



## Newsletter July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a term it's been! I feel as though our students are now butterflies bursting out of the Covid-cocoon and flying through the enrichment experiences on offer.

We have been so pleased and proud of our students for the way they have participated in extra-curricular clubs this term: the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, World Challenge, Sports Day, Matilda, and the range of TEAM week activities. Thank you so much to our wonderful staff who have made these opportunities possible.

Of course, alongside this, our students have also sat public exams for the first time in three years: we look forward to celebrating with them when results are published in August (yes – the results days' ice cream van is back!).

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming nearly 200 Year 6 students onto site for our transition Summer school. Our Year 7 is over-subscribed yet again next year and we are already excited about the year ahead and welcoming the next cohort of students to TEAM Saltash.

Thank you to all parents and carers for the support you have given us over the last year. I hope you manage to have some time to relax over the Summer.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Littleddyke'.

Kate Littleddyke



### Message from Sam Gardner: Chair of Governors

So here we are at the end of another school year, I can't believe this year has gone so quickly.

I am very proud of how far we have come in the last twelve months, as we continue our improvement journey, in Leadership, Teaching and Governance. A huge thank you to Kate and her team for their endless energy and dedication to continuously improving outcomes for our students.

I would like to express our gratitude to our parents for your generous support this year, and we ask for your continued support as we continue to work towards ambitious targets and expectations next year and beyond.

We are very proud of our students for their hard work and for embracing the TEAM Saltash ethos.

As we look to the next academic year, we offer a warm welcome to all the new students starting at Saltash Community School.

Best wishes,

Sam Gardner  
Chair of Governors



## **Staff Updates**

I am always sorry to say farewell to members of staff who are moving to pastures new. I would like to thank them for all their dedication and commitment to the Saltash TEAM. Goodbye to Robert Green (MFL Teacher), Marc Brooks (Head of Business Studies) and Auriol Underhill (Student Support) who are retiring.

Thank you to Nick Griffin and Sarah Lyons who covered for staff on maternity leave.

Goodbye to teachers Emma Childs, Stuart Eaglestone, Nick Granville-West, Sam Rogers, Beth Levers, Ben Rowe and Clare Ward; support staff Tracy Jones and Darren MacDonald, and LSA's Scott Barrow, George Duff and Danni Thurley.

I am delighted that we have a number of new staff joining us in September. They include: Nick Evans, Lauren Morgan, Corinne Pownall, Anna Roden, Nathan Flaherty, Josh Pope and Harry Golding. Also joining are Sadie Brown, (Assistant Headteacher) and Gary Maule (Behaviour Support Manager).

### **Sadie Brown - Assistant Headteacher**



Hello everyone,

My name is Sadie Brown and I will be joining the school in September as an Assistant Headteacher. I am moving back down to Cornwall over the summer after 6 years of living and teaching in London. I am really excited to get back to my family and the sea!

Whilst in London, I have taught at two very different schools, one in Harrow and the next in Borehamwood in Hertfordshire. I have learnt a lot teaching outside of the county and really look forward to bringing these experiences back with me and developing some new projects.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in September and getting to know the shape of things at Saltash. Have a great summer everyone.

### **Gary Maule – Behaviour Support Manager**

My name is Gary Maule and I would like to introduce myself to you all. I am really excited to work with the staff at Saltash Community School, the school has a real community feel to it which I am looking forward to being part of the TEAM.

I have been working within special education for the past 9 years, working with students who have a range of additional needs to help them access the school provision on offer.

In my spare time you will find me coaching football and running a local girls' football team! If I am not coaching football I will be watching Plymouth Argyle with my family. I have been a season ticket holder for the past 6 years and try to watch as many games both home and away as I possibly can.



# YEAR 7

Year 7 have had a brilliant, action packed final term at Saltash Community School! Before looking at some of the real highlights from this term, I would like to say how brilliant it has been to see this fantastic year group grow as individuals from their arrival last September until now, their final week of Year 7. It has been a real pleasure to work with them this year and I wish them every success on their journey here at Saltash Community School and beyond!

This term has appeared to be non-stop! We have had sport tournaments, trips to the cricket, celebration breakfasts, the school production and our fabulous Sports Day! It has been brilliant to see so many members of our year group get involved in these school events. Well done and thank you for showing our TEAM values in action!

Praise points have been streaming in throughout the year, with all tutor groups getting an amazing 6000 points or over! The tutor group with the most amount of points this year is.....7HEM! They received a whopping 9265 praise points – amazing!

Here are some end of year thoughts from our brilliant tutor TEAM!

