

Summer Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- Thursday 20th August - GCSE Results Day (9am-10am)
- Monday 7th September - Term starts.
- Monday 14th September - PTA AGM
- Tuesday 22 September - Yr 7/ Yr 10 Photographs
- Thursday 1st October - Year 6 Open Evening
- Monday 5th October - French trip
- Friday 23rd October - Term ends
- Monday 2nd November - Term Starts
- Thursday 12th November - Year 11 Presentation Evening

EXTRA INSET DAY

Important Notice for Next Academic Year

Looking ahead, please make a note

that we will have an Inset Day on Friday

22nd January 2027, in addition to the dates already published on gov.gg.

SSHS Student Stationery Shop

Pencils 10p	10p 50p	PENS	Small Ruler 15p Large 20p
12 Pencils £1	Highlighters 20p	Erasers 15p	Glue Stick £1
Exercise Book 40p	Notebook 60p	Scrapbook 50p	Ring Binder £1.20
Dividers 95p	Wallets 3 for 20p		
Short Pencil Case 80p Filled £2.30	Long Pencil Case £1.25 Filled £2.75 pen, pencil, ruler, rubber.	Revision Cards £1.50 Large pk 75p small pk	Homework Popper Folders 70p
Dry Wipe Pen 35p	Scientific Calculator £8.80 Non Scientific Calculators £1.75-£4	Protractor 10p	Earbuds £1.00
Show Me Board 80p	SKETCH BOOKS A5 £2.95 A4 £4.00	2B Art Pencils 20p	Fine Liner Pens 35p





Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another remarkable academic year, I want to take this opportunity to look back on a phenomenally busy and successful final half-term, whilst also sharing some important updates for the upcoming summer break and the new term in September.

It has been a privilege to witness the dedication, talent, and enthusiasm of our students over the past few weeks. Our Year 11 students have officially completed their final GCSE exams. Their focus and maturity during this stressful period have been exemplary. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating with them on Results Day on the 20th August. Students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 have also shown great determination, wrapping up their end-of-year assessments to demonstrate the progress they have made. We were delighted to welcome our upcoming cohort during the Year 6 transition days. It was wonderful to see their excitement, and we are eager to welcome them fully into our school family in September.

Other celebrations and trips this term have included our Year 11 who celebrated the end of their secondary school journey in spectacular style at their prom. The arrivals were a particular highlight this year, featuring everything from a student arriving on horseback to another making an entrance in a vintage military jeep!

Adventure was high on the agenda with our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, whilst our Geographers put their classroom knowledge to the test during various Geography field trips despite the terribly wet weather. Students eloquently represented the school in the Island Debate, showcasing brilliant public speaking skills. We also had students visit the Guille- Alles which we hope will continue to foster a continued love for reading. The final week of term celebrates and rewards students for a jam packed year with a vibrant and varied Activities Week. Students threw themselves into a 'Be Active' day, a dedicated Health and Wellbeing Day, and various educational trips out across the island. We will be topping all of this off with our final Celebration Event on the last day of term, where students can reap the rewards of their hard work with a day of fun and activities on the school field.



Staffing Updates and Thanks,

Thank You!
Bye

An enormous amount of hard work goes on behind the scenes, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our staff for their incredible endeavours and unwavering commitment to our students throughout the year.

As always with the end of an academic year, we are saying goodbye to some valued members of our team. We bid a very fond farewell to Ms O'Reilly, who has been with St Sampson's High since 2005 as Head of Department and Team Leader for English. While she is leaving this current post, we are delighted that we will see her again next academic year when she joins the ALN department in a new role.

We also say goodbye to Mr Bailey, who has served as Assistant ALNCO/ Inclusion Manager and teacher of Science; to Ms Batchelor, Year Team Leader and Teacher of English; Ms Le Page, Learning Support Assistant; Mr Dean, Learning Support Assistant and Jo Bishop, Administrative Assistant, who has been an integral part of St Sampson's since 2007. We thank them all for their years of dedicated service and wish them the absolute best for the future. Also, a big thank you to Ms Ingles for all of her outstanding work with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Enrichment programmes. From September, Mr Barrett-Giles will be taking on this role.

