

Dear Families,

Year 7 End of Transition - Belonging

Last night we invited our Year 7 families to meet with their child's Form Tutors to discuss how their children have settled into the SJT community and there was a real sense of belonging. Mrs Lewis, Progress Lead Year 7/ Head of Transition, said 'It was lovely to see so many positive families discussing how happy their child is at Sir John Talbot's School and for us to be able to share how well they have settled as a year group.' All students now have a busy week ahead before they can take a well-earned break over the forthcoming half term (Monday 23rd October, returning to school on Tuesday 7th November 2023).

Punctuality communication

This week Mrs Bennett, Attendance Officer, wrote to all parents about punctuality to emphasise the importance of being in school on time. If you missed the communication the letter can be read here: [Punctuality letter](#)

Road Safety

It is important that students are reminded of the need to keep safe and be aware of their surroundings when travelling to and from school or being out socially in their communities. With the dark night's drawing in, please ensure that students cycling to school are wearing clothing that can ensure they are seen to other road users. They must wear a helmet, and bikes should have lights. For more information on road safety and bikeability training, please click on the link here: [Road safety | Shropshire Council](#)

Sixth Form Open' Evening – Thursday 19th 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 \(sirjohntalbots.co.uk\)](#)

The Great Sir John Talbot's Bake Off – 16th October 2023 (Break time)

The Friends of Sir John Talbot's School (FOTS) have organised a The Great Sir John Talbot's School Bake Off which will take place on Monday next week. It's not too late to enter students have a weekend to bake before dropping off their Halloween themed bakes off at Reception when they arrive at school. Judging will take place during the morning with prizes given. Bakes will be sold to students who wish to purchase them during break time and funds raised from FOTS events will go towards various initiatives and activities for the benefit of all students and the school. **Items will be on sale for purchase by all students and staff from 50p to £1 during social time.**

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



The Friends of Sir John Talbot's School

The Great SJT Bake Off 2023

16th October 2023




Themes: Halloween Horrors or Cupcake Extravaganza

Open to all students
Great prizes to be won
Bake Sale at break time

[Click here for more information!](#)

Timetable week commencing Monday 16th October 2023 – Week A

Y6 English Transition Event

Today we welcomed the Year 6 cohort from Whitchurch Juniors for an English transition event. Students took part in a creative writing task which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was lovely to meet some of the students who will be joining us in September 2024, and we hope to see them again soon. Well done Year 6, you are a fantastic group of students!



RAM Leisure Free Delivery

RAM Leisure have reintroduced their free delivery to schools for any uniform orders placed before the last Thursday of each month SJT.

ParentPay - top up lunch account

If your child eats from the school canteen, please ensure that there are sufficient funds on their lunch account on ParentPay. Any students who receive Free School Meals have a daily allowance of £2.40. Funds not used on the day are not carried over. Funds over £2.40 will need to be provided by the family.

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, leather look, school or office style. Shoes must **not** be canvas, suede, contain coloured flashes, logos, eyelets that are not black and 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.

Student Support Week 5 Focus: Mental Health

This week we celebrated World Mental Health Day. In association with [Mind](#) and ITV, students were set a 'different kind of homework' involving talking with a parent or carer about their feelings.

The following **NSPCC** advice is for **parents and carers** to help you recognise the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health and understand ways in which you can support them. [NSPCC Mental Health Advice](#)

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 relevant person to deal with.

Gardening Donations

We are looking for any unwanted gardening items you might have for our new internal Alternative Provision gardening sessions. These can be items such as:

- Potato bags
- Compost
- Bulbs
- Winter bedding plants
- Seeds for winter growing
- Anything gardening related

If you would like to donate any items, please kindly drop them off at reception. Thank you.

Career of the Week – Zoologist

A zoologist is a scientist who studies animals and their behaviour, physiology, genetics, and ecology. Zoologists may specialize in studying a particular group of animals, such as birds, mammals, reptiles, or insects, or they may focus on a particular aspect of animal biology, such as animal behaviour or the evolution of species. Zoologists use a variety of research methods, including field observations, laboratory experiments, and computer simulations, to understand how animals interact with their environment, each other, and their own species.

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

Upcoming events

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

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 16th October 2023

| SPRING/SUMMER 2023 | |
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| 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](#):

- 13th -14th October – DofE Gold - Malham
- 16th October – The Great SJT Bake Off (FOTS)
- 18th October - Careers Festival
- 19th October - Sixth Form Open' Evening
- 20th October – Last day of Autumn Term 1 (3.15pm)
- 6th November – PD Day (Staff only in school).
- 7th November – Students return to school

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



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

