

February Half-Term

Dates for the Diary

- Thu, 6th Feb – Eisteddfod begins
- **Wed, 12th March – Student Council Sour Fig**
- Mon, 17th March – Y11 Tutor Photos
- **Thu, 20th March – Creative Arts Concert**
- Thu, 20th March – Everest Challenge
- **Fri, 21st March Red Nose Day & mufti**
- Mon, 24th–Wed, 26th March – Y7 States Assembly visits
- **Tue, 25th March – Parent Forum: Dyslexia Support**
- Fri, 28th March – PTA Quiz
- **Fri, 4th–Sun, 6th Apr – Silver DofE practice**
- Fri, 11th April – End of Term



ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL FEEL GOOD FRIDAY	
Florence 11DBH	Ayla 10JIE
Daisy 11DBH	Leo 7SMY
Arun 7TVD	Bailey 10MIE
Alycia-Mae 8LTS	Leon 10JMY
Jaxen 8AFD	Alfie 10SRR
Joey 9ECS	Joe 10LUE
Jane 9JMN	Xavier 10JIE
Poppy 8BRL	Charlie 10PPE
	Grace 11

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY STAFF TO RECEIVE A PHONE CALL FROM MRS GODLEY AND THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (WORTH 20 MERITS) ON CLASS CHARTS!





MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has been incredibly difficult for our entire school community. The unexpected loss of one of our students has deeply affected us all, and we continue to feel the weight of this tragedy. Our thoughts and deepest condolences remain with her family during this incredibly painful time. I want to thank you all for the outpouring of support and compassion you have shown to one another and to the school. It is in these challenging moments that the strength of our community truly shines through. We are committed to supporting our students and staff as we navigate this together, and we encourage anyone who needs help to reach out to us.

Despite the sadness we have experienced, we have also had some moments of joy and celebration. I was incredibly proud of the Deaf Donkeys' fantastic performance at the Battle of the Bands. They played to a packed audience and truly showcased their talent. We are very much looking forward to our next Creative Arts Concert on March 20th, which will feature a wide range of our talented students. Please do come along and support them!

On the same day, March 20th, we will also be supporting Le Murier in their annual Everest Challenge. This is a fantastic cause, and we encourage you to get involved and donate if you can.

Many parents have asked about how to best support their children who may be displaying traits of dyslexia. To address this, we are hosting a parent forum on Dyslexia Support on March 25th at 5:30 pm. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn more and ask questions, and we would be delighted to see you there.

Finally, I want to wish all our students a wonderful half-term break. A special shout-out to those going on the ski trip – we hope you have a fantastic time with plenty of snow and fun!

Best wishes,
Vicky Godley
Principal



BATTLE OF THE BANDS



St Sampson's High School's Deaf Donkeys. Left to right: Kristain Michel, Imogen Ellis, Lily Regan, Lars Austin, Chester Palzealred and Lee Srodzinsky. (33944225)

It's been a busy few weeks for the Deaf Donkeys. Following on from their performance at The Vault before Christmas, they played at The Fermain Tavern in January and followed this up with a fantastic performance at Thirst Music School's Battle of the Bands in February. They were great representatives for our school.

Thank you to everyone who came down to support them too!

Looking ahead, they are looking forward to a studio recording session courtesy of Thirst Music School and performances at SSHS on the 20th March and The Fermain Tavern on 22nd March.

There are now a total of five bands taking advantage of band coaching after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday. We are looking forward to showcasing them all in the summer term.



CLUBS

EUCHRE



ECO



LEGO



STEM



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone is welcome to attend any club. From basketball shooting in the mornings before tutor time to choir. There is so much going on, take your pick!



PE DEPARTMENT

BASKETBALL



FENCING



Y7 TUTOR CLIMB

It is always great to see so many students taking part in extra-curricular sports. Stay tuned for news about more clubs coming soon!





MFL DUOLINGO

MFL DUOLINGO COMPETITION

Leaderboard

It is the end of our MFL challenge. Well done to everyone who took part!

