

Dear Families,

On Monday evening, Mrs Morcumb, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) team hosted an awards evening for students who have completed Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. It was a truly lovely evening listening to the adventures and the skills that have been developed along the way. We were honoured to hear from Andrew Denton, Outdoor Industries Association, about his epic expeditions, he was very aspirational for our young people. Mr James Minor, Regional DofE Manager was also a guest at the event.

Year 11 Keeping in Touch (KiT)

Year 11 received their mock exam results on Thursday, which was followed up with positive conversations during our second Year 11 KiT evening. Students can now reflect on their grades and set goals for their external exams which commence in May. Year 10 have also received their mock exam results for English Literature. A crucial point now for both year groups to ensure they are completing regular revision to ensure they gain the results they deserve.

Easter Bonnet House Competition

A reminder of our Easter Bonnet House Competition which is currently taking place within school. Templates can be collected from Ms Lloyd, Creativity. All entries must be received by Wednesday 9th April and the winners will be announced in our upcoming House Assembly.

School meals

Could we remind all families that our tills are still inoperable. Whilst work is underway to fix the issue, please could they ensure that school meal accounts are topped up. Any students in receipt of Free School Meals have a daily allowance of £2.50. Anything spent over the daily allowance will need to be funded by families. Please could we ask you to talk to your child if you wish for them to keep to their allowance.

Whitchurch 10K

Our Sir John Talbot's School Whitchurch 10K takes place this Sunday, 6th April 2025. We wish all the runners the best of luck on the day. Our Senior Band will be performing two sets on the day. We look forward to sharing all the details with you in next week's bulletin.

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Monday 7th April 2025 – Week A

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Evening



Eco Council's Great British Spring Clean

On Monday, members of the Eco Council took part in the Great British Spring Clean, 'Keep Britain Tidy.' They spent 3 hours picking litter from Jubilee and Queensway Parks and Deermoss Meadow. A sweep of the High Street was also covered with over fifteen bags of rubbish collected in total! Well done all!



One Voice Easter Raffle – Bradbury Care Centre

Our One Voice team are holding an Easter raffle to raise money for a cinema room for the Bradbury Care Centre. Raffle tickets are 20p each and can be purchased by students during Academic Monitoring (AM), when the team visit form groups.

The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

This week, the Year 7's have been busy drawing book covers for a competition where the winner will be announced in assembly. Twenty-four Year 7 students took part on Monday in the House Badminton Competition, and we await to hear the final results!

Communications were sent this week about the Year 7 Disco on Wednesday 9th April 5.30pm to 7pm in the School Hall organised by two of our Year 10 students. All proceeds raised at this event will go directly towards the two students Kenya 2026 expedition with Camps international trip. If you or your child would like to attend this exciting event supporting, tickets are available from school costing £5 which include a bag of sweets and sensible unlimited soft drinks.

Sixth Form

Our Year 12 students have been busy over the last week with two guest speakers from Wrexham University and Staffordshire University. The discussions were around how to succeed at an interview with top tips on how to present a CV and what a personal statement should look like for university. Students will now begin the process of finding courses they are interested in applying for next year, we can't wait to support them in this journey!

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

As we approach the final week of Spring term, I would like to thank Harbour students for their hard work and all families for your on-going support. Next week, I am looking forward to celebrating this term's successes through our 4th Harbour Hot Chocolate Breakfast, Easter rewards event, "Egg-cellent Attendance" challenge and end of term rewards assembly.

This week, I would like to give a special mention to Evie B in Year 9, whose boxing coach has written to me in school and described her as "an inspiration and role model to her peers, especially the young female members". Well done to Evie on your continued sporting success and contribution to the community.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

We have so many wonderful students at SJT with a great amount of talent. Recently, our Year 11 student Niamh, organised a sponsored sing to raise money for her expedition to Kenya. Members of our Senior Band performed a set list of fifteen songs which were chosen by family members/friends through sponsors to an audience. Niamh managed to raise an impressive £500. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this event a success. We wish Niamh well as she continues to on her quest to the Kenya expedition.



It was great to hear some of our Year 11 boys were selected to represent their county and play rugby for Shropshire U16s against Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Greater Birmingham on Sunday. They dominated in the first two matches with Cooper scoring two tries. Well done boys!



Our Drama students had an amazing visit to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Wednesday to watch an awards winning best musical Dear Evan Hansen. The play was excellent, and we are very proud of how our students represented SJT in the theatre. This visit will be invaluable for their upcoming Drama exam.

Student Support Week 26 Focus: Online Safety – Loot Boxes and Skins Betting

Loot boxes: a feature of online games where players pay to get unknown rewards, like items or modifications for their character. It's similar to gambling, because most of the time you don't know what you're going to get before you pay. One example is FIFA player packs, where you buy a 'pack' of players, but don't know who you're going to get when you make the purchase. Skins betting: where people use 'skins' as betting currency ('skins' are extra items in online games that e.g. upgrade a weapon or character into a better one). You can earn real money if you win. People usually do this through specific websites that let you use skins to bet.

The following [K Safeguarding](#) guidance outlines what measures could be taken to support a child to engage safely when playing games online.

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 7th April 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:

- 7th April – Year 6 to 7 Welcome Event
- 9th April – Year 7 Disco to raise funds for student trip expenses
- 10th – 13th April – DofE Silver Training Expedition
- 11th April – End of Term
- 28th April – Students return to school

Click [here](#) to view our Term Dates.

NEWS

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