7EEP – Mrs Payne

I have thoroughly enjoyed watching 7EEP become part of our school community this past year. They demonstrate our TEAM values every day and I am delighted to move up with them into Year 8. We have been reading *The Cay* and *The Silver Sword* this term and the students have been really engaged in these stories, voting *The Cay* as our favourite book this year! Sports Day was a real day of celebrations for us, not just for our outstanding athletes we have in the form but for the motivation from all of the form to participate. This attitude led the form to victory, coming first in Sports Day in Year 7. Each week we celebrate the top 10 students in the year for positive praise points awarded and it has been lovely to see so many members of our form achieve this. I hope they all have a lovely summer break and I am looking forward to seeing what Year 8 brings to 8EEP.

7SMO – Mrs Oates and Mr Hartley

Each and every member of SMO has contributed to making this academic year truly memorable and special. Even though I have taught at Saltash Community School for 12 years, this is the first time I have started with a Year 7 tutor group and I am already gathering photos and memories so that I can well and truly embarrass you in Year 11!

At my last check (drum roll please), the top two students in the positive points stakes were...

Erin and Jay! Erin has achieved a whopping 283 points and Jay has broken the 300 barrier with a staggering 341! Thank you for being excellent role models for SMO and maintain high standards when it comes to your attitude to learning.

Last week, we enjoyed a spectacular Sports Day and I was so proud that our country, Greece, came second overall. This achievement came from those who won medals and those who supported, encouraged and cheered on every single member of the Greece team. A special mention must go to Ella as she won the most medals out of all of the Year 7 girls and she was also the loudest when it came to cheering everybody on; I am not sure if I have quite regained my hearing!

I must also shout out Jay for stepping up and showing excellent leadership during the Tug of War competition; he really thought carefully about where each team member should go and what the overall technique should be.

The end of term culminated with the performance of *'Matilda'* and Joe absolutely dazzled with both his acting and singing. This will be the first of many performances, I am sure! I hope that many more of you join IN with future productions as well; it is a great way to widen your circle of friends and work towards a shared goal.

We are currently reading *'Twelve Minutes to Midnight'* and are totally gripped by Lady Cambridge and the creepy spiders and I think I can convince Mr Perry to let us carry the book through to Year 8 so that we can finish this brilliant story off. Thank you for coming on a journey with me, each time that we have read a book together.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break. Please do take care of yourselves and check in with each other as it is a long time to be away from school. I do check my emails so if you do need help with anything then please get in touch.

### 7LXB – Mr Barnes

7LXB are a lively and creative tutor group where their desire to succeed and prosper is manifest in tutor time and in lessons. They achieved the highest average Maths scores as a cohort, they won Tug of War at Sports Day and many have been model students for parents and other students, when they visit the school. They exhibit many of our school core values and continue to make me and themselves proud.

Shout outs:

Bluebell: For being referenced by myself and many teachers as being a joy to teach. (Also for being outstanding in Matilda) A little star in the making. (388 HOUSE POINTS!!)

Ava, Isla, Aiden and Noah for always being inquisitive and for putting a smile on my face every morning.

Genevieve: Always being very positive, empathetic and not forgetting quirky.

Xavier: Highest Maths score and an amazing knowledge of history, which I love listening to.

Toby and Pirran: Brilliant students, fantastic in lessons and a credit to the tutor group.

Monty: For his resilience and determination in every lesson.

Each student stands out to me in a different way and I am very proud of what they have achieved this year. 😊

### 7SAS – Miss Schon

7SAS have had a great third term. With many birthdays during the summer months many children chose the tutor programme on their birthdays so we sang a lot of happy birthdays and played games and quizzes. We are also just about to finish our second TEAM reader book and we finally know who abducted Teddy! We also have a lot of fun student-teacher conversations on the basketball court in the morning.

The Sports Day was a great occasion to be and work together as a team and show a lot of tenacity and also empathy towards each other. Today, we have been writing thank you cards to school staff to think about and express appreciation. Now we are looking forward to our TEAM week and a lovely and well-deserved holiday!

And Miss Schön is already looking forward to 8SAS in September 😊

### 7HEM – Miss Markie

7HEM have made me so unbelievably proud all year! They are the craziest, funniest, most wonderful group of little people and it's been a pleasure seeing them every morning.

Together we have celebrated a number of successes both in the classroom and on the sports field...

As a TEAM we have had two celebration breakfasts for being the tutor group with the most house points in Year 7, and we have had 5 students who have been in the weekly top 10 list for students with the most house points! Well done to Alex, Mia, Keira, Rosa and Lucas!

Keira deserves a special mention for achieving over 500 house points over the course of the year – well done for consistently embodying our core values: Tenacity, Empathy, Aspiration and Motivation!

A huge congratulations goes to Alex, Keira, Rosa, Shelby, Aimee, Amy, Mia and Ryan who have received a miniscule amount of negative house points this year.

And a special mention to Preston and Ben, who have been awarded a huge amount of house points for Empathy



We also had 4 of our students nominated to attend the Jubilee celebration picnic that was run by the History Department: Alex, Lucas, Keira and Rosa!

Rosa was also awarded Star Student by the Languages Department! Sehr gut!

