

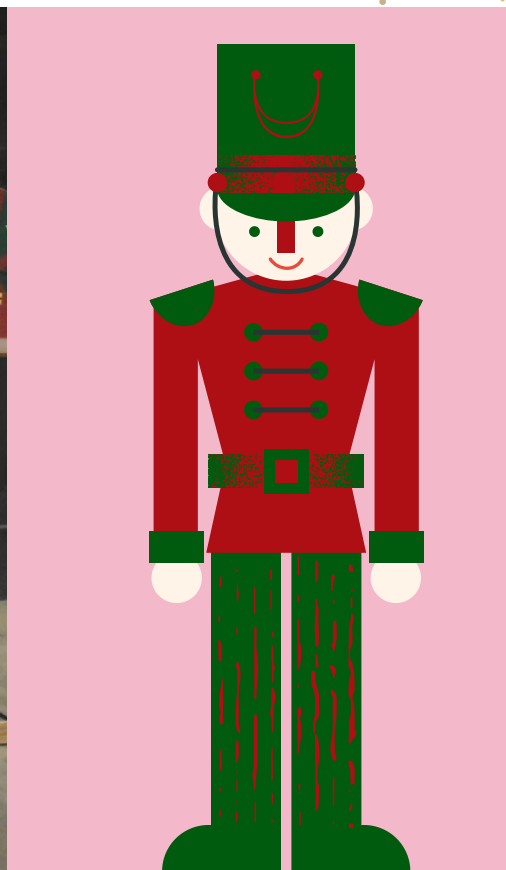


Volume 8

St. Sampson's High School

Christmas Newsletter

November - December 2022



Dates for the Diary

- Thurs, 5th Jan - Term starts
- Tues, 10th Jan - Y11 Apprenticeship Talk
- Thurs, 12th Jan - Y9 Parents' Evening
- Mon, 16th - Fri, 20th Jan - Y11 Mocks
- Tues, 17th Jan - Parent Forum 5:30pm
- Progress & Next Steps
- Wed, 18th Jan - CFE Taster Morning
- Thu, 19th Jan - Y9 Options Fayre
- Thu, 19th Jan - Sixth Form Taster Day
- Tue, 24th Jan - Parent Info Evening 'Y11
Revision' 6:15pm
- Tue, 31st Jan - Parent Forum - KS4 Maths
Support 5:30pm
- Sat, 4th Feb - Battle of the Bands
- Mon. 6th - Wed, 8th Feb - Sixth Form
Centre Meetings
- Mon, 6th Feb - BTEC PE Exam Y11
- Thurs, 9th Feb - CFE Student Meetings
- Mon, 13th Feb - Post-Sixteen Meetings
- Tues, 14th Feb - Parent Forum - Keeping
Children Safe Online 5:30pm
- Fri, 17th Feb - Finish for half-term





Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all for your support since September. As you can see from the newsletter we have been very busy. I would like to thank the students and teachers for their dedication and hard work this term. Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's school production of 'Elf', it was a fantastic week and lovely to see so many students involved. The commitment of staff and students to months of rehearsals certainly paid dividends.

As we reflect on Autumn term, we have had so many events where our students have had wonderful opportunities including: sports tournaments including a 3-1 win at the Spiller Cup Final; Children in need; Presentation evening (for Y11 leavers); and the Sovereign Arts award. Students have participated in so many events of which they should be proud.

Thank you to parents who have attended our Parent Forums to update you on progress of the school and ensure you have relevant information. If you were unable to attend you can find a link to the presentations [here](#). One which may be of interest is on 17th January at 5:30pm in the school hall where the senior team will go through progress made in term 1 on the six Ofsted areas, we will publish again in the New Year we hope you are able to join us.

