

The Term Ahead



Year 7

Curriculum overview and upcoming events



Message from Mrs Feldwick



Wow, what a fantastic first half term! It has been wonderful to see how brilliantly our Year 7 students have not only settled into life at Saltash Community School, but have immersed themselves fully in so many opportunities. It has been wonderful to see how many students are attending our extra curricular clubs, auditioning and now partaking in our school production and helping out at our recent Open Evening. The teams of students that have already represented our school at sports fixtures have not only performed brilliantly but also showcased our TEAM values excellently. We have been blown away by the amount of praise points that have been awarded this half term – over 24000 just for Year 7! There are 4 students who have already received

over 200 praise points, 10 students have exceeded over 150 and a huge 103 students have already reached 100 praise points. Thank you so much to all of our students who come in and ensure that they are the 'best they can be' every day.

I am really looking forward to another action packed half term leading up to Christmas. We have our inter-house cross country and the launch of our Children's University Passport scheme in the first couple of weeks back!

I asked the Year 7 Team for a reflection on this first half term:

Ms Noble: I am really proud of how quickly my tutor group has settled in and how much they are gelling as a form. Already we have students who are taking part in our school production, can't wait to see them shine in this.

Every single student has received over 50 praise points and some have rocketed to achieve their first 100 already – how amazing is this?

Ms Lee: It has been a pleasure getting to know 7SLL this half term. I have watched them grow in confidence, make friends and find their way around their new school. Many of them have shown our team value of empathy in supporting each other, as well as earning lots of praise points for our house, Kothman! Lots of them now have 100 house points or more already. We have enjoyed celebrating this together every Friday and any birthdays too. I look forward to our next half term together, the lead up to Christmas is always so exciting.

Mr Pomfret: 7JIP is one of the tutor groups that have set the standard for others to follow, and I've seen that they are becoming more relaxed and confident about being in secondary school as the weeks pass. They've consistently shown our TEAM values and I'm very proud of them!

Mrs Bunney: 7KEB have settled well into Team Saltash, consistently good uniform, equipment and learning behaviours has meant we have had a fantastic start to secondary school!

Many of our tutor group have also been attending a range of extra-Curricular clubs at lunch and after school, some have also represented the school at sports fixtures, open evening and school events. I am so proud with how well each and every one of them have transitioned into secondary school life and have thrown themselves into all the wider opportunities that are on offer, as well as being focused on displaying excellent TEAM values. Keep up the good work KEB!

Mrs Hinds: 7TAH have been fabulous – excellent uniform, good attendance, on time, with equipment, polite and considerate of each other. I am so proud!!!

Mrs Wise: 7ELW have made a super start to the year at Saltash. All have consistently come in beautifully presented and well equipped for the day ahead. I am so proud at how they have all hit the ground running and are 'being the best they can be' around the school. You should all be really proud of yourselves and how you have stepped up to the challenge of secondary school. Well done, 7ELW.

Mrs Miller: 7EJM have had a great first half term! Their enthusiasm has been demonstrated in lessons, extracurricular clubs and they have gained lots of house points demonstrating our TEAM values. I am really proud of how well they have all settled in and adapted to secondary school, have a lovely and well deserved half term!

Miss Halliday: The reading group have made a brilliant start and we have already read the first chapter of the book Mortlock. It is lovely to see year 7s from across the tutor groups come together and work really hard at improving their reading. I am looking forward to exploring some different ideas and activities around our book next half term.



What are we learning in Autumn 2?

English	The English Literary Timeline: Victorian and Charles Dickens; The Tempest
Maths	Algebra, fractions, decimals, equivalence, perimeter of shapes
Science	Energy; power; fossil fuels; renewable energy; Cell biology; specialised cells and microscopes; levels of organisation
History	The Power and importance of the Catholic Church- mediaeval England
Geography	Cornish Ocean literacy: Cornish people and the ocean; the Cornish coast; plastic pollution
French	Tu est comment physiquement? Vocab related to hair and eyes; the verb avoir; negatives with ne...pas....
German	Wann hast du Geburtstag? Introductions; names; ages; numbers; months of the year; the verb 'sein'; ordinal numbers
Computer Science	Decomposition; pattern recognition; BEBRAS Challenge; Flowcharts
Art	Drawing: observational drawing; zentangle patterns; texture; tone
Drama	Inside Out: mental health and wellbeing; dramatic skills- mime, devising; characterisation; improvisation
Music	Keyboard skills: dotted rhythms; orchestral instruments; sharps and flats; Fuer Elise; vocal music
D.T.	Graphics: vacuum forming; packaging nets; production lines; Food: Nutrition; fruit skewers; Cornish cuisine Product: Sanding; shaping; drilling; dowels; assembly
R.S.	Anti Semitism; Jewish diversity; Hanukkah
P.E.	Outwitting Opponents; Fit for Life; Game Sense (various sports and use of gym)
P.D.	Healthy lifestyles; diet; food labels; exercise; energy drinks; vaping; illegal drugs

Upcoming events



Sleep over in school!