We have been reading two books this year, which we have really enjoyed: Wolf and Refugee Boy. 7HEM have been working hard on their reading skills and showing their love of books through the Accelerated Reader programme. Rosa, Alfie, Keira and Berry were even nominated by their English teachers to attend a Celebration of Reading event in the library!

Dexter and Matt were recognised for their high ability in cricket and were invited to see a professional women's game!

Sports Day was a huge success for our 7HEM team, as we came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! Thank you all for showing each other so much love and encouragement on the day and well done to everyone who supported, participated or won a medal.

Speaking of medals, Lily won the most out of all the Y7 girls! And Ben broke a school record that had been set in 2016 for his 200m sprint! Our other point scorers were Dru, Ryan, Maisie, Mia, Preston, Gecko, Lily, Aimee, Dex, Lucas, Keira, Amy, Harry, Rosa, Ellie, Toby, Joe, Shiloh, Alfie, George, Darragh, Shelby, Issabelle, Berry, Maya and Matt.

We have also been in the finals for inter-tutor netball, football and rounders.

What a group of stars you are!

Well done for everything you have achieved this year and keep up the good work into Year 8.

Remember: be kind, work hard and have fun.

Miss Markie

#### 7NCL – Mr Lutey

7NCL What a fantastic start you have all made! I have been blown away by the level of maturity and effort levels you have shown throughout the year and the level of engagement in after school clubs. This has been proven by leading the positive praise points score for the majority of the year and having the fewest negative points respectively. A special shout out to the highest point scorers Lauren 389, Megan 373 and Sapphire 353. Most recently you all performed brilliantly at Sports Day with lots of you winning medals, Lou Lou earning a gold medal in the Triple jump. Collectively as a group you support each other, and this has been commented on by your teachers this year. Well done to Matthew and Zach who presented their social enterprise idea to the whole year group which was excellent. I am really excited about what you guys will go on to achieve in next few years and will be supporting you all the way. Have a great summer! Mr Lutey

#### 7PMB – Mr Birch

School can sometimes feel like a time machine. Days fly by at an alarming speed, weeks whizz like supersonic jets and terms and seasons pass in a blink. This year has been the fastest ever. 7 PMB had just arrived – all bright-eyed smiles eager to get to know their new school and now they leave Year 7 secure in their surroundings. There have been some great highlights such as winning the inter-tutor football tournament, a final against HEM and beating them in a penalty shoot; or their participation in the Sports Day event and witnessing their real TEAM spirit; and in this final week, TEAM Week, where they have laughed and screamed on the rides at Camel Creek, in the Sumo Suits in the gym and in the – I know having played with them – the dangers of Year 7 Dodge Ball. The year is over for them and they'll return, I am sure eager for Year 8 PMB – I just hope the time machine does not work in quite the same way over the Summer break.



# YEAR 8

Year 8 have had a simply fabulous summer term: the sun has shone; the learning and activities have headed outdoors, and the achievement, confidence and success have reached for the sky (despite the mercury reaching high too)!

Mrs Sloggett and myself have been privileged to have worked with the year group for a whole year now, and it is staggering how much progress and change we have seen in that year: young people who were unsure about finally transitioning into their secondary school environment have become confident and assured and able to take on amazing challenges.

As Year 8 have moved forward in their learning journey, we have explored topics of growing maturity and depth. This term we were pleased to welcome PC Geoff Turner-Moore in-to school, to run a workshop on Understanding Hate Crime, highlighting the significance and importance of recognising Hate Crime in all its forms. PC Turner Moore was really impressed with the insightful and thoughtful questions that our young people asked.

Sports Day has been a particular highlight of the term for us, with particular mention needing to be made for Frankie, who has excelled at athletics both in representing our school, and within our school competition on Sports Day too. She won the Long Jump and the 200m and now holds 5 separate school sporting records! Our fabulous inter-tutor group rivalry reached a steaming head again, with Sports Day victory yet again being a close run thing between the superstar sports teams of 8EJG and 8AMR. Well done to all competitors involved, but a particular well done to 8AMR as not only the Year 8 Sports Day winners but also representatives of the winning whole-school Olympic nation team of China! Well done Robert in his outstanding impromptu role as chief flag-bearer and student speech-maker and to both Frankie and Ryan as highest achieving boy and girl in Year 8.

We have also had brilliant Year 8 representation on the tireless cast of Matilda Jr, with special recognition needing to go to Daisy as Hortensia, Sophie as Lavender, Issy in the Chorus, Meredith as Cook and Sarah as Sergei. What rising stars we have! The performance was just thrilling.