At the end of a term we often say goodbyes to staff and they are as follow:

Staff Leavers

Miss C Le Patourel – Learning Support Assistant

Miss N Wrigley – Learning Support Assistant

Mrs L Davison – Food Technician

We are delighted to welcome new staff:

Mrs M Vining – Learning Support Assistant

Mrs V Godley

*Have a great Christmas and
a Happy New Year*



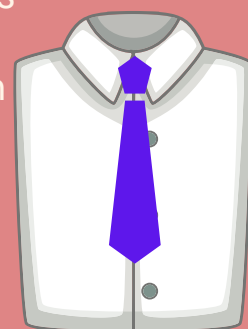
Uniform Update

As we start the New Year we will be focusing on ensuring our pupils are ready and equipped to learn.

We have not made any changes to the uniform policy, [viewable here](#), however, we would like to take the opportunity to just refresh parents and pupils on some of the expectations.

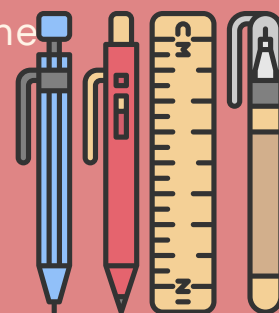
Key areas to highlight are as follows:

- **Hoodies are NOT allowed in school unless students are wearing a PE hoodie for PE lessons.** If a pupil wishes to wear a jumper under their blazer, this must be a grey V-neck St. Sampson's jumper. If your child travels to school in a hoodie this must be in their bag before they enter the building in the morning and not removed until the end of the day.
- **Piercings** – The only piercing allowed is a pair of plain studs in the ears, NO other piercings are allowed. If your child has additional piercings, they need to practise removing these so they are able to remove them for our return to school in January.
- **Shirts and Ties** – All pupils are expected to wear shirts and ties, pupils need to ensure they can do their top button up so they can wear their tie correctly. Please ensure your child can do this before returning to school.



As we return at the height of winter is it vitally important that pupils have an appropriate waterproof coat. Pupils will not be allowed to wear any hoodies so their coat is a vital part of the SSHS uniform for when they are outside at break and lunch.

Equipment – All pupils need to attend with basic equipment: pen, pencil, ruler and planner (provided by school). They may also need specialised equipment for certain lessons.



If you require any assistance with uniform or equipment please contact your child's form tutor and we will be able to assist you as appropriate.

Thank you for your support

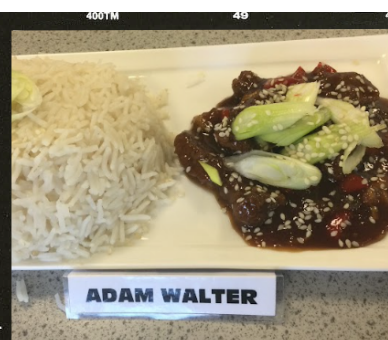
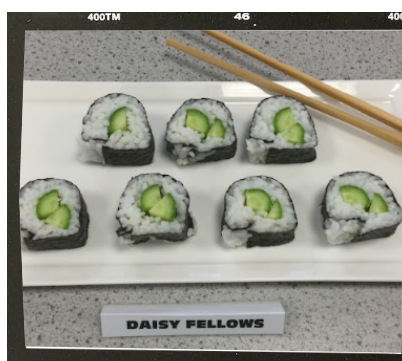




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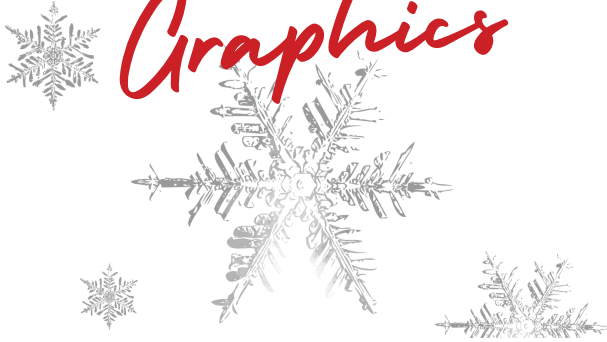
Students have been busy making a variety of dishes, including fish and chips, quiche, curry, cheese on toast and sushi.



