

## Timetable w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Week A

### Upcoming Coffee Morning – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 9.30am

We will be holding a coffee morning on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am** where members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available to discuss Sir John Talbot's School's new mobile phone procedures with any parents or carers who wish to attend. To confirm attendance please complete the short form here: [Coffee Morning with a Focus on Phone Free School - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 9.30am.](#)

### World Book Day- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Sir John Talbot's was full of colour, creativity and character yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day 2026. From Mary Poppins to Alice in Wonderland and the Cheshire Cat, students and staff arrived in style, bringing the magic of books to life across the school.

Students threw themselves into a whole range of activities. Many took part in our cake-themed competition, designed their own book covers, or created thoughtful book reviews. The standard of entries has been fantastic, and we're looking forward to awarding prizes in community meetings next week. KS3 students also enjoyed reading extracts from staff's favourite novels, creating a real buzz of reading around the school. Across all year groups, students embraced the day, whether through literacy competitions, themed baking, or class tasks exploring classic literature.

It's been a brilliant day celebrating all things books, and it was wonderful to see students of every age embracing the joy of reading.

The Shore was especially lively with brilliant fancy-dress efforts. Congratulations to our winners:

- **1st place:** Alice (Alice) – 7.WhixallMoss.32
- **2nd place:** Jayden (Willy Wonka) – 7.Blakemere.32
- **3rd place:** Phoebe (White Rabbit) – 7.Alderford.32

Our bake-off entries were equally impressive:

- **Year 8 Winner:** Felicity (8.Redbrook.31)
- **Year 7 Winners:** 1st place – Arabella (7.Alderford.32)  
2nd place – Alice (7.WhixallMoss.32)



### Hot Chocolate Rewards

Our Crews have been working hard to show strong attendance, punctuality and positive attitudes, and this week we were delighted to celebrate the top performers in each year group with our hot chocolate rewards. It's a simple way of recognising the consistency, teamwork and commitment that make such a difference to learning.

The winning Crews were:

- **7.Ossmere.32**
- **8.BrownMoss.31**
- **9.Blakemere.30**
- **10.Redbrook.29**
- **11.Blakemere.28**

A huge well done to all students involved. These small daily habits really add up, and it's great to see so many young people setting the tone for their year group.



### Crew Inclusion Leader – Miss Williams – Year 7



Over the next four weeks, we're excited to introduce you to our new Crew Inclusion Leaders (CIL). This week, we're delighted to spotlight Miss Williams, who is supporting our Year 7 students.

Miss Williams has been part of Sir John Talbot's School for two and a half years and previously spent a decade at Whitchurch Juniors, so many of our Year 7s are already familiar faces to her. As the Crew Inclusion Leader (CIL) for Year 7, she works closely with students each day to help them settle into life in The Shore and feel confident in their new routines.

Alongside her pastoral role, Miss Williams brings a strong passion for music to our school community. She runs weekly Band clubs during Wednesday Crew time and leads our after-school bands, *Ultraviolet Harmony* and *Infrared Rhythm*. She also delivers weekly intervention sessions focused on strengthening reading comprehension and literacy skills for selected Year 7 students.

Miss Williams shared:

*"I've really enjoyed getting to know our Year 7s since September while supporting them in our Shore Heart space. I'm excited to continue working with them as they transition from The Shore to The Harbour. It's a privilege to be part of their journey at Sir John Talbot's School."*

## The Shore

A small group of our Year 7 students have been throwing themselves into enrichment activities this week, taking on projects that build confidence, teamwork and a sense of responsibility beyond the classroom. They've been busy baking cakes for our Helm and Nest students, and they've also spent time supporting Mr Robinson and Ms Whitfield, our Site Staff Managers, with a range of daily tasks around the school grounds.

Their kindness, enthusiasm and willingness to get stuck in have really stood out. Each of these students has been recognised with our 'Caring about Others' and 'Caring about my Environment' rewards, a well deserved celebration of the positive impact they've had on our school community.

The Year 7 students have continued to enjoy their Wednesday Crew activities. They are growing in both competence and confidence and it is lovely to walk around and see them all engaged and enthused. We look forward to seeing how our students develop these skills and showcase what they have learnt in 3 weeks time. More information about this showcase we will share in a couple of weeks.



