

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

Collaboration and Professional Development Days

As you know, our staff were together for training on both the Trust Collaboration Day before half term and on Monday for the whole Trust Conference. Staff have really valued the investment and time to develop our curriculum with a view to enhancing the teaching of key knowledge to ensure all students know what they are learning effectively and make better progress as a result. The key message from our conference on Monday was equity for all learners. This built seamlessly on the curriculum work to ensure that staff are inspired and equipped to promote learning for all.

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Next Thursday marks World Book Day and we look forward to a week of celebrating reading and talking about our favourite books and characters. Students will be engaging with different activities through the week and especially on Thursday where we will mark the power of reading across the school.

Increase in Diarrhoea & Vomiting outbreak notifications - Guidance from UKHSA

The UK Health Security Agency have advised us of an increase in cases of Norovirus, also known as winter vomiting disease. It is highly infectious and is easily transmitted through contact with infected individuals from one person to another. Symptoms include vomiting, projectile vomiting, diarrhoea, and fever. Most people make a full recovery within a couple of days. Any students who are suffering with the above symptoms MUST stay off school for 48 hours after their symptoms have finished.

School opening times for students

For safeguarding reasons, students should not arrive onto the school site before 8am and should continue to access school via the Prees Road entrance and enter school via the current gated areas. The gates will be unlocked each morning for student access at 8am. For students who are met at the Tilstock Road car park by school staff and welcomed into school, these arrangements will remain unchanged.



Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Timetable w/c Monday 3rd March 2025 – Week B

One Voice – Bradbury Care Centre

On Tuesday Year 7, 8 & 9 students from the One voice team visited Bradbury Care Home as part of their trust One Voice project on improving community involvement. Students had a lovely time 'helping' the residents complete a St Davids Day quiz. They then spoke to residents to find out what activities they would like them to organise for their next visit in March.



Eco Council – Pub2Tub Campaign

Thank you to all staff, students and families who brought in plastic tubs for the Pub2tub campaign. 103 tubs were collected by the Eco Council, smashing last year's total of 80 tubs! Not only does this initiative stop these tubs ending up in landfills, but it also helps raise money for Macmillan Cancer support.



The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

During the Collaboration Day on 14th February, Year 7 were set a 'Headshot Biography' to capture what makes them who they are. It has been so inspiring to read so many of their biographies this week and to see the care and consideration they have put into the work. We have read all about their interests on a wide range of topics from bike riding, gaming, and musical instruments. The integrity with which they would choose to spend a million pounds has been breathtaking. On the theme of integrity, 7ESM delivered an exceptional assembly on Friday around the theme, with participation from the whole form and a clear, bold, and confident deliver. A huge thanks to Mrs Scarisbrick-Melville and her form for putting in such hard work over the past few weeks in pulling it all together.

Sixth Form

Alongside the wonderful trips that have gone on in recent weeks, this week has been a real privilege to be part of our Year 12 Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs). Twenty-one students gave presentations on a vast range of topics, from: Gender Equality in Farming, AI in Space, Ethics in the NHS and The Power of Sleep. The hard work that the students have put in over the past six months to work independently towards their presentations and writing of a 5,000-word report has been awe inspiring. We congratulate them on their efforts and celebrate the achievements they have made.

A note for the diary – Our next Sixth Form Keeping in Touch evening takes place on Thursday 20th March 2025.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

I would like to start by congratulating all students who participated in our third "Harbour Hot Chocolate Breakfast" event this morning in the Social Dining area. Over fifty students in Years 8 and 9 came together to celebrate achieving the most lesson Grade 1s in their year group last half term. This demonstrates outstanding "Caring about my Achievement".

On the theme of "Achievement through Caring", in this week's assemblies I asked students to think about why it is important to demonstrate "Caring about Others" and "Caring about my Environment". We have begun planning some new rewards to recognise and celebrate students who demonstrate these values in school.

I am aware that some of our Year 9 families just missed the deadline for the first options form. I will be arranging a time for students to catch up on this next week so please do not worry about this.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Keris in Year 9 on successfully completing trials with Liverpool FC. We are extremely proud of her achievements and sporting success!

The Quay – Mrs Elms

Year 10 Keeping in Touch (KiT) evening is a significant event in the calendar where teachers can feedback and provide useful information on how our students are progressing. Last night we had an excellent attendance. Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend.

Mock examinations have started this week for Year 11 and Year 10 English Literature. Students have made a strong start with excellent attendance and have been fully prepared. We hope to see improvements from the first set of mock exams grades to this set. These also provide an excellent opportunity to identify weaknesses and gaps in knowledge prior to the external exams which commence in May. Mock exams continue next week.

A small group of Year 10 students undertook training this week to become part of the School Media Team. They will be responsible for capturing and showcasing the vibrant happenings at SJT and we look forward to seeing the fantastic content they create and share with us all.

Student Support Week 21 Focus: Knife Crime

The law takes a robust approach to dealing with knife crime – adults charged with possession of a knife will automatically go before a court. In cases where the carrier is 10-17yrs, they will automatically be referred to the Youth Offending Team – a charging decision will be made by a multi-agency panel, based on a range of factors relevant to the incident. Read the following [Safe4Me](#) article to find out more about the dangers associated with carrying knives and how to respond if you have concerns that a young person has connections to or is involved in 'County lines' activity.

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 3rd March 2025

Our Autumn Menu and Tariff is located on our school website in the Family Information section under School Life. You can also 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 3rd March – Year 11 Mock Exams Week 2 of 2
- 4th March – Year 12 UCAS Discovery Exhibition trip
- 7th – 8th March – DofE Gold Training weekend
- 13th – 14th March – Year 11 2nd NEA Food Exam
- 20th March – Sixth Form Varsity
- 20th March – Year 12 and 13 Keeping in Touch Evening

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