



OCTOBER HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Mon, 3rd Nov - Return to school
- Mon, 3rd Nov - Last Orders Performance Y9
- Tue, 4th Nov - DofE Award Presentation 6pm
- Wed, 5th Nov - Y7-11 Flu Vaccine
- Thu, 6 - Fri, 7th Nov - Y11 Art Exams
- Tue, 11th Nov - SFC Evening for Y11
- Wed, 12 - Fri, 14th Nov - Madagascar 6:45pm
- Mon, 17th Nov - KS4 Army Session
- Tue, 18th Nov - Parent Forum: Maths & English
- Wed, 19th Nov - Y9 Army Engagement
- Thu, 20th Nov - Y9 Careers Show
- Fri, 21st Nov - PTA Winter Fayre
- Tue, 25th Nov - Parent Forum: Teenage Mental Health
- Thu, 27th Nov - Y11 Parents' Evening
- Wed, 3rd Dec - Carol Service
- Thu, 4th Dec - Presentation Evening
- Wed, 10th Dec - Y9 English Bunkers Trip
- Fri, 19th Dec - Term ends 12:30pm



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

A Warm Welcome to the New Academic Year

What a whirlwind the first half term of the academic year has been! It's hard to believe we're already drawing it to a close. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming our new Year 7 students, and they have settled in wonderfully. It's inspiring to see them already embracing the wealth of opportunities the school offers, from enthusiastic participation in charity events and extracurricular clubs to taking on student leadership roles.

Our school community has been buzzing with activity. A key highlight was our Open Evening, where we proudly showcased our school to prospective Year 6 students and their families. It was a delight to see so many of our staff and students representing us with such pride and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing more of these young people as the year continues.

We also celebrated some wonderful achievements and experiences:

A group of 25 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Mayenne region of France, immersing themselves in French culture for a week of activities.

To mark the International Day of Peace, all students collaborated to create a beautiful rainbow installation of peaceful wishes.

Our annual Swimathon was an outstanding success! We received recognition for the truly impressive amount of money raised for their chosen charities. Thank you for supporting us. A huge congratulations to everyone involved — your effort and generosity made a real difference.

Looking Ahead to a Busy Autumn Term

As we head into the winter months, the next half term is jam-packed with exciting events.

We kick off with our spectacular whole-school production of *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure*! The students and staff have been working incredibly hard since Easter, and it promises to be a fantastic evening of entertainment. Please do come along and support their amazing efforts!

Our wonderful PTA also held a successful AGM at the start of term, and their first major event will be the Winter Fayre on November 21st. This is always a fantastic evening of stalls and festive fun — a perfect way to brighten up those dark nights and perhaps even start your Christmas shopping!

Finally, as we move into December, we will hold our annual Carol Service and the Past Year 11 Awards Evening. It will be wonderful to catch up with our former students and celebrate their progress in their next steps.

We wish you and your family a lovely and restful half-term break.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V Godley



CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK 2025

It was great to see so many students riding to school during Cycle to School week. We hope that the bike racks will encourage more people to ride more regularly!



CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK '25
is coming!

Supported by:
 **NatWest**
Rooster Money





13 - 17 October
cycletoschoolweek.com



Introducing Our New Senior Student Team

We were very proud to present our Y11 prefects with their green ties earlier this term.

We look forward to working with you all.

Y11 PREFECTS



Verity Lowe, Chelsea Rosamond, Harry Bourgaize, Maisie Harris, Eloise Pommier, Janice Thoo, Jodie Sharman, Xavier Gibson, Imogen Ellis, Olivia Whitmore, Lily Regan, Joe Prince, Lucy Bonham, Isla Frith, Sofia Gois, Ella Robert, Rosie Mclean, Joselyn Ford, Ellie King, Kiera Streeting, Nicole Sexton, Kielle Phillipe, Ruby Honey, Jayson Otin, Katherine Brache, Kaylee Robilliard, Daisy Corbet, Kristian Michel, Alissa Kharroubi, Riley Torode, Oskar Cleal, Evie Bellis, Alaska Hubert, Lexie Pipet, Bobby De La Mare, Wilf Dorrian, Rafe Rang, Connie Hewitt, Joe Lee, Macy Le Vallee.