At the point of writing, TEAM week is well underway and this year has been just amazing! It has been so good to be able to get back to offering challenging, enriching and exciting activities that our young people wouldn't normally be able to enjoy within the constraints of our normal classroom environment. Year 8s TEAM week has taken us from considering the possibilities of being an entrepreneur in a Dragon's Den to exploring Higher Education in Falmouth University, to the thrills of Woodlands. Congratulations to our entrepreneurs who came up with the winning enterprise: the innovative "Arachnocatcher"! Our Wellbeing Wednesday saw some genuinely astounding acts of challenge and kindness, with beautifully crafted "seeds of kindness" created, endless crazy Frisbee, and a real-feel trip to a *Café Français* creating summery crêpes and strawberries with raspberry coulis (delicious I can tell you). The challenge on the maze of inflatables was to prevent Ms Yvenic joining in!



Well done also to Aaron for his charity walking that he has completed, achieving not one but two medals in recognition of his tenacity and empathy. We are incredibly proud of him.

The end of the summer also sees a drawing to a close of our Year 8 TEAM Reader programme. Well done to the avaricious readers of 8REB who worked their way as a tutor group reading together through the most entire books, exploring the stories and considering the messages contained within them. Tutor groups have enjoyed titles ranging from the classic *Lord of the Flies*, to the enthralling *Warhorse* and the thought-provoking *Noughts and Crosses*. We are looking forward to starting our new Year 9 selection of books.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye, within Year 8, to several valued members of our Pastoral Team. Congratulations and the best of luck to Mr Perry, Miss Crowe-Wright and Miss Arscott who will now move on to lead their own tutor groups as solo tutors next year. We'd like to thank you for all your amazing and enthusiastic work with TEAM Year 8 and can only say that your new tutor groups will be a lucky collection of young people indeed.

We have to bid a very sad farewell indeed also to Mrs Gue (who remains with us as a school, but is stepping aside from her tutoring role as her outstanding work with PD and Careers continues) and to Mr Brooks, who is retiring. Thank you both for everything that you have done for your wonderful tutees, who will never forget you or the calm, secure, supportive and unconditionally caring start that you have given to their secondary school careers. Mr Brooks – we will forever hold Orange Sock Friday in our hearts! The inexhaustible combinations of elegant ties, cufflinks and socks are quite legendary. We are excited to welcome Mr Jones to our tutoring team, and to be retaining the awesome Mr Whitnell with us. TEAM Year 9 will be a force to be reckoned with!

The final thank you of the year has to go to yourselves as parents, carers and families, and to our wonderful young people themselves. This year has been one of challenge and success and I have enjoyed every single second of working with you all. I think the final quote of the year has to come from me (actually): as staff reflected on the stunning outcomes of the Dragon 's Den enterprise day this week Deputy Headteacher Mrs Griffin turned to me and said "Wow. Look at all this that Year 8 have achieved. Are you proud of them, Em?" And I said "Yes. Yes I am indeed. Very proud of them".

Thank you and well done, Year 8. Year 9 is going to rock!

Mrs M





# YEAR 9

Wow what a year this has been! The one word that sums up how this year has made me feel is PROUD. It will come up a lot in this newsletter piece! I am super proud of how far we have come since September. This has been our first full year at secondary school and what a difference from our bubbles in Year 8.

We have achieved so many awesome things this year.

To start with I am so proud of how the year group have embraced our TEAM Reader mornings and accelerated reader challenges. We are the top scoring year group and have been every week since TEAM Reader began. We are currently on 74,330,634 words! Amazing!! Special congratulations to 9ESB and 9MLF who have both smashed the 15 million word mark this year: great job Team!

I am also proud of how superbly everyone represented Year 9 on Sports Day, unfortunately I couldn't be there but know that everyone had a brilliant day and managed to 'Keep Calm' even in the heat. Huge congratulations to 9CEF who gained the most medals of all the tutor groups in the year. I hear Mr Farnham was particularly entertaining in the staff relay!

I also want to say a big well done to the students involved in the DT/Art Design Lab Project, they have had the opportunity to go to London to visit the V&A Museum and work with members of The Box team. Thank you for representing Saltash so well.



I had the pleasure of watching the performance of Matilda last week and was so happy and proud to see many Year 9 faces smiling out at the crowd; we have a very talented group of students and I look forward to many more productions to come. We have some future stars in our midst!

I am really pleased to see how the students have embraced being back in a 'normal' school routine. Looking at the behaviour points awarded this year, as a year group 37,384 positive points have been awarded. This is a fantastic! This goes a long way to show how positive Year 9 is and how brilliantly they have ended their time in Key Stage 3. As we look forward to Year 10 and starting our GCSEs I am really proud (there's that word again!) of what we have achieved so far and I know that there are many more amazing things that this wonderful group of students are going to accomplish.

And finally, it is wonderful to be able to write this whilst having had a fantastic first day of TEAMS week. Many students are off on residentials either down to Sennen Cove or to Manor House and lots of us are enjoying day trips in the local area. Even though we have had the hottest day of the year everyone got stuck in and has enjoyed the day. I for one can't wait to hear all the stories from this week, I am certain it is going to be full of fantastic ones.