Take part in The Big Sleep!
Sleep outdoors in the Quad.
In the Sports Hall if it's raining – but it will be cold!

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER – 6pm
Until SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER – 9am

We have partnered with St Petrocs who are the leading charity in Cornwall to tackle homelessness.

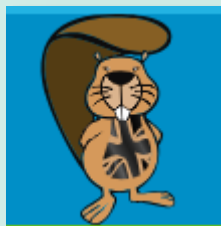
Demonstrate your empathy and help those in need.

Raise £20 to take part – the money will then go to the Charity.

See Mr Oakes to collect a letter for further details.



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UK Bebras

All students studying Computer Science from Year 7 – Year 11 will take part in the Bebras computational thinking national challenge at the start of November in their lessons. The students will have 40 minutes to solve a variety of problems in order to gain as many points as they can. Those who qualify will then go on to compete in the next round. All details and practise tasks can be accessed at <https://www.bebbras.uk/>



The science department is running the CREST awards. These are recognised achievements in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) field, and we would love to see the students' tenacity and aspiration; using knowledge, creativity and teamwork to overcome 'real-life' obstacles, trial new ideas and evaluate how well they did (or did not!) work. This opportunity will run at Break 2 and will be in Room 18. If your child would like to be involved, or would like anymore information please contact Mr.Flaherty (nflaherty@saltashcloud.net)

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Geography fieldwork

Year 11- fieldwork trip to Millbay, Plymouth

Year 9- on site, water landscapes of the river Tamar

Year 8- on site, renewable energy

Year 7- on site, plastic pollution survey



Inter- house cross country

This will take place in P.E. lessons after half term.
Give it your all- it's a great event!



Year 7 University Passport

Watch this space for the launch of the Children's University Passport scheme!

Introducing our new Houses...



UPCOMING EVENTS: TEAM Library

LIBRARY AND READING CELEBRATION WEEK: OCTOBER 30TH – NOVEMBER 3RD

Monday: Saltash Story Selfies

Come and have your photo taken in our photo booth with your favourite book.

Sign up your quiz team and join our book club.



Tuesday: Halloween Horrors!

Join Mr Ward as he reads and discusses some Spooktacular literature.

Wednesday: Special Guest

David Orton, from Saltash Community Library, comes up to talk about everything on offer at our local library.



Thursday: Monthly Reading Quiz

This month's quizmaster, Mrs Oates, will be quizzing teams on Roald Dahl's short story 'The Sound Machine'. You've got to read it to win it!

Friday: Literary Scavenger Hunt

Become TEAM Saltash's own Sherlock Holmes, as you discover new literature whilst hunting down the answer to the clues.



LIBRARY READING QUIZZES

Every month, the library quiz will focus on a piece of reading set by that month's quizmaster!

This month, all the questions will be on Roald Dahl's short story 'The Sound Machine'.

This month's quizmaster is Mrs Oates!

Sign up your team (max 4) in the library before spaces run out!



FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM BOOK CLUB

Monday lunch week B.

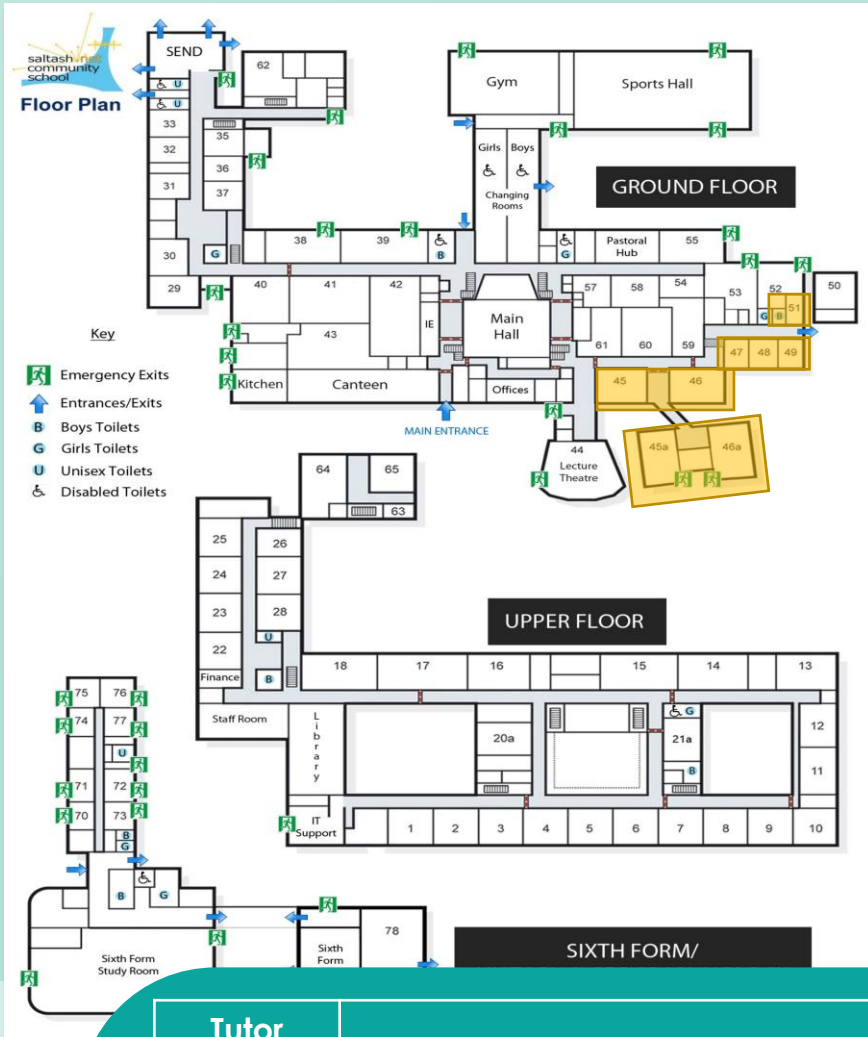
Led by Mrs Wise.