Position	Name	Year	Language	Score
1	Daniel C	Y9	French	31296
2	Emily L	Y9	Spanish	29744
3	Lucie B	Y8	French	11207
4	Alex C	Y9	French	11110
5	Miss Ingles	Teacher	Spanish	9301
6	Jane VDW	Y9	Spanish	6640
7	Ms Taylor	Teacher	Italian	6279
8	Star M	Y10	German	6033
9	Phoebe L	Y7	Portuguese	5716
10	Sienna DC	Y8	Greek	5565
11	Cara L	Y8	Russian	5444
12	Elodie J	Y7	French	5029
13	Mollie R	Y9	German	4748
14	Ed W	Y8	French	4421
15	Nate C	Y7	Spanish	3592

Lottie T	Y7	French	3184
Emilia S	Y8	French	2744
Rosie G	Y8	Russian	2729
Charlie D	Y10		2717
Jude T	Y8	German	2163
Lyra J	Y8	German	2070
Reilly P	Y7	French	2017
Naomi M	Y8	Polish	1954
Roxy LP	Y9	French	1930
Gemma B	Y11	French	1599
Anne-Marie F	Y8	Portuguese	1584
Daisy C	Y10	French	1400
Verity L	Y10	German	1368
Harvey H	Y11	French	1261
Mr Hurford	Teacher	German	1179

Leo S	Y7	French	1167
Chloe F	Y7	French	1024
Lars A	Y8		947
Star M	Y10	German	817
Micah G	Y7	French	678
Katherine B	Y10	Italian	671
Will H	Y8	French	668
Ethan R	Y9		610
Eric G	Y8	German	591
Dan R	Y9	French	531
Lizzie T	Y10	Japanese	488
Ruby F	Y9	Spanish	400
Kieren P	Y7	French	329
Matt H	Y7	French	248
Aimee B	Y7	French	247

Sammy H	Y11	Latin	202
Maddie LR	Y9	French	191
Nate C	Y7	Spanish	144
Sammy H	Y11	Latin	74
Naomi M	Y8	Polish	73
Matt H	Y7	Spanish	59
Ms Carter	Teacher	French	50
Mr Jones	Teacher	Italian	48
Bella G	Y7	Zulu	42
Daniel R	Y9	French	35
Anne-Marie F	Y8	Portuguese	25
Daniel C	Y9	Spanish	25
Micah G	Y7	French	20
Mrs Harris	Teacher	French	15

There was some fierce competition to kick off the New Year with the MFL department's Duolingo Challenge. A huge congratulations to Daniel C who took the top spot!

LENT CHALLENGE

Give up scrolling and start learning a language during Lent. More details will be sent on Class Charts. Everyone is welcome to join in the competition. Will you do better than last time?



GEOGRAPHY

Y7 RIVERS

Students took their learning outside and drew diagrams representing different river processes.



UPPER COURSE



OXBOW LAKE



MEANDERS

DID YOU KNOW...



A blue whale can be up to 30m long.

That's about 15 Y9 students!

Y9 OCEANS

Students have been learning about ocean creatures and the size of these compared to humans!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Silver award students have been busy planning their routes for the upcoming practice expedition to Sark.
Our 'Gache Melee' and 'Bean Jar' Bronze groups have been learning how to cook using the Trangia stoves.



SILVER



ROUTE PLANNING



ENGLISH DEPT

WRITE STUFF

The Guernsey Literary Festival is running its annual 'Write Stuff' competition. This year, students are asked to write a 300-word story on the theme of 'The Journey'. The deadline for entries is Friday, 7th March.

Wednesday 4th
February 2025

BOOKOPOLY LEADER BOARD

7CTE

Highest Scorers
last week.



BOOKOPOLY POINTS TABLE - YEAR 7



Congratulations

YR9 BEDROCK - STARS

Aaron T 9LJN

Toby D
Jaiden-John S
Ronni M
Imogen H
Connor C
Zachary R
Xander Y
Georgia S
Emily L



MOST IMPROVED % this week - w/e 05.02.25

'AN INSPECTOR CALLS'



Y11s travelled to Southampton to watch 'An Inspector Calls' at the theatre. This was a great trip that saw the play come to life and allowed the students to gain a deeper insight into the messages that Priestley was attempting to deliver. And the students enjoyed their shopping too!



FOOD TECH

THAI FOOD

Y10s had the privilege of being visited by Tan from ATAN. They learnt how to make traditional Thai dishes: Pad Thai and spring rolls. Thank you, Tan for giving us your time and expertise!



DESSERTS

Y10 students have been busy learning to make desserts: cookies, fruit pies and a trifle were just some of the delicacies that they created.