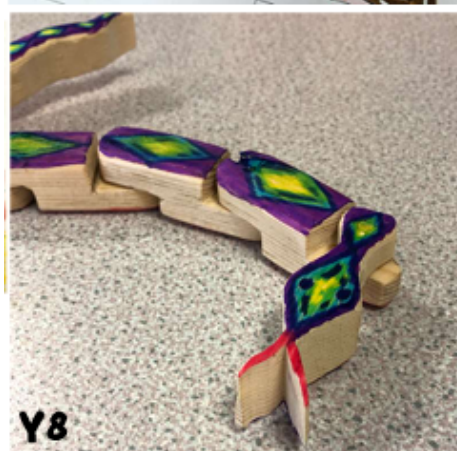
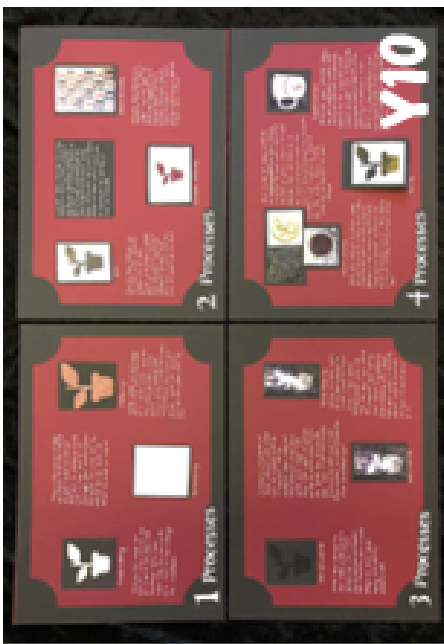


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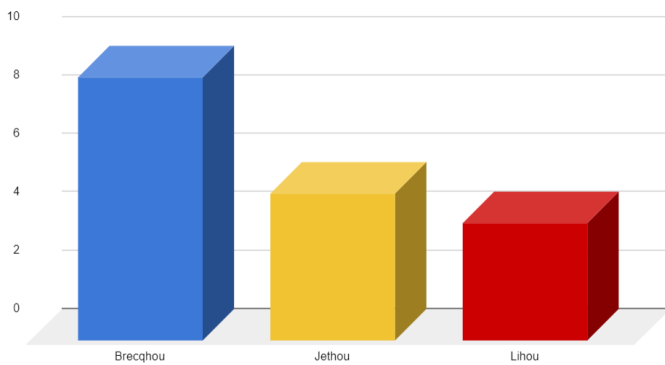


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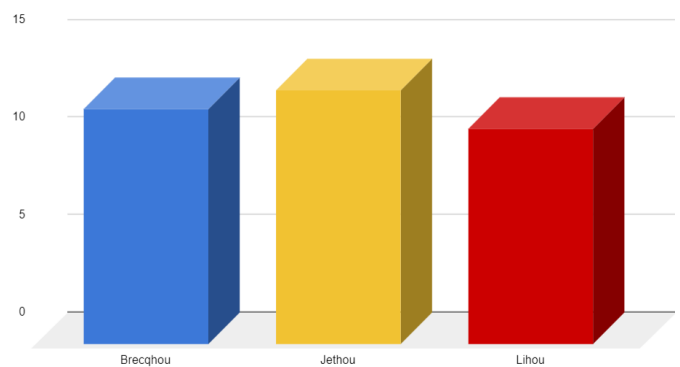