PE DEPT *Zedra X Challenge Cross Country*

60 students took part in the annual Zedra X Challenge Cross Country run. The course involved jumping over hay bales, side-stepping through tyres and crawling under muddy nets. The students were a credit to the school in showing their perseverance to keep going and completing the challenge. Although all students were super impressive, the standout performance on the day went to Grace King who finished 1st in the Year 9 / 10 girls race. Overall, the Year 7/8 boys finished 3rd and the girls finished 5th. In the Year 9/10 competitions the boys finished in 3rd and the girls finished 4th. St Sampson's High school had one of the highest number of students attending and competing in this event which was amazing to see. Well done, all!



We'd like to say a special shout out to Malachy and Ethan in Year 11 who ran in two of the races to encourage students from every school to complete the course. Due to there not being a Year 11 competition, they decided they still wanted to take part in the event. They ran at the back with a speaker encouraging all students to complete the event. They were role models in every way to the young people competing in the event.



PE DEPT

Football



Girls Football has been on every Monday this half term, which has seen our SSHS Lionesses grow from 5 students to now 15 regular attendees. Thank you to the GFA and Scarlett Kenneally (GFA Women & Girls Football Development Officer) for coming in and leading the session. More football opportunities to come this year for our girls!

We have had over 130 students represent the school in football fixtures which has been amazing. Students have played in weekly fixtures for Year 7 - 10 against the other schools in Division A and Division B leagues as well as the Year 11 teams having some training with Mr Ingrouille for their A and B fixtures and the Spiller Cup tournament. All students have been role models for the school in their behaviour both at home and away fixtures and the standard has been very good. The team of the half term is our Year 9. All of these students have settled into school PE enrichment clubs excellently and have already represented the school in at least one sport. Students have moved from team to team to help in various fixtures with great effort and attitude.



CIAS BASE *Healing Waves*



Jack J, Aaron N, Ben H, Susie C, Ollie H, Alex B, Remy C and Poppy H were invited to attend a Surf Session at Vazon. Ben and Jack spoke on camera to the BBC about their experiences. You can see the reel on the BBC Facebook page showing all the students having a great time learning to surf. For some this has been their second time attending. We are very grateful to Healing Waves for this opportunity and all hope to be able to attend future sessions.



HOUSE NEWS



We were delighted that over 100 students took part in this year's Swimathon raising over £3000.



Well done to everyone who swam, donated and supported this fabulous cause!

We have appointed our Y8-11 Student Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassador representatives from each tutor group. We are enjoying having more students lead and share student opinions within the school. The next stage is for Y7s to appoint their representatives, after half-term, and we can't wait for our student leaders to get stuck in!



FRENCH TRIP

YEAR 8, 9 & 10 FRENCH TRIP 2025
5TH - 10TH OCTOBER, MAYENNE REGION

In October 25 students spent a wonderful week at Château Beaumont, near the town of Ernée in the Mayenne region of France. We enjoyed participating in activities both at the Chateau where we stayed (climbing, archery, fencing to name but a few) and also out and about in France. There were plenty of opportunities to practise our French language at mealtimes, in shops, cafés and boulangeries. We sampled lots of amazing French food (including snails and goats' milk ice cream). A highlight for all was a visit to a local school where we made friends and learnt loads about how different the school system is there. Our memories of this special trip will last a lifetime. Have a look at what we got up to:

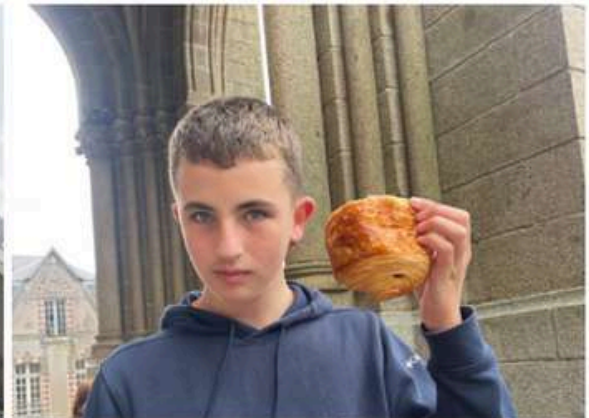
Dimanche

Journey, late arrival, settling in



Lundi

Walk / picnic & bakery in Chailland



Mardi

Hypermarché Visit



Visit to the town Laval (picnic in the garden)



