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# Newsletter



## Message from the Head



It has been a fantastic few weeks here at Saltash. Our Year 11's have been an absolute credit to themselves, and their families, in the way they conducted themselves in their mock exams, and our school community have behaved impeccably in ensuring they have protected the quiet environments needed for them to succeed. Well done, and thank you to you all!

I was incredibly proud of the entire school at our annual Remembrance Service. Members of uniformed organisations were invited to lead the service alongside our Chair of Governors, the Reverend Tim Parkman, as the whole school stood on the playgrounds in silent reflection.



It really demonstrated the very best of our students- you are the most fabulous group of young people. A big 'well done' also has to go out to our amazing fundraisers last week for Children in Need and St Petrocs, with our mufti day and The Big Sleep raising over £2500! Thank you to the whole community for coming together and demonstrating real care and compassion for those less fortunate- one of our core values is empathy and Saltash demonstrated that in spades. It is a busy few weeks now in the run up to Christmas with lots going on. Please keep following us on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates of what we do in school. Saltash is a great place! Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Sara Del Gaudio – Acting Headteacher

## Upcoming dates for your diary

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November : INSET (school closed for students)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December : Parent Forum
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December : Xmas Fayre
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December : Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December : Last day of term ; Xmas Jumper Day!



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8bS2 Explore Science in Everyday Life  
Students in 8bS2 have been busy creating incredible mind maps to summarise their discussions on how science influences our daily lives. Guided by Ms. Browne, the class showcased creativity and deep thinking as they explored this fascinating topic. Fantastic work, 8bS2!



## Year 9 Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Sessions

Our Year 9 students are currently benefiting from Barnardo's *Healthy Relationships Programme* during their PD lessons. This important initiative covers key topics aimed at helping our students build awareness and stay safe.

The sessions have been a huge success, with students demonstrating fantastic engagement and embodying all our TEAM values. The Barnardo's presenters have been thoroughly impressed with the positive attitude and participation shown by the entire year group. Well done, Year 9!



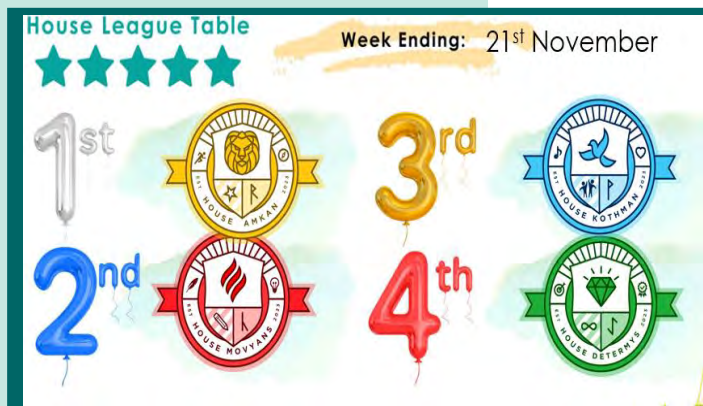
## House News

The last week has been a phenomenal week for our school's charity fundraising. Between the Big Sleep and Children in Need we have raised over £2,500!

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> /Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Lantern Decorating  
Get involved in creating the amazing Lantern! Email Miss Sayer if you wish to take part.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Cake sale and moustaching – Break 2

Coming soon – Miss Frances' and Mr Nethercott's Pull-up Challenge!



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## A Huge Well Done to Our U14 Rugby Team!

Our U14 rugby team recently played their second-ever school rugby match against a strong DSHB side. Although the result didn't go our way, the boys showcased incredible talent, scoring some fantastic tries and making outstanding try-saving tackles.

What stood out most was their teamwork, determination, and the smiles on their faces as they spoke about how much they love playing for the school. They truly represented not only Years 8 and 9 but the entire school with pride and sportsmanship. Their progress as a team has been remarkable, and it's a joy to coach them and watch their development. Well done, lads—you're a credit to Saltash!

– Mr. Perry



## Sixth Form Sport Discovery Day at Plymouth Marjon University

Our Sixth Form students recently had the fantastic opportunity to attend Plymouth Marjon University's *Sport Discovery Day*! This inspiring event was perfect for students considering a career in sport or exploring their future study options.

