

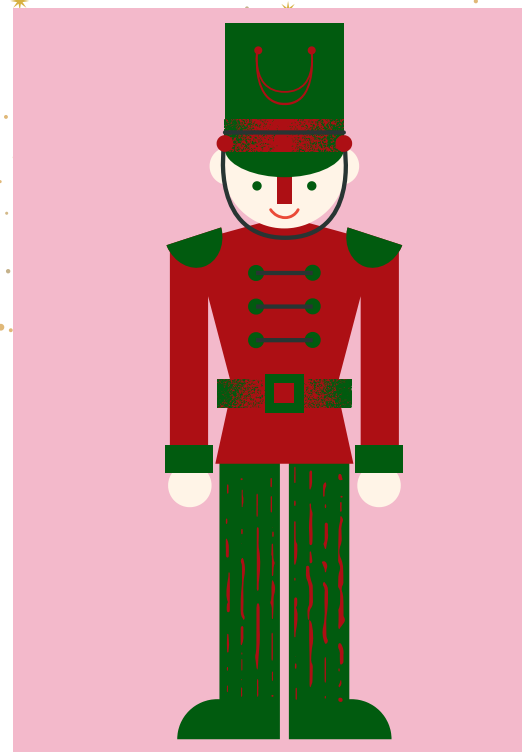


Volume 14

St. Sampson's High School

Christmas Newsletter

October - December 2023



Dates for the Diary

- Tues, 9th Jan - Term starts
- Mon, 15th Jan - Y11 Careers Meetings
- Tues, 16th Jan PTA Meeting (all welcome)
- Wed, 17th Jan - Y11 CFE Taster Day
- Thurs, 18th Jan - Y11 SFC Taster Day
- Thurs, 18th Jan - Y9 Parents' Evening
- Fri, 19th Jan - Y11 Careers Meetings
- Mon, 22nd - Thu, 8th Feb - Y11 Mocks
- Thurs, 25th Jan - Y9 Options Fair
- Wed, 31st Jan - Y9 PD Event
- Thu, 1st Feb - Y9 Vaccinations
- Mon. 5th - Wed, 7th Feb - Sixth Form Centre Meetings
- Thurs, 8th Feb - CFE Student Meetings
- Thurs, 9th Feb - CFE Student Meetings
- Fri, 9th Feb - Finish for half-term





Welcome to our Christmas newsletter,

The build up to Christmas is always such a lovely time of year when the school exudes community. As I read this half-term's newsletter, I realise what a fantastic reminder it is of all of the amazing things that have taken place in school, alongside our normal teaching and learning activities. In the hustle and bustle of a busy school term it can be easy to forget some of these things and it's important that we don't, because they highlight so many positive aspects of our school community. These are the things that give an insight into the overall ethos and culture of our school: 'Our Successful, Supportive and Happy Society' and the talent and the general willingness by staff and students to go above and beyond. Alongside our academic achievements, these are some of the additional elements that make us so proud of our school and all of our students. Our Year 7 students have settled beautifully and have grown in confidence over the course of the term. Our enrichment activities are growing at a fast rate and again, it is so important you encourage your child to participate in something new, it may develop a lifelong interest.

The whole of St. Sampson's High School bids a fond farewell to Ms J Roberts, Teacher of Science, (formerly Head of Science) who is returning to the UK after nine years. We wish her well at her new school, she will be very much missed by our school community. We also bid farewell to Mr Lojarczyk in Maths who returns to his homeland of Australia. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr E Waboo, who joins our Science department.

I do hope you take a moment to catch up on all of our news contained in these articles, there is so much to be proud of and to celebrate. I must mention our tremendous Performing Arts department where we were treated to two highlights in the last few weeks. Our annual Christmas Concert hosted so many wide ranging ensembles, and last week we had the delight of seeing our students excel in the pantomime 'A budget Cinderella'. It was a fantastic production with a twist no one expected! Many congratulations to everyone involved.

I do appreciate that Christmas, especially at such challenging economic times, can be for some a time of real stress and loneliness. Whatever our faiths or none, we should be extra vigilant to the person who says they are OK but may not be. Whatever you are doing, I do hope you get a chance to have some relaxation time with your friends and loved ones. Very best wishes to you all and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 8th January for another vibrant term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mrs Godley
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Students have entered a number of competitions this term. They've written ghost stories, war poetry and personal poems. We are delighted to have students' work published in three books now!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Stay tuned for the books coming soon!



Design & Technology *food*

Things have been extremely busy in the catering department at SSHS this half-term.

Y7s have been making coleslaw, cheese on toast and Yule log.

Y8s have made cupcakes, pizza and cookies.

