



# ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL

# MAY

# HALF-TERM

VOLUME  
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Upcoming dates for the diary:

- Monday, 5th June - Y7-10 end-of-year assessments begin
- Tuesday, 6th June - Young Carers visit during lunchtime
- Friday, 9th - Saturday, 10th June - DofE Bronze Practice G2
- Tuesday, 13th June - Parent Forum: Devices & Technology 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 13th June - Y6 Transition Day
- Wednesday, 14th June - Inter-Island Sports Day
- Friday, 16th - Saturday, 17th June - DofE Bronze Qual G1
- Monday, 19th June - Y9 Vaccinations
- Tuesday, 20th June - Parent Forum: KS3 Support 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 20th June - Y7 Geography Trip
- Wednesday, 21st June - Y7 Geography Trip
- Friday, 23rd June - Women in Engineering Trip

- Sunday, 25th June - Stage Sound at Government House for Charities Day
- Monday, 26th June - SSSH Art Exhibition
- Monday, 26th June - Y6 Transition Day
- Tuesday, 27th June - Parent Forum: Science GCSE - Double/Triple 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 27th June - SSSH Players' Performance 6pm
- Tuesday, 27th June - Y10 finish college
- Tuesday, 27th June - Y8 Geography Trip
- Wednesday, 28th June - MAD Night
- Thursday, 29th June - Y8 Geography Trip
- Friday, 30th June - Saturday, 1st July - DofE Bronze Qual G2
- Tuesday, 4th July - Parent Forum: School Priorities 5:30pm
- Thursday, 6th July - Y11 Prom
- Wednesday, 19th - Friday, 21st July - Opportunities Week
- Friday, 21st July - School finishes at 12pm

**REMEMBER!** → We are a nut-free school

**We return to school  
on Monday, 5th  
June.**

## Student Line-Ups

Make sure you bring your planner, pen, pencil and ruler to the hall. You should also be in the correct uniform with your shirt tucked in.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As always, there is so much to celebrate at the end of a half-term. Students who take part in the vast array of opportunities available to them during their time at St. Sampson's High School perform better in their exams and report being happier than those that don't get involved in any extra-curricular activities. These opportunities provide students with confidence and personal skills that simply can't be taught in the classroom. You will see some of those opportunities as you read through our newsletter and we hope you will continue to encourage your child to take part. Well done to all students who have taken up these opportunities through this half-term and thank you to the staff that work tirelessly in ensuring our students have access to so many opportunities.

Our continued drive to raise standards, aspirations and progress at St. Sampson's will continue throughout the summer term (and beyond of course). We have seen substantial improvements in attendance, punctuality, uniform, and lesson truancy since the start of September.

One way of demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning comes from students appreciating that positive behaviour in lessons is integral to them making sustained progress in their studies. The vast majority of our students already appreciate this and are recognised for demonstrating positive learning behaviour through the awarding of merits, legend cards, phone calls home and the attendance raffle. Congratulations to all of our students who have been recognised for their hard work over this half-term and we hope the next half-term will be just as successful.

We wish all of our Year 11s the very best of luck as they are now in the final stretch of national exams. We all hope that they gain the results they have strived to achieve. It is timely that I write and thank our senior students and prefects for supporting our school. They are significant role-models for younger students and represent the school with visitors and at local events. Amelia Winsall, Bradley Le Noury, Chloe Gallienne and Owen Hassall, our senior students, have continued to be exemplary young people and we wish them every success as they transition to pastures new.

We have had a wonderful final week of half-term culminating in a fantastic Sports Day yesterday. The weather was kind and we had so many participants, the camaraderie and support for all of the competitors was plain to see. Congratulations to Jethou who won the day.

Have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to the final months of the academic year.

Mrs. V. Godley  
Principal



# SUPERHERO COMPETITION WINNERS

Visiting author, Stewart Foster, set our Y7 & Y8 students a challenge: design a new superhero. We were so pleased with Gracie Guille and Alana Hockey who designed 'Broccoli Boy' and 'Buzz'.

Well done Gracie and Alana!



# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



This year the Theme is The Beauty of Architecture. But here on Guernsey we have decided to expand this Theme, to include any building of significant merit.

It could be a photo of a Napoleonic Fort, German Bunker, A Church, Public Building, School, a Modern or Old House. Anything that you can consider is of merit. So this will give you a wide choice.

