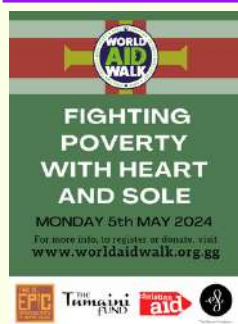




EASTER NEWSLETTER



HAPPY EASTER



DATES FOR THE DIARY

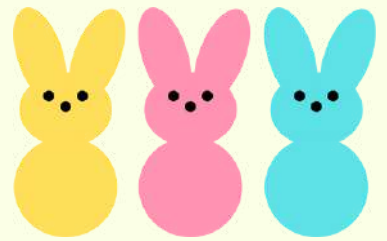
- Tue, 29th April - Return to school
- Thu, 1st May - Y8 Parents' Evening
- Fri, 2nd May - Y11 Poetry Reading P5-6
- Mon, 5th May - Bank Holiday
- Tue, 6th May - Y9 Cyber Day
- Wed, 7th May - Y7 Parents' Evening
- Fri, 9th May - Liberation Day Holiday
- Tues, 13th May - CIAS Base Parent Forum
- Wed, 14 - Sat, 17th May - Silver DofE Qualifier
- Mon, 19th May - Y10 Geog Trip
- Tue, 20th May - Y10 Geog Trip
- Wed, 21st May - Sports Day
- Fri, 23rd May - End of half-term



STUDENT COUNCIL

Our KS3 Student Council members and their volunteer recruits pulled sour fig from Beaucette Marina with Guernsey Conservation Volunteers in March. It was hard, but rewarding, work.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students have excelled in representing the school across a spectrum of sporting and curriculum events this term. A particular highlight was the remarkable performance of the Y11 students involved in the Under-16 Muratti, where they demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship. We have also witnessed outstanding dedication in academic competitions and curriculum-based challenges, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and personal growth.

Beyond the classroom and sports field, our students have shown remarkable compassion and commitment to social responsibility. We have collectively raised a significant amount of money for both local and national charities, including the ambitious Everest Challenge and the ever-popular Red Nose Day. These fundraising efforts reflect our students' desire to make a positive impact on the world around them.

The PTA quiz night was a resounding success, filling our hall with so many people from our local community. A special thank you to our Year 11 Prom Committee, who served participants throughout the evening with such efficiency and enthusiasm, raising vital funds for their Prom. We are deeply grateful to all PTA members for their tireless efforts in organising such a wonderful evening.

Our creative and artistic talents were on full display at the Eisteddfod, where we achieved an abundance of success. We were thrilled to win the school's Art and Craft Display, and our musicians shone brightly, securing numerous awards in individual performances, as well as in orchestra, choir ensembles, and instrumental quartets. To cap off this remarkable achievement, our Spring Concert was a delight, and we were immensely honoured to have our school choir invited to participate in the final Eisteddfod concert on the 8th of April. This is a testament to the exceptional talent and dedication of our students and music department.

I am thrilled to extend my warmest congratulations to our students who participated in the Island Schools Maths Challenge. Their performance was nothing short of brilliant, and I am incredibly proud to announce that they secured a remarkable 2nd place overall! This achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and problem-solving skills. The Island Maths Challenge is a demanding competition, requiring both mathematical proficiency and the ability to work effectively as a team. Our students demonstrated these qualities in abundance, showcasing their skills.

This month, some of our students have benefited immensely from the invaluable insights and expertise shared by local business partners. We are very grateful for their commitment to enriching our students' learning experiences and preparing them for future success.



Year 10 Business Studies students were treated to an engaging and informative session on "Money Matters," delivered by representatives from HSBC, supported by Island FM. This dynamic collaboration provided students with practical knowledge about financial literacy, including budgeting, saving, and responsible money management. Students participated in activities and discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of real-world financial scenarios. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to HSBC and Island FM for empowering our students with essential life skills.