Y9s made sausage rolls, jam tarts and beef burgers.

Y10s made their own chicken, fish or beef dishes.

Y11s have been practising their meal plans for their final exams.



ATTENTION

! DATE CHANGE

There will be an additional INSET day in September. This means students will return to school on Thursday, 5th September.



D&T GRAPHICS

Where awesome things are happening...



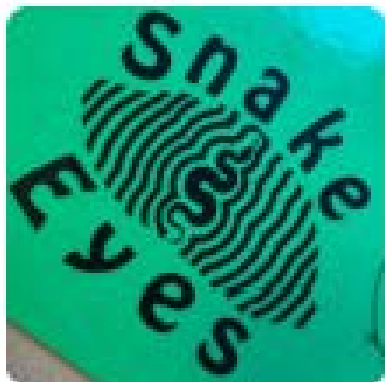
Logo work (11)



Branding (8)



Acid Etching (10)



Vinyl Logo (11)



Lettering (8)



Colour Theory



Screen Printing (9)



Courework (11)



Block Printing (10)

Please

HAVE A LOOK



& A FOLLOW





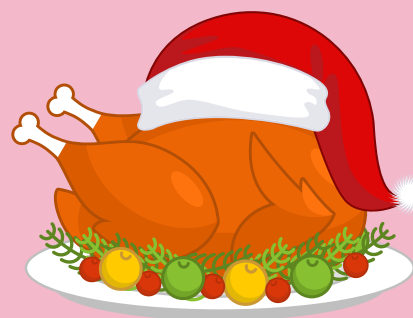
Christmas Lunch

More than 100 staff and students took part in this year's Christmas lunch and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the celebration. Thank you to Mr. Cobb for entertaining us on the microphone!

We also have to say a huge THANK YOU to Craig from Catering Solutions for providing such a top-notch and delicious meal. We are already excited about next year's event.



Mr Allison broke his own rules and awarded this fantastic group with a 'Freddo Thursday' prize in celebration of their fantastic Christmas dancing.



GUERNSEY WELFARE SERVICE



We ran a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' this year and received hundreds of donations that we were able to box up for Guernsey Welfare Service.

Boxes will be delivered to families in need across the island over the festive season.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this initiative. We appreciate every single donation!



PTA News

Our fantastic PTA ran their annual raffle and saw a top prize (donated by Breton) of £1000 being won by Helen Stephens. Congratulations!

PTA RAFFLE!
TOP 3 RAFFLE PRIZES WITH HUGE THANKS TO THE KIND GENEROUS SPONSORS!

£1000
BRETON

£200
Stan Brouard
The Garden, Leisure and Furniture Store
VOUCHER

dryrobe

Gone Paddling Guernsey

The next meeting is Tuesday, 16th January at 7pm All are welcome. Keep up with other news by following their Baubigny Schools PTA Facebook page or emailing baubignyschoolspta@gmail.com

Many thanks to the PTA for all of their hard work and donations this year. We are looking forward to next year already.



Christmas Events

We were so proud of the students who took part in the Christmas Lights Switch On at the Bridge on Friday, 1st December.

Well done to:

Amy Le Cras

Teyhan Anslow

Ellie Luxon

Lydia Le Lacheur

Jaime McKane

Belle Solway

Anya Ogier

Sophie Veron

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 Stella, Daisy, Paige, Arwen, Martha, Sophie and Liv for giving up your time!





Collectively Diverse

*Join our club!
Mondays in AG34*



FEEL GOOD FRIDAY



**We are so proud of
all the students who
have been
nominated for a
Friday phone call.
Keep up the great
work, everyone!**



ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Alana Hockey	Emily Brouard
Demi Thompson	Katie Hulse
Evie Bishop	Teyhan Anslow
Kaos White-Saunders	Ruby Ogier
Cara Langlois	Immy Billien
Reuben Newman	Noah Mahy
Dion De Bourgonniere	

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY STAFF TO RECEIVE A
PHONE CALL FROM MRS GODLEY AND THE PRINCIPAL'S
AWARD (WORTH 10 MERITS) ON CLASS CHARTS!



Students have been playing games and having fun. A particular highlight has been a small group of them trying to get Howard (a leader) to play Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza and seeing Howard's competitive edge coming out! We have also had some good discussions covering things like, free will, creation, the nature of God and giving presents at Christmas, amongst others! The Christmas party was great, we had about 26 students come along, some for the first time, the party food was devoured in seconds with no leftovers! The club has been a real joy and the students seemed to be really enjoying it!