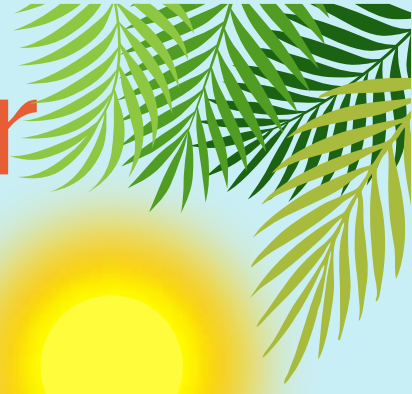
We would also like to thank Ms Herbert for all of her hard work as Assistant Team Leader of English. We are delighted that she will remain with us as a Teacher of English.

Looking ahead to September, we are delighted to be joined by several new staff members: Ms Appelqvist Team Leader of English; Ms Long (Teacher of English), Mr Hockey (Teacher of Science), Ms Tall (Administrative Assistant), Mr Long, Ms Atsu and Ms Dunning (Learning Support Assistants). Furthermore, Mrs Sharpe, currently our teacher of MFL, will be taking on exciting new responsibilities from September as Assistant ALNCo and Inclusion Manager.

Welcome

THANK YOU

Important Notices for the Academic Year Ahead,



To ensure a smooth start to the next academic year, please take note of the following important updates and reminders:

- When purchasing new uniform over the summer, please remember that school policy dictates skirt length must be only just above the knee. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards of dress.
- To support our students' well-being and encourage healthy sleep habits, all student Chromebooks will automatically shut down from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am daily from 17 July 2026, ensuring they are off screens and using their devices appropriately.
- A quick reminder that we do not authorise or encourage holidays during term time. Consistency in attendance is vital to your child's academic progress and social development.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your unwavering support throughout this year. It is a vital ingredient in making our school community the thriving, positive environment that it is.

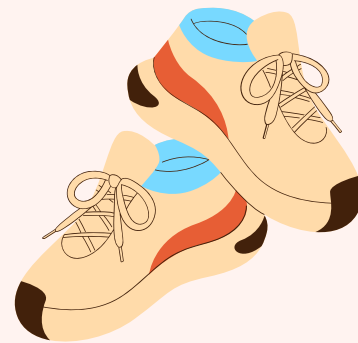
I wish you all a fantastic, restful, and safe summer break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 7th September.

Warm Regards,
Mrs V Godley



PE Department

Island Inter-Insulars Athletics



Athletes from SSHS stepped up to represent the school on the inter-island stage at this year's Interinsular. It was fantastic to get this event up and running again after nearly 10 years! They faced incredibly tough competitive conditions, with a summer heatwave pushing temperatures to the limit. Despite the scorching heat, our squad showed determination, grit, and sportsmanship across all of their selected events. A special congratulations goes to Amelia R in Year 8, who delivered a spectacular performance to become the Channel Island High Jump Champion! Well done to all of our athletes for their fantastic efforts and for representing SSHS so brilliantly.

Softball Fixtures

Our Year 7 softball team enjoyed a fantastic debut tournament, securing a brilliant 11-8 victory against LBHS before being narrowly defeated 15-12 by LVHS. The tournament showcased some excellent softball, offering the team invaluable match experience and plenty of learning opportunities. Congratulations to Morgan F. and Albie L, who were named Players of the Match!



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The Year 9 team also enjoyed a highly successful tournament, remaining undefeated across both of their fixtures. They secured a tense 6-5 victory over LVHS and followed it up with a dominant 9-0 win against LBHS. Congratulations to the Y10 and Y8 teams who were also undefeated!



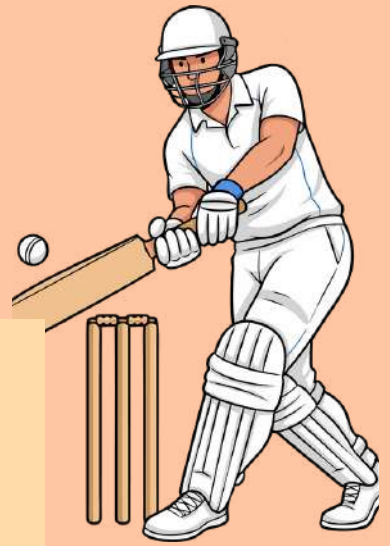
The final island schools rankings are:

- Year 7 - 2nd place
- Year 8 - Champions (only 2 teams entered)
- Year 9 - Champions
- Year 10 - Champions (only 2 teams entered)

Well done to all the players involved for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship!