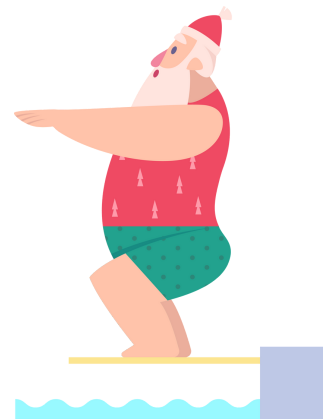
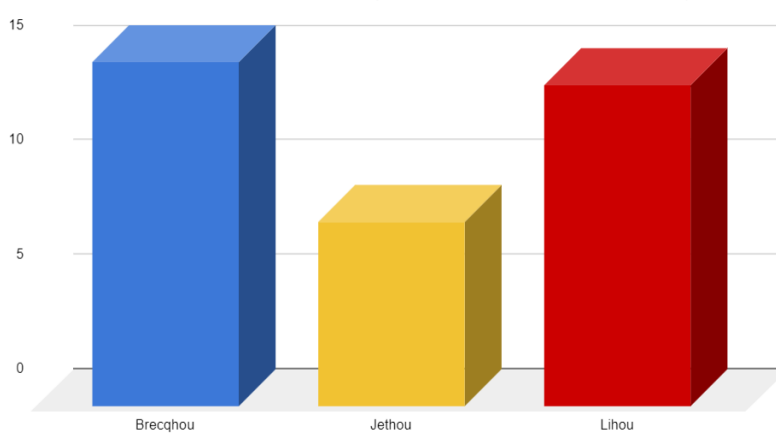
Year 7: Term 1 House Games (Football, Netball & Swimming)



Year 8: Term 1 House Games (Badminton, Football & Netball)



Year 9: Term 1 House Games (Badminton, Football & Netball)



Term 1 House Games

House	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Points
Brecqhou	8	5	2	36
Jethou	3	5	7	26
Lihou	5	4	6	29





Some of our GCSE PE students have had the incredible opportunity of meeting some rugby legends: South African Jean De Villiers and New Zealand's Richie McGraw.



Spiller Cup

Having been undefeated for their entire SSHS footballing career, our Y11 team took on Grammar School in a nail-biting final for the ultimate title of Spiller Cup Champions. It was a chilly evening but that didn't stop our dedicated, tenacious and determined team from taking the trophy. Well done to you all.



Sports News

Tournaments

Students have been involved with all manner of matches, sports and games this term.

There was the Y7/8 Kinder Cup, inter-school netball competition, Five-a-Side football matches, Girls' Cricket, Football Coaching and Y8 Hockey.



Football Coaching



Y8 Five-a-Side



Y7 Netball



Girls' Cricket



Y8 Netball





Sports News *Tournaments*



Y10 Netball



Y9 Netball



Y8 Hockey



Y9 Five-a-Side



Y7/8 Kinder Cup Champions



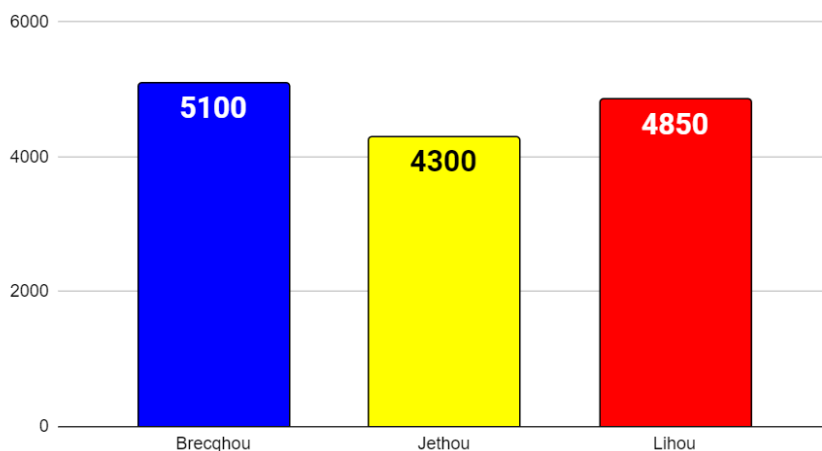


House News

The current house totals are very close with only 800 points between Brecqhou in first place and Jethou in third place!

