

### Dear Families,

On Monday, students and staff at Sir John Talbot's School showed their respect for Remembrance Day by reflecting together in their classrooms to remember those who gave their lives with a minute's silence. Students from community groups attended school in their respective uniform and took part in the laying of a wreath in the School Hall. The children were a credit to both you and the school and I commend them. I would like to thank all students who submitted an entry to our 'Design your own Remembrance flower competition', the level of work was outstanding to see. The overall winner with her design was Sasha Boichuk (Y7) with highly commended work from Maggie Kennedy (Y7) and Ryan Edwards (Y10) for their beautiful designs.

### Mock exams continue

Our mock exams continue next week for both Year 11 and Year 10. On the whole student's behaviour and application has been excellent this week. It is imperative that students remain silent before, during and after the examination and this will be the key focus for next week. It is also important that students use the mocks to prepare themselves for the real thing. Exams can be stressful, so learning to manage workload and expectations is another key learning from mocks. Students will be receiving feedback from class teachers, but the official 'mock result day' will be on the same day as our Year 11 Keeping in Touch' Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Belgium trip

Last week students returned from a 4-day trip to Belgium. It was lovely to hear the students sharing their experiences with their peers. The trip was reflective due to the time of year, with a visit to the Flanders War Museum. The rain didn't dampen spirits but made them reflect on how harrowing it must have been living in the trench's day in day out during the war. Students also had the opportunity to visit several tourist spots, including the Diamond Museum, Choco Story and go on a canal cruise. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Couturier, Head of MFL, for organising a fantastic trip, it's wonderful to see overseas trip slowly coming back into the curriculum.

### Friends of Sir John Talbot's School – Christmas Prize Bingo Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Information went out this week about our first Christmas Prize Bingo, organised by the Friends of the School (FOTS). Please join us with your family and friends to raise money to support the students and the school.

### Early closure of school – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

The school will close at the earlier time of 2pm on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, more information to follow.

Mr Tim Stonall

Headteacher



## Timetable w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Week B

### Belgium



### Student Support Week 8 Focus: Discrimination and Hate Crime

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October

Discrimination and hate crime are against the law.

Discrimination is when someone treats you differently, unfairly or worse because of your age, being disabled, your gender, gender identity, being married or in a civil partnership, being pregnant or having a child, your religion or beliefs, your race, skin colour or where you were born or your sexuality.

A hate crime is a prejudice-motivated crime which occurs when a perpetrator targets a victim because of their perceived membership of a certain social group.

For more information and to find out ways to get support related to discrimination and hate crime click the following [link](#).

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.

### Blackberry Fair

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the SJT Senior Band performed at the annual Blackberry Fair festival in Whitchurch. The students had a slot right in front of the Civic Centre on the "Pedal Power Stage" and coped brilliantly with the technical challenges of performing in an outdoor environment with unfamiliar equipment. Well done to all students involved, you were a credit to the school.



### Houses of Parliament

On Wednesday, students from the School Council and Speaking and Listening club visited the Houses of Parliament to learn about democracy and to take part in a law and debating workshop. Pupils had a fantastic time exploring the historic building and learning about the role of MPs, Lords and the Speaker.



### Save the Date - Christmas Concert & Pantomime - Talbot Theatre

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Evening performances  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Community Matinee for invited primary schools and local community groups.

### November

November is the leading charity changing the face of men's health and this November, our very own Mr Timmis, Mr Goldsmith and Mr Dodd are attempting to grow a moustache for this great cause. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so by clicking here: [November](#). Together we can make a difference for men's health – in prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.



### Road Safety

Students that walk/cycle to school, need to ensure they are wearing clothing that can be seen to other road users. Students cycling must wear a helmet and bikes should have lights.

### Career of the Week – Chef

A chef is a professional cook and tradesman who is proficient in all aspects of food preparation, often focusing on a particular cuisine. The word "chef" is derived from the term chef de cuisine.

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

### Events

Work experience Y10 & 12 – w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

SPRING/SUMMER 2023	
Lunch Menu Week One	
<b>GREEN EARTH MONDAY</b>	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Chicken Balti, White & Wholegrain Rice Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Bombay Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast of the Day Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Bake, Sticky Ketchup Glaze Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mexican Style Chili Beef Lasagne Mexican Style Vegetable & Bean Lasagne Herby Diced Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Mixed Garden Salad Dessert of the Day
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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

## NEWS

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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](#):

- W/c 20<sup>th</sup> November – Y11 Mock exams (Series 1-week 2/2)
- 21<sup>st</sup> November – Classical lectures
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Whitchurch Christmas light switch on
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – A-Level Tectonic Hazard revision conference
- 30<sup>th</sup> November – Y7 recognition trip to the Pantomime

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