Language Legends

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages would like to acknowledge the following students who have worked extremely hard and made excellent progress during the Autumn Term. These students have shown high levels of dedication to the subject and will receive a certificate, postcard home and a small prize. Well done and keep it up!

Winners:

Year 7 French: Rosie-May Gist, Lilly Wood, Lacey Ruskin & Jenson Moherndl

Year 8 French: Amelia Bourgaize, Jake Enticott & Isabelle Falla

Year 9 French: Alissa Kharroubi & Rosie McClean

Year 9 German: Verity Lowe & Jack Coutanche

Year 10 French: Florrie Cooper, James Southern & Tia Domaille

Year 11 French: Alisha Pipet & Edie Dorian

Year 11 German: Noah Millar & Ivy David



Bravo et continuez comme ça ! Gut gemacht und macht weiter so!

Mrs Le Page, Mr Hurford & Ms Clark

Parent Forums

Date	Workshop
16.01.23	Supporting your child through GCSE revision
30.01.23	School nurse: Anxiety, exam stress and sleep importance.
20.02.23	Supporting your child with GCSE Maths, English and Science
05.03.23	Keeping your child safe online.
19.03.23	Literacy

Our Parent Workshops are open to everyone and will be online and in person next term. They all take place at 5.30pm in the school Library. Video links will be sent out before each one. All previous workshops can be found on our website under 'Parent Information'.



Guille-Allès Public Library

Y7 Library Trip



Students travelled to the Guille Alles library and took part in a range of activities, tasks and games. They learnt about how to find a book, return a book, loan a book and visited the Fab Lab too.





Sports Teams

Netball

SSHS has had a fantastic netball season this year. We are delighted with each team's communication, effort and teamwork. Well done to everyone who played!



Y7



Y8



Y9



Y10



Y11





Sports Teams *football*



Y7 A Team



Y7 B Team



**Y8 League
Winners**



Y9 A Team



Y9 B Team



**Y9 Harry
Bourgaize**



Y9 Evie Bellis

The SSHS Sports Awards go to students who have demonstrated commitment, teamwork and an excellent effort across a range of sports in and out of school.



Y10 Matt Jackson



**Y10 Immy
Bleasdale**



Y7 Olivia Vaudin



Sports Awards

Y7 & 8

Y7 Jude Tetlow



Y8 Gracie Guille



Y8 Connor Crowson



Y9 Hockey



Sports Teams

Hockey



CLAS BASE - News



Students enjoyed a Christmas party on the 21st of December. They played games, completed a Christmas quiz and enjoyed some drinks and snacks.

Skills for Life Club:

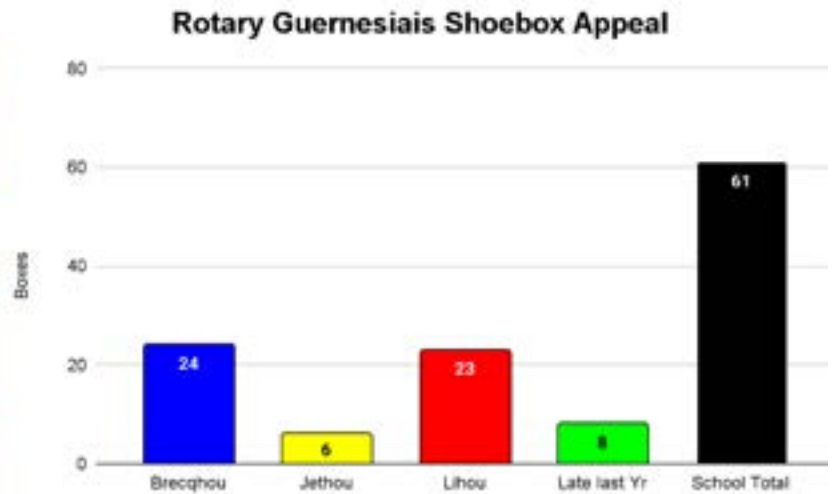
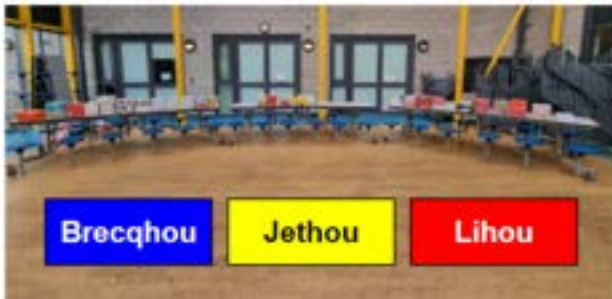
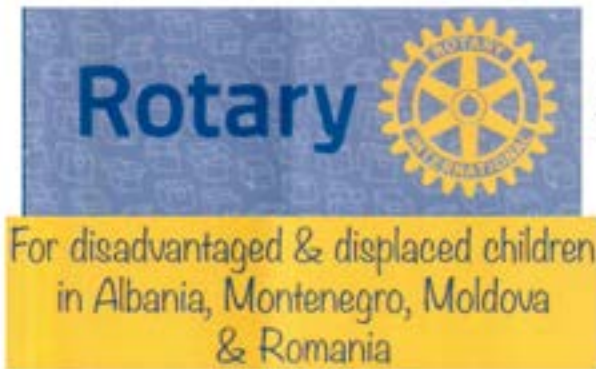
The club was set up for Base students, to be held on Thursdays. We met for the first time in October. Sessions include subjects such as Anger Management and Problem Solving, as well as some fun activities. In the future, there will be monthly, off-site visits, to various organisations and locations. We have had two visits, La Hechettes Farm (Pumpkin Farm) and the Table Tennis Centre so far. The aim is that the students will learn to work together, to share and to prepare them for later in life.