Keep turning up, keep working hard and keep taking part in events to gain the most amount of merits for your house.

House Positions Term 1



Children in Need

On Friday, 18th November, we had a fantastic day fundraising for BBC Children in Need. We raised almost £1200 with our mufti donations, leg waxing, bake sales and games in the hall.



Well done to everyone who ran a stall, took part in an activity or bought a raffle ticket.





Aspirations

aim high



We thoroughly enjoyed the visitors from Aurigny and Tim Falla from Guernsey Fire & Rescue who came to SSHS to talk about career aspirations with our students.

Reverse Advent Calendar

7 ECS

7ECS decided to create a reverse advent calendar this December. The aim was to donate different items each day to contribute towards a food hamper that would be donated to the Guernsey Welfare Service.

It was so heart warming to see the students actively engaged in the process of giving as opposed to receiving and the importance of thinking about others as well as themselves. We look forward to involving more tutor groups next year!



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Language Legends

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages would like to acknowledge the following students who have worked extremely hard and made excellent progress this term. These students have shown high levels of dedication to the subject and will receive a certificate, postcard home and a small prize.

Year 7 French: Marley Desforbes & Maisie Henry

Year 7 German: Maddie Watchman & Satang Yusong

Year 8 French: Rasi Blondin & Bobby De La Mare

Year 8 German: Imogen Ellis & Rafe Rang

Year 9 French: Kaitlyn Carre & Millie Boyd

Year 9 German: Petrina Crispini & Theo Pattimore

Year 10 French: Edie Dorrian & Jack Jarman

Year 10 German: Sarah Le Huray & Noah Millar

Year 11 French: Amelia Winsall & Archie Le Huray

Year 11 German: Oliver Le Sauvage & Jamie Regan

Gut gemacht und macht weiter so! Wir wünschen euch frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr.

Bravo et continuez comme ça ! Joyeux Noël et bonne année.

Miss Jones, Ms Clark & Mr Hurford





Christmas *Lunch*

More than 120 students took part in this year's Christmas lunch and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces during our celebration.

We were entertained with some lovely singing from Mr Cobb and have to say a huge THANK YOU to Craig from Catering Solutions for providing such a top-notch and delicious meal. We can't wait to do it all again next year!





Y7 Library Trip

On Tuesday, 17th November, our Y7 students enjoyed a visit to Guille Alles Library to see the Fab Lab, the range of books on offer and to sign up if they weren't already members. A fabulous outing!



Daily Legend

Will you win the prize?



If you've been the SSHS Daily Legend, upload a photo to our Facebook page for the chance to win a prize at the end of each half term.

Today's
LEGEND
is
YOU



Christmas Events

We were so proud of the students who took part in the Christmas Lights Switch On at the Bridge on Friday, 2nd December. Well done to Chloe, Alexa, Kirstie, Lily, Amy, Alana, Mylene and thanks to Ms Carter for organising this fantastic opportunity!



Church on the Rock

Christmas Tree festival



As part of the Rock Church's Christmas Tree festival, we decorated our very own SSHS tree to display through the Christmas season. Thank you Oliver, Emma and Matilda for giving up your time to help!





DofE *Update*

Bronze Meeting: Thursday, 12th
Jan 3:10pm Social Area

We were delighted to present 58 Y10 students with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Last year, these students worked hard to complete their sections and survive their expeditions. Well done to each and every one of you.



We were also extremely pleased to present our Y11 students with their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. It was great to see so many taking on the extra challenge and we hope you will be encouraged to go for Gold next year!



Remembrance *Service*

We were so proud of the students who took part in various remembrance events across the island on Remembrance Sunday, you represented SSHS and yourselves impeccably.



