



NEWSLETTER

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- * **Half-Term break for 2 weeks!**
Return on Monday 2nd Nov
- * **Open Event**
Wednesday 4th November

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“ For in the giving that we receive. ”
- St Francis of Assisi

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Horace on his appointment as Year 12 Student Governor. We wish him every success in the role!



A Wild Celebration for the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

There were some extra furry faces around college as we celebrated the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi with a visit from Emily's Mini Farm. Students headed outside at lunchtime to meet the animals, with plenty of opportunities to get up close and say hello. It certainly made for a different lunchtime at SJR and was a lovely way for our college community to celebrate the day together.



SJR'S GOLF TEAM SUCCESS

Harrison and James continued their AoC Intercollegiate Golf Tournament campaign with a solid performance in Round 4 at Morley Hayes Golf Club.

Both golfers represented the college brilliantly and are looking ahead to the next stage in March at Knott End Golf Club. Well done to both!

BULLETIN

PAPAL NUNCIO'S VISIT TO COLLEGE!



It's not every day you get to welcome the Pope's representative to college! SJR was delighted to be selected to host His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, for a visit to college.

Our students had the opportunity to put their questions to him and hear first-hand about his role and experiences. We were also joined by the Archbishop, making it a really special day for our college community.

SJR SUPER LEAGUE



It was great to welcome former student George Marsden back to SJR recently. George brought along a Wigan Warriors shirt for the College, which will now be on display.

We love seeing our former students return and are always proud to celebrate their journeys beyond SJR.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



It's hard to believe we're already at the end of our first half term! It's been such a positive start to the year, with so much happening across College and so many opportunities for our students to get involved.

There have already been some brilliant moments. Our induction concert was fantastic and really showcased the amazing talent amongst our students. We've seen students representing SJR in sport, heading out on trips and residential, embracing college life and welcoming some very special visitors along the way.

What makes me especially proud is the community behind all of this. Our staff bring so much to College, creating opportunities and experiences that help our students grow in confidence, develop their talents and become kind, thoughtful young people. The support and encouragement of parents and families is such an important part of that too.

As we head into half term, I hope everyone has the chance to slow down, have a well-earned rest and enjoy some time with family and friends. Have a wonderful break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in November.

Paula



OFF CAMPUS

2026 MUSIC RESIDENTIAL

What a weekend! Our Music Residential brought students together for singing, songwriting, rehearsals and performances, with plenty of laughs and team activities along the way. And no Music Residential would be complete without the legendary Mark Lane Music Quiz!



T LEVEL TRIP TO SMITHILLS FARM



Our Year 12 T Level Education and Early Years students swapped the classroom for a day at Smithills Farm. The visit gave them the chance to see how days out like this can support young children's learning and development, while picking up plenty of ideas for their own future practice.

LAW TRIP: VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



Law students had an exciting visit to London, taking in some of the capital's most iconic landmarks. Students explored the Houses of Parliament, gaining a unique insight into British democracy while experiencing one of the nation's most historic buildings.

SPORT ROUND-UP

SJR sport is off to a brilliant start! Men's Football are unbeaten in the league and through to Round 3 of the AoC National Cup, while Netball continues to grow in confidence. Our Swimming Team have also qualified for the ESSA National Championships in Birmingham on 21 November, a fantastic achievement!



Fancy joining Women's Football?

Our Women's Football Team is looking for new players. Get in touch with Clare McGrath to find out more: clare.mcgrath@sjr.ac.uk

CAREERS

Check the Careers Noticeboard on the College website for apprenticeships, work experience and events.

Working Together to Support Families. Click the link below to find out what support is available to you and your family.

**CLICK HERE
FOR MORE INFO**



SAMARITANS

Phone - 116123 (24/7, free from all landlines and mobiles)

Email - jo@samaritans.org (Response time: 24 hours)

Website - samaritans.org, **Post** - FREEPOST, Samaritans Letters

(Note that the postal address above is correct with only three words, this is sufficient for the letter to be sent) Samaritans provide emotional support to anyone who needs it. The service will listen - they won't tell individuals what to do or judge them and will give them the time they need. The service aims to reach out to groups at high risk of suicide, but callers do not have to be suicidal to talk.

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We're here to listen

SAMARITANS
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116 123

WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

THE WELLBEING TEAM

Our Wellbeing Team is available for anyone who needs support or someone to talk to.



CAITLIN BOOTH
STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR



KAREN KANE
COLLEGE COUNSELLOR



FRAN ABBOTT
MINDFULNESS PRACTITIONER

WIGAN BOROUGH USEFUL CONTACTS

The services below are available to support wellbeing, health, and safety.

Make an appointment with your GP (First port of call)

The crisis line 24/7 – **0800 051 3253**

Think wellbeing self-referral – **01942 764449**

We Are with you (substance abuse) – **01942 487578**

Domestic Abuse Service – **01942 311365**

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Find out
more here



URGENT MENTAL HEALTH

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CHILDLINE

Telephone: 0800 1111 Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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MIND

Infoline - 0300 123 3393 (9am-6pm, Monday to Friday) Text - 86463

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BEAT

Infoline - 0808 801 0677 - 3pm-8pm, Monday to Friday.

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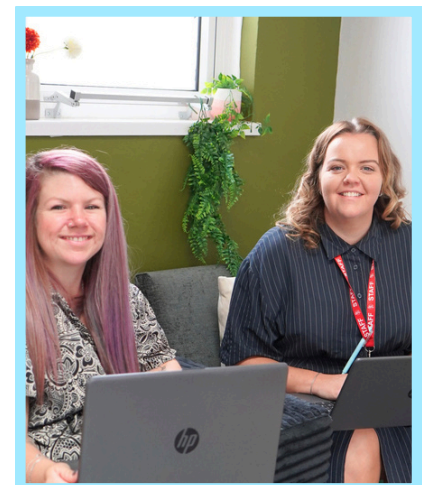
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THE WELLBEING ROOM

We also have a dedicated Wellbeing Room on campus where students can take time out, relax, and access support when needed.



MEET COCO! OUR THERAPY DOG!

Coco, our therapy dog, and her handler Caitlin offer a calm, friendly space every Thursday in **D003** for students who want to relax or chat.