Would I Lie To You Game



Mercredi

Hypermarché Visit

Marché Saint-Hilaire



Mont Saint-Michel



French Night





Jeudi

School visit & activities at Chateau Beaumont



ICT/BUSINESS

Business Studies

Young Enterprise is back. Due to some very kind funding from PTA Young Enterprise and the £50 challenge is returning. Pupils will have the opportunity to set up their own business - updates will be on the next newsletter.

Computer Science

Year 10 have entered into a world of coding in Python and as part of it have joined the

CodeCombat competition challenging them to code to both solve problems and see if they can form their coding language in a form more eloquent than the rest of the class



KS3 ICT

Year 9 pupils are currently taking part in a school competition to design and build a website. The winners will be announced in the next newsletter

Other News

Year 9s - Pupils are about to embark on Project Retail - this is an exciting opportunity to understand and learn about a major employer on the island (COOP). The selection process will take place before half term.

Year 7 Robotics Club – Year 7 lunchtime club based on coding our school robots has started with a substantial group utilising Microbits applying a real world context to coding.



Cambridge National ICT

Year 10 are about to embark on their first piece of controlled assessment based on Augmented Reality which is worth 30% of their overall course



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Samba Band at Orca

Congratulations to everyone who was involved with the recent Orca performance.



Beginner Brass



It has been great to welcome Mr Hatton from the Guernsey Music Service to deliver a fantastic lunchtime opportunity for all these students who have chosen to play the trumpet. We are looking forward to their first performance!



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



*Based on the DreamWorks
Animation Motion Picture*

Wednesday 12th November

Thursday 13th November

Friday 14th November

Tickets available from

St. Sampson's High School

£12 adults £6 OAP/student

£28 Family ticket (2 adults 2 children)

Arrive by 6.45pm

Book by Kevin Del Aguila

Original Music and Lyrics by George Noriega & Joel Someillan

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

*Saxophonix at
St Paul's*



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
DECEMBER 3RD ST PAUL'S
CHURCH 7PM...CHRISTMAS
MUSIC AND POETRY
INCLUDING SSHS ORCHESTRA,
CHOIR, CHAMBER CHOIR,
SAXOPHONIX , BEGINNER
BRASS AND MORE.



ENGLISH

Author Visit

Y7 and 8 students enjoyed a visit from children's author Ele Fountain on Monday, 20th and Tuesday, 21st October.



GUERNSEY
INTERNATIONAL
POETRY
COMPETITION
2026



All students are invited to enter an original poem to the Guernsey Literary Festival's international poetry competition: Poems on the Move. The deadline for entries is 15th January 2026.

Poems are limited to 14 lines and can be submitted here:

<https://enter.poemsonthemove.com/>



RIGHTS RESPECTING



Each tutor group has been working hard to produce a Class Charter - a display of rights that students feel are most important to them. Some of our favourites include:

Article 2 - the right to protection against discrimination

Article 3 - all adults should do what is best for you

Article 12 - the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously

Article 31 - the right to play and relax

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We were delighted to support this year's Shoebox Appeal and are grateful for every donation that was received.



ROTARY GUERNESIAIS
2025
SHOEBOX APPEAL

BRETON, BRAYERD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
SATURDAY 18 - SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER
10AM - 7PM, SUNDAY - 10AM - 1PM

CAN YOU HELP?
We are collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and essentials for children in desperate need in Eastern Europe.

BOX DIMENSIONS
MAX 12"x7"x6" or 50x18x15cm
Please attach £1.50 on top of the box to cover transport costs

For leaflets/labels, to arrange collection or any other queries email: shoeboxes@rotary.org.uk or call 07781 159845

Y6 OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time for our annual Open Evening. It was great to meet our new students and to see our current students being so welcoming.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We are amazed that almost 90 students have signed up to take on the challenge of their Bronze and Silver awards this year.