ARTS

If you have a story to tell, get in touch with Shaun Shackleton on 240210 or email sshackleton@guernseypress.com

In the best of Elf

St Sampson's High School performed Elf Jr – The Musical last week. **Shaun Shackleton** caught up with the actors, singers, director and producer between a three-night run of full houses



Performance photographs of St Sampson's High School Elf. (Pictures supplied.)

IT WAS a cast and crew of many. 'From Year 7 to Year 11 we had 40 in the cast and 40 in the choir, as well as dancers, so that's more than 80 all together, not counting the crew,' explained producer and musical co-director Sarah Tennant. She said it had been a 'real whirlwind' to put together. 'We've done it all in eight weeks. We came back to school in September, had workshop sessions and then we auditioned the cast. We chose Michael Riseborough, who goes to Le Murier School, to play Buddy.' The show is a huge achievement.

'We've had students as tech crew and stage crew, some who have made costumes, we have two dance captains and others doing the makeup. We've also had teachers, Mrs Birch and Mrs Tyne, in

charge of the props.' Alongside the three sell-out evenings, there was also what Sarah called a 'community performance'. 'That was on Monday and our first performance. It was in front of Le Murier School, Year 6 from Hautes Capelles Primary School and 50 students from St Sampson's who had decided to spend their merits on tickets.'

Owen Hassall, 15, took on an important role. 'Walter Hobbs, Buddy's father. He can't believe that Buddy is his son.' Owen auditioned for both Walter and Buddy. 'I've seen the film, as well as clips of the theatre show. I try to be as mean as possible. Then I have a change of heart. I've done a bit of acting at St Sampson's. I enjoy it. It's been fun but quite challenging.' Annie Setters is in the chorus.

A few of the cast, back row, left to right, Joey Phillippe, 12, Michael Riseborough, 15, Owen Hassall, 15, Gemma Bailey, 14, Alissa Kharroubi, 12. Front row, Rory Tolcher, 11, and Annie Setters, 15. (Picture by Sophie Rabey, 31549375)



'I do singing at school and I used to sing out of school too,' said the 15-year-old. 'There are some quite good songs in Elf, they're very catchy.' 12-year-old Alissa Kharroubi plays Matthews. 'He's an office person and quite serious about stuff. He thinks Buddy is funny to watch and very silly. He's fun to play.' Alissa has had a great time being part of the play. 'The best thing about it is I've made loads of friends.' Gemma Bailey is a member of the tech crew. 'It was my first time,' said the 14-year-old. 'I didn't audition, I signed up. I do the projectors.' There is a large screen onstage and onto it is projected interactive scenes from the North Pole, New York and Macy's Department Store among others.



'We've had a bit of trouble with the radio mics, but we've solved the problem.' Gemma has also made new friends through being in the play. 'Some people I've known, but I'd never interacted with them until the after-show.' Sandra Rimmer is the show's director. 'I've done a lot of productions over the years,' she said. 'Performing as well as directing.' Originally teaching in Liverpool, Sandra began her Guernsey career as a supply teacher at Les Beaucamps. She is now St Sampson's High School's head of drama. 'We wanted something Christmassy and got a shortlist together but we all decided on Elf. We wanted it to be a team effort with plenty of team spirit. Even if a student wasn't performing we wanted to create opportunities for them to do other things. 'Putting on a production like this is wonderful. It helps with the students' confidence and communication skills.' And it's also a great show. 'It's a Christmas classic,' said Sarah. 'Everyone loves Elf.'



Music Update

Thirst Music School kindly sponsored by **BWCI**

BATTLE OF THE SCHOOL BANDS 2023

TOP PRIZE: £1000
(courtesy of BWCI and Thirst Music School)
+£500 to the winning school for music equipment courtesy of BWCI.

Saturday 4th Feb 2023
6.30pm (doors open 6pm)
Beau Sejour Theatre

Tickets available from Monday 5th Dec 2022 from www.guernseytickets.gg
16 and under: £12 | Adults: £15

For more information go to www.thirstmusicschool.co.uk or visit our Facebook page

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join us on Facebook!

