

Dear Families,

Year 11 Study Leave

A reminder that there is **no study leave** for Year 11 students. All students are expected to remain in school until their final exam and attend **scheduled lessons and 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 on how to book places have now been sent out, if you have not received the communication about this, please contact our Data Manager: Bryony.Elkin@sjt.mmat.co.uk.

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 have been working closely with our IT support team to resolve this and have been informed that we will receive new operating tills. In the meantime, we have implemented a manual system to track what students are purchasing each day and these charges will be added to your child's online lunch account, ParentPay. We will keep you updated on an instalment date for the new tills, but for now, please can we kindly ask that you ensure your child's account has sufficient funds to cover their meals during the period of 19th March to 23rd May 2025. As a general rule, a lunchtime meal deal costs £2.50, or £12.50 per week. This means your current balance could amount to £92.50. This does not include any break time snacks, or additional purchases during lunchtime. For any students in receipt of free school meals, allocated balances have already been removed, so that families can see if extras have been purchased. We understand that this situation may cause some inconvenience and we appreciate your patience and cooperation while we work to restore full functionality. Up to date balances can be obtained from the Operations Manager, should you wish to know this in advance. Thank you for your understanding.



Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

We hope you manage to get a break and we look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 2nd June 2025!

Timetable w/c Monday 2nd June 2025 – Week B

The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies



Mrs Lewis and I have started the process of visiting all of the Year 6s who will be joining us in September in the Shore. It's wonderful to see and hear their excitement about coming to SJT and all of the many questions they have about life in secondary school. It also serves as a fantastic opportunity to reflect on how far our current Year 7s have come since starting in September. The confidence they have and the way they conduct themselves around the school is fantastic, and they should be so proud of the progress they've made through the year.

Our Year 7 Latin students have been learning about Roman theatre and engaged in a creative project by making their own theatrical masks, echoing the traditions of ancient Roman performers. This hands-on activity not only brought the ancient world to life but also fostered a stronger connection between language, history, and art.

Sixth Form

As her role as a member of Shropshire Youth Parliament, Year 12, Stephanie Stimpson arranged an impressive Youth Panel meeting in Shrewsbury with a range of representatives such as Julia Buckley the MP for Shrewsbury, Siobhan Hughes representing Shropshire Council, two representatives from MPFT and commissioners for the NHS and finally the CEO of the SYA charity. Students from schools across Shropshire attended in person and remotely. The aim of the meeting was to allow young people to ask questions and give their views on what issue they felt should be addressed. A group of Year 9 and 10 students from SJT joined remotely and raised questions about future job prospects in Whitchurch and the lack of facilities for young people in the town.



The Harbour – Mr Hawke

Students in Year 8 had their HPV vaccination this week. We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding behaviour and cooperation during this clinic. Your maturity, patience and respectful attitude made the entire process smooth and efficient. Thank you for being such excellent role models and helping create a safe and supportive school environment!

To finish the year 8 PSHE unit of work on physical health and wellbeing year 8 students have been covering basic first aid. Mr Robinson made time in his busy schedule to give practical demonstrations on how to do CPR, use a deliberator and how to put someone in the recovery position.



Student Success



I would like to congratulate our Year 9 students in the Whitchurch Alport U14s. They took part in the League title game over the weekend against Meresiders. Whitchurch were 3 nil down with 6 minutes to go when they produced the come back of all come backs. They scored 3 goals in 6 minutes which took them to a penalty shoot out which they won 4-1!! They were crowned U14s League Champions! They will now attend a special awards night in Shrewsbury in June, well done Whitchurch Alport!

The Quay – Mrs Elms

A huge well done to Emilee, Olivia, Jessica and Rhianwen who won the U15 Charity Cup on Saturday. Congratulations on a great achievement for the Prees Lightening U15 football team.

Year 10 students will be relieved they have now completed both their English Literature exams.



Overall, they were happy with the questions, and they were excellent despite being interrupted with the fire alarm. Year 10 will be having mock exams starting 23 June 2025, followed by a week out of school for work experience.



Our Year 11 students fully deserve the half term break, they have worked exceptionally well for the last three weeks in the exams, lessons and preparation sessions. They have been focussed and producing excellent revision resources, may it continue when we return after the half term break. A reminder that we expect Year 11 students to attend school until their final exam. Lessons and preparation sessions will continue.

An email has been sent to those students who have paid a deposit for prom with full details about the night. Please let us know if you have not received this. We have been kindly donated dresses, jackets, bags and shoes that can be borrowed for prom. Please direct your child to Mrs Elms or Mrs King if they are interested.

Student Support Week 31 Focus: Bullying on Social Media

Anyone can be bullied or trolled on social media. It can be hard to know what to do if it happens to you or someone you know. The following [ChildLine](https://www.childline.gov.uk) website provides further information and support on how to cope with and report bullying.

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 2nd June 2025 – Week 3

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:

- 23rd May – End of term
- 2nd – 19th June – Year 11 GCSE Exam continue
- 2nd June – Students return to school
- 4th June – DofE Bronze Day Walk
- 5th June – Year 7 Keeping in Touch Evening

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

NEWS

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