ST SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL

WORLD

BOOK



DAY

**YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK - SOMEONE ELSE'S FAVOURITE BOOK -
SWAP!**

**THURS,
6TH
MARCH**

DURING TUTOR TIME
IN THE LIBRARY

BOOK SWAP

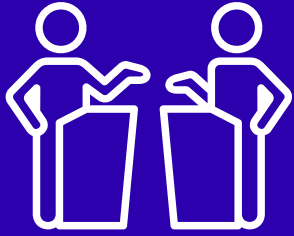
IF YOU WOULD RATHER GIVE A RECOMMENDATION
TO A FRIEND ABOUT A REALLY GOOD BOOK, FILL IN
THE SLIP (IN THE LIBRARY)

10 MERITS AVAILABLE

FOR ANY SWAPS!

#READTOSUCCEED

● #WORLDBOOKDAY2025



DEBATE NEWS

Y11 RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Y11 students put their learning into action and held a debate discussing the death penalty.



ISLAND DEBATE COMPETITION

Students took part in the Island Lower Seniors Debating Competition. They made it through the knock-out stage into the final.

They had twenty minutes to prepare their thoughts around the statement:
Space travel is a waste of human resources.

The judges commended each of our participants and they received some great feedback.



IT/BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

MONEY MATTERS

SSHS is incredible proud to be part of "Money Matters".

This is a scheme run by Island Radio and HSBC. The focus of this initiative is develop financial understanding and awareness. The scheme had hundreds of enquiries and applications. SSHS has been chosen from these applications. March 12th 2025 – HSBC will be delivering financial workshops to approximately 60 Y10 Business Studies pupils. These sessions will give the pupils an opportunity to develop their financial management skills.

This scheme will be rolled out across other year groups in the future.



PROJECT RETAIL

Ten Year 9 pupils are involved in a retail project organised by the COOP. They have already attended one session at the Head Office and completed a range of activities including taste testing.

On Monday, 17th February, they attended a second session where they worked in a store setting. The sessions are designed to give the pupils an understanding of the retail sector, which employs 12.5% of the workforce. In May 2025, the pupils will be presenting to the board of trustees for Coop Channel Islands.





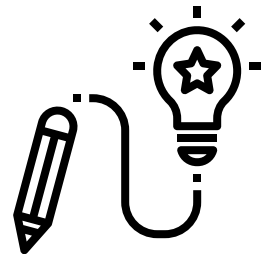
DESIGN AN AD

On behalf of the Guernsey Press, SSHS pupils have been invited to participate in the 'Design an Ad' Competition for 2025. Pupils will be supplied with advertising briefs and they will design an advert, along with a list of sponsors and their logos.

This initiative continues to be recognised by schools and businesses as a practical and exciting opportunity for students to express their creative talent.

The search for the Junior and Senior Designers of the Year will culminate, as usual, in two presentations on consecutive dates at St Pierre Park Hotel.

- Junior Schools Awards June 17th, 2025
- Senior School Awards June 18th, 2025

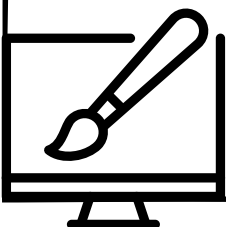


All winning entries will be published in a special supplement within the Guernsey Press on July 10th, 2025.

You will be supplied with advertising briefs and information sheets that will give pointers to help and guide your students.

There will be cash prizes for the Schools of the Year –for first place, second and third place (£1,000, £500, and £250 respectively) in both the junior and senior awards.

See Mr. Midgley for more details.





Save the
date...
28th
March

PTA Quiz Night
£75 for a team of 6
(£12.50 per person)
Only 30 tables available get yours booked
early to avoid disappointment!
Comment below or contact 07781123049

Meatdraw

(Easier
questions than
last year 😊)

Ploughmans
Included

Bar

BAUBIGNY SCHOOLS PTA

Our PTA does a fantastic job
of fundraising for the school
and for our students.

If you would like to get
involved, please email
baubignyschoolspta@gmail.
com

Everyone is welcome to help
out!

HAPPY HUT

Thank you to everyone
who continues to
support the work of
our Happy Hut.

We appreciate all
donations, whether
they are dropped into
school or sent from
our Amazon Wishlist.



MADAGASCAR

WE NEED YOU!

We have lots of students who are excited about our next production....and many wannabe penguins and a King Julian! We need actors, singers, dancers, ensemble and prop makers – sign up in the Drama studio asap to be part of this fantastic opportunity.

Come along on a Thursday after school (until 4pm) after half-term to find out more. Auditions will take place before the Easter holiday and we will rehearse throughout the Summer term. Don't miss out! Our Performance Dates for your calendar: 12th, 13th, 14th November.