Battle of the Bands tickets now on sale from www.guernseytickets.gg. Come and support our band, **FUSE** on 4th February 2023 6.30pm Beau Sejour.



Congratulations to Amelia Winsall and Mani Blondin who took on the role of reporters reviewing the recent Camerata Family Concert for the Guernsey Press. This involved them attending a rehearsal, interviewing the conductor and doing some critical listening during the concert. They reviewed performances of The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky and a performance of the Snowman played live to the animated film based on Raymond Briggs' book. We are looking forward to reading all about it!

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed music exams:

Meena Du Plessis Renouf (Y11) Grade 5 Electric Guitar with Merit

Levi Valpied (Y11) Grade 2 Drum Kit

Isobel Sexton (Y10) Grade 4 Oboe

Riley Torode (Y8) Grade 4 Trombone with Merit



Christmas Art Expo



Y7 made Christmas birds
Y8s created lino prints
Y9s created lanterns
during lessons and made
recycled Christmas
decorations for their
homework



Y11 Revision

Pop along to one of the helpful sessions to revise for specific subjects.

Day	Subject *PE – GCSE/BTEC: Coursework catch up and exam preparation sessions to be run after school on an ad-hoc basis. Please see your teacher for further details.	
Monday	Art - DF3 Lunchtimes Music coursework - 12.30 - 12.55 GCSE Music revision 12.55 - 1.25	
Tuesday	French – 12.55 – 1.25 AF10	Whole school revision (independent study, techniques/ support) - the Hall, 3.15 - 5.30 (Ms McIlroy, Ms Weysom) Graphics - AG17 lunchtimes and after school Resistant Materials - after school Hospitality and catering - after school RS – AG12 after school Maths - AG22 after school English - AF29 after school
Wednesday	Graphics - AG17 lunchtimes Art - DF2 lunchtimes	Science – CF4 after school
Thursday	History - 12.30 - 12.45, AG6 (from 2nd Feb onwards) Science – 12.55 – 1.25 CF4 Art - DF2 lunchtimes	Geography – after school (check with Ms Chesters for room) German – AF9 after school (3.15 – 3.45) Maths - AG25 after school Graphics - AG17 after school Resistant Materials - after school Hospitality and catering - after school
Friday	Maths - CG4 lunchtimes	English - AF29 after school



A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Carlton Costley who is our first randomly selected 'Daily Legend' winner. He takes home a £10 Amazon Voucher. The next draw will take place just before February half-term.