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Cricket



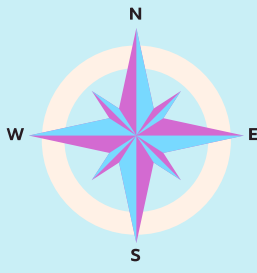
The Year 8 boys' cricket team put their PE lesson training into action during a recent fixture. Although they were not victorious, it was an excellent developmental opportunity where the players picked up vital tactical insights and coaching points. Thank you to Mr Barrett-Giles for supporting the team, and we hope to see their enthusiasm for the sport continue. Special congratulations to Dan A for being named 'Player of the Match' following an impressive performance as wicket-keeper.



Golf

This term, our students enjoyed a fantastic series of golf sessions in partnership with Golf 19. The program provided an exceptional opportunity for the group to develop their golfing skills across all areas of the facility, including the driving range, putting green, and the main course itself. It has been wonderful to see the students make such great progress and build their confidence on the green. We extend our thanks to Joe and Andy for their expert guidance and support throughout the term.





Politician Visit

We had the pleasure of welcoming in former student, and local politician Tom Rylatt. Tom spoke with some members of our politics club about the issues in Guernsey he is trying to tackle. These include increasing the number of affordable houses/rental properties that are available, and how to increase job opportunities for our young people! It was a thoughtful discussion where our students had the opportunity to learn about local politics on the island!





★ 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 and postcard home. Well done and keep up the hard work!

Year 7 French: A Watchman, M Ogier, E Garland, I Crawford

Year 8 French: T Ellis, L Most, L Swarbrick, P Limond

Year 9 French: E Sexton, R Peters, A Sperduto

Year 9 Spanish: P de Woolfson, J Tetlow, S Alves-Holden

Year 10 Spanish: K Domaille, E Legg

Year 10 French: H Jager, I Huxster

Bravo et continuez comme ça !
¡Felicidades por el buen trabajo en Español!

Miss Jones, Mr Hurford & Mrs Sharpe



Music and Creative Arts

🎵 Music Students in Action 🎵

We are proud of the progress our music students are making across a range of instruments. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for music throughout the school.

In strings, M. Echebima (Viola, Grade 3) , W. Harris (Cello, Grade 4), E. Batiste (Electric Guitar , Grade 4) are showing great commitment. In woodwind, I. Falla (Flute, Grade 7) B. Flower (Flute, Grade 3), along with P. Limond (Clarinet, Grade 4) and K. Robilliard (Clarinet, Grade 6), are progressing well. B. Norris (Grade 2) and N. Popplewell (Grade 4) are also doing well on oboe.

On Piano, K Domaille (Grade 5)

Our brass players continue to develop, including O. Ellis, N. Taylor-Kerr (French Horn, Grade 2), E. Wiskin (French Horn, Grade 4), J. Marley (Euphonium, Grade 2), A. Roussel (Trombone, Grade 2), and B. Simon (Trumpet, Grade 4).

We are also proud of our singers, R. Gist (Grade 5), K. Hulse (Grade 4) and J Phillippe (Grade 6)

Well done to all our students—we look forward to seeing your continued progress!



Music and Creative Arts



Congratulations to everyone who has achieved a Creative award this year!

Our annual presentations took place in an assembly in July. It was wonderful to share the success of so many students who have all received a special pin badge to wear on their blazer and a certificate. The awards build up from Bronze to Silver to Gold and reward student's participation and curiosity in the arts, both in school and the wider community. Every child in Key Stage 3 has completed work towards an award and will be able to resume work on this next year if they haven't yet finished. A special well done to our first Gold award students!

