

Timetable w/c Monday 9th February 2026 – Week B

Parent Coffee Morning

Families are invited to join us for a Coffee Morning on Friday 27th February. This is a chance to meet our Headteacher and the Chair of Governors, enjoy a drink together and have an open discussion about your thoughts and feedback. We look forward to seeing you there – bring your ideas and questions and let's talk!

The Shore

We'd like to extend a big thank you to local company, **Landia**, for their generous donation of table and chair sets for our Year 7 Shore area.

These additions have helped us create a calm, structured space where students can focus, work quietly, or receive support when needed. The new furniture has already made the area more welcoming and purposeful, and we're grateful for Landia's contribution to enhancing our school environment.



The Harbour

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Year 9 Keeping in Touch (KiT) evening and Options evening last night. It was a great opportunity for students and families to connect with staff and gather the information they need as they look ahead to Years 10 and 11.

Students met with their teachers to discuss how they're getting on in lessons and to reflect on their progress so far. Families also had the chance to speak with subject departments about GCSE courses, helping students make confident and informed choices for the next stage of their learning. The atmosphere throughout the evening was positive and purposeful, and we hope you found the conversations helpful. The Options Booklet was shared via email yesterday and can also be located on the website here: [Year 9 Options - Sir John Talbot's](#)
A special mention goes to our Prom Committee, who were on hand serving refreshments to raise funds for the Year 11 prom.



This week, I had the absolute pleasure of visiting our Wednesday Period 5 enrichment sessions in The Harbour, and I couldn't resist sharing some of the wonderful things happening there. Students were fully immersed in activities that stretched their creativity, curiosity and confidence in all sorts of directions.

Across the classrooms and activity spaces, I saw everything from the quiet focus of origami and crochet to the high-energy buzz of gymnastics and fitness. Some students were cracking codes, others were building rockets, and all of them were clearly enjoying the chance to learn in new and exciting ways. It was inspiring to see just how much pride students take in their work and how enthusiastically they embrace these opportunities. Their creativity and commitment really shone through.



The Quay

Our GCSE Drama students took to the stage last Thursday night for a fantastic evening of scripted performances, showcasing the pieces they've been preparing for their upcoming exam. Families and staff were treated to extracts from *Teechers* by John Godber, *Blood Brothers* by Willy Russell and *Three Tall Women* by Edward Albee - an impressive range that really highlighted the students' talent and versatility.

As well as being great entertainment, the evening served as a valuable practice run ahead of their formal exam. It gave students the chance to perform in front of a live audience, gather feedback and make those final refinements before the examiner arrives on 9 February.

The students were outstanding throughout and approached the whole experience with real professionalism. A huge well done to every one of them, and a special thank-you to their brilliant teacher,



Sixth Form

⚠️ Our Sixth Form students recently took part in an informative and engaging assembly led by the school nurse, focusing on the dangers of vaping and smoking. The session explored the health risks associated with nicotine, addressed common myths, and explained how these habits can affect young people both now and in the long term. Students described the presentation as clear and eye-opening, with many saying it helped them better understand how to make safer, healthier choices. We're proud of their thoughtful engagement and hope the discussion continues at home.

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 9th February 2026 – Week 3

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:

- 11th February – SJT Careers Fayre
- 16th – 20th February – Half Term
- 23rd & 24th February – Professional Development (PD) and Collaboration Days, school closed to students
- 25th February – Students return to school

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