

### Dear Families,

#### Achievement Through Caring - Caring for others

This week we have reminded KS3 students about our expectations at SJT regarding behaviour at social time. Students have been told to respect personal space and be kind. Though the majority of the behaviour has been intended as friendly playing, safety is always our main concern. We will be asking our student council for their thoughts on developing further activities at social time.

As part of our Standards Review the school has been visited by both Trust and external visitors this week. I received positive comments about the politeness of our students as they walked around site. This is lovely to hear.

#### Be seen in the dark

With the dark night's drawing in, please ensure that students that cycle to and from school are wearing helmets, their bikes have lights, and they are wearing clothing that can ensure they are seen to other road users.

#### Belgium Trip Information – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Families of students attending the trip to Belgium in November have been invited to attend an information sharing event in the School Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 5.30pm with Mrs Couturier, Head of MFL/ Trip Lead.

#### Year 7 Transition Keeping in Touch – 12th October 2023

Invites will be shared early next week for the Year 7 Transition Keeping in Touch event which takes place on 12th October. Parents and students will be invited to attend their 1 to 1 meeting with a staff member where we can discuss how they have settled into their new school and try to resolve any initial concerns or issues. (Students will need to bring their planners).

#### The Great Sir John Talbot's Bake Off – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The Friends of Sir John Talbot's School have organised a Halloween themed Bake Off. Funds raised from the event will be for various initiatives and activities for the benefit of our students. Please click here to read full details including how to submit and entry: [The Great Sir John Talbot's Bake Off](#)

#### Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is open to all students currently in Year 10 and 11 from Sir John Talbot's School as well as students from our wider community. For more information please visit:

[Sixth Form Open Evening Year 10 and 11 - Sir John Talbot's \(sirjohntalbots.co.uk\)](#)

Mr Tim Stonall  
Headteacher



### Timetable week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 – Week A

#### Latin Trip

Last Thursday, 25 Latin students travelled to Bath for an enrichment weekend. They visited Chedworth Roman Villa, the amphitheatre at Cirencester on the first day. The next day started with a teaching session at the Roman Baths, looking at inscriptions and artefacts associated with the Baths followed by a one hour tour. After lunch they visited the Herschel Museum located in the house where William Herschel discovered a new planet (Uranus) in 1781. This was followed by a

#### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Last Monday, Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants at Silver and Gold delivered some excellent presentations about their expeditions to an audience of parents, friends, and staff. This now completes their expedition section of their awards.



walking tour of Bath, which included the Royal Crescent and Pulteney Bridge. On the return journey, they took a short detour into Wales where they viewed the Roman walls at Caerwent.



#### Study skills and supporting as a parent/carer

The brilliant educational writer Kate Jones has put together a webinar to help inform parents/carers about study strategies that are unpinned by research. Please take a look at this useful resource to help with ensuring that we are supporting our students with the most effective methods.

[Effective Study Strategies: Webinar for parents and carers](#)

#### Student Support

##### Week 3 Focus: Sharing nudes and semi-nudes

The following NSPCC advice is for **parents and carers** to help you understand the risks and support your child if they've been sending, sharing or receiving nude images.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/sexting-sending-nudes/>

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 tell you in advance, so you know of their location

#### Career of the Week – Water Quality Scientist

A water quality scientist carries out testing and analysis of water obtained from three main sources: groundwater, surface water (lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.), and drinking water.

Daily work activities include collecting and testing water samples using approved biological, chemical and other scientific testing procedures, providing solutions on improving and maintaining water quality, inspecting and reporting on water pollution issues, and providing expert advice on the prevention of pollution, contamination and the safe release of sewage and industrial effluents into local water environments. Water quality scientists are employed by water supply and multi-utility providers across the UK, regulatory bodies, local and central government authorities, commercial consultancies and non-profit environmental entities.

To find out more information about careers as a **Water quality scientist** or alternative pathways click here: [Water Quality Scientist](#)

#### Upcoming events

- [Cheshire College Open Evening's – 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023](#)
- 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

Click [here](#) to view our Vacancies:

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 30<sup>th</sup> September – DofE Silver Snowdon Challenge
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – Belgium trip parent information evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Primary Transition event - English
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Y7 Transition Keeping in Touch
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friends of the School SJT Bake Off
- 18<sup>th</sup> October - Careers Festival
- 19<sup>th</sup> October - Sixth Form Open' Evening

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

## NEWS

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