House News

Shoe Box Appeal

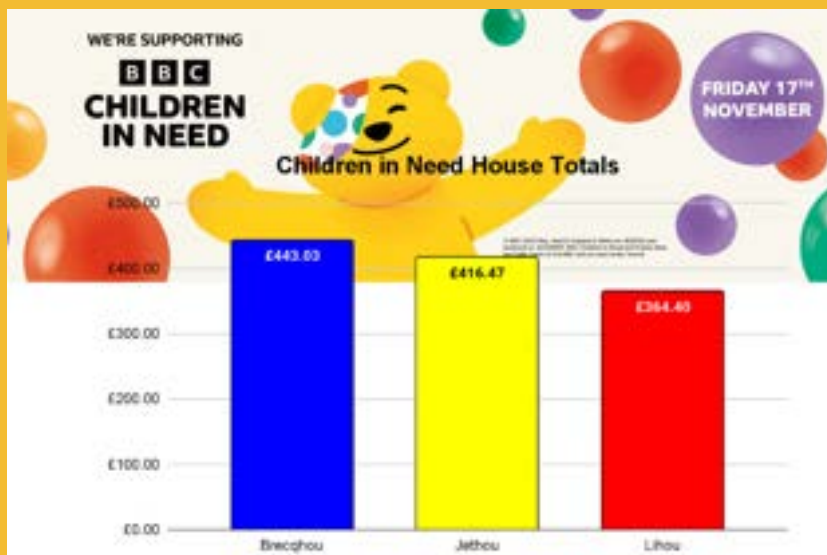


Friday, 22nd December is Mufti, raising money for Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day £1

Next term: Red Nose Day, Everest Challenge & Pancake Day Race

Children in Need

We had a brilliant day on Friday, 17th November. We raised over £1200. Well done to everyone who took part!



Y9 Fort Hommet & Mirus Battery Visit

On Wednesday, 15th November, Y9 students visited Fort Hommet and Mirus Battery as part of their 'Conflict' topic in poetry. We were treated with tours at both sites by volunteers from Festung and it was great to put our learning into context.

We have been reading about the Occupation and about Guernsey's fortifications. We also enjoyed an assembly presentation by Paul and Steve from Festung.



Royal Navy Visit

Y10 students were invited to take part in a morning of activities with visitors from the Royal Navy. They worked on teamwork, communication and leadership skills. It was a fabulous opportunity to learn more about life in the Navy and possible job opportunities.



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.

A huge thank you to the Orchestra for playing at Vale War Memorial.



Y9

English

As part of our 'Conflict' topic, we looked at local history and were delighted to have real newspapers and handwritten documents provided by Alana Hockey's great grandma: Rona. Thank you Alana and Rona for bringing our learning to life!



Student Council News



Ezrah, Jane, Gracie, Ellie, Adam, Olly, Theo, Katie, Beth, Edie and Monty have been working exceptionally hard this term.

So far, they have plans in the pipeline to update the SSHS uniform jumper - stay tuned for news coming soon!

They have also managed to get some sheltered bike racks which we are hoping will be in operation before February half-term..

They have also introduced the idea of painting cycle and pedestrian lanes outside SSHS to ease the flow of traffic at the start and end of the day. Look out for the lines appearing after Christmas!

