


Timetable w/c Monday 2nd February 2026 – Week A

Showcasing Our New Learning for Life Animation!

We're excited to introduce our brand-new animation, highlighting the incredible support available to children and young people through The Wave system and The Shore. This engaging animation shows how our schools create a nurturing environment where every learner feels supported, valued and empowered to thrive.

From tailored learning plans to emotional and social support, we're shaping brighter futures together. [Learning for Life](#)

The Shore – Mrs Lewis


 This week in Crew, students have been focusing on a really important topic: **Road Safety**.

Year 7 is often the point where many young people begin to travel more independently - walking to school on their own, catching the bus without an adult, or cycling around their neighbourhood. With that new independence comes a whole set of real-time decisions around roads, traffic, and crossings.

Although our students are bright and capable, their judgement and impulse control are still developing at 11–12 years old. It's easy for them to misjudge the speed of a car, get distracted by friends or phones, or choose a shortcut that isn't the safest option.

That's why road safety education matters. It helps them build good habits now, before risky behaviour becomes routine. Throughout the week, students have been working through scenarios and watching short videos designed to help them think carefully about how to stay safe, make sensible choices, and stay aware when they're out and about.


The Harbour – Mr Hawke

 As part of the Year 9 Religious Education programme, students have been exploring the Holocaust and its lasting impact on individuals, communities and the wider world. After studying this period in depth, they examined a range of Holocaust memorials from around the globe, discussing how different countries choose to remember and honour those who suffered.

Building on this learning, students were then challenged to design and create their own memorials. This hands-on project encouraged thoughtful reflection, creativity and a deeper understanding of why remembrance matters.




A number of Year 9 students also had the valuable opportunity to listen live to a Holocaust survivor speak. This session, arranged by Mr Richards, Director of Humanities, offered a powerful first-hand account that helped bring their classroom learning to life.

 Today we celebrated some of our fantastic Year 8 and Year 9 students with a special rewards breakfast. The top 20 students in each year group - those who achieved the highest number of positive behaviour points during Autumn 2 - were invited to enjoy a relaxed morning treat during Crew time.

They tucked into a selection of pastries and fresh fruit as a well-deserved "well done" for their brilliant attitude, effort and contribution to school life.

We're really proud of the way these students consistently set such a positive example, and we look forward to recognising even more achievements as the year continues.





 Over the past two days, our Year 9 vaccination clinic took place in the School Hall, and I want to commend all students for their excellent behaviour. Their calmness, maturity, and kindness were clear throughout.


They truly embodied our Trust value of "Caring about Others" - offering reassurance, encouragement, and support to classmates receiving their vaccines. Moments like these show the strength of our school community and the character of our young people.


The Quay and Sixth Form – Mrs Elms

It's been a busy and productive week across school as students continue to build momentum towards their upcoming assessments.

 In the Department of Creativity, our Year 11 students have been working hard to ensure they are meeting the criteria for their coursework in Art, Photography and Design Technology. Meanwhile, our Food and Nutrition students have now completed their second NEA, producing dishes that were both delicious and beautifully presented.

 During Crew time, Year 10 have shown real focus as they continue working on the poetry component of their English Literature course in preparation for their mock exam. It has also been great to see Year 11 using their Crew sessions to tackle maths problems and build confidence ahead of their assessments.

 A reminder that mock exams begin after the February half-term break, starting on **Wednesday 25th February**. We encourage all students to make good use of the revision strategies they've been developing throughout the year and apply them across all subjects.

 Years 12 and 13 delivered a highly impressive performance in our inaugural Cuban Missile Crisis conflict-resolution simulation. Students demonstrated disciplined teamwork, calm and capable leadership under pressure, and a mature grasp of complex global events. Their diplomacy was outstanding throughout, and all delegates delivered powerful speeches that elevated the debate even further.

Gareth Von Dinther, Chair of Governors and Regional Director of the United Nations Association, praised the calibre of their work, noting that the standard of debate was comparable to that seen at national and international Model UN summits. It was an exceptional showing from every delegate involved. Well done all.



Our Curriculum

At Sir John Talbot's, our curriculum reflects the values we live by - excellence, integrity, empathy, creativity, and equality. We use learning journeys to help students understand how each subject develops, so they can follow their progress with confidence and support. For more information, please click on the link here: [Our Curriculum - Sir John Talbot's](#)

ABM Catering Menu – W/C Monday 2nd February 2026 – Week 2

Our Spring Menu is located on our school website in the Family Information section under School Life. You can also click on the direct link here: [Family Information - School Meals](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 30th & 31st January – DofE Gold Training, Cynwyd Mountain Centre
- 5th February – Year 9 Keeping in Touch (KiT) and Options Evening
- 6th February – RAF Cosford trip
- 6th February – GCSE PE Mock Moderation Day

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