how 'Achievement Through Caring' is embedded all the way through the school. As always when we throw open our doors, the students were exceptional advocates for the school and their chosen subjects. A special thanks must go to our student speakers in the Hall, Steph, and Arthur, as well as Phoebe and Alex who did a marvellous job of welcoming everyone.

Careers Festival

We are thrilled to announce the success of our Careers Festival held on Wednesday 16th October! This event brought together a diverse range of employers, organisations, and representatives from colleges and universities, all eager to connect with our students. A huge thank you goes out to all sixth form students for their assistance on the day, employers, educational institutions, organisations, and staff who make this event possible. Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated. I would like to pass on a special thank you to Ms Chiverton-Stanyway, CEAIG Lead, who worked hard to ensure this event was another success.

Uniform Survey

Back in 2022, we made changes to our uniform and reduced branded items after asking for your views. We now want to hear your thoughts on some of our school uniform rules. We cannot promise change, but we want to explore, to make sure everyone feels comfortable and included, whilst maintaining our need to follow Health and Safety guidance or rules. We encourage as many of our families as possible to complete this Trust wide survey (linked to individual schools) by scanning the QR Code to 'have your say':



Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Safeguarding Team

Our safeguarding team will be available over the half term and will regularly monitor email. If you need to get in touch, please email designatedsafeguardinglead@sjt.mmat.co.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

Enjoy the break!

Timetable w/c Monday 4th November 2024 – Week B

The Shore – Mr Davies

Congratulations to all of our students in Year 7 who have completed their first half term at SJT! Mrs Lewis and I could not be prouder of how well the year group have settled into life at SJT, developing new friendships and grabbing new opportunities when they have come up. On Thursday, we celebrated the achievements of the year group, as well as a 'Champion' from each form who has best exhibited the school's values in this half term.

Some of our Year 12 and 13 students went to Shrewsbury School last week, for an indoor 8-a-side cricket experience for the trust Varsity Cricket event and everyone had a great time!



The Harbour – Mr Hawke

I would like to thank all Year 8 and 9 families for your support this half term. This week in assembly, I have reminded students of my challenge to them at the beginning of the year: **you are your message, make sure your message is strong**. To reinforce this, we have looked at the example of a young man called "Musharaf", who featured on the television programme "Educating Yorkshire" a few years ago. Musharaf struggled in school due to a severe stammer, but with the support of his teachers and peers, he was able to overcome this and give a moving speech in front of his entire year group at his final Year 11 leavers assembly. He went on to great success and has recently graduated from university. Musharaf had a great message because he was in school every day, on time, looked smart and studied hard, while demonstrating the qualities of determination, resilience and gratitude for the help and support school gave him. As we look forward to a rest and an opportunity to reflect and re-set, I would like students to consider how strong their message is and how they might make this even more powerful when they return on November 4th. Have a restful half term.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

We are delighted to announce that we have once again invested in the revision platform GCSEPod. Over the last few years students have been highly successful by engaging in thousands of short educational pods to support their revision outside of the classroom. All pods on the platform are aligned with our subject exam boards and even have 'check and challenge' questions post pods so that students can measure their understanding.

Year 10 and Year 11 students have been challenged to engage in 3 pods a day over the two week break as part of their preparations for the upcoming November mock examinations. There will be a prize for the boy and girl who have accessed the most pods during this period.

On Wednesday, Year 11 engaged with many different colleges, universities, and businesses during our careers festival discussing potential future pathways. Year 10 students were provided with the opportunity to discuss potential work experience placements.

We look forward to welcoming Year 10 and Year 11 students back for another busy half term which includes mock exams and a Year 11 Keeping in Touch evening.

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Student Support Week 7 Focus: Sharing nudes and semi-nudes.

The following NSPCC advice is for *parents and carers* to help you understand the risks and support your child if they have been sending, sharing, or receiving nude images. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/sexting-sending-nudes/>

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.

Job Opportunities for Year 11 and Sixth Form

Alderford Lake are looking for enthusiastic students aged 16 and over to join them for their upcoming **Scare Experience** on the **25th, 26th, and 27th October**.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain work experience in a fun and exciting environment, with **competitive pay** offered. They are seeking individuals who are eager to be part of the team and help us create an unforgettable event. If you are interested, please email info@alderford.com with your availability and contact details.

ParentPay Top Up

As we enter the new term, if your child currently eats from our school canteen, please can you log into ParentPay and check that there are sufficient funds in their account. If not, please can you top this up. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, or receives free school meals, then there is no action required. Free school meals currently equate to a school meal deal at lunch time (£2.50). If your child is in receipt of free school meals and goes above the £2.50 limit, funds will need to be added on ParentPay. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu w/c 4th November 2024

Our Autumn Menu and Tariff can be found on our school website in the Family Information section which is located under School Life. Or you can click on the direct link here: [Menu-Autumn-Winter-2024.pdf](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 4th November – Autumn Term 2 begins
- 7th November – Sixth Form Keeping in Touch Evening
- w/c 11th November – Mock Exams Wk 1of2 Y11 (Y10 English Literature 12th Nov)
- w/c 18th November – Mock Exams Wk 2of2 Y11 (Y10 English Literature 19th Nov)

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NEWS

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