

Dear Families,

Year 11 Study Leave

Please be advised that there is **no study leave** for Year 11 students. All students are expected to remain in school until their final exam and attend the **scheduled revision sessions** with their subject teachers. These sessions are a vital part of their exam preparation, providing targeted support and guidance to help them perform at their best. We appreciate your support in ensuring full attendance during this important time.

Year 7 Keeping in Touch (KiT) Evening – Thursday 5th June 2025

Our Year 7 Keeping in Touch Evening takes place on Thursday 5th June 2025. Details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks, but for now, please save the date, please.

Water bottles

In these warmer temperatures, please remind your child(ren) to bring a filled reuseable water bottle to school to avoid dehydration. Refillable water bottles can be purchased from reception at £1.50.

Catering balances

We would like to thank you for your patience whilst our tills have been inoperable. We are expecting this to be resolved soon and we have continued to take paper records of all transactions. Could we please ask families to ensure accounts on ParentPay are topped up accordingly - as a general rule, lunchtime meal deals cost £2.50, or £12.50 per week. The tills have been unavailable for 6 weeks, and where families may not have kept their account topped up weekly, this could amount to £75. Allocations for free school meals will be taken off balances, so that families can see if extras have been purchased. Once again thank you for your support.

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Monday 19th May 2025 – Week A

The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

A handful of students in Year 7 recently collaborated to build a bug house as part of a hands-on project. Using natural materials like wood, leaves, and twigs, they created a safe habitat for insects such as ladybugs, beetles and solitary bees. The project not only encouraged teamwork and creativity, but also taught students about biodiversity and the importance of insects in the ecosystem. The bug house now sits proudly in the school garden, attracting curious creatures - and even more curious young minds.



Sixth Form



Our Gold DofE participants had an amazing afternoon attending a special garden party at Buckingham Palace last Friday. Year 13 students, attended the event to mark the culmination of months of hard work and personal growth and celebrate the completion of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award. The young achievers were recognised for their dedication, resilience, and service throughout the challenging programme.

Also invited to the Palace was Mr Stanyard and Miss Hayward, DofE leaders. The weather was glorious, which just enhanced the beauty of the palace gardens. We are so proud of what these students have achieved to complete their Gold award.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Year 8 Keeping in Touch Evening on Thursday this week. It was great to see you and discuss your child's progress in lessons.

A reminder that our Year 8 HPV Clinic takes place on Monday and Tuesday next week.

It feels a long time ago since your child submitted their option preferences; thank you for your patience. We always endeavour to meet the student's preferences as closely as possible however with the size of year group, limitation on group sizes and number of groups, as well as all the unique combinations requested, this is a particularly difficult task to get as close as possible. After trying numerous combinations, we have established three option blocks that ensure every student in the year group will have a combination of their initial preferences. The first option that was selected was either History or Geography; I can confirm that every student has been granted their preference. Regarding the other subjects, provisional class lists are currently with Directors and the Harbour Team to check suitability of the courses to ensure that the combinations give every student the best opportunity for success. Once this stage is complete, we will issue you and your child with the combination that best matches their preferences.

Student Success

This week's student success is on Poppy in Year 8 and Sofia in Year 9. Poppy has been selected to play county cricket for Shropshire at the end of May and beginning of June against both Wrekin College and Oswestry schools respectively. Poppy has just started her second season at Whitchurch Cricket club, where she plays for the U13 team and also the Ladies team. She was put forward for county trials in December last year and was duly selected for the county development pathway. We wish Poppy the best of luck in her upcoming games.



Sofia took part in some highly competitive auditions at the start of the year, for a part in the production of 'Coppelia' with The English Youth Ballet (EYB). She was successful with her audition and joined an elite cast of eighty-two dancers. She spent her Easter holidays rehearsing with the EYB, experiencing the life of a professional dancer. Final shows took place at the Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury at the end of April. Ballet is just one genre Sofia dances. Sophie also does lyrical, contemporary, street, jazz, acro and tap. Often competing in team, solo and duet.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

Year 11 have had a full week of exams this week and they all handled them extremely well. It is great to hear so many students leaving the exam feeling positive with the content and type of questions. This proves just how hard they have worked and hopefully gives them confidence with their ability and knowledge. Another busy week ahead, with exams in RE, Computer Science, PE, Science and English.

Year 10 completed their first English Literature Paper 1 Exam on Monday and overall students were happy with the themes this year. It has been great to see them working hard in their English lessons, AR and after-school intervention sessions. A final push on revision over the weekend for their second paper on Tuesday.



Thank you to Sainsburys and Tesco in the local community for providing us with breakfast items to help fuel students during their breakfast preparation sessions prior to sitting their exams.

Student Support Week 30 Focus: Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is when someone is forced, pressured or tricked into taking part in any kind of sexual activity with another person. It could be online or in person, and it can happen to anyone.

The following [ChildLine](#) website provides further information and support for anyone that may have suffered from or been a victim of sexual abuse.

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 Monday 19th May 2025 – Week 1

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:

- 8th May – 19th June – Year 11 GCSE Exams
- 19th – 20th May – Year 8 HPV Vaccination Clinic
- 23rd May – Sixth Form Leavers BBQ
- 23rd May – End of term
- 2nd June – Students return to school

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

NEWS

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