Thank you for being such a brilliant year group, have a fantastic summer, stay safe and wear sun cream!! See you all in September. Miss Crook 😊

# YEAR 10

Over the Summer Term we've had some key events across the year group, and our students certainly rose to the challenge.

We ended June, and began July, with the Year 10 Mock exams. For most students, it was their first time of sitting a practice for their public exams in such a realistic setting. Students really stepped up to the challenge, getting used to how they are expected to conduct themselves when entering, and being in these examination venues. It also gave many a real insight in to how all the exam systems work

At a similar time, we also saw a number of our students sitting their first real public exams in a range of subjects, and invigilator staff commented on how well they had conducted themselves during these. Well done to Sports Studies, Animal Care, Health and Social Care and Food and Nutrition students

Year 10 were also involved in Sports Day this year for the first time in over a decade (having previously had a separate alternative sports day arrangement). Whilst the heat kept them warm, the students were exceptional at supporting each other, and we had a number of records set and broken in the events.



It was fantastic to see the return of a whole school production with George starring as Miss Trunchbull in Matilda.

All Year 10 students involved, both on stage and back-stage crew, were excellent roll models to the younger students. Well done!

The final week of term was Work Experience, with students placed all across the county, and beyond. A huge majority of students successfully found a placement despite the difficulties faced post pandemic. The reports we've had this week from businesses have shown our young people in a glowing light, showing what an excellent group of young people Year 10 are. A separate group also spent the week working with Groundworks, on employability and community skill projects.

From all of the Year 10 Pastoral Team, have a lovely summer break.

# YEAR 11

What an amazing group of young people. I am so proud of the journey that you have all been on. Since the last newsletter you have all completed your GCSE exams and as always conducted yourselves brilliantly. The exam invigilators fed back how impressed they were with the behaviour and attitude of the year group throughout the exams and highlighted you all as being a credit to the school – so well done!

I really enjoyed celebrating the end of this chapter with you, both at the in school leavers celebration after your final exam and at the Prom.



I hope you look back at these happy memories and remember some of the great times that you have had at Saltash. Good luck in everything that you do in the future.

Ms Rogers and the Year 11 Team

A message from Mrs Griffin:

It has been a privilege to be involved with the year group: teaching some of you during the most surreal time of my teaching career, line managing the year group, and navigating the exam series with you and seeing so many of you scrubbed and dressed for prom. Thank you for being such good role models and ambassadors for our school community.

You deserve the brightest of futures and I look forward to seeing you on results days and on your return to the Sixth Form.

Good luck and stay safe.

Mrs Griffin

# SIXTH FORM

It has been a very hectic half term for the Sixth Form.

After the A Level exam season, we said goodbye to our Year 13 with a Leavers' Celebration at the Corinthian Yacht Club. It was wonderful for our students to get together after so many years of not being able to run these events; it truly was a fantastic evening. TEAM Sixth Form were all incredibly sad to say goodbye but we are so excited to see where their futures take them.

After a goodbye, we said hello to our potential new Year 12s during Sixth Form Induction Day. Students from Year 11 attended a day of taster lessons in order to give them an opportunity to experience Sixth Form life before beginning in September. It was a very successful day and it was particularly pleasing to attend the taster session for our newest subject: Forensics and Criminal Investigation. We wish all Year 11s the best of luck with their exam results and hope to see many of them returning in September to start Year 12 with us.

Students in Year 12 have been completing Work Experience this week, securing placements with the Environment Agency to Dartmoor Zoo to Collins Aerospace as just some examples of the plethora of experiences being gained by our students. We are so proud of the good impressions that they are making on their hosts, particularly Jay, who had the following feedback whilst on placement in a local primary school: 'He has made the hugest difference to a young pupil's experience and it's even more remarkable because we have been trying to make a breakthrough with this child since before Christmas and today, your boy achieved it. It was such a heart - warming moment and I know the child had not stopped talking about Jay since he got home.' All of this experience will be vital when completing UCAS applications in the Autumn term.

Congratulations to Henry who competed in Manchester on Friday and Saturday for the English Schools National Athletics Finals. In the athletes parade he was selected to carry the flag as the senior athlete who had qualified for the finals the most and again made the finals of the Hurdles.

He was also part of the Cornwall Senior boys relay team who came 5th overall whilst breaking both the Cornwall U20 and Senior Men's county records! An Outstanding Achievement. Henry is now going onto study at Sheffield University where he will also be joining a national standard elite level sprint training camp.



Lastly, on a personal note, I would like to wish all of our Sixth Form the best of luck in their futures. It has been an absolute pleasure being their Head of Year; they have brought me so much joy over the last couple of years and I will miss every single one of them.

Thank you also to the continued commitment and support of our parent community- you truly make my job easier.