GOLD

Amelia D, Grace R,
Chloe Le L, Hollie B,
Lyra J, Sienna De C,
Rosie G, Emma Le P,
Cara L, Esme B



SILVER

Darcie B, Chloe F, Amelia
D, Isla W, Lottie T, Izzy
M, Aria W, Grace H, Lillie
A,
Nieve P, Phoebe L, Charlie
J, Elodie J, Nevaeh V,
Bella G, Daniel A, Anna D,
Scarlett J,
Matthew L, Maiya B,
Barrack O, Lexi K, Thomas
E, Marlee B, Emily S,
Taylor M,
Max L, George W, Zavier
R, William H, Cara L, Chloe
K, Robyn P, Rebeka D,
Grace R, Ayla T, Freya L.



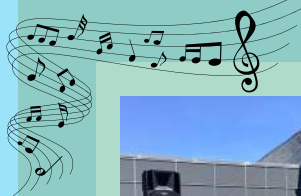
BRONZE

Archie W, Lily A, Henry J, Daisy
M, Chloe M, Madison F, Aubrey
S, Millie W,
Lee S, Fergus C, Lilly M, Kaiden
C, Lili C, Evie B, Aurelia S, Naomi
M, Mandee C,
Anne- Marie F, Luiz de J, George
D, Tegan T, Cameron C, Kaiden
W, Micah G,
Francesca N, Isla M, Logan N,
Josh O, Joseph B, George S,
Joey B, Max L, Reilly P,
Erin C, Niamh C, Ryan P, Harper
Robins, Noah TK, Freya L, Ava
W, Bria N, Ayla T,
Liv E, Evie L, Charlotte E, Abigail
R, Erin H, Eden B, Bethany B,
Lillia Le C, Isla W,
Alfie I, Immy C, Sebastian P,
Henry L, Bella M, Ruby B, Charlie
M, Jacob P, Seb Le G,
Lily S, Albie L, Rikia P, Ben W,
Alfie D, Eleanor B, Daniel B,
Ameer A, Megan Le L,
Zachary R, Ethan Le P, Isla R,
Tahlia Le P, David W, Mia O,
Nina O, Grace C, Evie C,
Ruby W, Jude M, Jack S, Grace
R, Loker K, Flynn W.

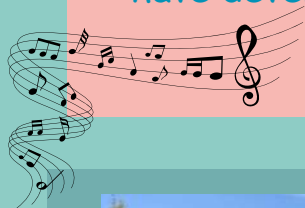


Music and Creative Arts

Live Lunch



We enjoyed some great songs at Live Lunch from The Nuclear Monkeys, Anne Marie, The Guernsey Gulls, Lucie, The Deaf Donkeys, Ellie & Mollie and Rebellion. It was great to have so much support and enthusiasm from the crowd on such a warm day! Congratulations to all our bands who have developed their sets through the band programme which runs on Tuesday/Wednesday after school.



Art Department



The Art Department has had a busy and successful term, with Year 11 students completing their GCSE examinations and final project portfolios. Across the school, students have produced an impressive range of creative work, demonstrating both skill and imagination. Despite the ongoing building work in Reception, we are delighted to have artwork from all year groups on display, providing a colourful showcase of students' achievements and celebrating the creativity that continues to thrive throughout the school.



Technology

Year 7 students have been turning their beautiful enlargements into a commercially viable product.



Chocolate packaging was designed and prototyped. And it would be rude to not design the bar too ...



Year 9s and the art of the disappearing circle



Year 9 students designed logos both by hand, and digitally.



T-shirts were screen printed and the logo added using h.t.v.

Creating Space to Learn - Supporting Healthy Smartphone Use



Our current expectation remains that students in Years 7-11 follow our "Off and Away" approach throughout the school day.

This expectation remains unchanged and we continue to ask students to follow it consistently. Whilst this approach has significantly reduced visible phone use in our schools, we remain concerned about the impact that unnecessary smartphone use during the school day can have on concentration, learning, wellbeing and positive social interaction when it distracts students from fully engaging in school life.

Over recent years, we have also worked hard to ensure that students can fully participate in school life without needing to use a personal smartphone. School-issued Chromebooks provide access to learning resources, homework, timetables and ClassCharts, meaning that personal smartphones are not required for educational purposes.