The day was packed with engaging, interactive taster sessions led by Marjon's expert lecturers, offering insights into a variety of sport-related courses, including Sport Therapy and Rehabilitation, Sport Coaching and Physical Education, Football Science, Sport and Exercise Science, and Sport Development Coaching. Students also enjoyed a guided tour of the campus, met with lecturers, and learned about the support offered by Marjon's student services team. It was a day full of learning, inspiration, and excitement—opening doors to new possibilities for our aspiring sports professionals!

Polite uniform reminder:

# “We’re in the team, we wear the kit.”



Saltash School blazer



Blue shirt or blouse



Black V-necked jumper with sky blue stripe (**optional** and always to be worn alongside, and not instead of, a blazer)



Saltash School tie\*



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



Black drop waist pleated skirt

We do not allow:

- Piercings (including clear piercings)
- Smart watches
- Jewellery (except one pair of studs in the earlobes and one watch.)
- Acrylic or painted nails
- Excessive make-up, false eyelashes or unnatural hair colours
- Large logos or slogans on outdoor clothing- must be discreet



Black, flat- heeled, fully **polishable** (no canvas or material elements) school shoes with **NO TAGS** \*NEW: Plain **black socks (no logos)\***

\*School ties for incoming year 7, and for anyone requiring a new tie going forward, must include your house colour and can only be purchased from the school through Parent Pay.



Polite uniform reminder:

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Black PE shorts with no obvious logos (if Lycra, must be mid- thigh, not 'hot pant' style)



Black and gold T-shirt with school motif



Black and gold training top with school motif

Further compulsory items are as follows:

- Knee length black sports socks
- Plain white socks
- Shin pads
- Mouth guard (optional)
- Football boots (for boys and girls)
- Trainers (must be suitable for all weather pitches)
- Optional plain black leggings / sweatpants for outdoor P.E (no obvious logos)

**Don't forget we run a pre-** loved uniform shop where all items are free of charge. **We are always looking for donations, and particularly need football boots at this moment in time.** Please contact Dani King [dking@saltashcloud.net](mailto:dking@saltashcloud.net) for information.



Polite equipment reminder:



# “We come prepared.”

## Compulsory items



## Desirable items



It is important that all students arrive to school fully equipped to learn. Please bring the following compulsory items:

- 1x school bag
- 1x refillable water bottle
- 1x reading book
- 1x clear pencil case
- 2x black or blue pens
- 1x purple pen
- 1x pencil
- 1x ruler
- 1x eraser
- 1x scientific calculator.

# Let's stay connected!



## ClassCharts



We use ClassCharts to record House points, set homework and send messages. Please download the app to stay connected with us, and your child!



## Fortnightly newsletters



Every two weeks we send a newsletter home via email, outlining and celebrating key events happening in school. Please check your email every other Friday.



## Progress Reports



We send out progress reports 3 times a year for each year group. Progress reports are sent by email.



## Parents' evenings



In the Spring term we hold parents' evenings for each year group. These will return to being face-to-face in school, due to popular demand!



Please follow us for updates and photos of your children's achievements on Instagram and Facebook



Parents can email queries at any time to the relevant member of staff or year group using [year 7@saltashcloud.net](mailto:year7@saltashcloud.net) / [year 8@saltashcloud.net](mailto:year8@saltashcloud.net) / [year9@saltashcloud.net](mailto:year9@saltashcloud.net) / [year10@saltashcloud.net](mailto:year10@saltashcloud.net) / [year11@saltashcloud.net](mailto:year11@saltashcloud.net) / [sixthform@saltashcloud.net](mailto:sixthform@saltashcloud.net)