Ms E Childs



## Sports Day

After a 2 year interruption, it was wonderful to have the opportunity to gather the whole school together on the playing fields for a Sports Day celebration on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

An amazing atmosphere, incredible performances and fantastic support for each other. It was the Saltash TEAM in full flow! Well done and thank you to everyone, staff and students who played a role on the day. It was one to remember.





# ARB

The ARB were asked by the PE department to produce some images for the Cornish Schools Commonwealth Games which took on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Initially the images were to be placed on the batons used in the relay races. However, after receiving the art-work they were so impressed they decided to use the images to make the banners that they will have at the School Commonwealth Games.

We are all so proud of the work the students put into this project and the finished banners.

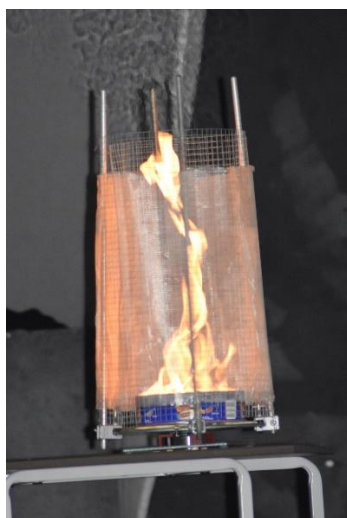




# SALTASH COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCIENCE SHOW

The 7<sup>th</sup> July saw the return of The Saltash Science show!

Explosions, flames, liquid nitrogen - all the things we in science aren't normally allowed to do!





Our **LGBT+ club**, **The Rainbow Collective**, hosted a bake sale on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July for the end of Pride month.

We raised £105.18, which will be donated to the charity Mermaids, who work with LGBT+ youth.

A big thank you to all the staff who helped pitch in with the set-up and bakes.

## Rewards Breakfast

As we approach the end of the term we were delighted to celebrate students who have consistently demonstrated a high standard of our TEAM values. Students who have achieved the most praise points this half term enjoyed a rewards breakfast looking over our beautiful school setting.



We continue to celebrate our top 10 students in each year group, each week. They receive a postcard to take home in recognition of their commitment to our TEAM values.



## World Challenge – Morocco 2022



This July, 11 students from Saltash Community School, accompanied by Mr Budd and Mrs Warwicker went on a World Challenge Expedition to Morocco.

The students had the most amazing opportunities and have seen and learned so much. From the colour and bustle of Marrakesh, to the heat of the desert and incredible views of the Atlas Mountains, they have had experiences that will be remembered for a lifetime. They have learned about Eco-Agriculture, Moroccan culture, how to be self-sufficient and manage their own budgets and everything else that comes with travelling!

There were many highlights including negotiating in the souks, camping at 3000m, hiking in the desert and mountains, and experiencing lots of new foods and flavours. The students really grow on these expeditions and return with a new found confidence and sense of adventure.

## MATILDA JR- OUR MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS ARE BACK!

We were so pleased to welcome everyone back into the Main Hall for our production of Matilda Jr on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Our last production was literally just weeks before Lockdown 2020 and what a lot we've all been through since then! It has been a tradition to do an annual show here at Saltash Community School for many years, so it was very strange to be without it.

Practical work was not possible during Covid restrictions and this had a huge impact on our young people. We noticed a drop in confidence, a rise in anxiety and a lack of life skills such as resilience and group work. This is why it was such a joy to watch them perform or take part backstage during show week.

We were also lucky enough to welcome back some Ex-Students, Matthew Pascoe, Isobel Whittam and Louise Venn who now work for Nub Sound and are supporting us with show Tech (I'm now paying them to run tech for the shows they were once part of as students!), and Emily Lambert who is training to be a teacher and supported with Directing/backstage. This alone demonstrates how our productions create so many future opportunities and a life-long love of the Performing Arts.

This year our students have made us incredibly proud, when you think of all our young people have had to deal with over the past couple of years, taking part in Matilda Jr has enabled them to be pushed out of their comfort zones, demonstrate resilience in rehearsals and show the commitment and teamwork that will stand them well in their future endeavours and throughout life.

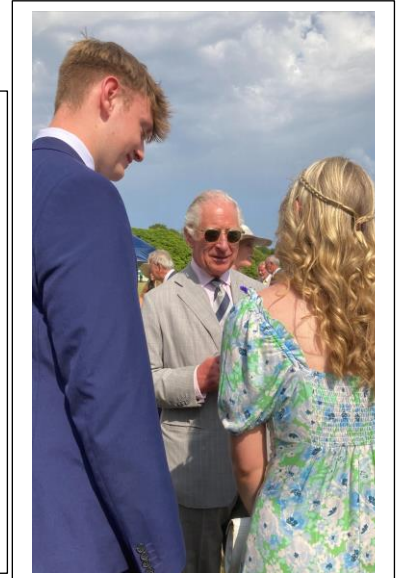
I feel very lucky to work with these fantastic young people and can't wait for the next event. Keep your eyes peeled for our 'Live Sessions' Concert just before October half term. Thank you to all the parents, staff and members of the community that supported the production, have wonderful summer.