TrustFord, visited our school to showcase the diverse career opportunities available within their organisation. Students from Years 9 to 11 had the chance to learn about various roles within the automotive industry, from technical positions to management and administrative roles. TrustFord representatives shared their personal career journeys, highlighting the skills and qualifications required for success. They also provided valuable insights into the company's culture and the potential for professional growth. This session sparked considerable interest among our students, opening their eyes to the exciting possibilities within the local job market. We are incredibly thankful to TrustFord for their time and effort in inspiring our students and providing them with valuable career guidance.

These collaborations exemplify the power of partnerships between education and industry. By connecting students with real-world professionals, we are able to provide them with relevant knowledge, practical skills, and valuable career insights. We are committed to fostering these relationships and continuing to provide our students with opportunities to learn from the best in our community. If you have contacts that would enable us to invite your company to speak with students or for us to visit your business, please do get in touch.

This past week, we witnessed the determination and resilience of our students as they embarked on their Silver practice expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Sark. It was inspiring to see them overcome the challenges of teamwork, navigation, and self-reliance. This is just the beginning, with more Bronze and Silver expeditions planned for the coming months. We are incredibly proud of our students' commitment as well as those staff who make these expeditions happen.

Our thoughts are firmly with our Year 11 students for the summer term as they begin their final exam season. This is a crucial period, and we want to extend our very best wishes to each and every one of them as they sit their national exams. We have full confidence in their abilities, and we know that their hard work and dedication will shine through. Our teachers have been working tirelessly to prepare them, and we encourage all students to maintain their focus and utilise the support available.

As we look forward to a well-deserved break, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to making this term so successful. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another term on Tuesday 29th April.

Mrs V Godley
Principal





Our KS3 girls hockey teams played in a series of development hockey tournaments which was a great way to learn and develop in the game. It was wonderful to see all players improve from week one, to the final island tournament against the other Guernsey secondary schools and colleges. A special mention to our Year 7 team who successfully made it into the final vs Ladies College and were runners up. Well done to all involved.

Netball & Volleyball Inter Insulars

We were extremely proud of the following students who represented SSHS at the Netball and Volleyball inter insulars this term. All students travelled over to Jersey with their teams to go head to head with their rivals.

Netball: Charlotte M, Gracie G, Macy Le V.

Volleyball: Daisy B, Liv L.



U16 Murrati

It was a green afternoon at Springfield Stadium as Guernsey FA U16s beat Jersey FA U16s 4-2 AET! A huge congratulations to Matt J, Freddie F and Jake M - who scored one of the goals!

Rugby Tournament



Our SSHS Boys and Girls Rugby squads took part in a competitive rugby tournament against the other island schools. It was great to see the whole squad develop and play. There were some impressive performances from the Year 10 boys in particular. Well done all.



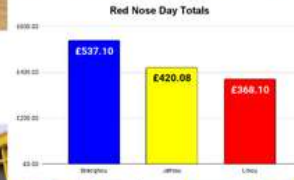
TGI Students

This term, a group of year 7 students have been lucky enough to have a series of sport based workshops led by The Guernsey Institute of Sport College students. Our year 7 students have participated in sports such as Tchoukball, Basketball and Dodgeball which has been a fantastic opportunity to understand new rules, learn various exercises and drills, along with staying active and energised during Thursday lunchtimes! It has also been great to welcome back ex-SSHS students to the school. A big thank you to all involved.

