

Newsletter-6/10/23



It is hard to believe that we are already in October; the leaves are starting to fall, the breeze from the Sound is blowing across the playgrounds, and the Autumn Term is well underway at Saltash.

This term is always busy, and it has been the most fantastic start to the 2023-24 academic year. September was jammed-packed with events, celebrations and lessons full of students who are engaged and ready to learn.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Information Evenings for each year group. We really hope you found them useful. For those of you who were unable to make it, we hope the booklets that we sent out titled 'The Year Ahead' explain everything that we want to achieve this year, and the reason behind some of our changes.

Many of you will have noticed the strong emphasis we have put this year on uniform, equipment, homework, punctuality and attendance. As we explained to our pupils, we do this to set the standard, to raise the bar, and ensure that everyone who attends- or visits- Saltash Community School knows that we are here to get the very best from everyone. Our key messages, which outline our rationale, are displayed below. We really are determined to make this year at Saltash the most successful yet.

Thank you, as ever, for your support to make Saltash 'the best it can be.' Let's really make the rest of this term count!

"No excuses"

Tenacity

Allowing excuses perpetuates inequality. We will hold **everyone** to the same high standard, so that everyone achieves.



"Tough love"

Empathy

Those who need us most are often those who 'opt out.' We will show that we care by doing what is right, not easy, and by telling the truth, rather than what people want to hear.



"Be the best you can be"

Aspiration

Everyone deserves to succeed and to be celebrated for their achievements. We will not accept anything less than 100% effort, 100% of the time.



"Make it count"

Motivation

Education is the way to transform lives. We will not waste a minute and will stand firm in our high expectations for all.



Parent Communication



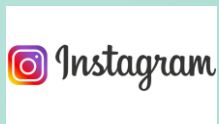
ClassCharts



PLEASE make sure that as parents / carers you are checking the ClassCharts app and that your children have also logged in. All of our main communication is pushed out on this app.



Please follow us on Facebook and for more regular updates



NEW! Instagram is now being used for news and photos. Drop us a follow **@teamsaltash**

House League Table



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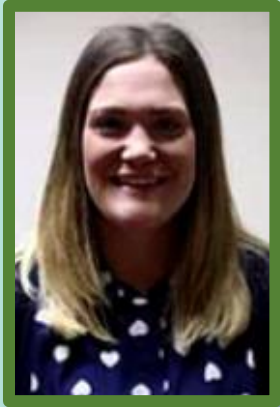
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House news

Our new House system was relaunched this year under the watchful eye of 'House Overlord' Mr Ward! Your child has been placed in one of four houses **Determys**, **Kothman**, **Amkan**, or **Movyans**- which are all the Cornish words for our TEAM values- tenacity, empathy, aspiration, motivation.

Mrs Bunney, Miss Francis, Mr Whitnell and Mr Barnes are our House Champions.

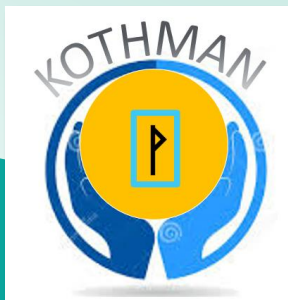


This term we have run a competition to design a House logo, incorporating the colour and Celtic rune that symbolises each House.

The following students were chosen as winners and their designs are below!

Pippa I, 7KEB, Will B & Harris S, 7SLL, Ryan Z, 9CES, Grace D 7EM.

We are lucky that Carbon Pixel, a local design firm, are going to take these draft images and professionally produce them. Well done, TEAM!



Upcoming dates



Thursday 12th October: 6th Form Open Evening

Wednesday 18th October: year 7 /12 Meet the Tutor evening

Thursday 19th October: Year 11 Aspirations afternoon (in school)

Monday 16th- Friday 20th October: Knowledge Check week

Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October: HALF TERM

Daily checklist



Uniform – Get it ready the night before! Is everything correct? Is it a P.E. day?



Equipment – Put it in your bag! You need your pencil case, 2 black pens, 1 purple pen, 1 ruler, 1 pencil.



Homework- Have you completed everything on time and to the best of your ability?



Attendance& Punctuality- Set your alarm! Make sure you are on time and in school!

“No excuses”



Over 1000 people through the doors for Saltash Open Eve!

Every department did themselves proud, with events and activities in every area of the school. A huge thank you to all the staff, but also to the amazing army of pupils who led activities, conducted tours, or put on performances. You did us all, and yourselves, so proud, and really showed what it means to be a part of TEAM Saltash.



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Congratulations to Megan D, 9NCL!

After a very successful Summer Welsh Nationals where she reached the Finals in all of her 11 events, and achieved 2 Golds, 2 Silvers and 3 Bronze medals, Megan has been selected for the South West Regional Development Pathway. She has also been selected for the Cornwall County team, and has been selected for the Swim Wales National Performance Foundation Squad. Well done, Megan- TEAM Saltash is very proud of you!

