

SUMMER NEWSLETTER











DATES FOR THE DIARY

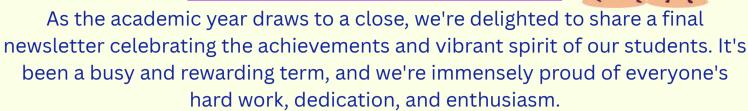
- Thu, 4th September- Return to school
- Tue, 9th September PTA AGM
- Wed, 10th September Y7 & 10 photographs
- Wed, 10th September DofE Parent Info evening
- Thu, 18th September Y7 Parents' Evening
- Tues, 23rd September Parent Forum: Nutrition
- Thu, 2nd October Y6 Open Evening
- Tues, 14th October Parent Forum: RRS
- Mon, 20th October Y8 Visiting Author
- Tues, 21st October Y11 Licence to Kill
- Tues, 21st October Y7 Visiting Author
- Thurs, 23rd October Y11 Parents' TGI/SFC 7pm
- Fri, 24th October End of half-term

EXTRA INSET DAY

Important Notice for Next Academic Year Looking ahead, please make a note that we will have an Inset Day on Friday, February 6th 2026, in addition to the dates already published on gov.gg.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE





This term, our Year 11 students showed incredible resilience and focus as they completed their GCSE and BTEC exams, and we wish them the very best as they await their results. Their year culminated in a truly stunning Prom at St. Pierre Park, a wonderful evening celebrating their time with us.

Music filled the air at the "A Musical Mosaic" concert, where our talented soloists and chamber choir delivered a captivating performance at St. Sampson's Church. Our adventurous Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver expeditions saw students demonstrating fantastic teamwork and determination. We also had a great day celebrating athleticism at our whole school Sports Day, which was followed by the excitement of the Island Schools' Sports Day. A huge congratulations must go to Joe Prince, who broke a 37-year-old record at the Island Schools' Sports Day, throwing the shot put an impressive 14.29m, smashing the previous record by an incredible 2m!

It's been a period of transition and new beginnings too, with our incoming Year 6 cohort enjoying their transition days as they prepare to join us more fully in September. Our Year 7 students have been exploring the world of literature through their library visits, and it's been wonderful to see their engagement. Beyond the classroom, our students continue to shine in the wider community. We were incredibly proud to have senior students represent our school at Government House for the King's Birthday Honours, and many other students have demonstrated their commitment to service through their various volunteer organisations at this event.

We're also delighted to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for their kind donation of new benches in the yard, which will provide a welcome spot for students to relax and socialise.



A Fond Farewell and Warm Welcome to Our Dedicated Staff

As we reflect on a successful year, we also want to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated staff members who will be leaving us. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, commitment, and the positive impact they have had on our students and the wider school community. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours:

Ms Bilborough, Head of Science
Ms Joshan, Teacher of MFL
Ms Kahli, Teacher of Science
Mr Thiara, Teacher of Computer Science
Mr Efunbote, Teacher of Maths
Ms Williams, Teacher of Science
Ms Wright, Teacher of Science
Ms Uwadiae, Teacher of Food Technology
Ms Glanville, Family Support Worker
Mr Colleran, Learning Mentor

A special thank you also goes to Ms Carter (who steps down from her role as Head of Year 8) but remains with us at SSHS. We greatly appreciate her dedication and contributions in this role. Miss Davies (PE) will be absent for the Autumn term and returns in January 2026, Ms Asgill joins us for this interim period.

We are also excited to welcome the following staff members, who will be joining us in September:

Mr Pugh, Science Team Leader
Ms Kelley, Assistant Team Leader for Science
Ms Nel, Assistant Team Leader for Maths
Mrs Ritchie, Assistant Team Leader for Science
Ms Shaw, Year Team Leader for Year 9 / Teacher of Art
Mr Cleal, Team Leader for Technology
Mr Allison, Teacher of Food Technology
Ms Vaudin, Teacher of Careers
Mr Barrett-Giles, Teacher of PE and Science
Ms Sharpe, Teacher of MFL
Ms Thomassen, Family Support Worker
Ms Asgill, Teacher of PE
Mrs Furley, Assistant Child Protection Officer

To our Year 11 students, we send our best wishes for success in your exam results. We also eagerly look forward to welcoming our new students and their families to our school community. The new term begins on Thursday, 4th September. We wish all our families a truly wonderful and restful summer holiday.