HOUSE NEWS



Amazing work SSHS, together we raised
£1,308.28



RED NOSE DAY



Friends of Le Murier

of Le Murier

2025 EVEREST CHALLENGE

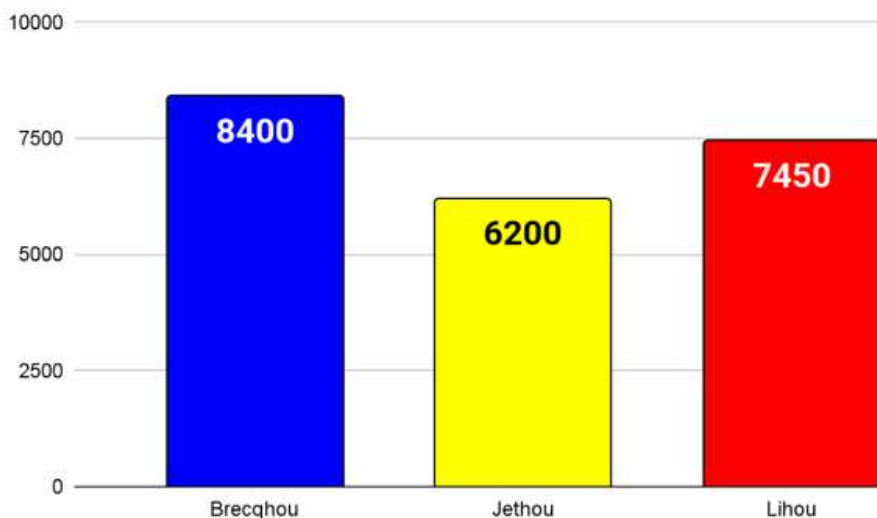
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Everest Challenge 2025



Current - Total House Points @ April 2025



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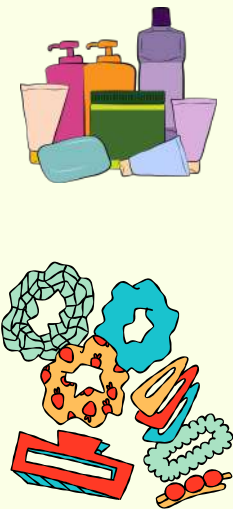
Money Matters

On 12th March, HSBC supported by Island FM, delivered a session called "Money Matters" to Year 10 Business Studies students. This a scheme to increase financial literacy and give pupils further understanding of financial management. Over 200 bids were placed and SSHS was one of six bids chosen to be part of the programme. A massive thank you to HSBC and Island FM for their support in shaping our pupils' knowledge and understanding. We look forward to future engagements together.



Design an Ad

The deadline for entries is Thursday, 8th May. If you would like to take part, speak to Mr. Midgley.



Happy Hut

Our Happy Hut continues to receive donations for students to access when needed. We are extremely grateful for the support that we have seen.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items. Our students really appreciate your generosity.



ART DEPT



Eisteddfod

We won the best school display at the Eisteddfod Art and Craft display.

On behalf of Eisteddfod Guernsey LBG, St. Sampsons High School have been awarded The Mitchell Memorial Trophy by the Arts & Crafts Adjudicator Ms Emily Mugridge. Below are her comments:

“I have had a good look at each display. This year’s winner is St Sampson’s High School. All the displays are fantastic, but I think St Sampson’s demonstrates good representation from all the year groups, a wide variety of techniques/practical skills, and is thoughtfully presented.”



It is a lovely display with lots of interesting pieces across the age groups....congratulations to all!



Thank you Jane, Lilly and Gracie for representing SSHS and accepting the Senior Schools Art trophy, you did us proud. We were also asked if we could present The Lieutenant Governor, who was making the presentations, with some flowers.



‘Finding Turner’ Exhibition

Molly in Y10 has been working on a giant painting for Art for Guernsey’s ‘Finding Turner’ exhibition.

You can view this fabulous artwork, as part of the exhibition, at the Art for Guernsey Gallery until 21st June.



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Eisteddfod News

We are very proud
to share:



Rose G (2nd), Ethan
T and Chloe F in the
U14 Violin

Cara L (1st) and
Isabelle F in the U14
Woodwind

William H (2nd) and
Jessica LC in the
U14 Viola

Susie C (1st) in the
U16 Viola

Riley T (1st) in the
U16 Brass

Elodie J (1st) in the
U12 Woodwind

Imogen E, Kaylee R,
Cara L – Woodwind
Trio (1st)



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations to our Chamber Choir who won Secondary Age Choirs class with an Honours mark! The adjudicator commented on their warm, attractive sound and confident three-part singing.

It's great that many of our students have also entered solo classes and are showing their confidence and enjoyment of music on stage in a variety of classes.

