

Timetable w/c Monday 13th April 2026 – Week B

Crew Inclusion Leder – Miss Lewis – Year 10



This week, we're delighted to introduce you to our next Crew Inclusion Leader (CIL), Miss Emma Lewis, who is supporting our Year 10 students.

Miss Lewis has been part of the SJT community for the past two years and has already built strong, positive relationships with many of our students. She first joined us as an Access Leader, and her calm, encouraging approach has made her a valued member of the team.

Outside of school, Miss Lewis is a dance teacher at Maggie Mays Studios - so some students may recognise her from the studio. When she's not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her two dogs and heading to the theatre whenever she can.

Miss Lewis shared:

"I'm excited to support Year 10 as they move toward the transition into Year 11, helping them prepare for their GCSEs and their upcoming English Literature exams."

Road Safety

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.

Arriving by car:

To help keep everyone safe during busy drop-off times, please be aware of the following:

- We have introduced a new zebra crossing and a dedicated walking route from the bus drop-off area. Please encourage your child to use these safer paths.
- Additional parking and a drop-off area are available at the Rugby Club to help reduce congestion.
- Please avoid dropping children at the school entrance or on the main road, as this puts students and other road users at risk.
- Please also follow the site speed limit at all times.

Behaviour on School Transport:

Our transport providers have shared some recent concerns, and we want to make sure all students travel safely and comfortably. We ask that students:

- Wear seatbelts at all times.
- Treat others with respect - fighting, physical disruption, or any form of harassment is not acceptable.
- Remember that vaping and smoking is not permitted anywhere on school premises, including on school transport.

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

Smartphone Free Childhood – Parent Resource

We would like to signpost families to Smartphone Free Childhood, a UK-based movement encouraging parents to delay giving children smartphones and social media access. The organisation provides guidance, research, and community support for families who want to help children enjoy more time to play, grow, and build confidence away from screens. You can find out more or explore their parent resources at: www.smartphonefreechildhood.org

Upcoming Coffee Events

Date	Focus	Booking Link
Thursday 16 th April 2026 6pm – 6:30pm	Phone Free School listening event with the Headteacher	Parent information session on phone-free school - Thursday 16th April 2026 at 6pm
Friday 17 th April 2026 9:30am	Year 7 Shore related matters	Coffee Morning with Mrs Lewis - Friday 17th April 2026 at 9.30am
Thursday 30 th April 2026 3:45pm – 6:30pm	Drop in for Year 8	In conjunction with Year 8 KiT booking not required
Thursday 4 th June 2026 3:45pm – 6:30pm	Drop in for Year 7	In conjunction with Year 7 KiT booking not required

The Shore – Mrs Lewis

We're looking forward to welcoming our new Year 6 students to our Welcome Event on Monday 13th April. During the evening, they'll hear from the Headteacher and me about life at the school and what to expect from The Shore.

Families will attend at their allocated session time: 5.00pm, 5.45pm or 6.30pm. After each talk, there will be an opportunity to speak with our Admissions Team, SEN Team, and Transportation Team if you have any questions. I'm very much looking forward to meeting you all and starting this exciting next step together.

We're looking forward to welcoming families to our Coffee Event on Friday 17th April. This will be an informal opportunity to see some of the fantastic Enrichment work our students have been producing. Our Year 7 students will be on hand to talk about their chosen activities, and I will be available to answer any questions about The Shore.

Our students have continued to work incredibly hard this term and have really embraced the new Wednesday Enrichment programme. To finish the term on a high, we were delighted to reward the top 26 students, all of whom have achieved over 200 positive behaviour points, with a small Easter treat.

Well done to everyone for their effort and enthusiasm and enjoy a well-earned Easter break.

The Harbour – Mr Hawke

We've loved seeing the creativity coming out of 8P this week as students continue producing their beautifully designed masks for their Creativity homework. The standard has been fantastic, and it's been wonderful to see so much imagination on display.

A big well done to this week's winners: Jessie in 8.Ossmere.31, Freya in 8.Alderford.31 and Eliza in 8.Redbrook.31. Great work from all involved.