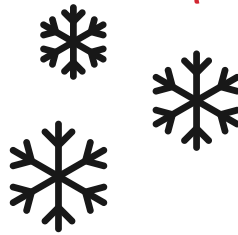
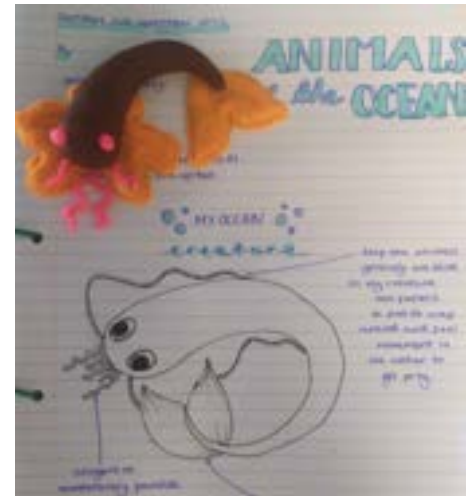
It has been a fantastic first term and we look forward to seeing more of their plans and ideas coming to life. If you have any suggestions, please talk to them! They are here to help.



Geography

KS3

Y8s have been working on climate change causes, effects and adaptation strategies. - Year 9 students have been looking at coastal process and management & local coastal geography. They have also been making models of sea animals to show their adaptations.



Year 7 have completed their tectonics topic looking at the causes, effects and responses to a range of tectonic hazards - lessons have included building playdoh models, completing guided diagrams, designing emergency evacuation kits and trialling some geography speed dating to explain the factors affecting the severity of the disaster



Y8 German Underground Hospital visit

On Wednesday, 29th November, our Y8 students travelled to the German Underground Hospital as part of their Gothic topic in English. You can read some of their hospital-inspired descriptive work on the next page... turn over if you dare!



Y8 German Underground Hospital visit

Slipping beneath the ground, the tunnels twisted and ran; they led to darkness, dampness, decay. When the slow, dripping water fell on the blood-stained floor, its echoes whisper wearily. If the ancient beds creak, a ghost lurks nearby like a black cat around a witch. Disgustingly, the walls were slime; they watched you. Suddenly, a silent silhouette stood in the shadows and the dim glow flickered like a candle. Dull, dreary, dangerous: the passage seems never ending.

What happened here? In the passage, the air felt so sickly, so sickly that whoever breathes it in will feel lightheaded. Through the blackness, a soldier screams in agony as a blunt saw is dragged across his leg. Slowly and painfully, the saw reaches the bone and removes the limb from his body; strings of flesh are left like hangnails. Slow, sneaking silhouettes seep through the shadows and catch your eye. Who's there?

Drip, drip, drip... water spills from the cracks in the ceiling and crawls down the walls. Oozing, blood flows like a river in the hallway. There is barely any light. Disease spreads like fire through this eerie place... Cold, damp, rough; the walls trapped people as rats in a cage. Alone, the silence screams as loud as a siren. The clammy air, that filled the room with a foul smell, was enough to make anyone want to leave...

In the rotting rooms, that are lined with rows and rows of empty beds, it is said that long, sharp needles were embedded in the soldiers skin; a blade piercing through the layers of flesh. Sucking the blood out of patients like starving vampires. As the screams fill the silence, the lights tremble and twitch and shiver. Snaking across the floor, shadows climb up the walls, which were engulfed in blood and vomit. Who's there

Outside, the moon was shining through the dreary clouds and sending ribbons of silver slithering into the entrance. It illuminated the scalpels, forceps and knives that were used to engrave the patient's skin and carve into their veins. The wombs cut open would be infected; hot blood leaking from them. Manikins stood like statues at the entrance and held out their hands as if to reach through the glass and grab you. Menacingly, it was as if they were trying to escape.

Unfurling, lines of mould clung to the walls like glue. When the rain pours on the roof, the sound reverberates around the passages: creating an eerie atmosphere. Darkness, the lights flashed off. Darkness, nothing could be seen past your fingertips. Darkness, who's there?

It's coming.

Olivia Stanbury



Y8 German Underground Hospital visit

Coldness began creeping up my body, sending shivers along my spine. The bitter smell of salty earth lingering around me as I fought my instincts and took a step forward. I thought of the desperate whimpers, the vicious screams that echoed through the damp, mould covered hallways while being mixed with distant footsteps and cane taps. A silent mutter of death whispering in my ear and an aggressive lub-dub of my heart creating a cacophony of fear that circled my body.

The wind whispered woeful tales to me as I walked, golden streams of light slowly fading away from my torch as rat tails twisted around my ankles and scratched at the tattered pipes releasing leaks of murky water. Hisses of steam from far away in the corridor were mixed with grubby smells of coal choking me, causing me to stagger in agony. Slowly, trickles of crimson blood rolled their way to my feet, thin pipes of candle wax hanging high above me. I could smell the damp dirt that lay above, undisturbed for years until now.