Well done to the following:

Alissa K - Two pianos and piano U16

Kai D - Piano solo - tv, films and shows and piano U14

Elodie J - Songs from the shows U12

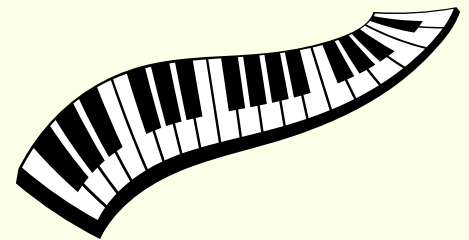
Joe P – Sacred solo U18

Dio H – Electric Guitar open (1st)

Anne Marie F and Rosie G – Cello U14

Lydia Le L (1st), Amelia S, Chloe H, Martha Le C, Sophie C – Compositions U18

Eisteddfod News



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



Eisteddfod - Choir

Congratulations to our Choir for their fabulous performance at the Eisteddfod – they were the winners of the Secondary School Choir class.

Our inclusive approach and community spirit was commented on and they were all great ambassadors for the school.



Dates for the Diary

31st May Concert at St Sampson's Church (Chamber Choir, Saxophonix, The Un4gettables, Soloists)

July 4th Concert at Castel Church (Saxophonix, Soloists)

July 5th Concert at Forest Church (The Un4gettables, Soloists)

Madagascar

Thank you to everyone who has auditioned and signed up to be members of production teams (chorus, tech, costumes, props, makeup etc) for our November performances of Madagascar the Musical Jr. We are looking forward to starting rehearsals and preparations after Easter.



GRAPHICS

Some sneak peaks of Year 11 prototyping...



Year 9s designing logos & packaging T-shirts.



Year 8 awesomeness



Follow along
on SSHSGraphics
on Instagram to
see more of what
we are doing.



Year 7 stationery sets



Year 11 3D Design students
Preparing for their 40% practical exam.
Using a theme to produce a product
within 10hrs!



Year 10 3D Design students working
on their 60% coursework projects.
Bringing their creativity to life by
modelling their designs, then using the
skills they have developed since
September.



KS4 3D Design





Y8 and Y9 students: Alex, Roxy, Anya, Liv, Mande, Gracie, Sienna and Alexander had their 'Escape' poetry selected to feature in a new book.



Y8 and Y10 students: Mande, Anya, Keira, Lewis, Daisy, Nicole, Amia, Max and Jake will have their spooky short stories published in a new book too.

Both books will be available to borrow from our school library.

Guernsey Arts Liberation Poetry Competition

Guernsey Arts invited islanders of all ages to submit a poem focusing on the evacuation, invasion, occupation or liberation of Guernsey during WWII.

Alexander's entry received a 'Highly Commended' award and he is invited to a prizegiving presentation at Government House with the Lieutenant Governor.

Alexander's poem is one of eighty poems that have been selected (from more than 300 entries) to feature in a special book marking Guernsey's 80th Liberation Day.

Evacuation Poem!

Amidst the storm, the boats did sway,
From Guernsey's shores, they sailed away.
Children clutched their toys so tight,
As shadows loomed, they sought the light.

The sea embraced their dreams and fears,
A start of a journey with endless tears.
Yet in their hearts, a warmth would last,
For home, for peace and a safe return.

Alexander Cusack
St Sampsons High School

Huge congratulations to Hollie Vaudin (Y10) for winning the seniors category with her 'The Journey' story:

The wind howled through the open window, rattling the pages of the ancient book in Lucy's hands. She had found it in the dusty corner of the library, its leather cover worn, its gold lettering faded. Something about it called to her—something strange, almost alive.

Like a moth drawn to a flickering flame, she turned the first page, her fingers trembling with anticipation. The words swirled before her eyes, twisting, shifting, reforming. A sudden gust of wind burst through the room, whipping her hair around her face. Then—silence.

A moment later, the world tilted. The floor beneath her vanished. She was falling, spiraling through darkness, her scream swallowed by the void.

When she finally landed, the air smelled of damp earth and pine. Towering trees loomed above her, their twisted branches stretching toward the sky like skeletal fingers. The book—now clutched tightly in her hands—glowed with an eerie, golden light.

She wasn't in the library anymore.

The forest seemed to breathe around her, leaves whispering secrets she couldn't understand. Then, a shadow moved between the trees. A pair of glowing eyes fixed on her.

