

Dear Families,

Year 9 Options and KiT Evening – Thursday 6th February 2025

Our Year 9 Keeping in Touch and Options Evening takes place on Thursday 6th February 2025. Details on how to book appointments are being shared. If you have not received any communication by the end of the day Monday, please contact our Data Manager, Mrs Elkin: Bryony.Elkin@sjt.mmat.co.uk. Please ensure any changes to parent contact details should be made on your Arbor App.

Collaboration and Professional Development Days (inc Half Term) - Friday 14th to Monday 24th February 2025

As advertised on our term dates, students are calendared to study from home on Friday 14th February 2025 as part of our Trust Collaboration Day. This day enables us to bring together key thinkers and leaders from across our schools to develop Trust strategy together. This work benefits all children and young people and moves our Trust toward our shared goals. Information on student study will be shared closer to the date. This date is immediately followed by our Spring Half Term and Professional Development (PD) Day with students expected to return to school on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Seatbelts

It is a legal requirement for students travelling on our school buses or Local Authority provided transport to wear seatbelts on their journey to and from school and trips. Staff are reminding students of this daily, if you could also remind your child(ren) of this please. Your support in this matter is appreciated, thank you.

Safer Internet Day

To help celebrate Safer Internet Day on 11th February 2025, West Mercia Police are hosting a free 1-hour Online Safety session for all families across Shropshire. For more information on this session, please click here: [Safer Internet Day](#)



Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Timetable w/c Monday 27th January 2025 – Week B

Holocaust Memorial Day

This week, in form time, students have been reflecting on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. January 27th is Holocaust Memorial Day with this year's theme - 'For a better future'. In RE, Year 9 students showed they had thought deeply about the horrific event and how best to remember those who lost their lives by holding an exhibition showcase of the Holocaust Memorials they had been working on at home. Memorials included sculptures, poems, canvas paintings and even a musical piece. Well done Year 9.



The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

Mrs Lewis delivered a timely assembly on the 'SJT Way' this week, with key reminders on how we can best exemplify the highest of standards in the Shore. Spending lunchtime with Year 7, I'm reminded on a daily basis of the power of kindness and how it can spread across the year group. From the tiniest of acts, to really looking after their friends in times of need, our Year 7s continue to show that they can live up to the high expectations we have for them and live-out the aim of Caring for Ourselves, Caring for Others, Caring for the Environment.

Today marks the last day of the Sixth Form mock exam window, where the students have been exemplary in their conduct and preparation. This fortnight has been so beneficial in preparing for this summer's examinations, with students gaining confidence in how to mentally prepare themselves for the exam and ensure their technique is robust. In the coming weeks, students will receive their papers and grades back, making sure to harness their feedback for maximum success in the summer.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

It has been another busy week for Harbour students with lots of sporting success and the conclusion of Year 9 non-core subject exams.

Our Year 8 hockey boys battled well, winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 2 in a very tough group at Wrekin. Our Cross-Country runners were fantastic on a very muddy, slippery course at Moreton Hall. Individually, there were... 1st place finishes for Mason, Lucas and Evie, 2nd places for Sofia and 3rd places for Zac and Ned.

On Tuesday, Year 9 sat their second formal exam in the Sports Hall, this time for Geography. Students conducted themselves admirably, and we had some superb feedback from the invigilation team. Final classroom based exams finished today, and the feedback students will receive from teachers will start to shape their thinking in preparation for their GCSE Options choices. Next week, Year 9 will have an Options assembly, and we will share the Options booklet with families prior to our Keeping in Touch Options evening which takes place on Thursday 6th February.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

Year 11s had a brilliant rugby game on Tuesday, narrowly losing 39-31 to Corbett School. Their Deputy Head refereed the match and was hugely complimentary about our boys and how they conducted themselves throughout! The support from staff and parents was very much appreciated thank you.



A reminder to all Year 11 students about our after-school revision sessions, let's make every minute count! Year 10 English Literature revision is timetabled for Wednesday (Week A). All sessions start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. The second set of Mock Exams for Year 11 and Year 10 English Literature commence week beginning 25th February. We are now 12 school weeks away from when the external exams begin.

	Monday 3.15	Tuesday 3.15	Wednesday 3.15	Friday 3.15
Week A	Option block B DT, Food, Business, Spanish	Religious Studies	Geography/ History	Independent revision
			Year 10 English Lit	Library (AE, JT, SC)
Week B	Option block C Business, Spanish, Photography, PE, Sport Studies, Computing	Science	English (Selected students)	Independent revision
			Maths	Library (AE, JT, SC)

Student Support Week 17 Focus: Social Media Misuse

We have been made aware of a number of social media accounts circulating within the community containing inappropriate content, images, and videos of young people. As a school we operate a 'no phones' policy, however, we recognise that we cannot fully mitigate all issues associated with the misuse of technology. Please read the following NSPCC information which provides guidance, advice and support for anyone that has concerns about content shared on social media.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

If you have any concerns or feel that an individual is at risk of exploitation, please report to the police and inform the schools safeguarding team.

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.

Our Curriculum

At SJT, our curriculum is at the heart of our school vision and built upon the foundations of our values: excellence, integrity, empathy, creativity, and equality. We encourage our students to have awareness of their journey of learning in each subject with learning journeys so they can navigate through the curriculum alongside their teachers. For more information, please click on the link here: [Our Curriculum - Sir John Talbot's](#)

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu w/c 27th January 2025

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](#):



- 30th January – Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip
- 30th and 31st January – Year 9 Vaccination Clinic
- 31st January and 1st February – DofE Gold Training
- 3rd – 6th February – Sixth Form Trip to Krakow
- 6th February – Year 9 Keeping in Touch and Options Evening

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