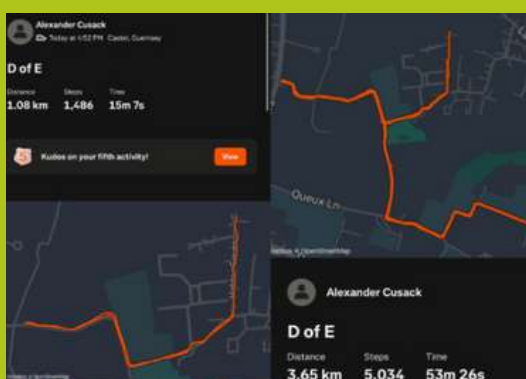
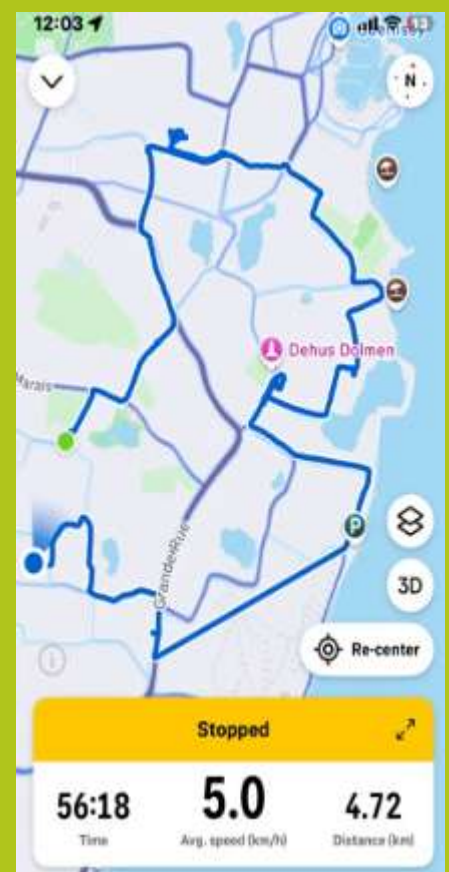
Students have been getting stuck in with their volunteering, physical and skills sections.

We've seen lots of litter picking taking place, tasted lots of delicious baking and enjoyed hearing about the participants' sporting endeavours.

Please keep completing your activities each week and remember to add evidence to the app if it is required.

Bronze: meetings during Tuesday lunch

Silver: meetings during Thursday lunch





**ST.
SAMPSON'S
HIGH SCHOOL**

WINTER FAYRE



FROM
6-7.45PM



**FRIDAY
21
NOVEMBER**

Raffle | Music | Cobbioko | Stalls | Bar | Food

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



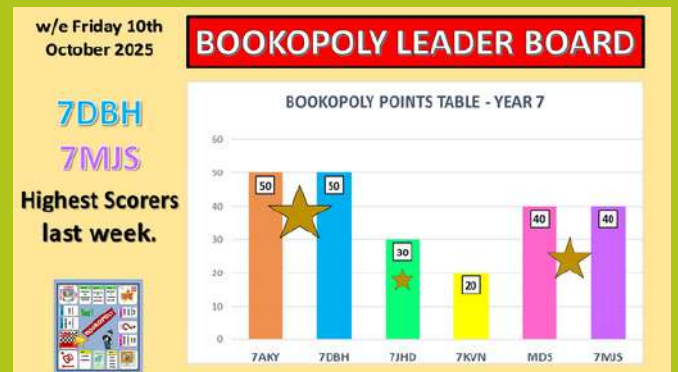
Daily Legends



Feel Good Friday

	ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL FEEL GOOD FRIDAY	
	Alfie 11SRR Kathryn 7DBH Abigail 7KVN Jay-Jay 8HBS McKenzie 8HBS Evie 11PPE Joselyn 11JIE Joe 11MIE Olivia 11JIE	Evie 7MDS Alissa 11VRE Alex 7MDS Thomas 8CTE Jack 8CTE Flynn 8SMY Rasi 11JHT Aiden 9RSE
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