Our Year 8 Keeping in Touch evening takes place on Thursday 30th April 2026. Details will be sent out closer to the time, but for now, please save the date.

Following feedback from our students, we are delighted to continue offering Year 8 & 9 the opportunity to work in mixed year groups during Crew time on Wednesdays (Period 5) on another exciting enrichment project. This is another fantastic chance for students to collaborate, develop new skills, and explore their interests. The 5-week programme will culminate in a showcase event, where students can present what they have learned and created. An email has been sent home this week with the workshop booklet and link to submit your child's Top 3 choices.

After Easter, we are warmly anticipating Mrs Southern's return. It has been a pleasure working with Year 9 students and families this half term. On Tuesday, we celebrated success in our rewards community meeting. Today, students with the most positive points have enjoyed a rewards breakfast. Have a restful and enjoyable Easter break!

Student Success



We're delighted to share that Maria in 9.Blakmere.30 has been featured in the *Whitchurch Herald* for an inspiring achievement. Maria has launched her own company to help raise £4,000 so she can attend next year's World Scout Jamboree in Poland, an incredible example of initiative, determination, and community spirit.

we're sure she'll continue to thrive. If you'd like to read the full article and learn more about her journey, you can find it below: [Whitchurch teen launches firm to help fund World Scout trip](#)

Maria also recently earned her Scout Gold Award at 1st Prees Scouts, marking a major milestone in her Scouting journey. She now moves on to the next exciting chapter with Clive Explorers, where

A huge well done to Darcey in 9.WhixallMoss.30, who had a fantastic weekend on the rugby pitch. Playing for Newport U14s, Darcey captained the team to victory in the Shropshire Cup, successfully retaining the title after last year's win.

The team put in two strong performances, winning their first match 14–0 and drawing the second 3–3. Darcey proudly accepted the trophy on behalf of the squad.



Congratulations to both Darcey and Maria on their recent achievements.

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The Quay and Sixth Form – Mrs Elms

It was lovely to welcome Year 10 parents and guardians into school on Wednesday. I was able to talk through some key information regarding the upcoming English Literature exam. During the session, I explained our revision curriculum and outlined the strategies students have been taught. By this stage, we hope students have identified a preferred revision technique that works well for them.

We also discussed how the work experience process operates, and additional support was offered to those who needed it. I would like to thank all parents and guardians who attended. Your thoughts and comments were very much appreciated.

Our DofE Silver students are currently in Wales completing their Silver training expedition. They've been working hard, putting their skills into practice, and embracing the challenge of the outdoors. They return tomorrow, and we can't wait to hear all about their experiences and the achievements they've made along the way.

On Thursday, our GCSE Drama students visited Theatr Clwyd to watch a live performance of Teechers. This trip forms an important part of their written exam, where they are required to complete a live theatre evaluation.

The students had a fantastic time and engaged brilliantly with the performance. As well as enjoying the show, they were given the opportunity to take a closer look at some of the costumes used in the production, bringing their learning to life beyond the classroom.

