

Dear Families,

'Safer Streets 5' Initiative

We are incredibly proud of our Year 8 students who have completed their final workshop on the 'Safer Streets 5' programme, a part of a Government initiative aimed at reducing violence against women and girls. Earlier this year, students participated in a two-day training workshop and this session focused on developing projects to raise awareness across the school and local community.

These important initiatives will be showcased by the students throughout this half term, and we are excited to see the positive impact they will have. At Sir John Talbot's School, we are committed to empowering students to make a difference and contribute to creating safer communities for everyone.

Key Dates for your calendar – February 2025:

- **Year 9 Options and KiT evening – Thursday 6th February 2025**
Our Year 9 Keeping in Touch and Options Evening takes place on Thursday 6th February 2025. Details will be sent out closer to the time, but for now, please save the date.
- **Collaboration and Professional Development Days (inc Half Term) - Friday 14th to Monday 24th February 2025**
As advertised on our term dates, students are calendared to study from home on Friday 14th February 2025 as part of our Trust Collaboration Day. This day enables us to bring together key thinkers and leaders from across our schools to develop Trust strategy together. This work benefits all children and young people and moves our Trust toward our shared goals. Information on student study will be shared closer to the date.
This date is immediately followed by our Spring Half Term and Professional Development (PD) Day with students expected to return to school on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

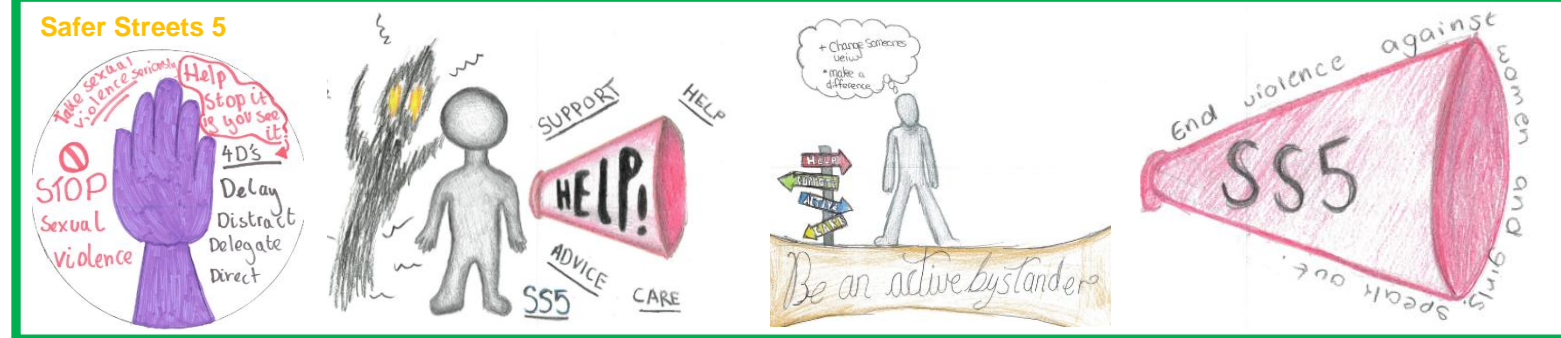


Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Medical Conditions and Medications

Families are reminded to ensure the school is aware of any medical conditions for your child. Any medicines should be brought into reception and a form completed with all relevant dosage details. Further information can be obtained by contacting Katherine Mills, Operations Manager: Katherine.Mills@sjt.mmat.co.uk.

Timetable w/c Monday 20th January 2025 – Week A



Christmas tubs

Greene King pub chain are running a 'Tub2Pub'. This is a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support: [Tub2Pub](https://www.tub2pub.com). If you have any unwanted plastic sweet, chocolate, or biscuit tubs, please bring them into school by the 24th January, for the Eco Council to collect and raise money for this amazing charity, while cutting down on plastic waste at the same time.

The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

This week, Year 7 have been reflecting on their first term at secondary school and using the new term as an opportunity to set new goals for themselves. Topics have ranged from attendance to homework and getting involved with clubs and opportunities around the school. It's been refreshing to see their ambition in their goals, and we look forward to seeing their persistence in reaching them. In celebrating their successes, we have also been reviewing how we reward students each week with Mrs Lewis and their Form Tutor's doing great work on updating the rewards for each week's 'Star Pupils'.

The first week of our Sixth Form Mock Exams has flown by, with our students coping brilliantly with the process of revision and assessments across their subjects. The schedule of the Sixth Form hasn't let up though, with a busy week of more UCAS applications being sent off and exciting preparations for Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations in February and an Apprenticeship trip for Year 12 at the start of March. Miss Lyons and I will share more details in the coming weeks, but it's fantastic to have such a range of opportunities lined up for our children and young people.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

This week in assembly, I shared with students in Years 8 and 9 about my "claim to fame". At the age of 11, I played former world number 1 tennis player, Andy Murray, in a junior tournament when he was just 6 years old. We explored some of the ways Andy "dared to be different" as a teenager and young adult, committing to early nights, early wakeups, a healthy lifestyle, a solo move to Spain aged just 15 and a relentless training and practise schedule in pursuit of success. I have challenged students to "dare to be different" in life to help them stand out from the competition and pursue success.

Year 9 have made a good start to their non-core subject exams this week, marking the start of the options process. We are currently finalising our options booklet, which will be shared with parents in due course, together with more information on the options process.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

Congratulations to 10AL and 11YA for winning the GCSE Podding competition for accessing the most GCSEPods over the Christmas holiday and were rewarded with breakfast snacks for this last Friday.

Year 11 started this week with an assembly reminding them about the ingredients required for them to 'Reach for Success'. Attendance and punctuality to school, lessons and revision sessions are vital when reaching for success. After-school sessions continue to be well attended and will be available until the start of exams.

Year 10 received an assembly on 1% marginal gains and what 1% changes they can make to ensure they achieve the grade they are fully capable of in their GCSE English Literature exam.

Year 10 Boys' Football team had a comfortable 6-1 win against Ellesmere College on Wednesday. Our man of the match, George, scored 4 goals. Great effort boys!



Student Support Week 16 Focus: Hate Crime

A hate crime is defined as 'any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender.' A hate incident is any incident which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.

The following link [Metropolitan Police – Hate Crime](https://www.met.police.uk/hate-crime) provides more information to support in understanding more about the different types of hate crime, how to report a hate crime incident, and the possible sentence term for anyone found guilty of committing a hate crime.

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.

Our Curriculum

At SJT, our curriculum is at the heart of our school vision and built upon the foundations of our values: excellence, integrity, empathy, creativity, and equality. We encourage our students to have awareness of their journey of learning in each subject with learning journeys so they can navigate through the curriculum alongside their teachers. For more information, please click on the link here: [Our Curriculum - Sir John Talbot's](#)

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu w/c 20th January 2025

Our Autumn Menu and Tariff can be found on our school website in the Family Information section which is located under School Life. Or you can click on the direct link here: [Menu-Autumn-Winter-2024.pdf](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- w/c 20th January – Sixth Form Mock Exams Week 2 of 2
- 30th January – Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip
- 30th and 31st January – Year 9 Vaccination Clinic
- 31st January and 1st February – DofE Gold Training
- 3rd – 6th February – Sixth Form Trip to Krakow

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