I thought of the injured who lay here before, wondering if their ghosts were now drifting through me while I walked unknown. High pitched screams of pain were ringing in my ears but I could feel it in my chest but I knew deep in the pit of my stomach it wasn't there at all...

Death licked the walls. An icy chill causing my hair to stand on end or, at least, I hoped that's why they were. My mind began to spin and my lungs ached. The lub-dub of my heart was back echoing in my ears, lub-dub, lub-dub, lub-dub, I was shaking. This place, this corridor, this room. It was familiar. I bent down and picked it up, I was surprised it was still here, I was surprised she was still here. In a stained, water-drenched photo. Her hair was almost indistinguishable after the rust took over the image.

My legs felt as though they were going to crumble into a thousand pieces as I stood there - the last one left. Staring frozen at the old and tattered beds that sat still. Empty except from my vivid memories. It was weird but for whatever reason... it felt like home.

Ruby Le Poidevin



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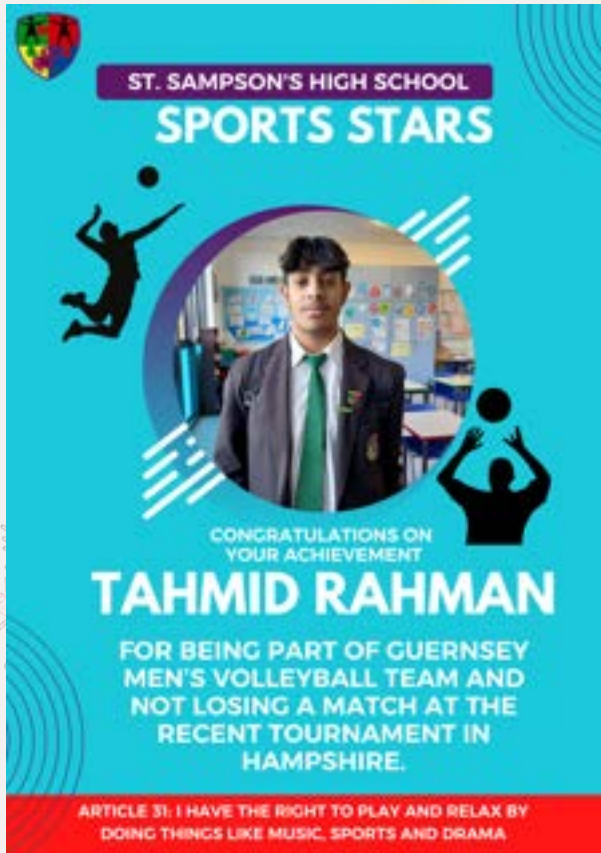


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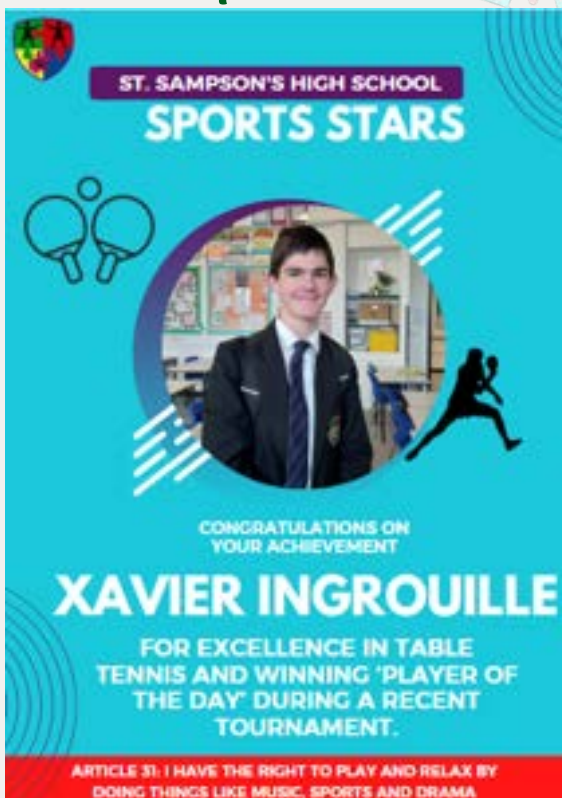


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SSHS Sports Stars



We love hear about our students' sporting achievements so if you have something you'd like to share, please email facebook@stsampsonshigh.gg



Sports Stars
are shared
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Wednesdays
so keep an
eye out, it
might be you
next time!





