

Volume 6



St. Sampson's High School

Welcome Back

8th September 2022

A message from the Principal:

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday, and our students are feeling rested and ready to start the new academic year. They have arrived today looking so smart and ready to learn.

We were delighted to be able to celebrate the success of our year 11s who received their GCSE results, we congratulate them all. We have also had a number of students completing their Duke of Edinburgh challenges during the holidays and thank staff and students for giving up their time. We return to the new academic year with heightened optimism and commitment to ensure the drive for improvement continues at pace. We have had the opportunity to work with staff over the last two days reviewing what we want to achieve guided by our Ofsted priorities. We have every intention of achieving the best for all of our students.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter which celebrates some of the opportunities students had at the end of the Summer Term. Our school canteen has been transformed and is a welcoming environment for all students to enjoy.

Next week we will communicate dates of parent workshops (how to support your child) and engagement opportunities to help us shape the school, we hope many of you will feel able to attend.

As well as this newsletter we will send a communication which highlights some of our school expectations and we would be grateful for your support.

Please use our website and Facebook page to keep up to date with all of our news. Here you can see items where we celebrate students and you can find information about school policies and our curriculum. We will continue to communicate messages through Class Charts and Group Call.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being such an important part of our school community and for your support of your children and the school. I am very much looking forward to working with you and our students over the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs V Godley

Key Dates

- Thurs, 8th September - first day for students
- Tues 13th Sept - PTA AGM Meeting 7pm
- Thurs, 15th Sept - Y7 & 10 photos
- Mon, 19th Sept - DofE Parents' Evening 5:30-6:30pm
- Thurs, 22nd Sept - Y7 Tutor Parents' Evening
- Wed, 28th Sept - Y6 Open Evening
- Thurs, 6th Oct - Y7 - 11 Flu Spray
- Fri, 7th Oct - Swimarathon
- Wed, 12th Oct - License to Kill
- 17 - 21st Oct - Y11 Mock exams
- Fri, 21st Oct - PTA Mufti



Student Council

More information will be announced next week but if you would like to be part of this year's Student Council, start thinking about your application. You will need to write a letter to explain why you should be chosen to represent your year group. Closing date for letters: Monday, 19th September.



Uniform

Please ensure that your child attends school in the full and correct uniform. Blazers are to be worn at all times. White socks should be worn with skirts and black socks with trousers. Plain, black leather shoes must be worn. Please see our Uniform Policy for the full uniform requirements.

We are delighted to welcome the following staff to St. Sampson's High School:

Mr. P Smith - Curriculum Deputy
Headteacher

Mr M Allison - Pastoral Deputy Headteacher

Mrs T Harris - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs M Beeden - Teacher of Maths

Miss C Moat - Teacher of Art

Mr J Hurford - Teacher of MFL

Mrs S Durand - Teacher of Science

Ms L Uwadie - Teacher of Food Technology

Ms G Batchelor - Teacher of English

Ms I Fallon - Teacher of English

Ms L Johnson - Teacher of Science and ICT

Mr A Onojobi - Teacher of Resistant
Materials

Ms A Woodhard - Learning Mentor

Ms A McKaine - Learning support assistant

Ms N Wrigley - Learning support assistant

Ms D Masterton - Learning support assistant

Ms A Price - Learning support assistant

Mr J Jordan - Facilities Manager

Ms A Cleal - Science technician



We also have some internal changes with staff:

Mr J Cobb - Head of Year 8

Mr S Mauger - 2nd in Mathematics

Miss S Brown - Head of Personal Development

Mrs S Kaine - Head of ICT & Business

Ms D Hollingworth - Head of Y7

Miss K Powell - Head of Year 10

Mr R Sarchet - Learning support assistant

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Canteen Glow-Up

We had more than 150 talented students working on the new design for the canteen and we are very excited to show off everyone's hard work.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this activity. We are so proud of how fantastic everything looks.

A special thank you also to Dalen from Norman Piette and Alex from The Health Improvement Commission for sponsoring us with materials and funds to turn the students' designs into reality.

A final thank you to Mr Wenlock for putting everything on the walls.



Herm Trips

The English and PSHCE Departments took almost one hundred students over to Herm over the three days. Despite the heat, much fun was had completing a treasure hunt, learning Indian head massage, eating ice-cream and lounging on the beach.

A huge thanks to the folks from Travel Trident for arranging our transport to and from the island!



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Beach Fun

Students visited Pembroke, Rousse and L'Ancrese as part of the different activities that took place with the PE, Science and Humanities departments. Here is a photograph of the sandcastle competition held by the PE department.

DofE

More than sixty Year 9 students set out on their Bronze qualifying expedition during Enrichment Week and, despite the heat, everyone completed the expedition. We are so proud of the resilience and determination that was shown throughout the entire week.



Fashion Show

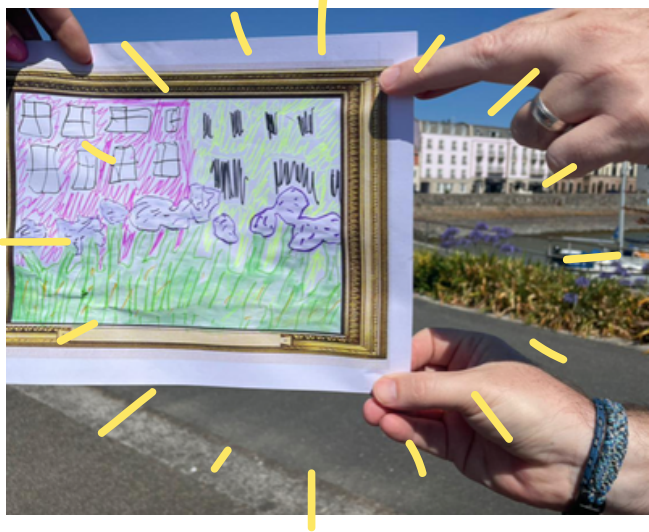
Our Creative Arts department was extremely busy designing, creating, making and putting together an entire fashion show - complete with costumes, lights and music. It was a brilliant performance, the video of which can be viewed on the school Facebook page.



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Fun in St Peter Port

As part of the French activities, students played pétanque, created art in the style of Renoir and enjoyed some tasty crepes in town. A fantastic day out was had by all who took part.

Sailing Superstars

12 of our lucky students were able to exchange their mountain of merits for a week-long water based experience with the Guernsey Sailing Trust. On all accounts, they had a splashing good time!



Hotel Visit

A number of students were treated to a fantastic experience at the Duke of Richmond Hotel. During their 'behind the scenes trip', they were able to learn about how the hotel runs and make their own mocktails, visit the kitchens and enjoy a very tasty lunch.