Introducing Our New Senior Student Team

We're incredibly proud to announce our Senior Student Team for the new academic year, and we look forward to their valuable input and leadership:



Head Students



Olivia Whitmore

Joe Prince

Deputy Head Students



Lily Regan



Imogen Ellis



Xavier Gibson

Island Schools' Sports 2025



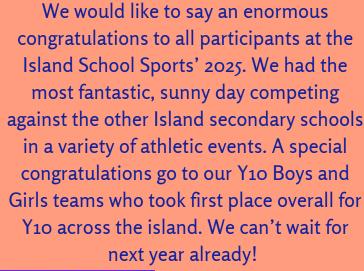




ICC Cup

Students who play cricket outside of school, as well as Year 10 GCSE students. were welcomed to Le Murier for a presentation about Guernsey Cricket. During the presentation, students were given a talk about the opportunity Guernsey cricket has to play in the international circuit. With that, we had the delight to host Esther De Lang who bought the ICC t20 World Cup Trophy with her. The exact trophy that England lifted in 2022. The students had an opportunity to have a picture with the trophy, as well as ask any questions about the trophy.

Our students took part in the first ever Schools Tri Event last Friday. They took on the swim, cycle and run event with over 200 other students. They did extremely well and all completed the course. One team won 2nd in the Year 7 relay race and another won 3rd in the Year 8 relay race.









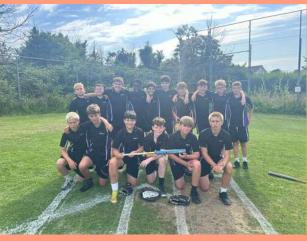




Softball

Rounders











Liberation Day Road Relay



We are so proud of our runners who took part in the annual Liberation Day Road Relay Race in St Peter Port. The girls did amazingly and took third place, whilst the boys blew us away and retained their first place position. Thank you to everyone who came down to support our super sprinters.





Congratulations to our Y7, 8, 9 and 10 Lihou students for winning Sports

Day 2025!

Sports Day

Despite the wet weather, we saw some incredible performances at Sports Day 2025, and we were very pleased to see the school community come together for this event. Huge congratulations to the Y9 and 10 students who have set new records for SSHS! And to everyone in Lihou who won overall!













	Y7 Girls	Y7 Boys		Y8 Boys	Y9 Girls	Y9 Boys	Y10 Girls	Y10 Boys	TOTAL
Brecqhou	83	75	91	63	60	63	64	78	577
Jethou	73	75	75	86	88	60	61	109	627
Lihou	48	45	53	108	76	110	112	82	634



Sports Day Winners Shield
Wilf, Joselyn and Joe were
awarded this as the most
successful athletes from
Sports Day. They each broke 2
records in their events and
showcased their talent but
also reminded us that hard
work pays off.



Y9 & 10 Victor Ledorum Awardees

Year 9 Girl - Gracie Guille for 1st in both long jump and javelin and 2nd in the 200m. Year 9 Boy - Tom Troalic for 1st in shot put, 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 800m. Year 10 Girl - Daisy Corbet for 1st place and a new record in discus, 1st place in shot put and 3rd place in the 800m.

Year 10 Boy - Bobby De La Mare for 1st in high jump and long jump and 4th in the







Students of the Term: Y9 & 10

Grace King
Grace had a really
successful athletics
season: breaking the
record in the 800m at
Sports Day and always
has a fantastic attitude in
PE lessons.



Jake Enticott
Jake has progressed a lot
this year in PE. He also
won and set a record in
the discus at Sports Day.
He was also scouted to
join Guernsey Athletics
after his win in this event
at the Island Schools
event.

Joselyn Ford
Joselyn was a
part of the
successful
mixed relay
team and also
the 2nd place
Liberation Day
road relay team.
She also
equaled the
Island Schools
record for
100m!





Wilf Dorian
Wilf broke the 100m and 200m records at Sports
Day and was also a part of the Liberation Day
Road Relay winning team. Wilf progressed a lot within football this year too.