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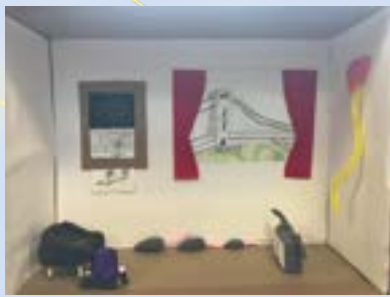
Bronze Meeting: Thursday, 12th
Jan 3:10pm Social Area

It was an honour and a privilege to be able to present more than 80 students with their Bronze and Silver awards from last year.

We were delighted to welcome His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Sir Richard Cripwell to SSHS to present the awards.

In January, training will commence for our new Bronze and Silver recruits. Look out for messages on Class Charts with details coming soon!





Creative Arts

Art

It has been a very busy and productive term in the Art Department. Year 7 have been brushing up on the Elements of Art through the study of birds. They finished off the term with some beautiful hanging birds, inspired by the Artist Mark Hearld, focusing on mark making with oil pastels and water colour wash. Y7 also produced some amazing homework, creating 3D 'Artist in a Box' pieces. This was a competition across the schools with, Cara Langlois from SSHS winning overall.



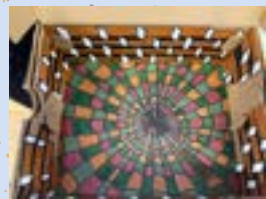
Year 8 started the term with a project inspired by the Lion's Club International Peace Art Competition. We are very proud of Satang Yusong whose artwork was picked to represent Guernsey. Her work then won the regional heat and has come 3rd in the UK, with a prize of £75. Wow!



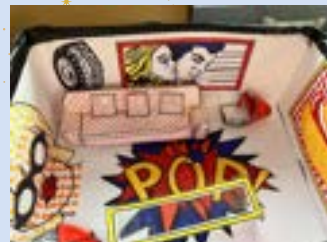
Year 9 have been looking at Artists who include skulls in their artwork and experimenting with different media. They are now completing compositions in the style of an Artist, also considering the ideas behind Vanitas artwork.



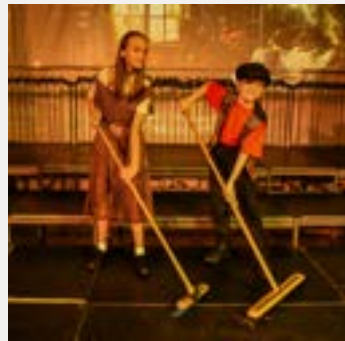
Year 10 have been focusing on buildings, exploring different Artists and techniques.



It is an exceptionally busy time for Y11 who are nearing the end of their coursework and are about to embark on their final examination project in January. Well done to all our wonderful Artists.



A Budget Cinderella



We are so proud of everyone who took part in this fantastic production. Well done!







Music Update



Battle of the Bands tickets are now on sale from www.guernseytickets.gg Come and support our band on Saturday, 3rd February 2024 at 6.30pm at Beau Sejour.

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

Lily Coutanche Grade 1 Drums with Distinction
Archie Robins Grade 4 Drums with Merit
Oliver Jeffreys Grade 4 Electric Guitar
Anne-Marie Fernandes Grade 3 Cello with Merit
Isabelle Falla Grade 5 Flute with Merit
Martha Le Cheminant Grade 5 Violin with Merit
Susanna Costley Grade 6 Viola with Merit
Olivia Atkinson Grade 7 Viola with Distinction
Roxy Le Poidevin Grade 2 Drum Kit with Distinction
Danny Bradley Grade 1 Drum Kit with Merit
Kristian Michel Grade 2 Guitar with Merit
Isobel Sexton Grade 5 Oboe with Merit



Science

Each half-term, staff choose students as 'Science Stars' based on resilience seen in lessons.



SSHS Science Stars

Congratulations to our Science Stars for this half term.

Year 7

Lara
Cronje

Year 8

Roxy Le
Poidevin

Year 9

Charlie-
Ray Baker

Year 10

Andreas
Teale

Year 11

Teyan
Anslow

Well done for showing great resilience in lessons!



Join 'The Locker Room' on Facebook
if you wish to Sell, Buy or
give away uniform, sports
kit, football boots, shoes,
coats, rucksacks, musical
instruments, revision
guides, scientific calculators
etc.
Thank you!



