

February Half-Term

NEWSLETTER

Uniform Update!



From Monday, 19th February, students are able to wear an optional black sweatshirt with the 'Learning Together' logo. This must be worn over a shirt and tie, under a blazer.

This can be purchased from Fletchers Sports or Game Changers.



Dates for the Diary

- Mon, 19th Feb - school starts
- **Mon, 19th Feb - Work experience starts**
- Tue, 20th Feb - Parent Forum: GCSE Maths, English & Science
- **Fri, 23rd Feb - Everest Challenge**
- Tue, 27th Feb - Y7/8 Visiting Author
- **Thu, 29th Feb - Y10 Parents' Evening**
- Tue, 5th Mar - Parent Forum: Online Safety
- **Tue, 12th Mar - Parent Forum: SEND**
- Thu - Sat, 14-16 Mar - Silver DofE Practice
- **Fri, 15th Mar - Red Nose Day**
- Tue, 19th Mar - Parent Forum: Literacy
- **Fri, 22nd Mar - School ends**



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring term always flies by and we begin to see a glimmer of the brighter weather ahead. Reading through our half-term newsletter, it is a delight to see so many different subjects covered and the opportunities they present for our students.

Our School Council has consulted the student body about an addition to our uniform. Students can continue to wear their grey jumpers or, after half-term, an optional school-emblem black round neck sweatshirt. This is to be worn in the same way as our current jumper, underneath the blazer and with a school tie. All of our school uniform suppliers are aware and stock both jumpers. Well done to the School Council for discussing with the Senior Leadership Team, presenting assemblies and introducing this adaptation to school policy.

Another improvement is our parent forums. We listened to feedback from some of you who race to attend these sessions. There have been suggestions to give the option of either attending in person or logging in online. We have had a great response from you and you clearly find these sessions valuable - giving up to date information about key themes in school - whether subject related or more general information supporting teenagers etc. Do keep an eye out for our forums, they take place most Tuesdays. We send reminders through Group Call and Class Charts. All of the themes can be found on our school website along with the slides from previous evenings.

We had an early Pancake Day in the school sports hall this week. It was great fun. As well as individual houses competing flipping their pancakes, we had staff a team too - some of those pancakes may have needed to be replaced before consuming!

Yr. 11 have worked so hard this half-term and have taken their mock exams seriously. This is excellent practice for the summer term to give them experience of exam conditions and types of question they may face. Students now have the offer of attending Period 7 on a Tuesday - Thursday. They can identify particular areas where they may need to refresh and the teacher will tailor these revision sessions to support understanding. We do hope as many students as possible take up this offer. Staff give their time freely to ensure students have the very best opportunities for success. The year can feel long but we hope their efforts will pay off.

Battle of the Bands was held last weekend and our band 'Blind Sight' ended the show. It was a long wait and nerves were high but they should be so proud of their performance. Performing to over 200 people in the audience is a great achievement.

Enjoy the brief rest next week and best wishes to those students who are on the schools' ski trip, I am sure it will be lots of fun.

Mrs V. Godley



WriteStuff

A Writing Competition for Students in the Bailiwick of Guernsey

Write Stuff!

Y8s were treated to a visit from, author and explorer, Huw Lewis-Jones to introduce Guernsey Literary Festival's 'Write Stuff' competition.

This is open to ALL students. Simply write a 300-word story entitled 'The Party' and talk to your English teacher about how to enter the competition.

Cash prizes available!
Deadline: 8th March



Huw Lewis-Jones



HAPPY HUT NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our Happy Hut. We are so grateful for every donation. We are especially delighted that so many students have become involved. Izzy Falla (Y8) made some pencil cases for students to take and use as required! We were also very grateful to Sarah Hendry for knitting us some fidget toys and worry worms.



Pancake Day Race

Our annual House Pancake Day race took place on Tuesday, 6th February. Students had a flipping good time and thoroughly enjoyed eating the pancakes after all the running had been done.

Thank you to everyone who took part!



Flip!

Eco Club

We are so pleased with our Student Council who have created a new 'Eco Club'. Students have been busy making the school environment tidier, cleaner and healthier for everyone! We were delighted to present their Eco Club badges in assembly on the 6th of Feb.



GRAPHICS

Year 10 have just begun coursework that is 60% of their GCSE...



Year 9 have been designing logos using their initials



Year 8 have been making chocolate bars and the packaging.



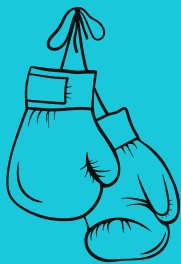
Year 7 students have been packaging stationery. The current Year 11 students have just begun their 'Exam Piece' that culminates in a 10 hour practical exam!





ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS STARS



CONGRATULATIONS ON
YOUR ACHIEVEMENT

ED LAWES

FOR ATTENDING BOXING CLUB
DURING LUNCHTIMES AND
BEING AWARDED A
CERTIFICATE!

ARTICLE 31: I HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLAY AND RELAX BY
DOING THINGS LIKE MUSIC, SPORTS AND DRAMA



PLEASE
KEEP
SHARING
YOUR
SPORTS
NEWS
WITH US

WE LOVE
CELEBRATING
YOUR
ACHIEVEMENTS!



ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL FEEL GOOD FRIDAY



Abigail Goodwin
Archie Houilbecq
Roxy Lynch
Riley Wallace
Rharni Baudains
Chloe Hodgson
Florie Cooper
Nathanial Kay

Toby Diment
Amia Allen
Amira Le Poidevin
Oliver Hulse
Lucie Bichard
Aaron Nugent
Jaxen-Dean Rive

Phone calls
are made on
Fridays

WHAT CAN
YOU DO TO
GET
NOMINATED
NEXT
WEEK?



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!



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Period 7

We are so pleased to be able to offer more than 40 extra classes each week.

All subjects are covered. Around 65% of year 11 are regularly attending this and other lunchtime sessions.

Fill in the survey on Class Charts if you would like to attend a Period Seven session.

S PERIOD V E N



Calling all
Y11s!



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

It was a fantastic evening on Saturday, 3rd February as we cheered on our fantastic band 'Blind Sight'.

Huge congratulations to Aryia, Immy, Beth, Dio, Ivy and Olivia for such a great performance.



FOOD TECH

Picking crabs and cooking linguine with Jerry Cobb





SSHS Science Stars

Congratulations to our Science Stars for this half term.

Year 7
Aaron
Nugent

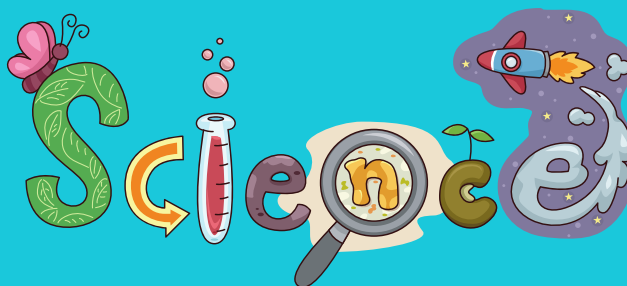
Year 8
Jessica
Warr

Year 9
Rosie
McClean

Year 10
Hannah
Warr

Year 11
Isobel
sexton

Well done for excellent effort in lessons!



KS3 STEM CLUB

This half term students have been repurposing old CDs into racers and hovercrafts.



Join us after half term to see who can make the best CD spinner.

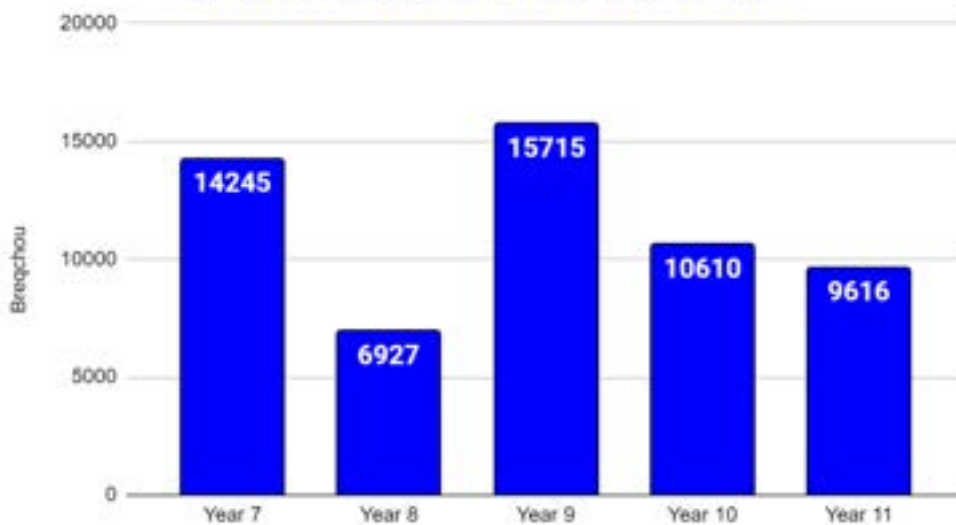
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House News