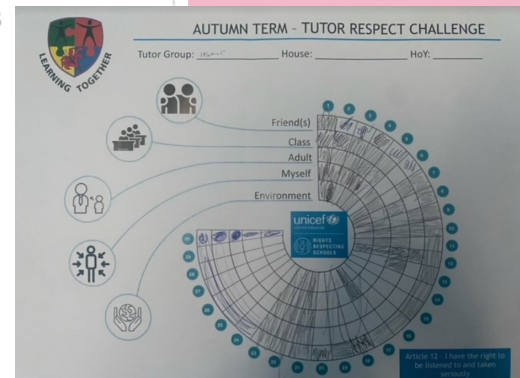
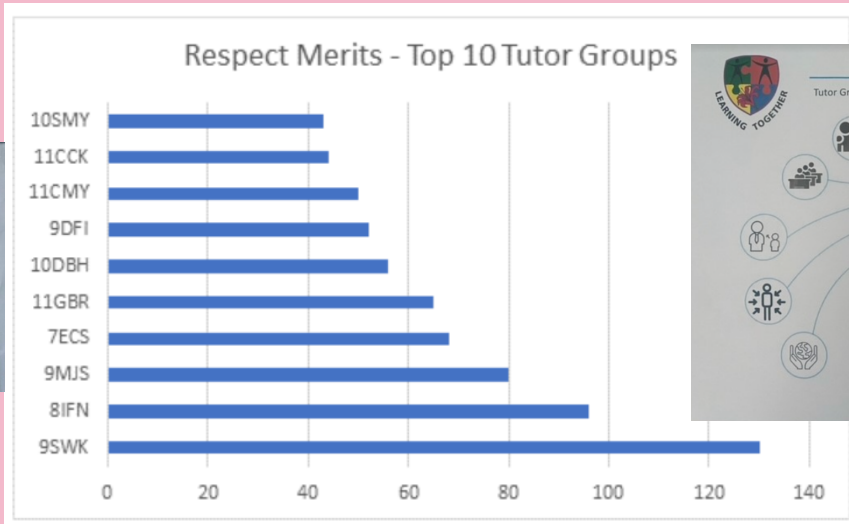
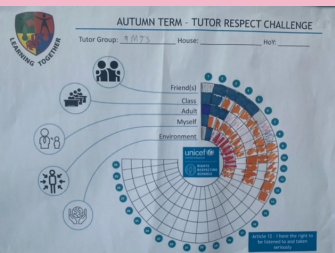
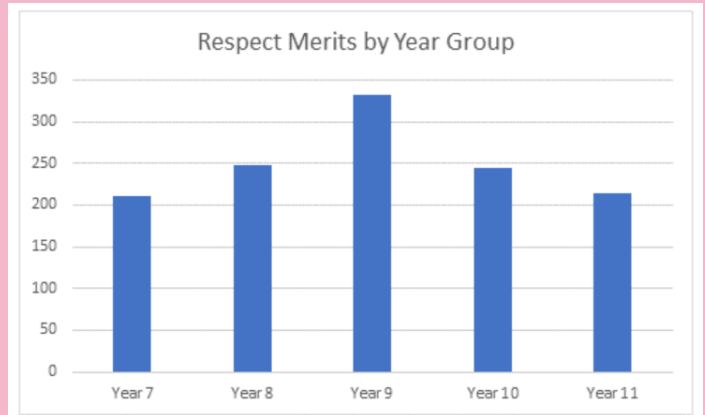
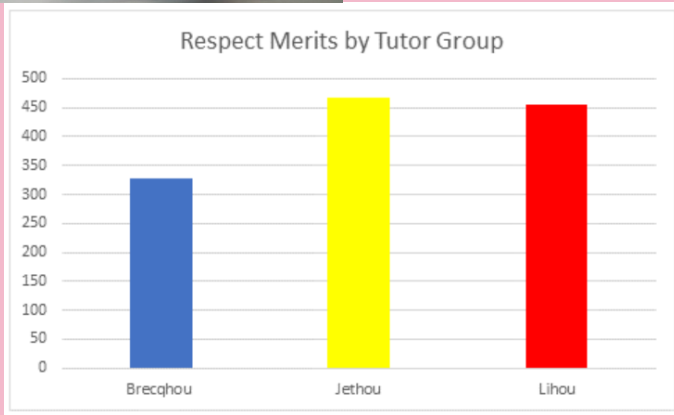
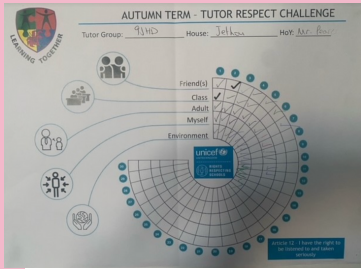
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Respect Trackers

Since September, we have been logging and tracking acts of respect towards ourselves, our peers, our class, adults and our environment. It has been incredible to see an average of 100+ Respect Merits being awarded to students each week.

Keep up the great work, St. Sampson's!



Top 5 'Respect Merit' earning students:

Marley Collenette 27
Charley Brehaut 16
Tylan Colley 16
Tor le Page 11
Jamie Chester 11