Caught Being Good!

We have launched our 'Caught Being Good' initiative and today new Deputy Headteachers Mrs Del Gaudio and Mr Oakes visited all lessons, asking teachers to nominate two pupils from each class for this award. Well done to those of you who were nominated- who will achieve this in next week's round?

Get caught doing something good!

Tenacity (Not giving up)
Bronze

Empathy (Being kind)
Bronze

Aspiration (Aiming High)
Bronze

Motivation (Ready to Learn)
Bronze

NEW
Caught Being Good
Caught Being Good Weekly Focus

Staff can now award house points for when you get caught doing something good!

This could involve:

- Showing polite manners
- Random acts of kindness
- Picking up litter
- Being helpful
- Taking pride in appearance
- Taking care with your work presentation

Each week there will be a new 'caught being good' focus that will be worth double house points!

This weeks focus will be
Taking pride in your appearance!

Earn double points for wearing the correct full uniform, having shirts tucked in and carrying your coats indoors.

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Forest School is underway!



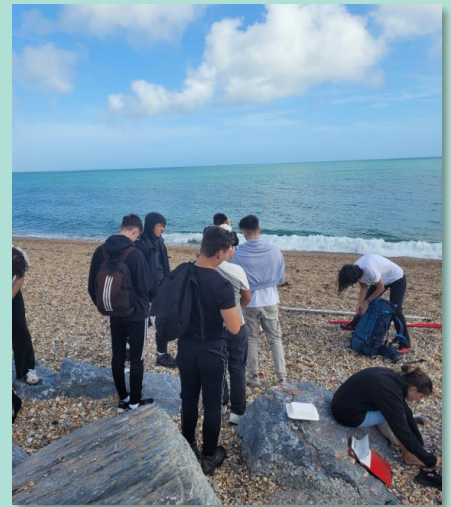
Our forest school area is now up and running and the first set of students to experience this started this week. This provision is open to various students throughout the year and is a great way to learn outdoors. Thanks to Mr Maule who is running this- we look forward to

seeing how the area develops further over the year!



Year 13 trip to Slapton

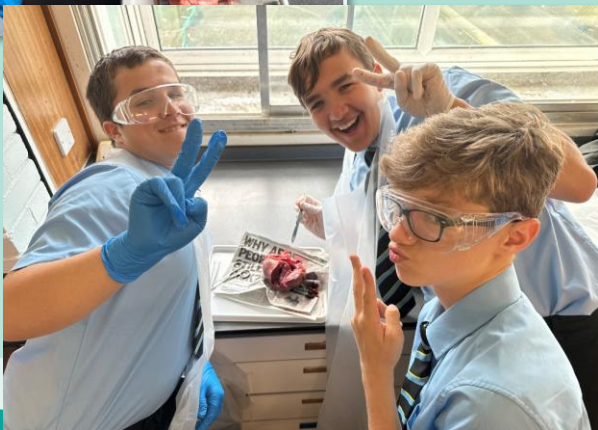
AS part of their Geography A Level field work, year 13 went to Slapton to study the coast and erosion. They had a fabulous time- and even bought Mr Perry a piece of the A379 that had eroded onto the beach as a 'present.' It's now being used as a door stop in Mr P's office!



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Year 10 dive into dissection!

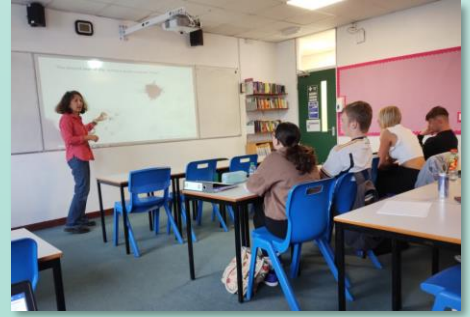
This half term year 10 combined science and separate science students have been studying B2 - Organisation for their GCSEs. Heart dissections have allowed pupils to improve their scientific practical skills and gain a greater understanding of the heart's structure and functions. Here are some pictures from Mr Golding's 10a3 set!



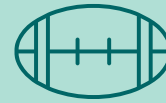
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BabyLab visit

A Level English Language students welcomed Professor Caroline Floccia into their lesson today. Professor Floccia is head of the Babylab at Plymouth University and delivered a fascinating lecture about how infants acquire language. The students were intrigued to learn about the segmenting process that occurs before an infant speaks their first word, through the use of phonotactic and prosodic cues.



Professor Floccia commended the students on the thoughtful questions that they asked, at the end of the lecture, and for the focus and attention that they gave to her and she also left a parting gift of Babylab yo-yos and lunchboxes for each student!