If you would like to get involved please come and see Mrs Tyne in DF3 to fill in a form for entry. Deadline is the 30th of May.



**CONTACT  
MRS TYNE  
FOR AN  
APPLICATION  
FORM**





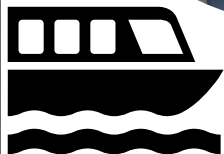
# SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Practice expedition: Sark, 28th – 30th April

Qualifying expedition: Jersey, 12th – 15th May



We had a bumpy arrival into Sark but, in the spirit of adventure, our participants were able to navigate successfully around the island and show that they were more than ready for their qualifying expedition.



Students enjoyed the navigational challenge that came with walking in Jersey. The extra day was definitely a struggle but we were very grateful that Condor was able to get us to Jersey on Friday night. It was a great adventure had by all! We saw grit, determination and resilience being shown throughout the trip and we were extremely proud of the students and how they pushed themselves to overcome difficulties. Some great memories made and some great stories to tell. We can't wait to see these students go on to Gold!



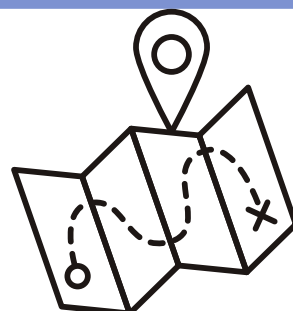


# BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Practice expedition: SSHS, 19th – 20th May



We ran our Bronze expedition as a different format this year. It was great to see students being challenged with route planning, map reading and carrying heavy packs. We saw some excellent leadership and resilience being shown. We can't wait for Group 2's expedition after half-term.

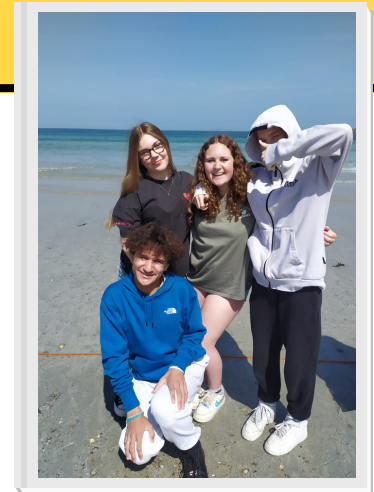


# Y10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Students visited the west coast and focused on the effectiveness of coastal management. They threw oranges into the sea to measure longshore drift rates, completed beach transfers with ranging poles and had some giggles with vehicle counts. They then researched the impact of internet shopping on our high street.

They were amazingly well-behaved and even interviewed the Dean of Guernsey who complimented them on their conduct.

Nikolas Kharroubi won the award for most charming questionnaire-asker!





# SPORTS DAY: THURSDAY, 25TH MAY

Beautiful sunshine, fantastic participants, records being broken and a huge amount of support being shown: this year's Sports Day was everything we could have wished for. Thank you to everyone who took part and a HUGE WELL DONE to JETHOU for taking first place!





# THIS HALF-TERM'S ASSEMBLIES



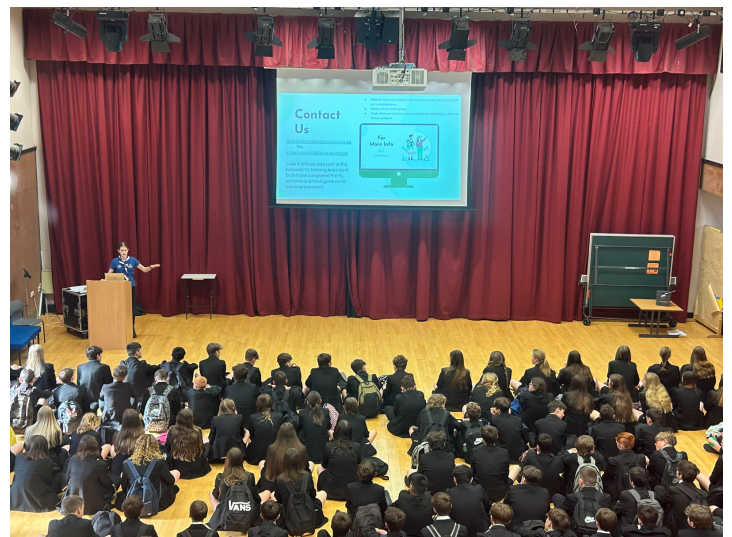
Y8 and 9 students were treated to an engaging and thought-provoking assembly from Jock Petit from The Soil Farm.

