

Dear Families,

### Welcome back!

I hope you managed to find time to relax and refresh over the two-week holiday. Our Latin students returned from their enrichment trip to Sorrento, and I am delighted to hear from both the staff and one of the tour guides, what a positive representation of the school they were. Mrs Scott, Teacher of Latin, added 'It was a privilege to take our students on this trip, they were a pleasure to be with throughout, polite, uncomplaining, coping incredibly well with changes of plan due to weather and a credit to their families. Thank you on behalf of all the staff on the trip.'

### Sixth Form Keeping in Touch Evening

It was wonderful to welcome so many of the families of our Sixth Form into the school this week for our Keeping in Touch evening. Students in Year 12 have done a fantastic job in settling into Sixth Form life and adapting to their A Level studies, whilst Y13 have excelled in preparing themselves for their next steps beyond life at SJT.

### Achievement Through Caring – Caring for our environment

Students have been reminded about our expectations in school to treat the environment with respect. Students who are not meeting our expectations by making our site worse for others will be challenged and sanctioned. In rare, but extreme cases families may be charged for repairs.

### Year 11 Mock Exams – Series 1 week 1 of 2 Monday 11th November 2024

The next fortnight is an important stage for Year 11 in the examination process. The mock exams will give students and teachers the opportunity to find out what they know and understand at this point and will allow us to identify what gaps need to be worked on for the next set of mock exams which take place in February. This week we have communicated home via email to all our Year 11 families about the importance of the mock exams. We wish all students the best of luck and we look forward to having positive and productive conversations with families during our Keeping in Touch evening on Thursday 12th December.

### Year 10 English Literature Mock Exam – Tuesday 12th and 19th November 2024

Year 10 will be completing their English Literature mock exams over the next two weeks. They have been working hard both in and out of lessons in preparation. They have been provided with resources in their English class team. Good luck Year 10.

### Remembrance Day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

We are inviting students to attend school in their Cadets, Brownies, Guides or Scouts uniform, this includes students in exams on Monday. Our minute of silence will take place on Monday at 11am in classes and in the School Hall for those in uniform.

### Road Closure – 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

We have been informed that the Prees Road will be closed for resurfacing from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November. between 9.30am to 4pm. Please allow sufficient time for your journey.

### Safety Message from the Passenger Transport Group

Students must always wear the provided seat belt during their journey on all transport provided by Shropshire Council. Only one person is permitted in each seat fitted with a seat belt. Never use the same seat belt across two or more passengers. Wearing a seat belt not only helps protect your safety, but it also helps protect the safety of others.



Mr Tim Stonall  
Headteacher

## Timetable w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Week A

### The Shore – Mr Davies

Year 7 have returned rested and relaxed after their half term break and it has felt like they have never been away. We have made some improvements to the physical area of the Shore over the half term break which means we will be able to keep improving the area to suit the demands of the year group. Mr Davies and Mrs Lewis have been working with our Year 7s to make sure the area is working for them, and they have come up with some brilliant ideas for some exciting changes in the

### The Harbour – Mr Hawke

This week, Year 9 along with other year groups were presented an assembly from Sarah Peacock of "Camps International" regarding an opportunity to visit Kenya in 2026. Year 8 have had a reminder of "The SJT Way" and have been asked to reflect on what "achievement through caring" means to them, and how they can make themselves and their families proud of their accomplishments in school.

Through Student Voice, we are currently surveying both year groups for their favourite Christmas Rewards trip ideas.

This week, I would like to congratulate Jack S in Year 9 who has signed for Stoke City FC as an Under 14 footballer following a successful trial. We wish Jack every success in his upcoming fixtures, including a game against Man Utd in the next few weeks!

### The Quay – Mrs Elms

Over the half term, students were given access to the GCSEPod, a revision website and a competition set for who could watch the most pods during the two-week break. A huge well done to Georgia P, Rhys E, Cooper W and Sophie E who were crowned the winners of our recent competition. Between the 4 students, they watched an amazing total of 390 pods since the competition was launched prior to half term.

We are extremely proud of Year 11 Ava, who was part of the Shropshire U16 Girls' Football team and competed in the 'This Girl Kicks' tournament over the October half term break. Ava impressed the organisers and even made the 'All Star team' of the tournament. Well done Ava!



### Latin trip to Sorrento

Just before half-term 33 students enjoyed a trip to the Bay of Naples to visit the amazing sites preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. We had excellent guides for our tours of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Dr Sophie Hay, tour guide for Pompeii complemented our students on their behaviour and interesting questions. The day trip to Capri was a challenge given the weather, but everyone proved adaptable and good natured.



### Student Support Week 8 Focus: Discrimination and Hate Crime

Discrimination and hate crime are against the law. Discrimination is when someone treats you differently, unfairly or worse because of your age, being [disabled](#), your [gender](#), [gender identity](#), being married or in a civil partnership, being [pregnant](#) or having a child, your [religion or beliefs](#), your [race](#), skin colour or where you were born or your [sexuality](#).

A hate crime is a prejudice-motivated crime which occurs when a perpetrator targets a victim because of their perceived membership of a certain social group. For more information and to find out ways to get support related to discrimination and hate crime click the following [link](#).

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.

### Road Safety

It is important that students are reminded of the need to keep safe and be aware of their surroundings when travelling to and from school or being out socially in their communities. With the dark night's drawing in, please ensure that students cycling to school are wearing clothing that can ensure they are seen to other road users. They must wear a helmet, and bikes should have lights. For more information on road safety and bikeability training, please click on the link here: [Road safety | Shropshire Council](#)

### Taylor Shaw Catering Menu w/c 11<sup>th</sup> 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](#):

- w/c 11<sup>th</sup> November – Mock Exams Wk 1of2 Y11 (Y10 English Literature 12<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November – Mock Exams Wk 2of2 Y11 (Y10 English Literature 19<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – A Level Tectonic Hazard Revision Conference

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