Read, discuss and debate a range of exciting reading texts.

Sign up in the library on Monday 30th October.



Year 7 tutors



Tutors play an important role in the communication between school and home. Please feel free to contact your child's tutor at any time by phone or email if you have any queries, whether this be pastoral, academic or a general enquiry.

8:35am	Line up
8:40-9:00	Tutor time
9:00-10:00	Period 1
10:00-11:00	Period 2
11:00-11:20	Break 1
11:20-12:20	Period 3
12:20-13:20	Period 4
13:20-14:00	Break 2
14:00-15:00	Period 5

Tutor group	Tutor	Room
7RGN	Ms Rachel Noble rnoble@saltashcloud.net	45
7ELW	Mrs Elizabeth Wise lwise@saltashcloud.net	45a
7HAA	Mr Harry Appasawmy happasawmy@saltashcloud.net	46
7EJM	Mrs Emma Miller emiller@saltashcloud.net	46a
7SLL	Ms Sarah Lee slee@saltashcloud.net	47
7TAH	Mrs Tatiana Hinds thind@saltashcloud.net	48
7KEB	Mrs Kayleigh Bunney / Mrs Anna Halliday kbunney@saltashcloud.net	49
7JIP	Mr Jez Pomfret jpomfret@saltashcloud.net	51

Head of Year: Mrs A Feldwick

Uniform

There are no major changes to our uniform policy from previous years, but as we strive for excellence and equity, we will enforce our policy with 'no excuses' to ensure that we hold every student to the same high standard. Tutors will check uniform at line up each morning. Please support us in setting the tone by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct attire.



Saltash School blazer



Blue shirt or blouse



Black V-necked jumper with sky blue stripe



Saltash School tie



Black tailored trousers or shorts (no leggings, jeans or jeggings.)



Black drop waist pleated skirt

We do not allow:

- Piercings
- Jewellery (except one pair of studs in the ears and one watch.)
- Acrylic or painted nails
- Excessive make-up or unnatural hair colours

If children do not attend in the correct uniform, they will be issued with a letter giving 7 days to correct the uniform infringement. After those 7 days, they will be expected to wear items issued by the school on that day. If a child refuses to wear these items, this will be dealt with in line with our behaviour policy for non-compliance. Jewellery will be confiscated and held at reception for collection.



Black, flat- heeled, polishable school shoes- NO TAGS!

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PE Uniform

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NEW
Loose fitting, black PE shorts (not lycra.)



Black and gold T-shirt with school motif



Black and gold multisport top



Black and gold training top with school motif

Students will also require:

- Black sports socks
- White socks
- Shin pad
- Gum shield
- Football boots
- Trainers (must be suitable for all weather pitches)
- Black leggings / sweatpants for outdoor P.E.

Don't forget we run a pre-loved uniform shop where all items are free of charge.

We are always looking for donations, especially from younger year groups. Please contact Dani King dking@saltashcloud.net for information.



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Equipment

It is important that all students arrive to school fully equipped to learn. It is advisable for students to bring a bag and refillable water bottle to school.

They must also bring the following compulsory items: 1x clear pencil case ; 2x black or blue pens ; 1x purple pen; 1x pencil; 1x ruler; 1x eraser; 1x scientific calculator.

Compulsory items



Desirable items



Equipment will be checked by tutors at line up in the morning. If students fail to bring the correct equipment, they will be issued with the missing items for the day. Students who continually fail to bring equipment will be issued with detentions. This is about '**making it count**'- bringing the right equipment ensures no time is wasted, and shows that students value their learning.

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