Five students were selected to compete against five staff to see who can spend their £1 in the most sustainable way meaning that the transaction doesn't have to be equivalent to £1, but the £1 is the first part of the journey of their vote for a more sustainable future!

Stay tuned to find out how everyone spends their £1.



Former student, Grace Bennialick came to talk to Y9 & 10 students about the Young Leaders' Scheme run by the Scouts. Grace spoke of how the scheme has benefitted her and how it can benefit our students. If you'd like to know more, see Ms Lock.





# LIBERATION DAY ROAD RELAY RACE

On Tuesday, 9th May we were delighted that some of our fantastic students were able to take part in the annual road relay race. We were thrilled that our boys took 2nd place and our girls took 3rd place. Thank you to everyone who took part!



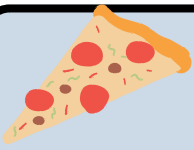
## MAD NIGHT

Celebrate! Join us for an evening of musical entertainment on Wednesday, 28th June from 6pm featuring a variety of our extra-curricular music groups in the SSHS Hall. Tickets will be on sale after half-term (£5 adults £2.50 concessions).

All the money raised annually supports productions, equipment and opportunities for students in The Creative Arts.

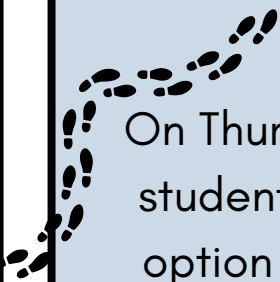


# OPPORTUNITIES WEEK



**Y7/8**

On Wednesday, 19th July, students will be taking part in the sponsored walk. More details will come after half-term.



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**Friday, 21st July**

All students are invited to an end-of-year celebration following a final assembly.

School will finish at midday, students can wear mufti and merits will be spendable. More information will be coming soon about how you can spend your merits on this fantastic celebration.





# Y7 & 8 ICT CORONATION PROJECT

## Calling all parents!

Please check to see if your child has completed their Coronation Project and leave a comment. This will enable them to earn a Daily Legend award!



## Y11 Students

Y11 students continue to attend all lessons where they still have an exam to be completed.

Students can also use the study room at school each day to revise.

Students must be in full uniform at all times.

Any exam questions, please email:  
[paul.smith@stsampsonshigh.sch.gg](mailto:paul.smith@stsampsonshigh.sch.gg)



## Upcoming Creative Arts Events



During the week beginning 26th June there will be the SSHS Art Exhibition in the school reception area featuring work by Key Stage 3 and 4 Art and Photography students.

- Tuesday 27th June at 6pm, St Sampson's Players present a Key Stage 3 Drama Showcase including a preview of Wizard of Oz: The Deleted Scene by Eddie McPherson (Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado.)



This will be a Drama Studio production and information will be sent out via Class Charts next term for ticket reservations.





