

### Dear Families,

#### Open Evening

Last night we held our Open Evening which is primarily for pupils in Years 5 and 6. I was overwhelmed by the number of families who attended from our local feeder primary schools and the wider locality. I spoke about our vision and values and the successes which are reached by 'Achievement through Caring'. The feedback from prospective families was incredibly positive. Our staff helped show our school at its best and our student helpers, tour guides and sixth formers were superb. So many parents commented to me on their helpfulness and enthusiasm.

#### Student Voice

On Thursday last week our children and young people led by Mrs Jennings, collaborated with schools across the Trust at the Student Conference to look at the way forward. They delved into Mental Health and Sustainability. Nicci Vasey, Community Governor, was invited as a guest speaker for Waterwise. Governor Vasey said 'It was an incredible experience with amazing interactions. Pupils from primary up to secondary school attended and it was very inspiring. One student said they hoped to become Prime Minister one day.'

#### Careers, Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG)

This week we would like to introduce Ms Chiverton-Stanway who as well as being an English Teacher, is our CEIAG Lead at SJT. We are looking forward to our annual Careers Fest where students will be given the opportunity to network with a number of businesses and further education providers. This event takes place in school on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. For any questions or queries on careers please email: [sjtcareers@sjt.mmat.co.uk](mailto:sjtcareers@sjt.mmat.co.uk)

#### Attendance and Standards Review

Our attendance records so far this term show that every school in our learning community has made a great start, with each school showing improved attendance and less persistent absence. In classrooms, we have begun our annual self-evaluation cycle that starts with our Standards Review. I have seen strong teaching and learning using a range of ideas to engage learners. I have seen and heard form tutors and class teachers forming relationships by digging deeper and listening to children and young people's learning needs to find the keys that engage the learner.

#### Trust Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies across the Trust. For more information, please visit our Job Vacancies page [here](#).

Mr Tim Stonall  
Headteacher



### Timetable week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Week B

#### Cross Trust Student Conference

Last Thursday, 15 students from KS3, KS4 and Sixth Form attended the inaugural cross Trust Student Conference at AICO in Oswestry. Students collaborated with our 10 other schools across the Trust and the theme of the day was sustainability and mental health.

Nicci Vasey, Governor at SJT delivered a keynote speech on the sustainable use of water and Ben West delivered a very personal story of how mental health has affected his family and the campaigning he is doing to improve the mental health of young people.

Students then workshopped their ideas and came away with an action plan to bring back to school and lead on. The Eco Council are looking into creating a Forest School area and the mental health team have drawn up a wellbeing week plan for the Spring Term.



#### Lockers

Lockers are now available for Years 7-11 students. The lockers now have a key code lock instead of a physical key. The cost of a locker for the full academic year is £25.00 and includes all maintenance visits, an annual 'spring clean' during the summer and a reset of key codes at the start of each academic year. If you wish to purchase a locker, please click [here](#).

#### Student Support

**Week 3 Focus: Keeping Children Safe Online** - The following NSPCC advice is for **parents and carers** to help keep children safe online. - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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.

#### Extra-Curricular Clubs

To view our extra-curricular clubs, please click [here](#). Clubs are run during lunch time and after school. A few things to note:

- There is no charge to attend these clubs.
- You do not need to pre-register for a club, just turn up.
- Clubs are not mandatory, you can attend as many, or as little as you like.
- If your child is attending an after-school club, please make sure they have discussed this with you in advance, so that you know of their location

#### Career of the Week – Visual Merchandiser

Visual merchandisers are responsible for organising, arranging and displaying various types of products. They work to appeal to customers and encourage them to buy merchandise based on their display presentations. If you enjoy working in retail and want to combine creativity with strategic decision-making, then understanding this role can help determine whether to pursue this career. In this article, we define the role of a visual merchandiser, review where they work, explore their responsibilities and discover the necessary skills for the role.

To find out more information about careers as a **Visual Merchandiser** or alternative pathways click here: [UX Designer](#)

#### Upcoming events

- RAF Online event – [RAF World Tickets, Tue 26 Sep 2023 at 19:30](#)
- Careers Festival- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at SJT.

#### Post 16 and 18 Apprenticeship Vacancies

- Apprenticeship Opportunities at [Barlows](#). For more information contact Pauline Elsley: [pauline.elsley@barlowsuk.co.uk](mailto:pauline.elsley@barlowsuk.co.uk)
- L3 Apprenticeship in Childcare.  
Contact: [blossomchildminding@gmail.com](mailto:blossomchildminding@gmail.com)
- [Apprenticeship in the army](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the RAF](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the NHS](#)

To find out more information about local and national apprenticeships visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

#### Taylor Shaw Catering Menu – w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

SPRING/SUMMER 2023  
Lunch Menu Week One

#### GREEN EARTH MONDAY

Garlic Mushroom Mac 'n' Cheese, Crispy Onions  
Quorn Meat Free Meatballs & Tomato Burrito  
Carrots, Sweetcorn, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad  
Dessert of the Day

#### TUESDAY

Chicken Balti, White & Wholegrain Rice  
Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry  
Bombay Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad  
Dessert of the Day

#### WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day  
Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Bake, Sticky Ketchup Glaze  
Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad  
Dessert of the Day

#### THURSDAY

Mexican Style Chilli Beef Lasagne  
Mexican Style Vegetable & Bean Lasagne  
Herby Diced Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad  
Dessert of the Day

#### FRIDAY

Battered Sustainably Sourced Fish & Chips  
Onion Bhaji Burger, Onion Chutney (Ve)  
Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad  
Dessert of the Day

## NEWS

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Why not also follow us on Facebook @[SirJohnTalbotsSchool](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff, and school celebrations to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events [at a glance](#):

- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – DofE Silver – Snowdon Challenge
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Primary Transition event - English
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Y7 Keeping in Touch' Transition Evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Careers Festival
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Sixth Form Open Evening

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

