

Dear Families,

Parents/ Carers Experience Survey

As communicated earlier this week our survey platform provider Edurio want to learn more about how they can help our school and the Marches Academy Trust to improve parental engagement and would be keen to hear from you through the Parents/ Carers Experience Survey by clicking the link here: [Parent Experience: Survey for Parents and Carers](#). This survey will ask questions about the communication between carers and school, confidence in the school's strategy and other aspects. Your time and honesty is much appreciated!

If you would like support completing this survey, please do not hesitate to contact the school: Admin@sjt.mmat.co.uk

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. Please find link to our Options booklet here: [Year 9 Options – Sir John Talbot's](#)

If you have not booked your appointments, please do so at your earliest. The evening will give you the opportunity to speak to Subject Teachers about your child's studies and progress. Crucially, the evening is a great opportunity to find out more about the Options Process and talk to teachers about the subjects on offer. We look forward to welcoming as many of our parents and students of Year 9 at this event.

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

Reubens BBQ & Grill – Fund Raising

On Sunday, Reubens BBQ and Grill, Pepper Street, held their monthly community fund raising event to raise funds for Sir John Talbot's School. A total of £317 was raised. Thank you to Alderford, Tesco Shrewsbury, Sweet Little Things (Bakes) and others for their kind donations of raffle prizes with special thanks to all the staff at Reubens and to those who attended to make it a great night.

Timetable w/c Monday 3rd February 2025 – Week A

Eco Council Green Flag Award

Since December, the newly formed Eco Council has been working hard on the planning phase of the Eco School Green Flag award. After completing an environmental audit of the ten topics, students have decided to focus on improving the school grounds, reducing litter and helping the marine environment.



Oliver Performance Postponed

Our performance of 'Oliver' has been postponed until later in the year. Our cast are working extremely hard on this and the rehearsals are going very well. The new dates for the performance will be confirmed and communicated out as soon as possible.

The Shore and Sixth Form – Mr Davies

Our Year 7s have continued to throw themselves into life at SJT, with this Tuesday seeing 15 of our students out at a Hockey tournament with Mrs Sullivan. As always, they represented the school impeccably and represented the school values to the fullest. Away from the sporting fixtures, 7ESM have been working diligently on their assembly based around the theme of 'Integrity'. We look forward to hearing from them in the coming weeks.'

Congratulations to our Y13s who have all successfully met the deadline and submitted their UCAS applications to for universities up and down the country this week. It's been fantastic to see each of the students thinking about their future and their next steps on the journey, brilliantly supported by Mrs Lyons and our amazing Sixth Form Tutor team.

On a similar theme of next steps, we've also completed our Sixth Form interviews of Y11 students this week. Students have been confident and reflective on what they want to achieve in their time in the Sixth Form and assured in the personal qualities they'd bring to the environment. Offer letters will be coming to students in the next few weeks.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

Following the end of Year 9 non-core exams last week, Year 9 have been receiving feedback from class teachers on their performance. Our Options process is now underway and this week I gave an assembly in which students were informed of the next steps and listened to a presentation from our Careers Advisor, Mr Pete Small, on "how to choose your GCSE Options". This presentation and our 2025 Options Booklet can be viewed on our website link above.

Hard copies of the booklet will be available at our Year 9 Keeping in Touch / Options evening next Thursday, 6th February. Appointment bookings are open and I would encourage all families to attend this key event in shaping what your child's education will look like at Key Stage 4.

Thank you to all Year 9 students for their good behaviour during the vaccination clinic this week. The nurses complimented how patient, calm and polite they all were.

The Quay – Mrs Elms

Students in Years 10 and 11 received assemblies this week focusing on different revision strategies to use as we head towards the second set of mock examinations which commence on Tuesday 25th February. Please do encourage your child to attend after-school revision sessions.

	Monday 3.15	Tuesday 3.15	Wednesday 3.15	Friday 3.15
Week A	Option block B DT, Food, Business, Spanish	Religious Studies	Geography/ History Year 10 English Lit	Independent revision Library (AE, JT, SC)
Week B	Option block C Business, Spanish, Photography, PE, Sport Studies, Computing	Science	English (Selected students) Maths	Independent revision Library (AE, JT, SC)



Year 10 Geographers conducted fieldwork study for GCSE Geography in Liverpool yesterday. Students surveyed the quality of the environment, the types of shops in Liverpool One and asked members of the public questions. The aim of the trip was to see if the regeneration of the Albert Docks and Liverpool One had been a success. All students represented the school very well by being pleasant and polite when interacting with the public.

Our Prom Committee will be attending the Year 9 Keeping in Touch and Options Evening on Thursday and hosting a cake sale to help raise money towards their Prom this year.

Student Support Week 18 Focus: Preventing Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Children and young people are most likely to be at risk of sexual abuse within their family and community. But not all sexual abuse is carried out by adults. Around one-third of child sexual abuse is thought to be carried out by under-18s. Harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) is a term used to describe sexual actions that are outside what is safe for a young person's stage of development. It includes actions that can harm either the child or young person themselves, or another person.

The following [Stop it Now](#) article is designed to support parents/carers in understanding more about '[harmful sexual behaviour](#)' and provides information on how to best protect their child(ren) from becoming victims of HSB.

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 3rd February 2025

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 3rd – 6th February – Sixth Form trip to Krakow
- 6th February – Year 9 Keeping in Touch and Options Evening
- 6th February – Year 10 Theatre trip 'An Inspector Calls'
- 11th February – A-Level Art and Photography trip to Birmingham
- 12th – 13th February – Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Residential Trip to London

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

NEWS

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