County Rugby for Molly!

12 months ago, Molly P in year 11 had never played rugby and started by coming to school sessions and learning from scratch. She worked unbelievably hard and soaked up everything she was told like a sponge. Her power and bravery stood her in good stead and she was the stand out player in her first school match against Tavistock College, which Saltash won 8 tries to 1. Molly started to play at Devonport Services half way through the season and just went off in terms of her ability and skill.

Molly started this season like she started last and was invited to Devon County trial last weekend. Amazing, only a year after starting to play the game, Molly was offered a place on the Devon team and will be playing for the County this season. Awesome work Molly!!

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A fabulous turnout at auditions for OLIVER!

Congratulations to all the students who put themselves forward to audition for a part in our upcoming school performance, Oliver!

Final casting is underway- watch this space for news and ticket information nearer the time!

Ski Austria 2024

With only just over 3 months until we head to the Alps, trip members need to be finalising their kit and keeping a close eye on the Class Charts group for announcements. There will be a parent's evening in November and optional trips to the dry slope in January so stay up to date!! Any questions mail mfeldwick@saltashcloud.net



Ski Austria 2025

Application for the mega successful annual trip to the Austrian Alps has come round once again! Letters available from Mr Feldwick after assemblies have concluded. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis with preference for more senior year groups, although all are welcome. Price will be about £1400 which, given international price rises, is amazing – less than half of an equivalent trip through Crystal or Tui. You will have about a year and a half to pay for it instalments.

The trip is always over-subscribed, so once you have a letter, please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

Any questions mail mfeldwick@saltashcloud.net



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School Climbing Club

After the half term break, the school climbing club starts once again on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30. We are upgrading our climbing wall all the time with new kit and features coming soon. The club is totally free but there also will be 3-4 optional paid trips during the winter to other local climbing walls to get a better overall experience. No need to book – just turn up from Thursday November 2nd.

Any questions, mail mfeldwick@saltashcloud.net



Duke of Edinburgh bronze, silver and, for the first time, gold!

The bronze group has already begun their journey and the silver cohort is about to begin. We also have 6 6th formers who are about to begin the 2 year journey for gold which will culminate with a visit to Buckingham Palace to receive their awards! Bronze meetings Wednesday week A at lunch in room 38. Silver meetings weeks B.

Any questions mail mfeldwick@saltashcloud.net



Saltash Surf Club

Surf Club runs from September to October half term and then again after the Easter break, all the way to the summer holidays. We have quite a few enquiries this term about the club – unfortunately this term is full but letters will be available for the summer term sessions early next year, so keep an eye on the newsletter.

Any questions mail mfeldwick@saltashcloud.net



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Cinéma français



Keep an eye out for our new schedule of **French Cinema Club** for **parents** (and students for age-appropriate films). These will start after the October half-term holidays and will be on Fridays after-school.

Sparx

Sparx Maths

The maths dept are pleased to introduce Sparx Maths, a personalised and intelligent platform that is proven to boost grades. It is used in 23 countries by over 2,000 schools, 40,000 teachers and 1.8 million students.

All pupils in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 will now complete their weekly online homework via the Sparx Mathematics app.

The login details are the pupil's school email and their school password; the details they use to login to the school computers.

Pupils must complete all modules and achieve 100%. We can check how long pupils have spent on it and how many questions they have attempted. There are videos to watch if they are unsure on a particular topic.

The homework will go live and at 15:00 on the following days: Y7 (Monday), Y8 (Tuesday), Y9 (Wednesday), Y10 (Thursday) and Y11 (Friday). The deadline will be exactly seven days later.



1 hour
of Sparx Maths a week
significantly improves
grades

External research conducted by RAND Europe and Cambridge University found that using Sparx Maths for **1 hour** a week significantly improves grades.

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Poesia Language Festival

The Languages department are launching the POESIA festival on Friday during language in room 37 ☺

Poesia is an international Poem-reading festival, during which students learn to read a poem of their choice in either French or German and can record themselves to submit their poem-reading to the judges. Students can also come along and submit artwork related to a poem. For both the reading and artwork students can win prizes and house points at Saltash Community School. Poesia is for children to enjoy reading in a different way and reaching excellence in reading in a foreign language mastering pronunciation to perfection.

<https://www.poesiae.com/>



Personal Development News



Year 7 and 8

Look out for information on the University passport scheme- we will be launching soon!

Year 9

Are currently having sessions from Devon & Cornwall police on British Values

Year 10

We have launched work experience with students, which will be between 15th-19th July. Our work experience parental event is at 5pm on TEAMS on the 11/10, please email tparry@saltashcloud.net if you would like to attend.

