

Dear Families,

Laying the foundations for a great year...

This week is the end of our standards review. We have been evaluating standards of the school with internal and external visitors. I was delighted to welcome Dan Roycroft, Headteacher from Hadley Learning Community this week. He commented that "It has been a privilege to spend a day at SJT and to support you with your standards review. The staff at SJT have been welcoming and have helped me gain an insight into the many wonderful opportunities they give the young people each day. I have a clear sense of community as I have worked within the school. The Headteacher understands the importance of the role of the school in the community and the importance of safeguarding all young people. There is an open and honest appraisal of the school and senior leaders are able to identify key priorities for the school as they move forward. Students have been polite and respectful throughout the day, staff are empathetic and share the values of the Trust."

We now look to build on these foundations with 5 overarching development priorities in our **School Development Plan**.

Quality of Education	1. To develop the Kaleidoscope Curriculum:
Behaviour and Attitudes	2. To be an inclusive community school where everyone has a genuine sense of respect, belonging and ownership with its vision and values.
Personal Development	3. The school becomes a hub for the community where all learners can find pathways to a successful future.
Leadership and Management	4 Leadership across the school will build resilience, improve facilities and increase connection with our stakeholders.
Sixth Form	5 To have a growing Sixth Form with a reputation for the highest standards of achievement and a caring supportive environment.

Uniform

Jumpers should be worn by students as part of the school uniform. Students should wear jumpers in school and staff will manage the removal according to the environment and comfort.

The Great Sir John Talbot's Bake Off – 16th 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 an entry which will allow us to plan the logistics of the event:

[The Great Sir John Talbot's Bake Off](#)

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable week commencing Monday 9th October 2023 – Week B

Attendance

Good attendance is vital in school because studies have proven that children are more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Our school's minimum expectation is that your child should be in school at least 96% of the school year. Punctuality is equally as important and arriving at school by 8:40am means that they can start their day promptly and well prepared.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to our school Attendance Officer, Anna Bennett, who can support with any barriers to attendance your child may have. Tackling an issue promptly means that your child can be in school accessing their education. Please contact sjtattendance@sjt.mmat.co.uk or call 01948 660600.

Spare Uniform - Shoes

We are looking for any spare school shoes (preferably girls' size 5&6) that you may no longer require to help our student services department. Shoes must be plain black leather or leather look school or office style.

Shoes must **not** be canvas, suede, contain coloured flashes, logos, eyelets that are not black. Boots, trainers or canvas pumps of any kind are also **not permitted**.

If you have any spare school shoes that you would be happy to donate, please drop them into reception.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The "Snowdon Challenge" was certainly that for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Participants. Although the hike started in light rain, as we climbed by early afternoon the winds and rain increased. Within 1 km of the top, it was decided the conditions were becoming too poor to continue and we headed down the mountain. Lunch was eaten in bivvy shelters, a great learning exercise to show the importance of proper kit. Once down off the mountain, the group were then treated to hot chocolates in a local cafe while they began to dry out! The students definitely showed resilience and determination on the climb and we hope to repeat the challenge again in the summer term when the skies are blue!!!



Geography Fieldwork

Last week, Year 12 Geographers visited Crewe town centre as part of their unit of work on regenerating places. Students practiced fieldwork techniques to collect data on how migration has affected Nantwich Road, the impact the Market Hall redevelopment has had on the town centre and how local and national investment is helping to redevelop the local area.



Student Support Week 4 Focus: Vaping and drug misuse

The following **Childline** advice is for **parents and carers** to help you understand the risks associated with vaping and drug misuse. [Vaping | Childline](#)

Please read the National College leaflet below to find out more information about the dangers of vaping. [Dangers of Vaping](#)

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.

Career of the Week – Yoga Instructor

A yoga instructor is a trained professional who teaches the practice of yoga to students in a group or individual setting. Their primary responsibility is to guide students through various yoga postures, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health. They work to create a safe and comfortable environment for students of all levels and abilities to practice yoga. Yoga instructors also focus on helping their students develop a deeper understanding of yoga philosophy and its principles.

To find out more information about careers as a **Yoga instructor** or alternative pathways click here: [Yoga Instructor](#)

Upcoming events

- [Cheshire College Open Evening's – 11th & 14th October 2023](#)
- SJT Careers Festival - Wednesday 18th October
- [Digital Careers Fair](#) – Friday 20th October 2023 (Y10, 11, 12 & 13)

Post 16 and 18 Apprenticeship Vacancies

- Apprenticeship Opportunities at [Barlows](#). For more information contact Pauline Elsley: pauline.elsley@barlowsuk.co.uk
- L3 Apprenticeship in Childcare. Contact: 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 9th October 2023

SPRING/SUMMER 2023
Lunch Menu Week Three
GREEN EARTH MONDAY
Quorn Cheeseburger Cauliflower Cheese & Pasta Bake Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
TUESDAY
Chicken Tikka Masala, White & Wholegrain Rice Lentil & Vegetable Tikka Masala, served with Mixed Rice Green Beans, Baked Beans, Mixed Rice Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
WEDNESDAY
Roast of the Day Cheese & Red Onion Plan Roasted Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
THURSDAY
Chicken Jambalaya White & Wholegrain Rice Southern Spiced Plant Bake, Sticky Ketchup Glaze Mixed Vegetables, Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
FRIDAY
Battered Sustainably Sourced Fish & Chips Rainbow Vegetable Frittata Chipped Potatoes, Mushy 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](#):

- 10th October – Belgium trip parent information evening
- 12th October – Primary Transition event - English
- 12th October – Y7 Transition Keeping in Touch
- 13th -14th October – DofE Gold - Malham
- 16th October – Friends of the School SJT Bake Off
- 18th October - Careers Festival
- 19th October - Sixth Form Open' Evening

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

NEWS

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