

Timetable w/c Monday 16th March 2026 – Week B

Crew Inclusion Leder – Mr Penman – Year 8



This week, we're delighted to introduce you to our next Crew Inclusion Leader (CIL), Mr Penman, who will be supporting our Year 8 students.

Originally from Scotland, Mr Penman has been part of the SJT community for the past five years. You'll recognise him from previously working within the Helm and Nest.

When he's not in school, you'll most likely find him exploring the great outdoors or enjoying a good game of football.

Mr Penman shared:

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know Year 8 and working alongside students as they grow in confidence, develop new skills, and continue striving toward their full potential."

Road Safety Reminder

Please help us remind students about the importance of staying safe when travelling to and from school, as well as when they are out in the community. Whether walking or cycling, it's essential that they stay alert, aware of their surroundings, and visible to other road users.

Wearing bright or reflective clothing can make a big difference, especially during darker mornings or evenings. For those cycling, a properly fitted helmet is vital, and bikes should have working lights to help keep them safe on the roads.

We also ask that students take extra care when crossing roads - looking both ways, avoiding distractions, and making sure it is safe to cross before stepping out, whether on foot or on a bike.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students safe as they travel.

Whitchurch Alport U13 success

We're excited to share that the Whitchurch Alport U13s have made it to the final of the Shropshire Football League's Charity Cup! This is a fantastic achievement for the whole team, including several of our own SJT students. With 16 boys in the squad, it's brilliant to see so many familiar faces contributing to their success, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

The final takes place on 26th April at Shrewsbury Sports Village. If you're able to go along, the lads would really appreciate the support from the school community. Well done to the team, we're cheering you on all the way!



The Shore

Year 7 are gearing up for an exciting opportunity - an overnight visit to Condover Hall! This action-packed trip offers students the chance to challenge themselves, build confidence, and enjoy plenty of fun along the way.

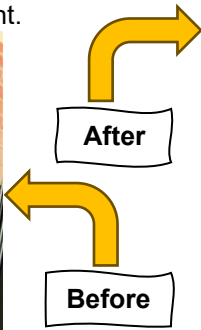
What's planned:

- **Day 1:** Arrival at 12pm, followed by two afternoon activities (including water sports), dinner, and an evening activity.
- **Day 2:** Breakfast, one more activity, a hot or cold lunch, and departure by 1pm.



In today's Community Meeting, students enjoyed a first look at Condover through photos and a rundown of the wide range of activities on offer. We also talked through the criteria students will need to meet to be eligible for this Rewards Trip, helping everyone understand what's expected.

Our brilliant Wednesday afternoon Eco Club have been busy transforming the DT quad area. They've been digging, preparing the beds, and getting everything ready to plant a selection of beautiful summer flowers. Their enthusiasm and teamwork are already making a real difference to our school environment.



The Harbour

Year 8 students continue to make the most of this term's fantastic range of Wednesday Enrichment activities. Feedback from both students and staff after the first half-term has been overwhelmingly positive, with many sharing how much they've enjoyed trying new things and developing fresh skills.

In last week's Crew Meeting, Year 8 also heard an inspiring talk from Blakemere's Crew Leader, Mr Stanyard, who shared the remarkable story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's attempt to cross Antarctica. Although Shackleton didn't achieve his original goal, his determination and resilience in the face of extreme adversity left a powerful message for our students about perseverance and teamwork.

The deadline for GCSE option preferences has now passed, and we'd like to thank all Year 9 students and families for submitting their forms on time. If you feel an error was made on the original form, please get in touch with me at school — I'm very happy to amend this personally.

We will now begin a period of analysis as we look carefully at timetabling and option combinations. Thank you for your patience while this work takes place. We'll be in touch during the summer term with the next steps.

A huge well done to Year 9 for their focus and effort since half term. It has been a real pleasure to work closely with the year group again.

The Quay and Sixth Form

We are delighted to see such a wide range of work experience placements already confirmed, and we'd like to thank students and parents for their efforts so far. As a reminder, we kindly ask that all placements are finalised by the Easter break to ensure everything is in place for Work Experience Week, which will take place from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July. Thank you for your continued support.

We've reached an important point in the Year 11 journey, and we want to make sure families have everything they need to support students over the coming weeks. Please click [here](#) for the full Year 11 RSL update, which includes key information and dates as students finish their mock exams. Inside the update, you'll find details about Mock Results Day, Keeping in Touch evening, and GCSE preparation guidance, with practical advice to help students feel confident and ready.

Thank you for your continued support as we help Year 11 move into the final stretch of their GCSE preparation. It's a busy time, but also a hugely important one, and we're here to guide students every step of the way.

Last week, our A Level Art and Photography students enjoyed a highly successful trip to Birmingham. They spent the day exploring the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery as well as the RBSA Gallery, gathering valuable first-hand research to support their Personal Investigation and exam projects. Students also took a wide range of photographs throughout the day, helping to strengthen and inspire their creative work. It was a productive, engaging, and thoroughly inspiring visit for everyone involved.

A reminder that our Sixth Form Keeping in Touch (KIT) Evening will take place this Thursday, 19th March from 3:45–6:30pm in the School Hall. Please sign in at Reception when you arrive.

Students have already been asked to book their appointment times with staff, so it's worth checking that they've arranged these ahead of the evening.



ABM Catering Menu – W/C Monday 16th March 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:

- 16th March – DofE Celebration Evening at Hill Valley Hotel
- 19th March – Sixth Form Keeping in Touch evening
- 20th – 21st March – DofE Gold training

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