

Dear Families,

Sixth Form Keeping in Touch – Thursday 20th March 2025

Our Sixth Form Keeping in Touch Evening takes place next Thursday, 20th March 2025. Details on how to book an appointment, have been communicated home. If you have not yet made an appointment, please ask your child to contact their class teachers.

Year 11 Keeping in Touch – Thursday 3rd April 2025

Our second Year 11 Keeping in Touch Evening takes place on Thursday 3rd April 2025. Details will be sent out next week, if you could save the date, please.

School lunch price increase from 1st April 2025 - £2.72p

Earlier this week, we communicated a letter on behalf of Taylor Shaw, part of Elinor, the school's catering provider. This letter contained information on a lunch price increase which commences on 1st April 2025. The price of a school lunch will increase to £2.72p and applies to all the schools within the Marches Academy Trust. The school remains committed to delivering healthy, fresh, and nutritious meals, to support the wellbeing and learning of our students.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated annually on 8th March and is a global day to recognise the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It also serves as a call to action for accelerating gender equality. Just like they did for International Men's Day back in November; the Anti-Discrimination Club (ADC) organised a bake sale this week and raised a fantastic £120 for a charity whose work primarily focuses on supporting women and girls. Throughout Friday students learnt about five charities:



Action Aid, Freedom4Girls, The Eve Appeal, Women's Aid and Breast Cancer UK. On Monday, Form groups will vote on which charity should receive the funds raised. Staff and students have showed their support for International Women's Day by striking this year's pose to support the theme 'Accelerate Action'.



Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Timetable w/c Monday 17th March 2025 – Week B

Crochet Club Donations

We are looking for any donations of wool or crochet hooks to allow us to set up a crochet club for students during lunch time. This would be beneficial to increase students hand eye co-ordination skills and allow them to learn a new skill and have a positive creative outlet. If you are able to help with any donations, please drop them into reception.

BBC Radio Shropshire – Make A Difference

The BBC Radio Shropshire Make a Difference Awards are a wonderful opportunity to thank those in our community who go the extra mile for the people around them. There are eight categories, including the Young Hero Award, which recognises someone under 16 who has made a positive impact in their community or achieved something exceptional.

For a full list of categories and details of how to nominate someone, please click here: [Make A Difference](#), where you can also see full Terms and their Privacy Notice. Nominations are open now and close on 31st March 2025 at 5pm.

The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

This Friday, Year 7 had a brilliant assembly from Colour Sgt Neale from the local Army Cadets talking about the opportunities available in the community and how students could get involved. On a similar theme of getting involved, our Year 7s also participated in the Shropshire County Rugby Festival at Church Stretton on Tuesday. 17 schools from across the county took part, and having qualified out of the group stages, they sadly lost against William Brookes. In their first competitive rugby event,



the whole squad did brilliantly.

Sixth Form

We have had an exciting week of focusing on careers. Last Tuesday, our Year 12 students attended the UCAS Discovery Exhibition in Manchester. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to speak directly to universities about the courses, societies, and accommodation that they offer. This has supported students in understanding the process of applying to university and will guide them to making informed choices about which universities they would like to apply to.



On Wednesday, Y13 students had a session from Staffordshire University on the next steps in the application process for university, particularly focused on finalising their Firm and Insurance offers as well as a better understanding of the Clearing process.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

This half-term in The Harbour, we are emphasising the importance of "Caring about Others" and "Caring about our Environment" under The SJT Way. Students who demonstrate these values are being rewarded with lunch queue jump tickets to recognise their positive actions and the impact of these in school.

In Year 8 RE, students in 8B participated in a class langar – selfless service (of food) to others. Students invited staff to join them and I certainly enjoyed the spread they delivered to me on Thursday!



In Year 9, 9BG gave an excellent assembly on Liverpool FC under the kind and caring leadership of Jurgen Klopp. I will leave you with an inspirational quote from their assembly to take into the weekend: "Achievement doesn't come from pressure alone—but from caring deeply about people and inspiring them to be their best."

The Quay – Mrs Elms

Mock examinations have now ended for Year 10 and Year 11. The focus for students is to now reflect on their performance, identify areas of improvement and continue with building good habits for revision. Year 11 students will be receiving their mock exam results on 3rd April prior to their KiT evening.

Our careers advisor has increased his time in school over the coming weeks to ensure every Year 11 has an appointment. It is very important students have identified what their next steps will be and Peter can support with the different pathways available. If any Year 11 student feels they need more support, they can contact Peter during social times.

Our Year 11 Food and Nutrition students completed their final NEA this week. They all worked incredibly hard and produced some fine tasting dishes. Well done all.



Student Support Week 23 Focus: Young People and Self-Harm

If a young person in your life is self-harming it can be distressing and confusing. It may be difficult to start a conversation with them. They might be doing it because they do not have the words to explain what they are experiencing. But it is important you know that you can support them. Read the following [NSPCC](#) article to find out how you can best support your child if you are concerned that they might be self-harming.

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.

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 17th 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:

- 20th March – Year 12 and 13 Keeping in Touch (KiT) Evening
- 26th March – Year 11 GCSE Drama Component 2 Exam
- 31st March – DofE Award Evening (Shropshire Suite, Hill Valley)
- 2nd April – Year 11 Drama Trip to see 'Dear Evan Hanson'
- 3rd April – Year 11 Keeping in Touch (KiT) Evening

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