Emily Venner, Head of Performing Arts





### Saltash Student Leadership Team



Both Leon Strike and I were nominated and chosen to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the anniversary of HRH Prince Charles' accession to the Dukedom of Cornwall at a garden party at Boconnoc House recently.

We were both invited to this event due to the nomination Mrs Gallie kindly made, highlighting our leadership skills as part of the Saltash Student Leadership Team and the impact we have had on Saltash Community School as former Head Students. Within the process of choosing the guests to the Garden Party, many nominations were sent in and Leon and I were lucky enough to be successful.

The event was amazing. As we arrived at Boconnoc we were served drinks and platters of food were being brought around. Leon and I had the opportunity to meet lots of wonderful local leaders who have all had such a positive impact on our Cornish community, for example volunteers through COVID and people who have set up different organisations in order to help those in need.

Prince Charles and Camilla attended this event where they spoke to different groups of people and also to us individually. As young leaders, we were fortunate enough to shake Prince Charles' hand and talk to him about our involvement in student leadership and our future plans. What an experience! Prince Charles then went on to make a speech and cut the cake.

By being given this opportunity it has made both Leon and I very proud of our achievements and it feels lovely to be recognised by our school, the Trust and Cornish community. This opportunity has meant that both Leon and I have been able to meet Prince Charles and gave us the chance to meet with a network of other young leaders within Cornwall.

Leon and I have said how amazing this whole experience was and one memory we won't ever forget.

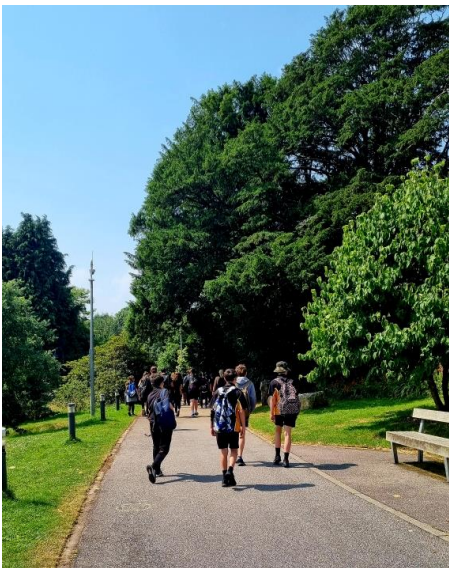
By Amy Kowalski, Head Student, Saltash Community School.

## TEAM Week

It was so exciting to finally be able to send year groups of students on day trips for the first time in 3 years, as TEAM week got underway on our last week of term giving our students the opportunity to challenge themselves, put themselves out of their comfort zone and learn new skills. Each year group had their own bespoke programme including variety throughout the week.

### Year 7

Taking on the challenge of their Dartmoor trip on the hottest day of the year so far was definitely going to develop resilience and tenacity, which students showed throughout the day; coping so well in adverse conditions and doing so with a smile on their faces. Students' behaviour and tenacity were amazing. From Dartmoor walking on Monday to Creativity on Tuesday, students all learned how to use Collagraph. Led by the Art team all students produced their own print design from idea to production. Wednesday was our big school outing to Camel Creek Adventure park with the opportunity to put our core value of Motivation into action. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of exploring the park with their friends and certainly enjoyed the much needed water rides. Our week ended with some subject enhancement in History having the opportunity to work collaboratively and in PE with Plymouth Argyle in to round our week off.



### Year 8

The week started with a presentation by Ed Hart from Rio, about being innovative and with ideas about designing a product and bringing it to market. Suitably inspired, students then came up with ideas in their tutor groups and decided which was going to be the idea that they would all launch together. They then prepared presentations and advertising merchandise to launch their idea, which they set up on their own stall. Our very own Dragons came in to see the amazing ideas and to choose the winning idea. The winners were 8AMR who invented a device for safely removing a spider from your house without having to touch it. Special mention to Izzy who came up with the idea after a chance meeting with a spider that morning! From Innovation to Aspiration we took the whole of Y8 to Falmouth University where they were able to sample University life and try out some of the courses on offer.



Wednesday was a chance to focus on wellbeing, with all students taking part in a wellbeing carousel including crafting and sporting activities as well as some inflatable fun as they developed Empathy. With much anticipation the Woodlands trip was a chance to give students some independence and to have some much needed fun as well as an opportunity to make memories outside of the classroom and to develop Motivation. The week for Y8 ended with some subject learning in Geography, where students learned how to use Google Earth and the opportunity to go to the Movies French style, to round off the end of Year 8, before GCSE option choices in Year 9.