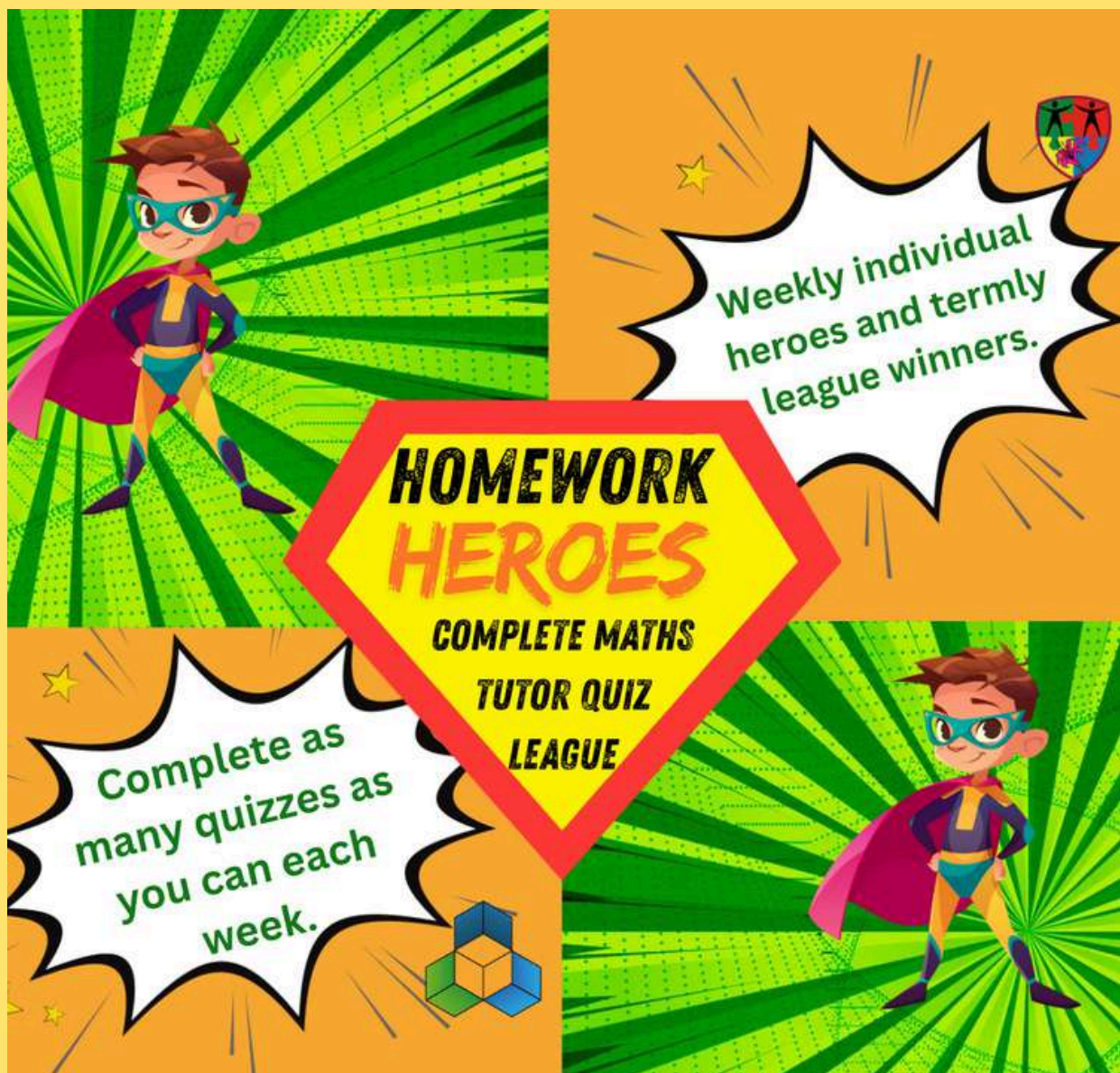


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MATHS HW HEROES

The Maths Dept has launched a new weekly Complete Maths Tutor competition. Look out for the leader-board each week to see who is the top scoring student from each tutor group.