"You're not supposed to be here," a voice murmured—soft, yet laced with danger.

Lucy's heart pounded. "I—I didn't mean to—"

The figure stepped forward, revealing a cloaked woman with silver hair and a gaze like fire. "That book," she said, pointing a slender finger. "It binds you to this world now. If you wish to return home, you must find the final page."

Lucy's breath caught. The final page? She flipped through the book frantically—but the last page was missing.

The trees groaned, shifting closer, as if sensing her fear.

And just like that, the story had truly begun.



Huge congratulations to Oskar Cleal (Y10) for receiving a Highly Commended award for his 'The Journey' story:

Football has moments of melancholy. Football has moments of vast joy. Passion, pressure, peace: my world. The sport is engraved in my heart. Not only my heart: football is embedded in millions of players, fans, coaches. Football is a community.

It all started when I was four years old. My first ever training session, I knew the sport was for me. It was love at first sight. My Dad has brought me up ever since I was born: watching Arsenal. Ever since I was around 7, I have adapted the same routine: waking up, getting my breakfast and watching match of the day or football highlights. In the afternoon it's playing football. That is my life. That is what I love.

I was 11 when I scored in a cup final against my old team. The joy and passion in that game was incredible. However, in extra time I got sent off with a few minutes to go. Dodgy refereeing in my opinion. I was distraught. But this gave me courage and power. I have had lots of knock backs but the most important thing is to climb back up that mountain and keep going.

In year 7 just around as it got more serious I picked up an injury. Injuries are the worst. I was out for 4 months with a torn groin. Depression, misery, doubt secured my brain. It was a very negative time. Jealousy was a crucial part. Mates around me were improving and I wasn't. I have always been competitive and love to be the best: not one of the best. But it was an interesting challenge for me. I got through it and came back stronger.

After the injury, I realised the significance it has on my life.

My life. My journey. Football.





Spring Term Language Legends

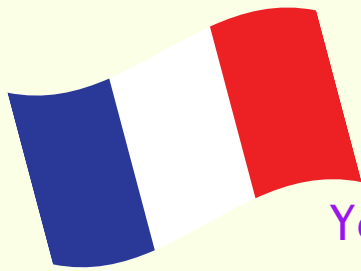
The Department of Modern Foreign Languages would like to acknowledge the following students who have worked extremely hard and made excellent progress during the Spring Term. These students have shown high levels of dedication to the subject and will receive a certificate, postcard home and a small prize.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

Year 7 French: Daniel James, Bella Greenberg & Joseph Bourgaize

Year 8 French: Luca Stonebridge, Joshua Le Vallee & Anne-Marie Fernandes

Year 9 French: Thomas Wellfair, Kenzi Help & Zachary Robert

Year 9 Spanish: Blake Dray & Liv Stanbury



Year 10 German: Blake Phillips



Year 10 French: Lily Regan & Nicole Sexton

Year 11 French: Evan Le Huray

Gut gemacht und macht weiter so! Bravo et continuez comme ça !
¡Felicidades por el buen trabajo en Español!

Mrs Le Page, Mr Hurford & Miss Joshan

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Congratulations to everyone who successfully completed their practice expedition in Sark.



MATHEMATICS

UKMT Team Mathematics Challenge



SSHS participated in the regional final for the UKMT Team Mathematics Challenge. We placed 2nd and couldn't be more proud of Ed, Harriette, Rosie and Chloe.



It is the first time that a state secondary school has placed in the top 3. Well done, everyone!

De Putron Challenge

Our amazing De Putron Challenge team did not get into the finals but represented our school very well and we are so proud of them!