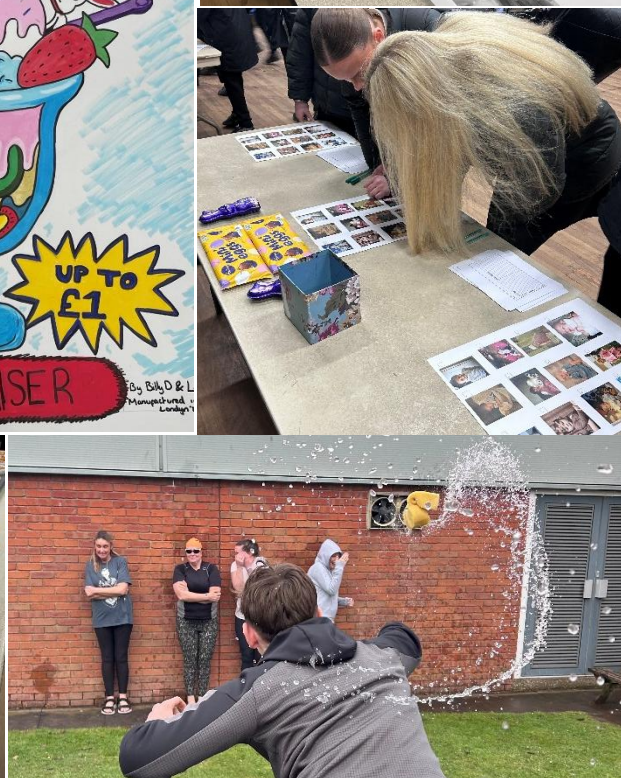
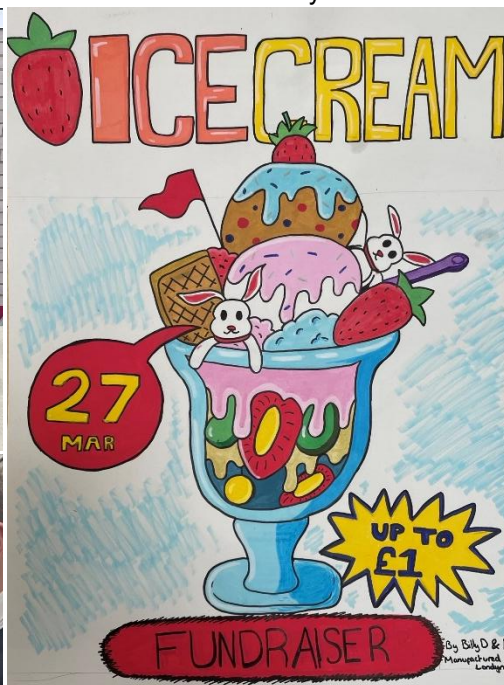
A real highlight of the visit was meeting one of the actors, who played Hobby. Students found this especially inspiring and it gave them valuable insight into the world of professional theatre. Overall, it was a memorable and enriching experience that will support their studies and deepen their understanding of live performance.



Year 11 students received their mock exam results during Wednesday afternoon Crew time, providing an important snapshot of their progress as they move closer to their GCSE exams. Mock results were discussed in the Year 11 last night. This was a valuable opportunity to discuss these results with teachers, celebrate successes, and identify areas for improvement. Please continue those conversations at home over the coming weeks, supporting your child as they build confidence and focus their revision ahead of the exams.

We had a fantastic lunchtime atmosphere today as we held our annual Year 11 Prom Fundraising Festival. This event is organised each year by our hardworking Year 10 and 11 students to help raise funds for the Year 11 prom, and they certainly delivered.

Stalls included a cake sale, Guess the Baby, and the always-popular Sponge a teacher. A huge thank-you to all the students who got involved and supported the event, and an extra thank-you to the staff who bravely volunteered to be sponged. The total raised today towards the Year 11 prom was **£350**, a great effort all round and a brilliant community moment!



We are delighted to invite you to our Polish Cultural Evening on Wednesday 22nd April at 6:00pm in the School Hall. The ticket price includes a serving of traditional Polish soup, a selection of snacks, and cake. Tickets can be purchased via the Arbor app under School Shop Products, or from the School Reception.

During the evening, our Sixth Form students will share insights from their recent enrichment trip to Krakow. Presentations will include:

- Krakow as a tourist destination
- Key aspects of Polish history
- Reflections on their visit to Auschwitz, including the extraordinary opportunity they had to meet a Holocaust Survivor and hear their story

This event is open to everyone in our school and local community. It may be of particular interest to families considering our Sixth Form, as we will also be taking expressions of interest for our next planned trip in 2027. All funds raised from this event will go directly towards future Sixth Form trips to Krakow, helping to reduce the overall cost for participating students. We hope you will join us for what promises to be an informative, meaningful, and memorable evening.



ABM Catering Menu – W/C Monday 13th April 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:

- 27th March – End of Spring Term
- 10th – 14th April – DofE Gold expedition
- 13th April – Summer Term commences
- 13th April – Year 6 to 7 Transition Evening
- 17th April – Holocaust Survivor Talk
- 23rd April – Year 12 trip to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition
- 30th April – Year 8 Keeping in Touch (KiT) evening and coffee with the Chair of Governors

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