PE DEPT Students of the Term: Y7 & 8

Fin Robert

Fin took a lead in softball fixtures as well as playing for the Year 8 team this year. He won the 100m race at Sports Day and always gets fully involved in lessons.

Ruby King
Ruby has been
amazing this year
in athletics and
rounders fixtures.
Ruby always goes
above and
beyond in PE
lessons and
clubs.



Lars Austin

Lars had an excellent attitude in and out of PE lessons. He really impressed in the 800m at our Sports

Day and also at the Inter School Sports Day which impressed teachers and the Guernsey Athletics coaches.



CIAS BASE Skills for Life

Our Skills for Life Group visited Grow Limited. They learnt about the history of the business, how the site is run and what they offer in respect of work experience.

The students were also shown what was grown in the different greenhouses, things that are made to sell in the shop, things made from recycled wood for use on site or to sell, the restaurant and the chickens.

Thank you, Grow, for giving our students this fabulous opportunity!







CIAS BASE Rewards Trip





Students enjoyed playing crazy golf at Oatlands.

Winning Team: Ed, Ollie & Mrs **Tucker**

Winning Student: Ollie

Winning Staff: Mrs Stonebridge









ACTIVITY DAYS

We had a fantastic few days doing everything from table tennis to lawn bowls! Thank you to everyone for making it a success.

































ACTIVITY

Guernsey Sailing Trust

Huge thanks to the Guernsey Sailing Trust for giving DAYS eleven of our students the most fabulous four days

out on the water!

















COASTAL CHALLENGE

We had a fabulous day exploring the island's green lanes and coastal paths. We raised a whopping £4428.98. Well done to everyone who took part, sponsored us and cheered us along.





















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ARDECHE TRIP

We were very grateful to Miss Davies for taking a group of Y10 students to the Ardeche during the last week of term. They had a fantastic time adventuring and exploring in France.

















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HOUSE NEWS

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We are very excited to announce that we will be adding two new Houses to the school in September 2025. In addition to our existing Brecqhou (blue), Lihou (red) and Jethou (yellow), we will have Herm (orange) and Sark (green).

This will allow a more streamlined approach to house activities and we are looking forward to promoting more competition next year. Each tutor group will vote for a male and female sports captain who will be able to liaise with staff and their class to build some great house spirit!

We are going to increase our student voice by also having a Student Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassador representative from each tutor group. It will be valuable to have more students lead and share student opinions within the school.

Voting for these new roles will happen in September, except for Year 7 who will vote after the October half-term break.







<u>Y11</u> **FAREWELL**





We were delighted to celebrate our fabulous Y11 students at St. Pierre Park Hotel on Thursday, 19th June.

We wish them all the very best for the

future.





We enjoyed a super colour run before sending the students away on study leave.





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Each year sponsors enter their business details and require pupils to create digital and printed media to advertise their businesses. This year there were 31 different sponsors.

Out of the 31 sponsors SSHS won 11 prizes, (3 1st place, 3 second and 5 third)

Overall SSHS came third in the senior rankings and were presented with a £250 prize.

Well done to all those who entered, but particularly the winners they were:



Coop Project Retail

We welcomed Craig and Vicki from Coop to present participation certificates and vouchers to those pupils who completed "Project Retail".

Ruby Le Poidevin Harriette Jager Elodie lager Roxy Le Poideven Olivia Stanbury (who won two prizes) Jane Van der Watt **Daniel Cussack** Bethan Flower Cara Langlois Tom Bleasdale







ART DEPT



Put animals in the picture, and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes!

If you're 18 or under and can take brilliant photos, this is the competition for you! Send us your best animal images by 13 August 2025. Finalists are invited to an exciting awards ceremony at the Tower of London.









Art Exhibition

Come and visit our reception area to see the fabulous work that students have produced this academic year.

From treehouses to paintings: there is a plethora of incredible creations on display.















MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Un4gettables & Saxophonix

We would like to say huge congratulations to Rosie G, Chloe F and William H as well as Saxophonix for their performances supporting the State of Harmony Choir.











MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS Live Lunch

We had a great Live Lunch featuring 3 of our bands: The Heebeejeebees, Deaf Donkeys and Plastica and solos from Roxy, Ellie, Mollie and Cara. It was great to have the support of large numbers of students and staff and we all enjoyed their performances. We hope to do another one soon!















