



Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Day 11th November 2016

On Friday we will be remembering those who have lost their lives in battle with a 2 minute silence at 11.00 a.m. after which the Last Post music will be played. Assemblies this week have been dedicated to remembering what the Poppy represents. Year 7 students will take part in a curriculum activity in English related to Remembrance Day.

7 months and counting!

It seems just like yesterday that Year 11 students came in to the school as keen and enthusiastic Year 7 students. We have enjoyed watching them develop and grow into mature and responsible young adults. For some of them their time at SJT is reducing fast, only 7 months left. That means that in the next 7 months they will have completed two mock exams, been to at least two Year 11 Parents' Evenings, made applications for the next part of their journey in their career, booked their place at the Prom, had their last official photos taken as Year 11 students and taken some of the most important exams which will determine their future success. The next 7 months are absolutely crucial and we will do everything we can to support them and get them through what can be a very taxing time, not just for the students but for their parents also.

Year 11 students have two sets of mock exams, the first ones starting next week, week beginning 14th November. I have attached the timetable, although each student should have received their own personalised one. The second mocks are on the week beginning 27th February 2017. Again, students will receive their own personalised timetable for these. There is nothing else for it but to be well prepared, to revise and work hard and to eat healthily including drinking water, taking time to exercise and getting enough sleep. It is down to each student as to how successful they want to be. We want all of them to do well and some are working extremely hard and will be rewarded for their efforts. Please contact Mrs Apperley (apperley.h@sjtc.org) if you require further information.

The first Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 8th December 2016 where mock results will be discussed.

Anti-Bullying Week 14th – 18th November

Assemblies will take place during the week of 14th November with a focus on how to eradicate bullying at SJT. I have agreed for SJT to take part in a national survey where the results will be used as part of national research on bullying. The results will be sent to us which will be very useful to prevent bullying at SJT. Instructions on how to complete the survey can be found on the next page.

Web: www.DitchtheLabel.org or Tweet: @DitchtheLabel or Call: (01273) 201129

Details have been emailed to all students so please encourage your child to take part.

Please contact us if you wish to make us aware of anything. If we don't know there is a problem, then we can't attempt to fix it. Can I take the opportunity to thank parents for their continued support

Wear something spotty for Children in Need Friday 18th November 2016

Year 10 students have come up with the idea of raising money for Children in Need and we are happy to agree to their suggestion. Therefore, students are permitted to wear non-school uniform but must wear an item of clothing which is spotty. They don't have to have the top styles and can come in wearing their uniform with an addition of something 'spotty' for example: socks, a tie, T-shirt, headband, armband and/or nail varnish. They don't need to buy anything new, but might have to be a little creative! Other events include: face painting at lunchtime, coffee morning at breaktime and a staff v 6th Form hockey match at lunchtime. Students **must not** colour their hair or wear face paint when they come into school, but they may have their face painted at lunchtime for a donation. Donation is usually a £1.00 for the day.

Yours sincerely

Ms O Glackin, Assistant Headteacher

House Points

Brown Moss – 2792

Red Brook – 1890

Oss Mere – 1869

Blake Mere – 1978

Parent Forum

On Wednesday 30th November there will be an opportunity for parents to come in and discuss aspects of behaviour; curriculum; assessment; or teaching and learning at SJT. It is best if parents come to the meeting with their own items to be discussed. It is the perfect forum to express concerns, or indeed to feedback on aspects of the school that you are very pleased with. The Forum will take place in the School Hall starting at 6.00 p.m.

Upcoming School Trips

- Year 10 to NEC Birmingham for a careers day – Thursday 17th November

Reminders

From this term, as well as printed copies being handed out to students, school letters may now also be emailed out to relevant parents/carers via the 'In-Touch' system. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8.30am. Call the School on 01948 660600 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence. Please remember to inform us if you have changed your email address.

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January (back in school on Tuesday).

Anti-Bullying Survey

For quick reference it is all completed online.

- Students need to go to this link: www.DTLResearch.org
- Click on "The Annual Bullying Survey UK - 2017"
- Welcome Message - click NEXT
- Choose YES to being at school or college
- It will then ask for your school code which is: **XQ56** after which it will allow students to proceed through the questions (It is important the code is entered so that the results are unique to SJT).

Year 8 Cake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who bought and made cakes from the Year 8 cake sale on Wednesday 2nd November. It was a huge success. We raised £130.38 for the Shropshire Deaf Children's Society! A fantastic turn out from both staff and students. Special mentions to Amy Griffiths and Evie Rymer in year 8 who organised/led the event.



A Level Geography Fieldwork

The A level geographers took part in a weeks' fieldwork in the northern Lake District studying glacial features and rural rebranding. They were treated to some stunning autumn scenery and amazing views as they investigated glacial features on the landscape. Being based just outside Keswick also gave them the opportunity study the changes to the town and the growth of leisure and adventure tourism.



R.E. Trip to Birmingham

On Tuesday 8th November the whole of Year 7 travelled to Birmingham on two coaches to visit two very different religious buildings. The students were welcomed to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick and the Buddhist Peace Pagoda in Ladywood. They looked at the different features of each building which will help the students with their studies on religious buildings and their forthcoming homework project for RE this term which is to make a model of a religious building.

While in the Gurdwara they were invited to sample some food and they enjoyed chapattis, lentil daal, ginger curry and rice pudding.