ACTIVE TRAVEL

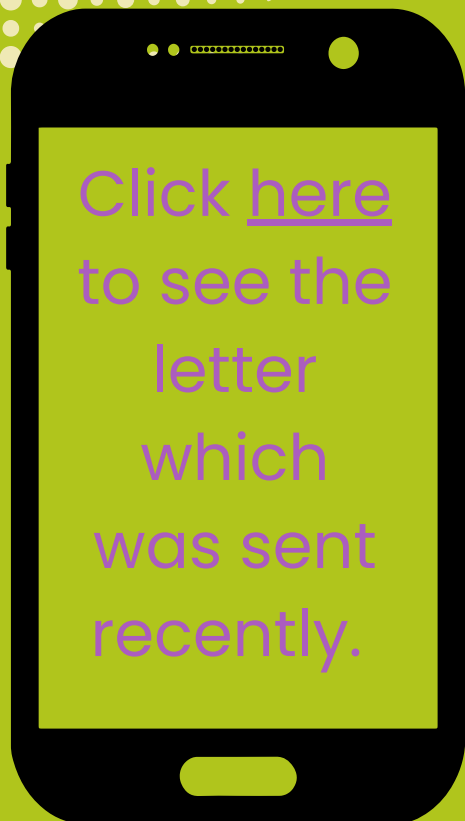


Update:

The closure of La Vieille Rue has been a great success and news of its permanence will be announced after half-term.



SMARTPHONE REMINDER



July 2025

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 environment.

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 behaviour policy**.

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 personal development.

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.

V Godley

Mrs V Godley
Principal



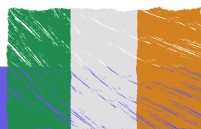
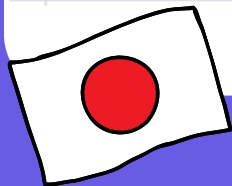
MFL OCTOBER DUOLINGO COMPETITION



Leaderboard

We have just one week to go until the end of the competition at 3pm on Friday, 24th October.

	Name	Year	Language	Score
1	Noah TK	Y7	Ukrainian	3344
2	Mrs Sharpe	Staff	German	2804
3	Jack S	Y7	Italian	1892
4	Alfie D	Y7		1772
5	Flynn W	Y7	German	1721
6	Mystery Year 7 5	Y7	French	1473
7	Kathryn C	Y7	Scottish Gaelic	1450
8	Eleanor LT	Y7	Japanese	1218
9	Anne-Marie S	Y9	German	1213
10	Lottie T	Y8	French	1059
11	Lucie B	Y9	French	964
12	Amelia DLV	Y8	French	686
13	Mystery Year 7 2	Y7	Yiddish	685
14	Star M	Y11	German	671
15	Mystery Year 7 4	Y7	Irish	658
16	Josh LV	Y9	French	630
17	Alex C	Y10	French	520
18	Ollie GK	Y7	Korean	509
19	Emilia S	Y9	French	504
20	Katherine B	Y11	Korean	180



XP will be counted and the winner will be announced after 3pm on Friday, 24th October.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Every student created two peace ribbons recently. Using famous quotations, or peaceful wishes of their own, the ribbons are now on display in our canteen area. Article 38 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states you have the right to protection in times of war. Article 19 states that you have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated.



Thank you to everyone involved in helping us to spread awareness of peace, hope and conflict reconciliation.



RESISTANT MATERIALS

YEAR 7

YEAR 8 & 9

Year 7 Students are producing a wooden pencil case with a unique lid design. Those students who complete the task with the correct dimensions will receive a prize!

Students in Year 8 & 9 are working with acrylic to create a unique mobile phone stand. They are learning about thermoplastics, so that they can use a line bender to form their designs



OCR 3D DESIGN

60% PROJECT



3D-DESIGN EXTRA-TIME

4/11, 6/11, 11/11, 13/11, 18/11, 20/11, 25/11, 26/11, 2/12, 3/12, 9/12, 11/12, 16/12, 18/12

EDEXCEL GCSE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Grain Gang



Hammer & the Chisel's



Students have been working on some joinery skills, and have moved onto a little project of designing a marble run game

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Fabulous prototyping by Year 11 students who are 7 weeks away from their 60% coursework deadline.

Y11



Y10

Two amazing new classes - full of so much amazing potential.



Y7

Y8



To see more please follow ... <https://www.instagram.com/sshsgraphics/>



St. Sampson's High
Learning Together



For Sale



Free

The Locker Room

Check the 'Locker Room' Facebook page if you are in need of uniform or PE kit.



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.

