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Talking Heads 🕠

Dear Families,

Friday 11th July 2025

🏃 Sports Day – Thursday 17th July

We are excited to announce our annual Sports Day will take place on Thursday 17th July. Students will enjoy a variety of fun activities designed to encourage fitness, teamwork, and school spirit. To help the day run smoothly, please ensure your child arrives:

- Dressed in their PE Kit
- Wearing sunscreen (already applied)
- With a sunhat and full refillable water bottle

≒ A Spectacular Performance – The Songs of Oliver!

The school was buzzing with excitement as students wowed audiences with their production of Oliver! Performing to local schools, families, and the wider community, our talented cast brought the characters of Oliver, Fagin, and the Artful Dodger to life. With stirring renditions of "Consider Yourself," "Food, Glorious Food," and "Oom-Pah-Pah," it was a joyful celebration of music, teamwork, and confidence.

A heartfelt thank you to the Performance Department, Mr and Mrs Wainwright, and all staff who helped bring this magical show to the stage

🛑 Warm Weather & Uniform

We will ensure students are comfortable in school with the warmer weather. Students are expected to arrive to school in full uniform and the removal of ties will be managed in school.

- Jumpers are not required during the summer term
- Tailored shorts and short-sleeved shirts/ blouses tucked in are permitted
- Students should wear sunscreen and bring a full refillable water bottle

Full details can be found here: Summer Uniform

Shropshire Holiday Activities and Food Summer Programme

From 21st July to 1st September, Shropshire's HAF programme offers exciting holiday activities and food support for eligible children and young people. To discover what's on this summer, visit: HAF programme - what's on for Summer 2025.

Car Parking Reminder

To help keep everyone safe, please avoid parking outside the school's main entrance or the hall. These areas are strictly reserved for emergency vehicles and disabled access.

Thanks so much for your support — it really makes a difference!

Mr 7im Stonall Headteacher

Timetable w/c Monday 14th July 2025 - Week B

















every year group came together for House Charity Fundraising Week, with a different activity each day - cake sales, quizzes, fun challenges, colourful non-uniforms, and a spirited staff vs. students rounders match to finish the week. Thanks to everyone who baked, donated, played, or cheered, we'll be

sharing totals for each house charities in next weeks bulletin.

More exciting house events are coming next academic year—including a

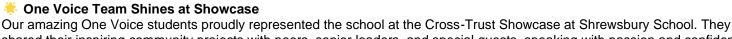
colour run to round off this one. Huge thanks again for your continued support!











shared their inspiring community projects with peers, senior leaders, and special guests, speaking with passion and confidence about all they have achieved this year. After a sunny lunch on the beautiful grounds, the winners were announced. While we just missed out on first place, the team

came away motivated and full of ideas—plans for next year's project are already in motion!









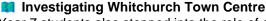
The Shore & Sixth Form Highlights – Mr Davies

Year 7 Explore Air Resistance

A small nurture group of Year 7 students recently brought physics to life with an exciting outdoor investigation into air resistance. By sprinting with and without materials like binbags and cardboard wings, they felt firsthand the drag caused by air pushing against moving objects. This hands-on experiment helped them understand how increased surface area can slow things down—science in motion! We are proud of their curiosity and teamwork and cannot wait to see what they discover next.







Year 7 students also stepped into the role of geographers during a local fieldwork project asking: Is Whitchurch town centre in decline? Working in teams, they gathered data through shop surveys, environmental assessments footfall counts, and public questionnaires. Back in the classroom, they will analyse their findings to better understand how their town is changing - and how geography helps us make sense of the world around us.

Sixth Form Transition Success

We were thrilled to welcome Year 11 students for our two-day Sixth Form transition programme. From engaging taster lessons and study skills

workshops to a university lecture by Staffordshire University, it was an inspiring start to their Year 12 journey. We capped it all off with a sunny BBQ celebration! We are excited to see everyone return for

GCSE results day.

Still exploring your next steps? It is not too late to apply for Sixth Form. Please reach out to Miss Lyons for support and guidance:

Chelsea.Lyons@sjt.mmat.co.uk.



The Harbour - Mr Hawke

ES Year 9 Discover Barcelona - A journey to remember

Year 9 students recently returned from an unforgettable adventure in Barcelona. From the exciting Halsbury Adventure Quest to the breathtaking sights of Casa Milà and Sagrada Família, every moment was filled with discovery. Students explored Las Ramblas, local markets, Montjuïc,

the Gothic Quarter, the Picasso Museum, Camp Nou, and Poble Espanyol.

Students embraced the experience with enthusiasm chatting in Spanish, sampling local foods, and showing remarkable curiosity. Their behaviour and engagement reflected SJT values throughout.



Celebrating Student Creativity

This week's spotlight from Collaboration Day features a powerful poem entitled "Song of the Earth" by Emrys in Year 9—a beautiful reflection of student voice and creative talent

Musical Achievement

A huge congratulations to Isabelle in Year 8, who achieved Grade 5 merits in both piano and violin this half term. As a member of our Ultraviolet school band, she is performed at community and school events with pride and skill. Well done, Isabelle!

The Song of the Earth

The ancient hum, a whisper low, From roots entwined where rivers flow. A pulse that beats in stone and tree, The Earth's own song, for all to see

It sings in the wind through mountain high A lonely note beneath the sky In a crashing wave on a coral strand. A rhythm felt across the land.

The creak of ice, the desert's sigh, The thunder's roar as storms rush by The rustle soft of falling leaves, A melody beyond belief.

From tiny seeds to forest vast, A story told, designed to last. In every breath of living things, The boundless joy that life can bring.

The silent growth of hidden roots, The fragrant bloom, the ripening fruit. The chirp of crickets in the night, The morning chorus, bathed in light.

This grand design, forever new. So listen close, with heart and ear. The Song of Earth, so sweet and clear.

We are but echoes, passing through,

The Quay – Mrs Elms

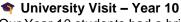
Year 9 – Quay to Success

Year 9 enjoyed a brilliant 'Quay to Success' day last Friday. They met their new crew leaders and designed vibrant house banners, laying a great foundation for the year ahead. Staff shared key messages about the journey into GCSEs, and guest speaker Clive Branson inspired students with his story of resilience and perseverance. Their energy and engagement were fantastic—we are excited to support them next year.



Year 10 – Looking Ahead

After completing work experience placements, Year 10 marked their transition to Year 11 with a celebratory assembly. Students reflected on summer highlights and shared what they had learned from the working world. With mock exam feedback coming soon, the focus turns to preparations for November. We are also gearing up for their final sports day next week—it is going to be a memorable one!



Our Year 10 students had a brilliant opportunity to explore the University of Wrexham this week. They toured the campus, learned about different course options, and got a real feel for life after school. It was an inspiring experience that opened up lots of great conversations about the future. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the visit such a success.



Learning Beyond the Classroom GCSE Geography students took their studies outside with a field trip to the

River Clywedog, gathering real-world data in teams. Their curiosity and collaboration truly shone. Meanwhile, Year 10 explored the University of Wrexham, touring the campus and discovering a range of course options it sparked some great conversations about the future







Student Support – Week 37 Focus: Parental Mental Health We know that parenting while managing mental health challenges can be incredibly tough—routine tasks like mealtimes, school

runs, and bedtimes can feel overwhelming. If this sounds familiar, you are not alone. The NSPCC has shared helpful tips to support parents and carers navigating these struggles.

At school, our Pastoral and Safeguarding team is always available in Student Services. If your child ever has concerns, please remind them to speak to a member of staff—they will make sure the right support is put in place.

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 14th July 2025 – Week 3

Our Spring Summer 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-Spring-Summer-2024-25.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS Click here to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

14th July – DofE Bronze Expedition Presentation 15th July - Y12 GeographyFieldwork trip

- 17th July Sports Day 18th – 21st July – DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
- 21st July Y7 trip to Condover Hall

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22nd July - Y8/9/10/12 Activities Day trip

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