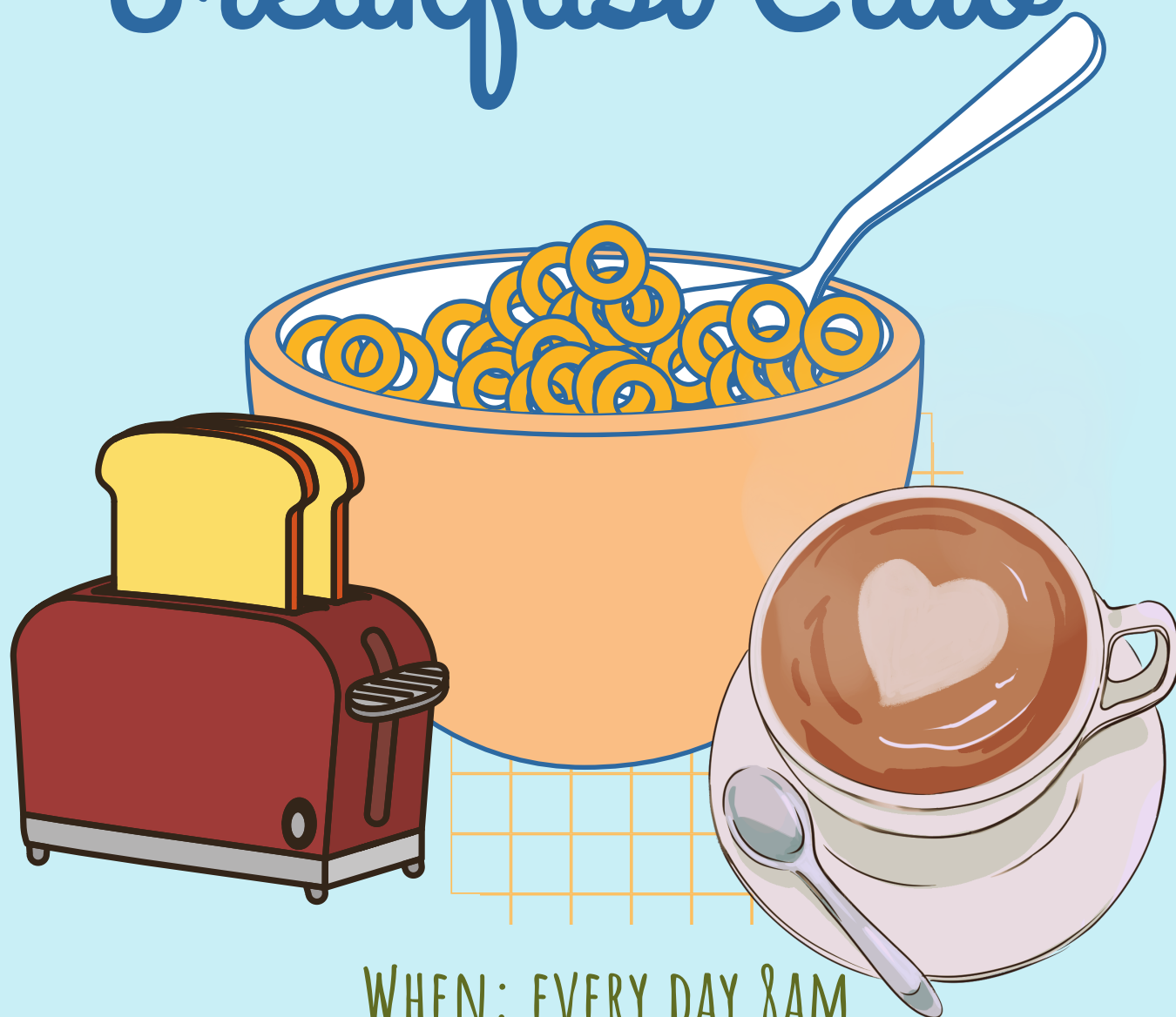
ARTICLE 27: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A GOOD ENOUGH  
STANDARD OF LIVING



ALL WELCOME...

St. Sampson's High School

# Breakfast Club



WHEN: EVERY DAY 8AM

ROOM: TLS 1

TOAST, CEREAL, HOT DRINKS,  
CEREAL BARS







ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL



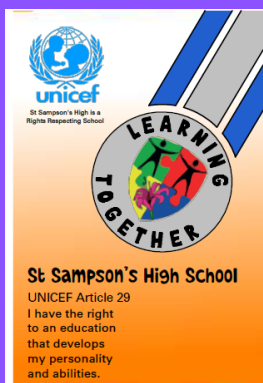
# Old Uniform Donations



If you have any uniform items: trousers, skirts, blazers, shirts or ties, please drop them into the school office so we can rehome and reuse!



Unwanted PE kits are useful too. Any hoodies, tops, skorts or shorts are also appreciated.



Keep uploading your Daily Legend cards to our school Facebook page to be in with the chance of winning a £10 Amazon Voucher.



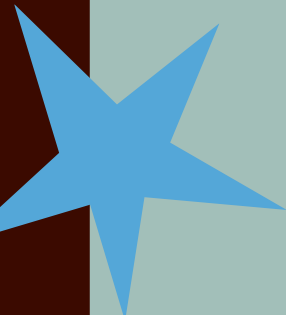
# *y11 Prom*



THURSDAY, 6TH JULY



CLASS OF 2023



PENINSULA HOTEL  
6:30-10:30PM  
TICKETS £15 FROM  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE