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. Rehearsals are well underway!



ENGLISH Carnegie Awards

We took a group of Y₉ and Y₁₀ students to the Guille-Allès Public Library, Guernsey to take part in the Carnegie Book awards.

Before the event, they had read a selection of books from the Carnegie shortlist.

They discussed the books in groups and voted for a winner for Guernsey.

The students were amazing and were able to discuss their views of the books with confidence. They discussed the effect of features such as dual perspective narrative and verse narrative. Their clear favourite (and Guernsey winner) was 'Glasgow Boys' by Margaret McDonald.







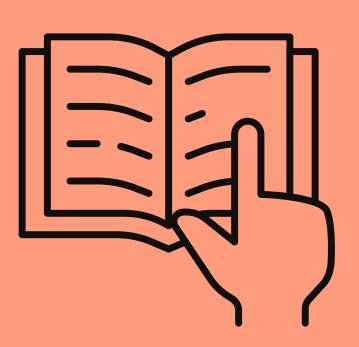




Y10 students completed an 'escape room' challenge as part of their revision for the end of year exams.

Well done to Alaska, Emilie and Chloe for 'escaping' and winning the chocolate!





Yr 10 Reading Mentors



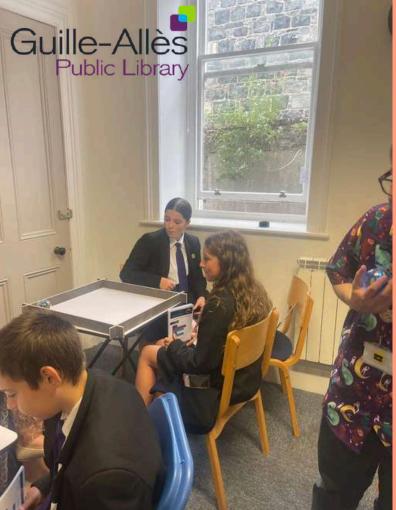
Each of the reading mentors received books of their choice, as a reward for helping this year, reading 1:1 with KS3 students.



ENGLISH

Y7 students enjoyed a very engaging visit to Guille-Allez library. They were able to see how to issue and return books, become members and access the fabulous resources at the Fab Lab.











RIGHTS RESPECTING

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN OUR RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA COMPETITION.

IT IS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY RIGHTS IN ACTION AROUND THE ISLAND.





Youth Forum

We were delighted that our Youth Forum representatives: Jane, Rafe and Shay were in attendance to see the island's new Deputies being sworn in.







SCIENCE



Place	Height in cm	Name	Tutor	
1 st	190	Daniel Ayres	7NOE	
2 nd	188	Charlie Johns Jack Johns Lexi Johns	7SDZ 7NOE	
3rd	138	Lotti Taylor	7SMY	
4th	113	Matthew Haines	7SDZ	









SCIENCE







Congratulations to Charlie,
Jack and Lexi Johns, Lottie
Taylor and Matthew
Haines for their fantastic
sunflower-growing skills!

Will you beat their measurements next year?

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religion and the Environment

Presentations



Our Year 8 students have truly impressed us with their recent Religious Studies presentations focusing on the crucial intersection of religion and the environment. For this project, students thoroughly researched a specific environmental issue, then delved into how a particular religion views and addresses it.

They did a fantastic job teaching their classmates, demonstrating not only their research skills but also their ability to convey complex ideas clearly and engagingly. The variety of topics and religious perspectives explored made for some truly thought-provoking discussions. Well done, Year 8, on your excellent work and for shedding light on such important global issues!







Spirited Arts

Our talented Year 7 and 8 students have been hard at work creating stunning entries for the Spirited Arts competition during their recent RS lessons. The classroom has been a hive of creativity, with students exploring themes and expressing themselves through various artistic mediums. From powerful paintings to thoughtful artwork, their pieces truly reflect the spiritual and ethical concepts they've been studying. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and creativity, and we wish them the best of luck in the competition!





ASPIRATIONS

This year, SSHS hosted our annual spring series of Aspirations Talks. These talks welcome people from various jobs from across the island. Representatives come in and discuss potential career paths with our students. We hope that by attending these talks, students will take the opportunity to aim higher in their studies, in order to achieve their employment goals once they leave education.

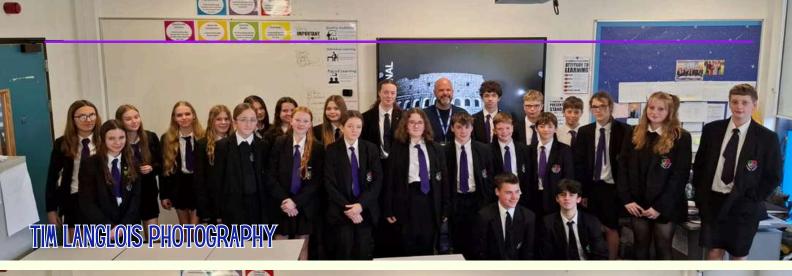
This year we had over 100 students attend talks given by staff from BodyZone at Beau Sejour, Guernsey Police, Tim Langlois Photography and Vets 4 Pets. These careers span different skillsets and it was wonderful to see so many pupils, of all abilities, take charge of their futures in this way. We are very grateful to the inspiring visitors who give up their time to speak to our students and we are looking forward to welcoming more speakers next year.

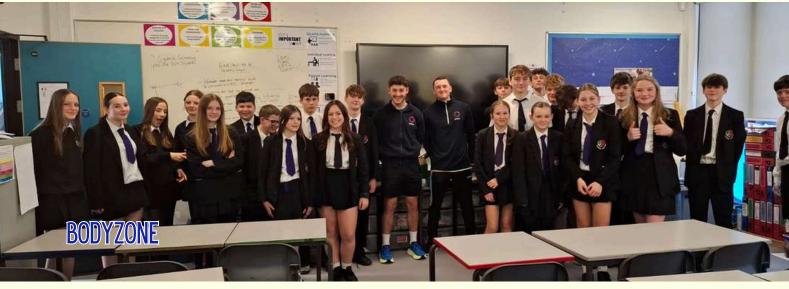
















Some hints as to the quality of Year 11 final products ...











Beautiful logos and packaged T-shirts (Y9)



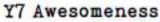








Fabulous Y8 lettering and pop-up work









Chocolate Bar Moulds





See more here

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students have been busy baking creative bread shapes. Well done to Jake who made this fabulous crab!





KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS





It was fantastic to see so many students, past and present, representing SSHS and their other organisations at the King's Birthday Honours garden party.



Summer 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 Summer 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: Elodie J & Charlie J

Year 8 French: Aurelia S & Jude T & Sienna DC

Year 9 French: Liv S & Thomas W & Cerys H

Year 9 Spanish: Harriette J & Elizabeth W

Year 10 German: Elizabeth T

Year 10 French: Reuben C & Oskar C

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

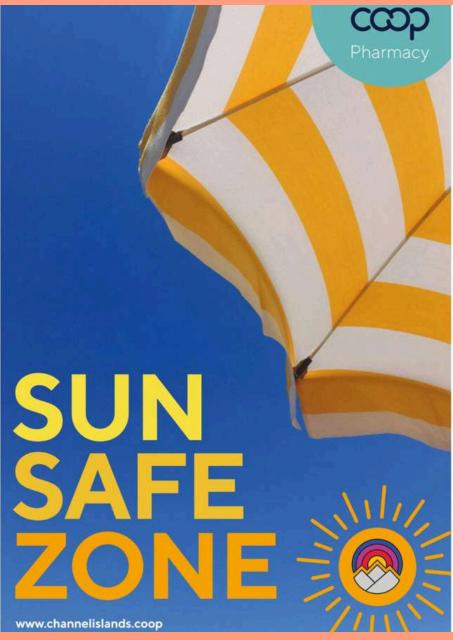


PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have been piloting the Sun Safe Schools programme alongside Coop in preparation for launching in all schools next year. The aim is to educate students on the dangers of UV exposure, encourage sun safety and habits and provide sun protection.













