

Dear Families,

### Weather this week

I would like to thank all staff who helped this week, especially our site team, who were in extra early to ensure the site and paths around the school were gritted and safe for everyone. Extra precautions were put in place to ensure student safety was a priority, such as indoor social time and paths gritted for students during lesson transition. As a school, we will always do what we can to remain open, to ensure our student's learning is not disrupted. With the weather starting to change and get colder, I would like to remind you all of our emergency closure procedure.

We will inspect the school site and environment and make a decision around 7am. Should the school need to close, messages will be sent to families, a message will appear on our website and an answer machine message put in place. Parents are advised not to call the school for updates to keep lines clear. Should the school remain open, we will keep paths clear and maintain the safety of the school. If conditions change during the day and a decision is made to send students home, we will send out communications and arrange transport to collect those that travel by coach or taxi. For any students collected by families, arrangements will be made to look after students until you arrive.

### End of mock exams

We have now completed our first series of mock examinations for Year 11 in all subjects and Year 10 English Literature. Students will be receiving feedback from their class teachers to move their learning forward in preparation for the next series in February. It has been great to see how conscientious most of our students are and how they value this mock exam experience. It will be important for students to continue with good revision habits throughout the year to keep building their skill set and knowledge.

### Year 11 Keeping in Touch Evening – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The first of our two Year 11 Keeping in Touch' Evenings takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you, as they prepare for their GCSEs. Details on how to book places will be sent out closer to the time.

### Christmas Bingo Night at Sir John Talbot's School!

Get ready for some festive fun at our Christmas Bingo Night on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November! Doors open at 6:30pm, with eyes down at 7:00pm for a night of bingo, great prizes, and lots of laughs. What's on offer:

- Bingo with fabulous prizes
- A great raffle with more chances to win
- Tasty refreshments to enjoy during the evening

All generously sponsored by Taylor Shaw, we are looking forward to a fun-filled evening for all ages!

Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends along for an evening full of festive cheer and winning chances! We cannot wait to see you there!

Mr Tim  
Stonall  
Headteacher



## Timetable w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Week A

### Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes for the International Men's Day. We managed to raise a total of £102, all funds raised by the Anti-Discrimination Club (ADC) will be donated to the Men's Minds Matter charity.

### Reverse Advent Calendar

Next week we will be launching our reverse advent calendar for the Whitchurch Trussel Trust Food. Every year staff, students and families at SJT give generously to the Whitchurch foodbank. Unfortunately, more and more people in our local community are relying on foodbanks and we as a school, would like to help as much as we can. We fully understand the pressures on every family and would like to stress that this is not mandatory, however, if you are in a position to be able to donate an item, we would be extremely grateful if they could be brought into school before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. For information on items that are particularly in demand, please click [here](#).

### HAF Christmas/Winter Programme

The 4All Foundation are working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations providers to run an exciting holiday programme this Winter, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food). From 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening across the county. For more information for the Winter HAF, click here: [Holidays and food programme - what's on for winter 2024](#).

### The Shore – Mr Davies

Year 7 have been exceptional this week in coping with the cold and the snow! Mrs Lewis, myself and all of the form tutors couldn't be more proud of how respectfully and safely they've moved around the site and cared for each other through the week. We're all excited to be going on our first trip as a year group next Friday, when we will be watching 'Mother Goose' in Market Drayton. Today (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November) is the last day to pay for the Pantomime tickets, so please make sure you have if you'd like your child to join us.

### Sixth Form

Miss Lyons and I have started to schedule Sixth Form interview appointments in the coming weeks which is always a fantastic opportunity to discuss next steps for our Y11 students and also reflect on the successes of our current Y12s and Y13s. We're also really looking forward to our upcoming enrichment trip to York on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, where students will have the option of attending York University or the York Railway Museum and then the fantastic Christmas Markets.

### The Harbour – Mr Hawke

Well done to all students who have battled the challenging weather conditions this week and have made it into school every day to keep learning their priority. In the Harbour, our key focus remains on achieving excellent lesson gradings, attendance and punctuality (caring about my achievement), being kind (caring about others) and looking after our school site (caring about our environment).

We are currently planning our end of term rewards trip to "Jump In" in Shrewsbury and are looking forward to seeing students working hard to guarantee their places by excelling in these areas. Look out for e-mails from our staff team recognising excellent effort in lessons, improved punctuality, excellent attendance and "achievement through caring".

### The Quay – Mrs Elms

Last Friday, our U16 Girl's football team had a convincing 7-0 win against a valiant Bridgnorth team in the first round of the County Cup. We now face a strong Thomas Telford team in round 2. A great performance. Well done!



A reminder that our end of term recognition trip is now live for Year 10 and 11 to visit the Trafford Centre, Manchester. Payments can be made via ParentPay or cash at reception. We look forward to recognising many of Year 10 and 11 students for their hard work this term.

### Student Support Week 10 Focus: Alcohol, drugs and parenting

Most parents or carers who drink alcohol or use drugs, do it in moderation and are not a risk to their children. But if their drinking or drug use becomes harmful, this is substance misuse and it can stop them from providing safe care for their children.

The following NSPCC advice is to support parents and carers who are concerned about their alcohol or drug use.

[Alcohol, drugs and parenting](#)

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 ensures 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 25<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](#):

- 27<sup>th</sup> November – A-Level Geography Fieldwork trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y7 rewards trip Mother Goose Pantomime
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Bingo
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Sixth Form cultural trip to York
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Y7-11 nasal flu clinic

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