Well done to Rosie, Cara, Ava, Anne-Marie and Chloe for your excellent effort

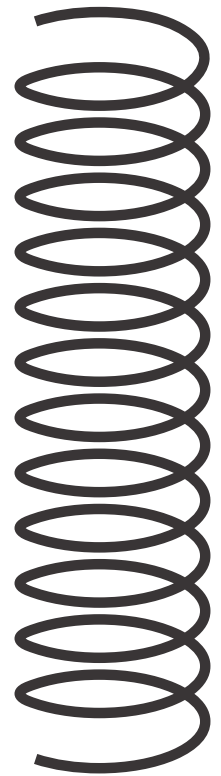
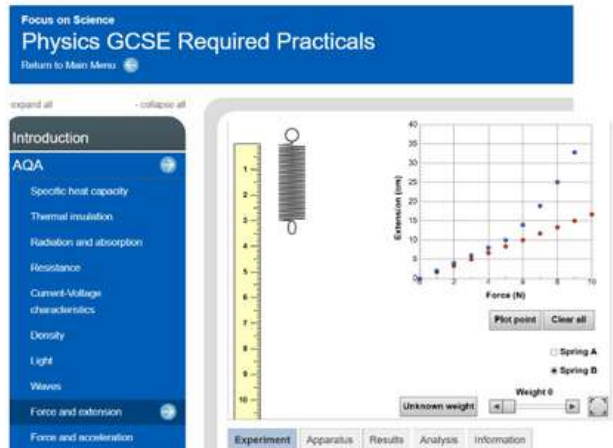


SCIENCE

Y10 Hooke's Law

The elastic limit is the point beyond which the spring becomes permanently stretched so that it does not return to its original length when the force is removed.

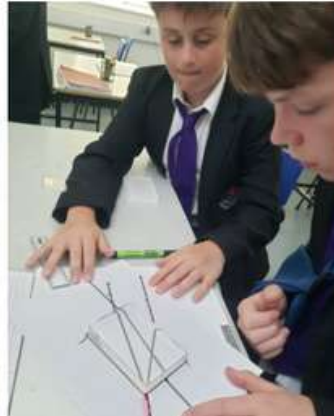
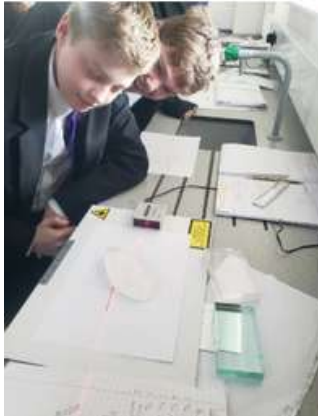
Up to the elastic limit the extension of the spring is proportional to the force. Once the elastic limit is exceeded this is no longer true.



Y9 Refraction

The angle between the refracted (transmitted) ray and the normal.

The **angle of refraction** is greater or smaller than the angle of incidence depending on the density of the medium.



Y8 Burning magnesium

Conservation of mass

The law that says atoms cannot be created or destroyed in a chemical reaction so the total mass of products is equal to the total mass of reactants.

According to the law of **conservation of mass**, the mass of magnesium oxide product will be equal to the mass of oxygen and magnesium reactants.



Science

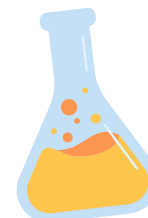




Y8 Chemical Reactions : Neutralisation

Acid + Metal carbonate → Salt + Water + Carbon dioxide

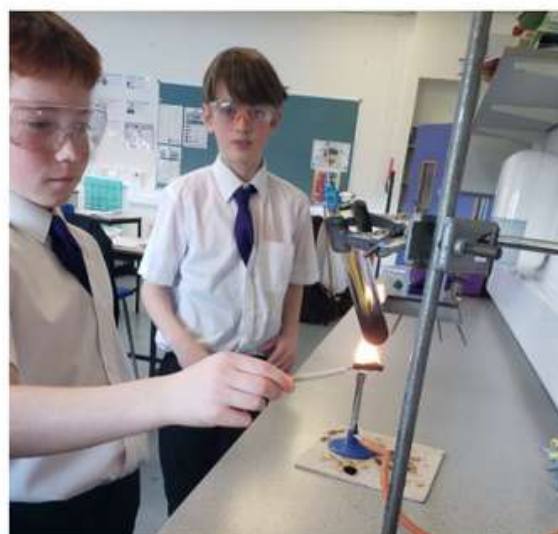
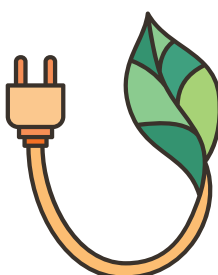
Hydrochloric acid + Calcium carbonate → Calcium chloride + Water + Carbon dioxide



Y7 Energy in Food

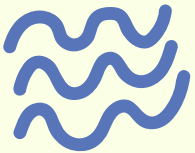
Chemical energy is store of energy that is found in food, fuels and batteries.