## Sports



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Use of the gym	9-13	Mon	1.30 - 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Use of the gym	7-8	Tue	1.30 - 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Football Club (Girls)	7-11	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	AWP	Mrs Kellaway/Mr Perry
Girls Rugby Club	7-9	Tue	3.00 - 4.15pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Feldwick/Miss Baitam
Badminton Club	7-13	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Budd
Sports Leadership	12	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Use of the gym	9-13	Wed	1.30 - 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Netball Club	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Football Club (Boys)	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	AWP	Mr Budd/Mr Perry/Mr Gilbert
Boys Rugby Club	7	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Feldwick
Boys Rugby Club	8	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Nethercot
Boys Rugby Club	9	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Perry
Boys Rugby Club	10	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Evans
Boys Rugby Club	11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Hawkins
Use of the gym	7-8	Thu	1.30 - 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Sports Leadership	13	Thu	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Surf Club	7-13	Thu	3.00 - 8.30pm	Quad	Mr Feldwick Mr Henderson
Climbing Club	7-13	Thu	3.00 - 4.15pm	Sports Hall	Mr Feldwick
Trampoline Club	7-11	Thu	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Miss Baitam
Basketball Club	7-11	Fri	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Perry/Mr Feldwick
Use of the gym	11-13	Fri	1.30 - 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins

## Performing Arts



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Y7 Rock Band Club	7	Mon	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 62	Ms Walker
KS3 Singers	7-9	Tue	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 62	Ms Walker
Show Rehearsal	7-13	Wed	3.15 - 4.30pm	Main Hall	PA Team
Show Rehearsal	7-13	Thu	3.15 - 4.30pm	Main Hall	PA Team

## Art & DT



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Christmas Craft Club	7-9	Fri	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 42	Ms Lee
Year 7 Art Club	7	Thu Week A	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 54	Mrs Miller

## Technology



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Code Club	7-11	Mon	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 60	Mrs Broad
STEM Club	7-9	Wed	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 46	Mr Flaherty



# Saltash EXTRA



## Revision



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Science Revision	11	Tue Week B	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 14	Mrs Blackmore
Sports Studies Coursework Catch up	10-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 38	Mrs Kellaway
Physics Revision	11	Wed Week A	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 14	Mrs Blackmore
History Period 6	11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 73	Mrs Feldwick/Mrs Metters
English Poetry Revision	11	Thu	3.10 - 4.00pm	Rm 31	Mrs Halliday
Art Coursework Catchup	10-11	Thu Week A	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 54	Mrs Miller
German GCSE Revision	10-11	Fri	1.30-2.00pm	Rm 32	Ms Schon
French GCSE Revision	10-11	Fri	3.15 - 4.00pm	Rm 29	Ms Yvinec

## Homework



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Y7 Homework Club	7	Every Day	1.30 - 2.00pm	Library	Mrs Herring/Miss Bailey
LanguageNut Homework Club	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rm 29	Ms Yvinec
Sparx Homework Club	7-11	Wed	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 2	Mr. Farnham/Mr. McFadden
Sparx Homework Club	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Canteen	Mrs Griffin
Broadening horizons Homework Club	7-11	Thu	3.00 - 4.00pm	Canteen	Mrs Baxter

## Miscellaneous

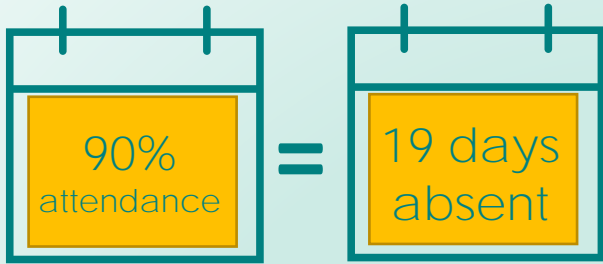


Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Allotment Club	7-13	Every Day	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rural Science Block	Mr Perry (Deputy Head)
Student Site Team	7-13	Every Day	1.30 - 2.00pm	Meet in quad	Mr Perry (Deputy Head)
Chess/Board Games Club	7-11	Every Day	11.20 - 11.40am	Rm 33	SEND Team
Chess/Board Games Club	7-11	Every Day	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 33	SEND Team
Calm Social Space/ Colouring	7-11	Every Day	11.20 - 11.40am	Rm 34	SEND Team
Calm Social Space/ Colouring	7-11	Every Day	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 34	SEND Team
Languages Fun Club	7-13	Tue	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 32	Ms Schon/Mr Rushton/Ms Yvinec/Ms Hutz
English Competition Leaders	7-9	Wed	1.30 - 2.00pm	Rm 31	Mrs Halliday
French Film Club	All + parents	Thu Week A	3.00 - 5.00pm	Rm 29	Ms Yvinec

# 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](mailto: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.