Alongside the other schools within the Secondary School Partnership, we are now developing a Partnership-wide Smartphone Strategy. This work is being informed by feedback, national research and stakeholder consultation commissioned by the Education Office. Our aim is to ensure that any future developments are carefully considered, evidence-informed and implemented consistently across all Partnership schools. We look forward to sharing more information with parents during the next academic year.

In the meantime, we would greatly appreciate your continued support. Many of the challenges associated with smartphone use extend beyond the school day, making the partnership between home and school more important than ever. Please take the opportunity to talk with your child about our current expectations and encourage them to keep their phone switched off and away throughout the school day. We also ask parents and carers not to contact their child directly on their mobile phone during the school day. If you need to pass on an urgent message, please contact the school office and we will ensure it reaches your child promptly.

Our expectations remain clear. Once students arrive on the school site, smartphones and smart devices should remain switched off and out of sight until they leave at the end of the school day. Where these expectations are not met, we will continue to apply the school's behaviour policy consistently and fairly.

By working together, we can create calm, purposeful learning environments where every young person can focus, participate and thrive.

Parents FAQ:



We often get asked similar questions by parents and carers, so we've put together some of the most frequently asked ones here. We hope you find these helpful and that they provide quick answers to any queries you may have.

- I don't know what my child is studying at school?

On our [school website](#) you will find curriculum overviews and detailed curriculum plans for every subject

- How does my child catch up if they have been off school?

If a student has been off school they can use [SMID Catch up website](#). Students press google login. They can click on any lesson they have missed to catch up.

- When does my child have assessments in each subject?

Most subjects have upcoming end of year assessments in each subject. You can check recent the class charts message from Mr Smith for dates and for revision information.

- When will I receive reports home for my child?

The next school reports to be sent home will be end of year reports, these will be sent home mid July.

- How I do support my child with their homework?

Classcharts has all details you will need to help students with their homework.

- Who do I contact if my child is struggling with school?

If your child is struggling, please contact their tutor or if it is a pastoral issue please contact their year team leader. If there is an issue in a subject please contact the subject teacher. See [email list here](#)

- Where do I find the school uniform list?

Our school uniform list can be found [here](#)

School Uniform

Uniform Reminder for the New Academic Year

As we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new academic year, please make sure your child has the correct school uniform ready for September. A quick check over the summer for fit and any missing items will help ensure a smooth and confident start to the new term.

Thank you for your continued support!

Blazer

Black blazer with St Sampsons High School logo on the left chest pocket. To be worn at all times.

Jumper

Approved V necked or round necked grey pullover with St Sampsons High School logo. (Optional).

Tie

A tie should be worn at all times purple (KS3) purple striped (KS4).*

* From 2027, clip-on ties will be a requirement for all schools, therefore it is advised that these are purchased now to avoid additional cost in the future.

Skirts /Trousers/Shorts

Standard black full length trousers; or

Black box pleat tailored skirt of appropriate length and strictly no more than two inches above or below the knee. (Leggings, jeggings, jeans or similar items are not acceptable; or

Tailored school shorts. These must be suitable school wear only and are available only from uniform retailers.

If a belt is required then it must be plain black.

Shirts

A white long sleeved or short sleeved shirt.

Shoes

Shoes should be sensible smart black polishable shoes. (This does not include black trainers, boots, backless, stiletto, canvas, ballet pumps, sling-back or toeless shoes).

Socks and tights

Either socks or tights may be worn but not both together.

Socks must be plain white (no sports logos) with a skirt or plain black with shorts or trousers. Trainer socks are not permitted. Tights must be black.

Coats

A sensible school coat which can be worn over the school blazer to and from school and outside during lunchtime. These should not be worn within the building.

Jewellery

Students may wear one pair of plain stud earrings and a wristwatch. No other jewellery may be worn (including rings, bracelets, facial piercings, bars or belly button piercings). No clear studs or retainers are permitted.

Make-Up, Nails & Hair

Discreet makeup may be worn.

Nail varnish/nail extensions/Gels should not be worn. False eyelashes or coloured (cosmetic) contact lenses are not permitted.

Hair must be of a natural colour and styled in a smart, sensible manner off the face. Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons. Extreme styles, including tramlines and other razored patterns, are not allowed (Grade 2 minimum).