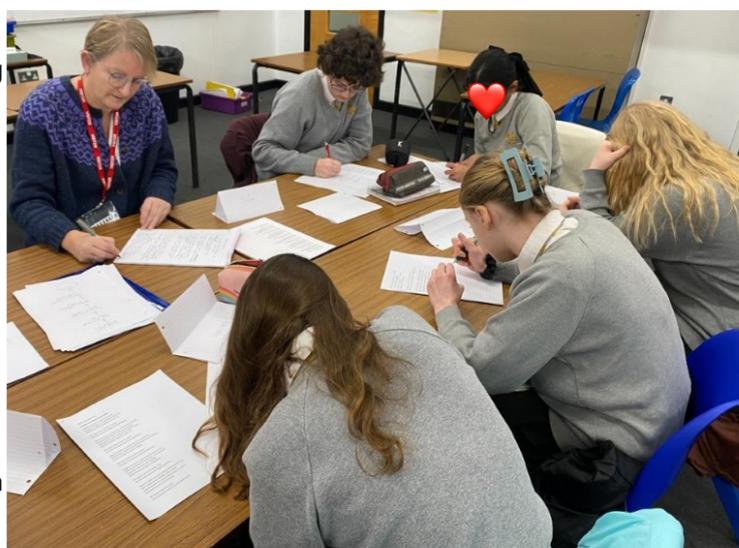
## The Harbour

Before the half term, some of our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic poetry workshop with Siân Hughes, an award-winning poet and novelist who visited on behalf of Poetry Whitchurch. Students had the chance to explore language, creativity and expression in a hands-on session that really brought poetry to life. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to learn from a published writer and to think about poetry in fresh, imaginative ways.

Year 9 have returned to school with real purpose and energy, achieving **over 500 Lesson Grade 1s for outstanding learning** in just the first week back. This is a brilliant start to the half-term and reflects the focus and commitment students are showing across their subjects.

The deadline for the Year 9 Options Preference Form has now passed, and we'd like to thank all families for supporting students to meet this important milestone. Any students who haven't yet completed their form will be given time in school to do so. We will now move into a period of consultation and analysis, before contacting families later in the year with the next steps in the options process.

A big well done also goes to all Year 9 students who took part in our World Book Day competitions. The creativity and enthusiasm shown has been fantastic, and we look forward to celebrating the winners in our Wednesday Community Meeting next week.



## The Quay and Sixth Form

Year 10 and Year 11 have both shown real determination over the past week, and it's been great to see their hard work paying off. Year 10 have put tremendous effort into preparing for their English Literature Paper 2 mock, and they've now completed their full mock series. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be sharing feedback and helping students build confidence as we look ahead to the real exams in May.

Year 11 have also approached their mock exams with an excellent attitude. Their attendance has been consistently strong, which makes a real difference at this stage. Keeping that attendance high will help ensure they get the most out of the feedback and guidance teachers are now providing as they move into the final stretch.

Our second Year 11 Keeping in Touch evening takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Details will be sent out closer to the time, but for now, please save the date.

For families supporting children through exam season, Kooth are offering two free 45-minute webinars designed specifically for parents, carers and family members of secondary and post-16 students. The sessions are led by a member of Kooth's community engagement team alongside a clinician, and they'll share:

- When it might be time to take action
- Practical ideas to help young people manage anxiety
- How Kooth can offer additional support

These webinars are particularly helpful for those with children sitting GCSEs, A-Levels, or Nationals and Highers in Scotland.

### Webinar dates:

- [9th March at 6:00pm](#)
- [16th March at 7:00pm](#)

Twenty Year 12 students from SJT and The Grove school have recently returned from a trip to Krakow in Poland and Auschwitz- Birkenau. The trip focussed on the Holocaust, a period of history which saw the persecution of the Jewish population in Krakow. During the visit it was an absolute honour to meet Holocaust survivor, Monika Goldwasser. She told the students how she was adopted and hidden by non-Jewish parents to escape death by the Nazi's. The students also had guided tours around the Jewish quarter and ghetto in Krakow, finding out about life for Jewish people before and during the war. A highlight was a visit to Oscar Schindler's museum.

While in Krakow the students also visited the Wieliczka Salt mine and spent time in the old town area of Krakow.

A reminder that **our Sixth Form Keeping in Touch evening takes place next Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. If you have not yet made an appointment, please ask your child to contact their class teachers.



## ABM Catering Menu – W/C Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Week 1

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:

- 12<sup>th</sup> March – One Voice 'Dragon's Den'
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March – NEA 2 food technical practical for Year 11
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – DofE Celebration Evening at Hill Valley Hotel
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Sixth Form Keeping in Touch evening
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March – DofE Gold training

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