Geography Challenge

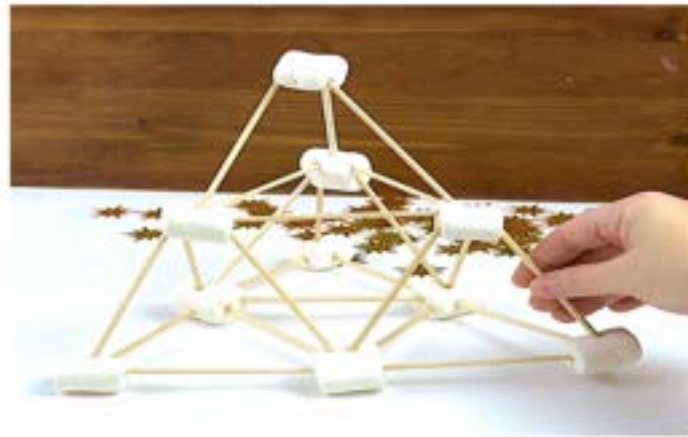
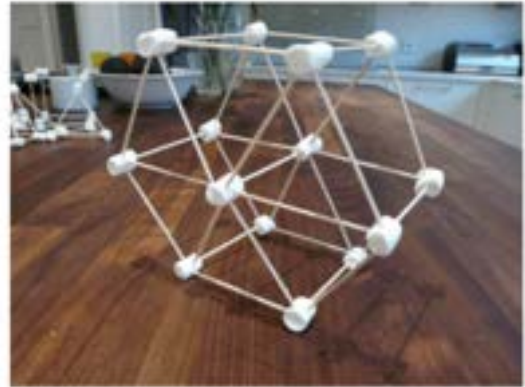
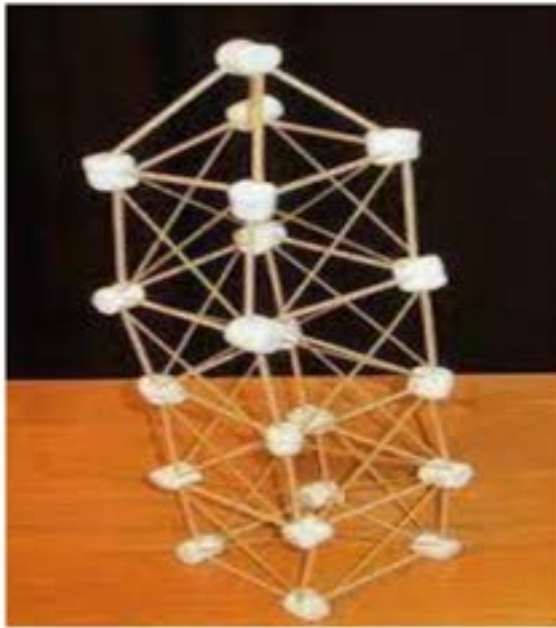
Christmas challenge

Create your own mini earthquake resistant building using marshmallows and cocktail sticks - what structure would be the best for:

Size

Stability

height



SSHSS Happy Hut

We have been blown away by the donations we have received this term.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our initiative and we look forward to continuing next year.



Follow our FB page updates on Thursdays to find out more!



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The seven questions below each have a one-word answer which can follow 'Christmas'. Use the design of the card to help you to put letters from your answers into the grid below to find the final answer.



These clocks show a four-letter word. Can you work it out?



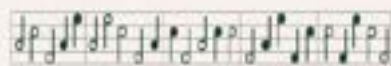
We've jumbled up our gift tags! Split them into three groups of three and find a word that links each group.

What word links these three link words?



We found a scrap of paper with some bars of music on it which we think are concealing a word.

Next to the music were some Is and Os, and the numbers 16.8.4.2.1. Can you work out the hidden word?



Can you solve this riddle?

What breaks but cannot fall,
can leap but never crawl,
can be seized but never gripped,
often present, never skipped?



Each letter represents a different digit.

$MI \times MI = MAA$
 $TI + TI = RA$
 $DO - SO + TI - MI = RE$
 $RE \times RE = ?$



Find the pairs of letters which come next in each sequence.

TH, RD, ND, ??
ET, EL, PM, ??
WU, SQ, OM, ??
WR, AP, PI, ??



Look at this message.
Can you work it out and find the secret 4-letter word?

Agklq ldhum qom ndem.
Gembegax c 4-hmqgmik vdkc.
Hddp mumkxvomkm.
Ycxim gq'l umkx diugdsL

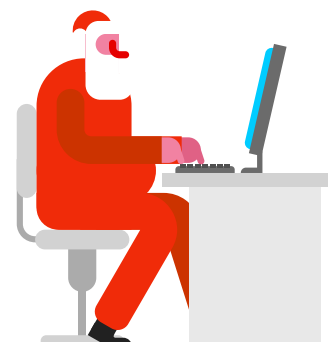
Can you solve the final challenge below?



GCHQ

Mrs. Kaine has set the challenge for you to complete GCHQ's Christmas Challenge.

Follow @GCHQ on X or Instagram to view the answers.



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. Two winners are chosen each Monday.