Misc.

An apron for Food Technology is available from the school (students will be advised when this is required).

School Street Trial (La Vielle Rue).

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Have Your Say!

As you may know, St Sampson's High School and Traffic and Highway Services have been trialling a School Street scheme on La Vieille Rue to make the journey to school safer for pedestrians and cyclists, whilst encouraging sustainable travel.

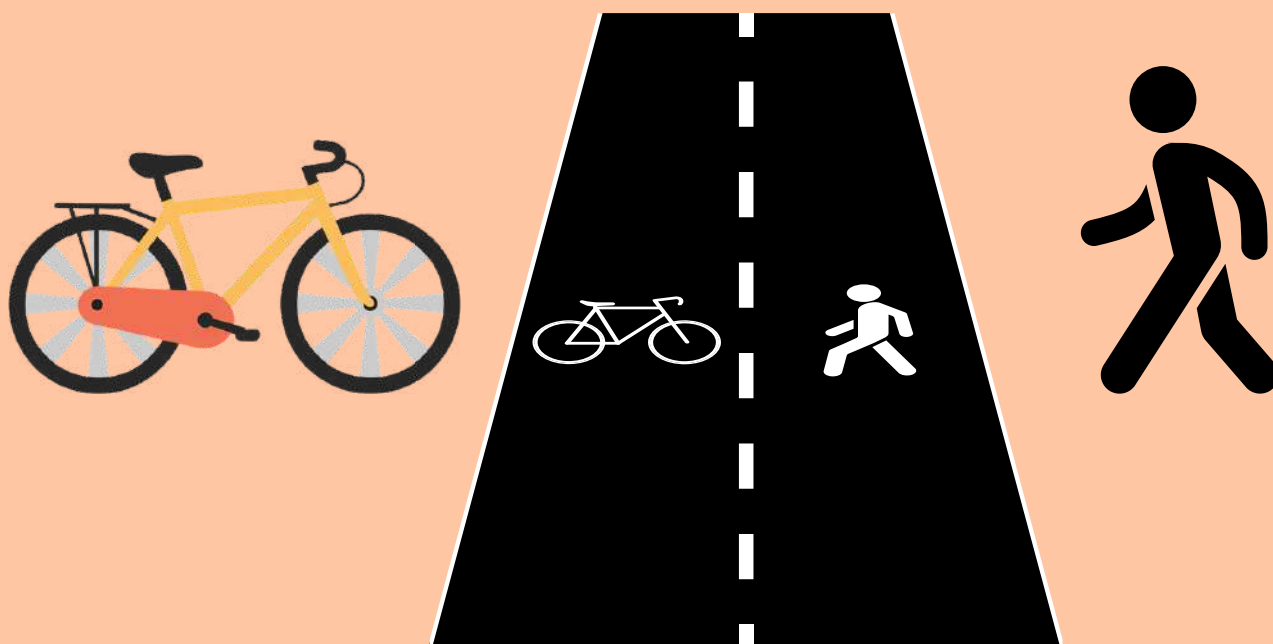
The trial has now been running for seven months, and Traffic and Highway Services would like to hear from parents, carers, residents and other road users before deciding whether to make the scheme permanent.

During term time, La Vieille Rue is closed to motor vehicles on weekdays from 8:00am-8:30am and 2:45pm-3:30pm, with exceptions for cyclists, emergency services and residents accessing their properties.

Feedback should be submitted by 1st September 2026:

Email: traffic@gov.gg

Post: Traffic and Highway Services, Edward T Wheadon House, Le Truchot, St Peter Port, GY1 3WH.



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

sshs.gg



SSHS.office@education.gg



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ST. SAMPSON'S HIGH SCHOOL

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Alfie 11SRR	Evie 7MDS
Kathryn 7DBH	Alissa 11VRE
Abigail 7KVN	Alex 7MDS
Jay-Jay 8HBS	Thomas 8CTE
McKenzie 8HBS	Jack 8CTE
Evie 11PPE	Flyn 8SMY
Joselyn 11JIE	Rasi 11JHT
Joe 11MIE	Aiden 9RSE
Olivia 11JIE	

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!