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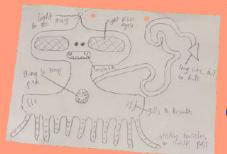








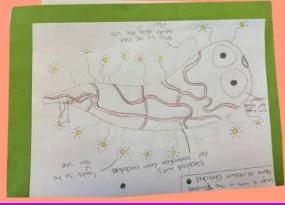
GEOGRAPHY



Y7 students have been learning about ocean animals. They created their own play dough versions of their favourite creatures.



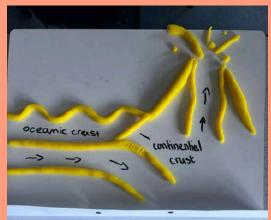


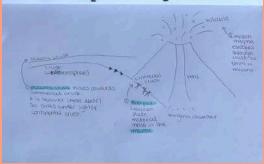




As part of their 'Tectonic Plates' studies, Y9 students created visual images to show their understanding.









GEOGRAPHY

Y10 studied 'Coasts & Town'. They enjoyed an active day of fieldwork.





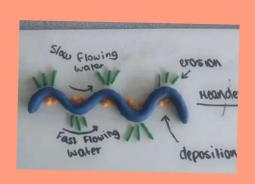




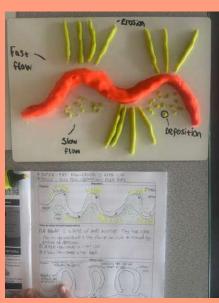




Y10 students also made river landform models.



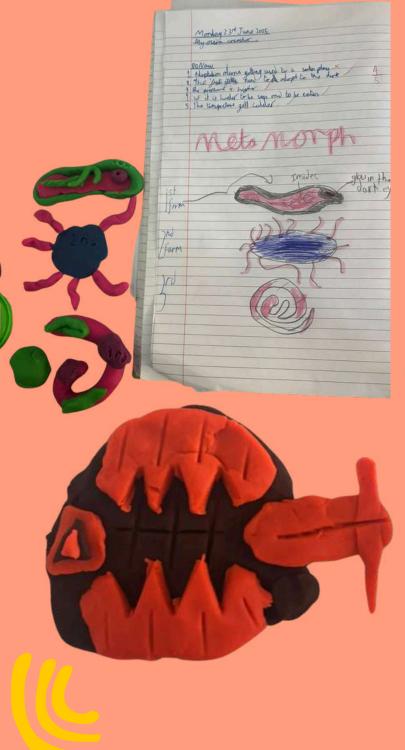


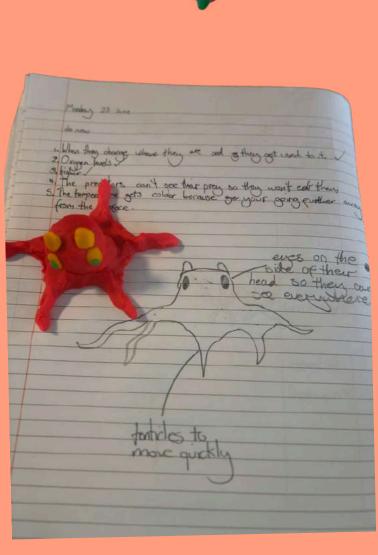


GEOGRAPHY

Y9 students have been learning about how animals adapted to life in ocean layers. They have created their own play dough models of

these animals.







Y11 GCSE RESULTS

THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST



Representatives from TGI will be available to discuss your next steps.

Only immediate family members will be able to collect results with prior written permission from the student.

Uncollected results will be posted on the same day.

Please email with any queries: victoria.delamare@education.gg







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



Feel Good Friday



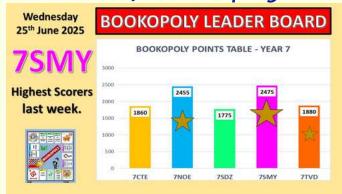
FROM MRS GODLEY AND THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (WORTH 20 MERITS)



Daily Legends



Y₇ Bookopoly



Bedrock











As you know, we are passionate about children's rights and we continue to improve our school so that all children can access their rights.

We have been looking at safety – UNICRC Article 19, as well as a healthy e

- More of us would wall or cycle if it was safer.
 We are an active school, keen to travel active.
 Fewer cars = better air quality = our right to a

explain that we wanted to improve the journey to school for our students. They said that to school safely, La Viele flue could easily be used as a School Street, which would imp

Click here to see the letter with all the information regarding the temporary closure of La Vieille Rue.



July 2025

SMARTPHONE

REMINDER







Dear Parents and Carers,

As Principals of the three 11-16 schools, we would like to take the opportunity to remind all families across the Secondary School Partnership of our existing mobile phone policy, designed to support student wellbeing and maintain a safe, calm, focused learning

We would like to make clear that smartphones are not required for any aspect of study in school. All necessary digital tools and resources are provided through school-managed devices and platforms. For this reason, we would prefer that students do not bring smartphones into school at all.

However, if a student does bring a mobile phone to school, it must be kept "Off and Away" - switched off and secured in their bag or locker throughout the school day, including break and lunch times. This applies to all students unless a member of staff has given explicit permission for educational use in a supervised setting

If a mobile phone is seen or used during the school day without permission, it will be confiscated until the end of the day, and sanctions will be applied in line with the school's

This policy will be consistently enforced across all schools in the partnership. It is part of our wider commitment to supporting students' mental health, reducing harmful screen time, and encouraging positive social interaction during the school day.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home. By working together, we can ensure that our schools remain safe, respectful, and focused places for learning and

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school directly.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs V Godley Principal



Vicky Godley BA, MSc, PGCE Principai E: ssh.office@education.gg















THE YOUTH COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO



A friendly, supportive group, aimed at 11-14 year olds. A space where you can talk about your feelings, make new friends and learn ways to feel stronger and more confident.

RSVP to: referrals@youthcommission.gg with preferred dates, or call: 226099 to find out more. (spaces are limited).

Venue: St Martins Community Centre

GROUP 1: 11TH - 15TH AUGUST 9.30 - 12

GROUP 2: 26TH - 29TH AUGUST 9.30 - 12

ART, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE EMOTIONS AND MAKE CONNECTIONS.





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.







🔍 Table Tennis & Pickleball Summer Holiday Camps 🔍

Get Ready for a Summer of Fun, Games, and

🎉 Fun Camp Pickleball, Table Tennis & Fun Games - Bring a Friend!

Dates:

• Monday, 21st July - Thursday, 24th July • Monday, 11th August - Thursday, 14th August Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM COST:

£45.00 EACH WEEK OR £15 PER MORNING

📍 Location: Guernsey Table Tennis Centre Contact: Beck's O'Keefe 07781180140 Register at: tabletennis@cwgsy.net

- 1 Spaces are limited Sign up today!
- * Fun, Friends & Fitness this Summer!







Summer Holiday Activity Planner





Tue 19

Halfway Bunker open Evening W2 time capsule o bunker Open 7pm-9pm

Tue 26





























Sat 23





Mon 18

Stay and play 09.30-11.30am Pop to the shops for some new stationary for you school bag

Mon 25 Bank holiday Hillclimb Val Des Terres 9am

Visit Candie Garden Explore Victoria Tow (Collect the key fro Candie museum)







Wed 20 The North Sh







Thu 21
The North Show
Battle of flowers and
fireworks

Thu 28



Can you tick off any of the Dolphins from the Discovery Trail? Thu 04 in Terms start Eri.05 velet Reg Sat 06

Sports Commissio imily Fun Day 10a 4pm Saumarez Park Free sports taste sessions

Visit Oatlands

Eri 29

Take a island tou Bus 91 or 92

Other Useful Information



Kindred Children's Centre 253279 Kindred Family Hub Facebook page





Have a wonderful, safe and happy Summer Holiday!





www.outdoorguernsey.gg www.aztechsoccer.com www.mallardcinema.co.uk www.guernseywithkids.com www.guernseysurfschool.co.uk www.sailingtrust.org.gg www.irisanddorastudios.gg

Youth Commission 226099 Beau Sejour 225200 Sports commission 227229 Kindred Children's Centre 253279 Kindred Family Hub Facebook page











The Youth Commission run their youth clubs over the summer, these are free to drop in to.

They also offer targeted support groups for Bereavement, Complex Health Needs and Young carers. As well as those that want a friendly face to that about LGBTQ+. Contact info@youthsommission.gg to find out more.



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