Investigating how much energy is in food by measuring the temperature before and after burning.



CLUBS

Lego, Eco, Art, Table-Tennis, Euchre, Pace... there are plenty of activities happening next term and everyone is welcome to join in the fun!



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



Careers Guernsey

We enjoyed a fantastic Drop Down Day for Y9 students in recognition of National Careers Week.

Students had to guess industry and job titles from a range of visiting professionals.

Thank you to Careers Guernsey for this fabulous opportunity!



TrustFord

We would like to say a huge thank you to the team from TrustFord who came to school to deliver a careers event for our Y9-11 students.

They discussed their business model and career pathways with a particular focus on apprenticeships. Thank you to the team for coming to inspire our young people!



INTERNATIONAL DAYS

International Women's Day



Members of our 'In Her Place' History club were delighted to celebrate International Women's Day 2025 with Soroptimist International Guernsey. Our students felt very inspired listening to the talk from our Deputy Bailiff, Jessica Roland, who gave a wide overview of her life choices and how she ended up in her current post.

It was great to hear from so many wonderful speakers during the morning and we really appreciated the opportunity to be involved.



World Book Day

We were amazed with the enthusiasm of our students during our annual Book Swap. Thank you to everyone who took part! We hope you all enjoy reading your new books.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS



An Encouraging Update...

Thank you to the parents who participated in our recent Teacher Tapp survey, we had 148 respondents. We're pleased to share that the results, compared to similar-sized schools, show a positive trend at St. Sampson's High School.

Key highlights include:

- Increased student happiness and safety.
- Improved handling of bullying incidents.
- Enhanced parental understanding of our curriculum.
- Stronger recommendation rates and belief in high expectations.
- High awareness of extracurricular activities (96%).

While the overall picture is encouraging, we acknowledge areas for continued improvement:

- Increased academic challenge in the classroom.
- Enhanced support for students with SEND.
- Greater staffing stability in certain subjects.

We are committed to addressing these points and have worked hard this year with all staff on the island wide school's strategy of high quality inclusive practice. We do encourage more parents to participate in future surveys to ensure your voices are heard. We value your feedback!



WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

Each week, we love celebrating our students' success. Follow our Facebook page to keep up with all the latest news. Search 'St. Sampson's High School'.

If you ever wish to share any achievements with us, please email: sshfacebook@sch.gg

Milky Way Monday



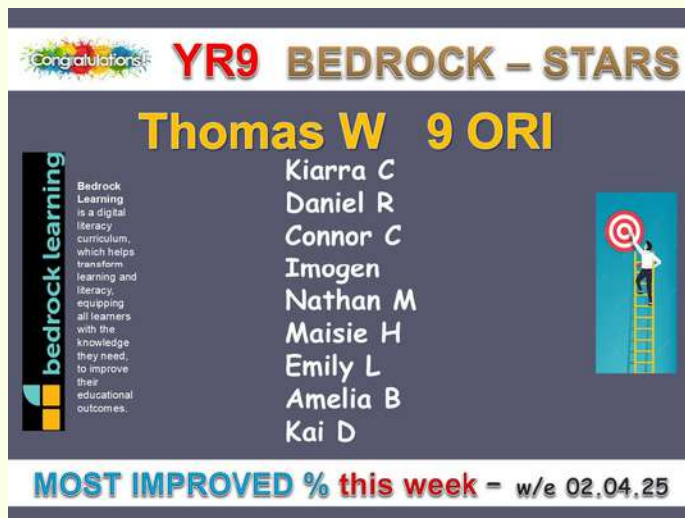
Daily Legends



Bedrock

Feel Good Friday

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!	



Y7 Bookopoly