Year 11

We are already underway informing students about Post 16 Options, updating CV's and have had City College into lessons. We will be hosting our Aspirations afternoon for students on the 19/10 during P4&5 when they will learn about A Levels and Apprenticeships. We are hosting our Post 16 parental event at 5pm on TEAMS on the 18/10, please email tparry@saltashcloud.net if you would like to attend.

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Sports Clubs:

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Hockey Club	7-11	Mon	3.00 - 4.00pm	All Weather Pitch	Mr Morrish
Use of the gym	11-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Badminton Club	7-13	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Budd
Boys Rugby	7 8 9 10 11	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Hawkins Mr Perry Mr O'Sullivan Mr Nethercot Mr Evans
Football Club (Girls)	7-11	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	All Weather Pitch	Mrs Kellaway Miss Kane
'Strong Girls' Club	7-13	Tue	3.00 - 4.15pm	Gym	Mr Feldwick Mrs Bunney
Sports Leadership	13	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Use of the gym	7-9	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Basketball Club	10-13	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Feldwick
Netball Club	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Football Club (Boys)	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	All Weather Pitch	Mr Budd Mr Perry
Duke of Edinburgh	9 10-11	Wed A Wed B	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 38	Mr Feldwick
Use of the gym	11-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Girls Active	7-13	Thu	3.00 – 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Miss Kane
Sports Leadership	12	Thu	3.00 - 4.30pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Surf Club	7-13	Thu	3.00 – 8.30pm	Meet in the Quad	Mr Feldwick Mr Henderson
Use of the gym	7-9	Thu	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Basketball Club	7-11	Fri	3.00 - 4.15pm	Sports Hall	Mr Perry Mr Lutey
Girls Rugby	7-11	Fri	3.00 - 4.15pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Feldwick
Use of the gym	11-13	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins

Revision Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
CamNat Club	10-11	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 38	Mrs Kellaway
Health and Social Care	11	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 33	Ms Edwards
CamNat Club	10-11	Wed	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Rm 38	Mrs Kellaway
English Language	11	Thu A	1.20 – 2.00 pm	Rm 24	Mr Whitlock

Technology Clubs



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
STEM Club	7-9	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 18	Mr Flaherty
Coding Club	7-13	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 60	Mrs Broad

Performing Arts Clubs:



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Music Practice In agreement with your teacher	7-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Music Rooms	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Theatre Royal Hub	7-9	Tue	3.15 - 4.45pm	Room 64	Miss Jones
Show Rehearsal	7-13	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Room 64	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Music Practice In agreement with your teacher	7-13	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Music Rooms	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Show Rehearsal	7-13	Thu	3.00 - 4.00pm	Room 64	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Music Practice In agreement with your teacher	7-13	Thu	1.20 – 2.00pm	Music Rooms	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
EXIM Dance	7-9	Fri	3.00 – 4.00pm	Room 64	Miss Jones

Art and DT Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
DT Club Designing and making through a series of mini projects	7-9	Thu	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 42	Ms Lee Mrs Swann
Art Club Exploring different mediums and techniques	7-9	Thu	3.15-4.15pm	Rm 54	Mrs Miller

Languages Clubs



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
German GCSE	10-11	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 32	Miss Schon
French GCSE	10-11	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 37	Mr Rushton
Language lunches for everyone opportunities to collect house points and excel in languages	7-13	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 37	Miss Schon Mr Rushton Ms Yvinec

Wellbeing Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	7-8	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Library	Mr Bouchnak
Mindful Monday An opportunity for students to relax and unwind ready for the week ahead	7-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 47	Miss Sayer
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	9	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Library	Mr Bouchnak
Coaching to Learn	10-11	Thu	3.00 – 4.00pm	Rm 61	Mrs Johns
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	10-11	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Library	Mr Bouchnak

Attendance Matters

Every student.
On time. Every day.



Did you know?



5 minutes late

to every lesson = 2 hours
missed learning
a week, which is 15 ½
school days per year!



For help &
support

Please contact your child's
tutor, head of year or the
school attendance team:
smoss@saltashcloud.net

Days off cost good grades!



The DfE published research showing that pupils attending school with 95%+ attendance are more than twice as likely to achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 5+ than those with 90% attendance.

What can families do?

- ☑ Be firm. **Send your child to school every day**, all day, unless they are severely ill;
- ☑ Schedule **appointments** and extra-curricular activities **outside of school time**;
- ☑ **Avoid taking holidays** during term-time;
- ☑ **Encourage your child** to have good sleep, morning and punctuality routines;
- ☑ **Seek help** from us before your concerns become serious. We are always here to support.

Each day **missed...**

- Puts your child behind and makes it more difficult to catch up;
- Can lead to gaps in learning and lost connections with friends;
- Makes the transition into the workforce or further education less likely to be successful.