Update from Term 1

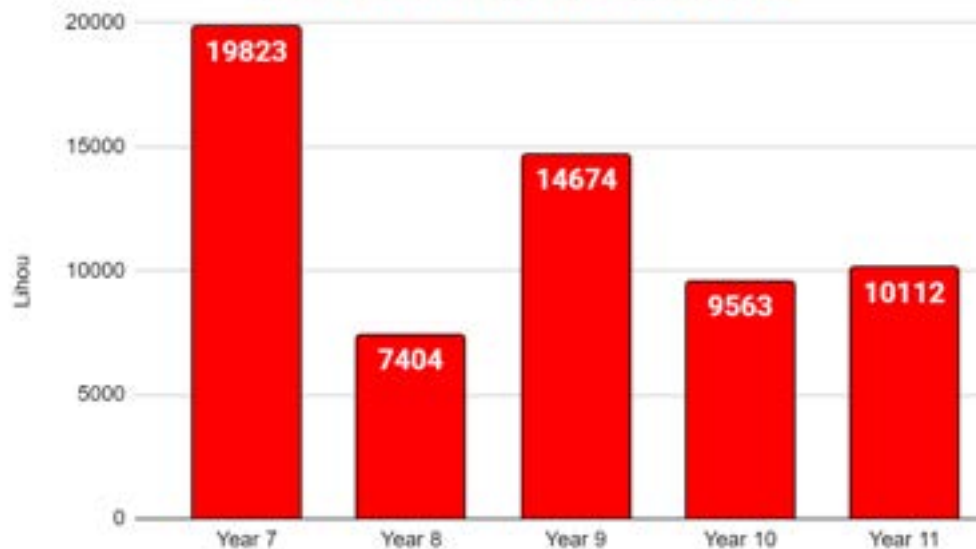
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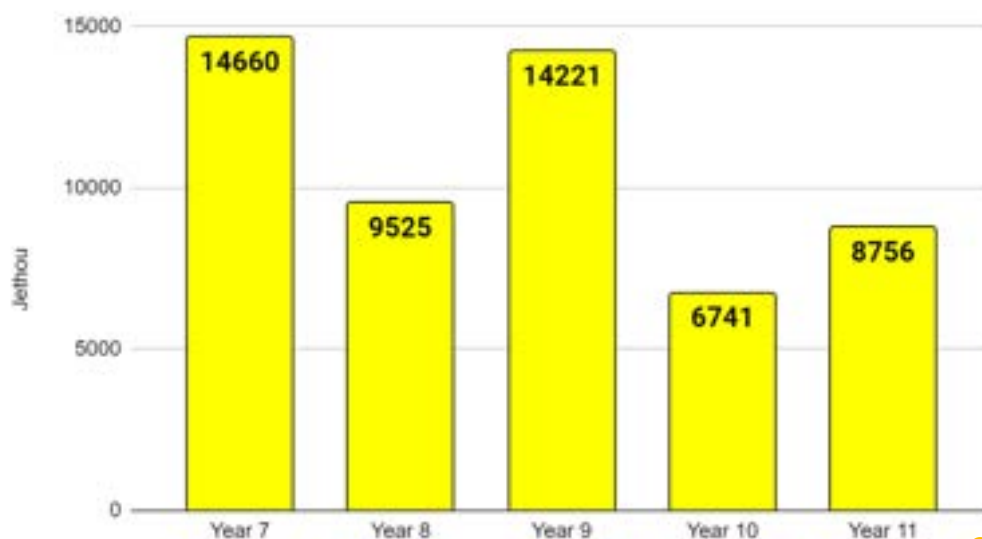
Everest Challenge

- Friday, 23rd February.
- See your tutor to sign up.
- Collect sponsorship money!

Lihou Autumn Term Merit Totals



Jethou Autumn Term Merit Totals



Red Nose Day

- Friday, 15th March.
- Mufti for £1.
- Talk to your tutor today about what activity you can organise.



SPORTS



Y7/8 Basketball



Y9/10 Basketball



Climbing Club



Netball Umpires



Y7 Netball vs Vale



Y7 Badminton



Reminder:

Check the noticeboard to see which clubs are running each week. Everyone is welcome!



ALL THINGS LITERACY

Reading Mentors, Bedrock and Y7 Bookopoly. Keep up the great reading, everyone!

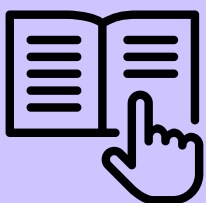


READING MENTORS



Our Y10 Reading Mentors have been supporting KS3 students with their reading three times a week.

Thank you to everyone who gives up their time to help others read!