### Year 9

Year 9 had a choice of how they wanted to spend their last TEAM week before they do Work Experience next year. One option was Manor House, a week long residential taking part in a wide range of active, sporty and creative sessions. Another opportunity was Sennen Cove for a surf and sports safari enjoying the great outdoors or an action packed week of day trips. The week started off with a change of plan due to it being the hottest day of the year so far, changing our planned trip to Looe to instead visit Mount Edgumbe which although still hot turned out to be the perfect place to relax as well as take part in some TEAM sports if students had the energy to do so. Tuesday was the trip down to Camel Creek, where most students as well as staff thoroughly enjoyed the water rides and an opportunity to cool down. The year group enjoyed a trip to The Box for an evolution and diversity workshop as well as a look around the museum followed by a trip across the road to sample university life. The in school day was a choice for students, they either selected to upcycle and create with the Design & Technology team or to take part in physical pursuits organised by the Army. The week was rounded off by a day trip to Woodlands, giving the students the well deserved opportunity to have some fun. Our Year 9's have been with us for 3 years and it was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves throughout the week and having fun.



## Work Experience 2022

This week our Year 10's and 12's were able to take part in the Work Experience programme for the first time since 2019! The students have had the opportunity to work in an adult work environment. It has enabled the students to put the knowledge and skills they have learnt in PD into practice in a real workplace situation, learning new transferable skills from that initial chat with an employer to the individual skills learnt, relevant to their placement.

Students from both year groups have engaged with a variety of placements in the local community and further afield including Dartmoor Zoo, Plymouth University Hospitals, Devon and Cornwall Police, National Trust at Cotehele, and opportunities with small businesses.

A group of students had a placement at Devon and Cornwall Police and were great ambassadors for the school: they stood out as being one of the most engaged groups of students, involving themselves with all the team work activities and finishing with their passing out parade at the end of the placement.

It has also been brilliant to work with Saltash Groundworks during the week. Along with Plymouth Argyle they have provided a week's worth of work-related learning for our students who were unable to get a placement or who did their placement outside of the week. The variety put on throughout the week has allowed students to experience work and achieve an end goal, as well as understand the skills needed in the work-place.

We have been very proud of our students when visiting them on placement and we hope next year, will continue to be even better!

Well done the year 10's and 12's for being great ambassadors for TEAM Saltash!

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

An incredible 44 of our Year 9 and 10 students signed up to do their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in September. Since then they have been busily completing the volunteering, skill and physical sections of the award. The range of activities has been brilliant! We have had students supporting younger children at sports clubs, students volunteering in charity shops, regular litter picks and involvement in our excellent Sports Leadership Programme.

Students have had to commit to these three sections of the award for 3 – 6 months. The final section of the Bronze Award is the expedition. Our students spent a number of Friday afternoons with Mr Feldwick and the DofE TEAM working on their map skills and planning their route as well as what they needed for the two day and one night expedition. The sunny weekend of 11 June saw all 44 students meet the TEAM at Mount Edgcumbe bright and early. After kit was checked and tents were given out, the students set off for their first day of walking. They were fortunate to grab a delicious ice cream en-route through Cawsand and soak in the amazing views from Rame Head. Six (ish) hours later they arrived at Whitsand Bay Fort, base for the night, tents up, games played and food cooked before a well deserved sleep. Awake early students set off for another challenging 6 hour walk ending their expedition at Seaton Beach!

Well done to all of our D of E students – our TEAM values were well and truly in action throughout the weekend!



## ***Planning a holiday in school time? Here's what you need to know:***

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete an Absence Request Form. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. In cases where parents subsequently report their child as ill during this period, medical evidence may be requested to support this.

**If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.**

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

All absence requests must be completed by the parent/carer with whom the child normally resides. The relevant form can be obtained from reception or in Key Documents on the school's website. Letters and emails will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the Attendance Office at least 14 days before the start of the absence.

If you have any queries in this regard, please contact Mrs Moss, the Attendance Manager by phone (01752 843715) or by email [smoss@saltashcloud.net](mailto:smoss@saltashcloud.net).



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022



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### **ASDA CAFE**

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022

### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays

### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **YO! SUSHI**

Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022

### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend

### **MARKS & SPENCER CAFE**

Likely But Not Yet Announced

### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

### **CAFE ROUGE**

Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays

### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

### **ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto

### **FARMHOUSE INNS**

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### **Pre-loved Uniform Shop**

We would like to remind our school community of our pre-loved uniform shop. We are always happy to accept new donations.

If your child has outgrown their current uniform, PE kit or shoes but they are useable, please pass into Main Reception so we can add them to our shop.

The pre-loved shop, where you can pick up items for **free**, will be open on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm to 3.00pm and then again when we return to school in September.

Thank you for your support.

TEAM Saltash

Below are some dates for your diary when we return in September:

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September:	Staff Training Day. School closed to students.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September:	Year 7 only and 1-2-1 meetings for Year 12 joining Sixth Form
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September:	All pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October:	Half Term