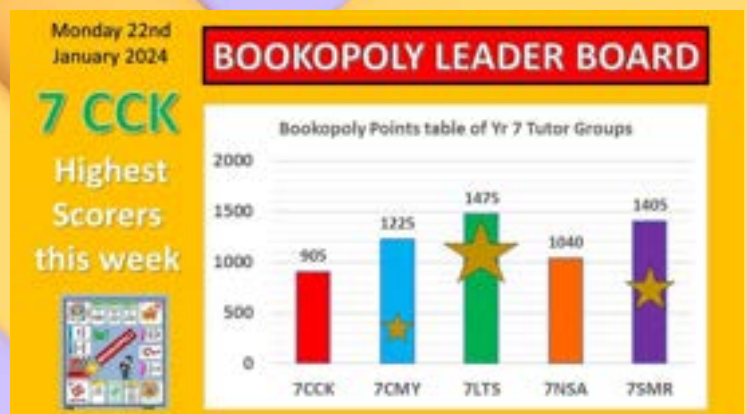
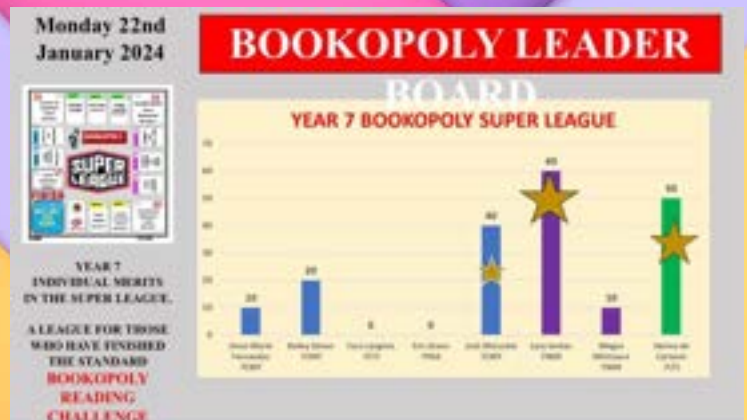


Congratulations **Yr 9 BEDROCK – STARS**

Evie Bellis

Mya Vaudin
Daisy Prevel
Lewis Green
Phoebe De Garis
Nicole Sexton

MOST IMPROVED THIS WEEK – w/e 26.01.24



Well done to all of the KS3 students who have had their writing selected to feature in upcoming books.

Congratulations!



Join 'The Locker Room' on Facebook if you wish to sell, buy or give away uniform, sports kit, football boots or shoes. Thank you!



CLUBS TO JOIN:



DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Bronze Ormers



Bronze Chancres



Tent Pitching



Silver Training



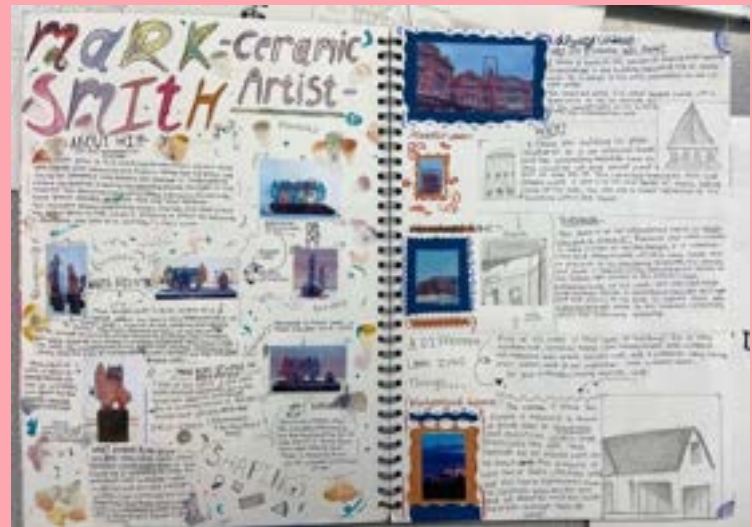
DofE Silver

Students have been busy planning their routes for the upcoming practice expedition to Sark. Cross your fingers for good weather!



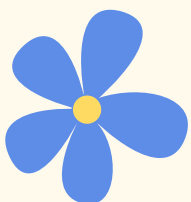
Arty Creations

Y10 students are working hard on their coursework. Well done to everyone for such an excellent effort!



Graphics

Y7 students have been busy designing and creating stationery packs.





Eco Club's Dairy Visit

On Friday, 9th February, our Eco Club students visited Guernsey Dairy. The focus of the trip is on food and sustainability and the importance of buying local. They also heard about supporting producers from farm to fork.



ROTARY YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

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On Thursday, 8th February, we were so pleased to send Sammy Harris (Y10) and Elysia Peachey (Y11) to take part in the Rotary Young Chef Competition, they came 4th and 6th respectively. This was a fantastic opportunity for our budding chefs to put their skills into action. Well done to both of you!

