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Newsletter February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. Although term 3 is a short term, as you will see, there has been a huge amount packed into it.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved in the production of the 'Twits'. It was lovely to see so many pupils from KS3 taking lead roles and doing such an amazing job. A huge thank you to Miss Goldberg for organising a wonderful play.

Well done to the pupils who presented at the Holocaust Memorial service in Rochester Cathedral. Thank you for your time and effort in preparing such an interesting presentation about how ordinary people can do extraordinary things. It was a very moving service. Thank you, Mr Harrison, for organising our contribution to this important event.

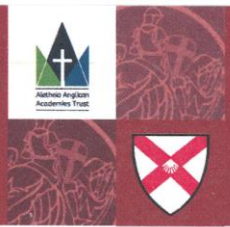
There have also been several sporting events happening through this term but of particular note are the Kent schools swimming gala and the Kent school cross country both of which took place on Saturdays. Thank you to all those who took part and represented Saint George's so well. There were some excellent individual performances with the swimming team coming 9th overall. Thank you to Mrs Chenu for organising our teams.

Alongside these events there have been some fantastic opportunities in school. Year 10 have had their Futures day, giving them a chance to think about their next steps and possible careers. Thank you to Ms Jordan and Mrs Hallam for arranging. Kent fire brigade have been and presented to year 7, Kent police have been in speaking with years 8 and 9 and also delivering a presentation on 'how to avoid being scammed' to year 12. I am very grateful to all the staff who put in a great deal of time and effort ensuring that all the pupils have the chance to experience a wide range of opportunities.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Matt Lillie
Head of School





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World Book Day

Saint George's will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March by holding a non-uniform day for all students in Y7-13. Students are encouraged, where possible, to dress up as their favourite character from a book, or make a nod to a book through a T-shirt/prop, etc. Please can students bring a donation of £1 to give to their Form Tutor during AM Registration. Money raised will go to support the great work of The National Literacy Trust, an independent charity working with schools and communities in the UK to give disadvantaged children the literacy skills to succeed in life. Thank you for your support and Happy World Book Day!

Huge congratulations to the following students who have already matched and exceeded their reading targets for terms 3 & 4 on accelerated reader. Pupils have until 30th March to achieve their personalised target.

Year 7:

Ade Oladepo – 172% of target
Satvir Singh – 131% of target
Sam Spragg – 326% of target
Teddie Penalver – 136% of target
Jibril Sunmonu – 151% of target
Hayden Hockley – 129% of target
Pawandeep Sahota – 119% of target

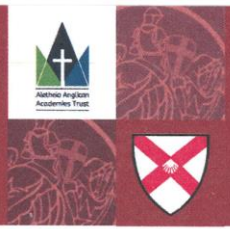
Year 8:

Ashley Heathfield – 113% of target
Ophelia Pettis – 106% of target
Adam Rifkhan – 106% of target
Sam Ennis – 125% of target
Sam Aldus – 100% of target
Lewis Jones – 110% of target
Sophie Bradley – 278% of target
Oliver Smith – 102% of target

Year 9:

Harry Fothergill – 133% of target
Chloe Perry – 107% of target
Shayna Powell – 101% of target
Holly Buckby-Stevens – 107% of target
Kaila Mutenga – 119% of target
Rubi Shetra – 122% of target
Logan Abbitt – 112% of target
Lilly-Ella Amos – 129% of target
Fifi Broad – 134% of target
Jasmine Oni – 142% of target
Connie Reilly – 139% of target
Henry Mills – 323% of target
Willow Relf – 166% of target
Jacie Wilders – 208% of target





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SEND support through the break

Below are some websites that can be accessed over the break which may be of help supporting your child

<https://www.katfamilysupport.co.uk/childrens-support-groups>

<https://www.autismsoutheast.co.uk/events/support-groups/>

<https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/parent-carers/resources/>

<https://www.iask.org.uk/young-people/local-offer/>

<https://wearebeams.org.uk/support-groups/>

<https://space2beme.org.uk/services/#parents>

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children into school with correct uniform and equipped for the day. Next term lycra short skirts will not be permitted, and we ask that you send your child in on Monday 20th February in the correct length skirt. I have included our uniform policy for your reference.

Equipment

Students are expected to attend school every day with the correct equipment.

- At least two writing pens (Blue or black ink)
- A pencil, ruler, eraser, scientific calculator, a maths set (protractor etc)
- A school bag
- Behaviour for learning card (provided by the school)
- All homework due to be handed in that day
- PE Kit as necessary
- Cooking ingredients as necessary

Uniform

Black trousers or black skirt to knee (no jeans, no skinny trousers)

White collared shirt (tucked in) and school tie* or red and white blouse/shirt

Black blazer and school badge*

Black socks (below the knee) or black or natural tights

Plain coat (no hoodies)

Black Saint George's Jumper* /cardigan*/ or plain black v-neck jumper (Optional but not to replace a blazer)

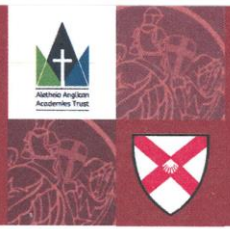
*Items can be purchased from the school office

Shoes

All students are expected to wear black leather or leather look shoes

- We do not allow any type of trainers, not even black trainers. Sports shoes are not permitted
- Bots are not permitted unless under trousers
- Heeled shoes are not permitted





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Hair, makeup and jewellery

- Natural hair colours only
- No shapes shaved into the hair
- Students are expected to tie long hair back for practical subjects
- One small pair of earrings only
- No facial piercings
- Excessive makeup is not permitted
- Excessively long/fake nails are not allowed due to health and safety in practical lessons

PE Kit

T Shirt*

Sweatshirt*

- Plain black Shorts (black cycling shorts can be worn underneath or black skort)
- Plain black jogging bottoms/sports leggings
- Plain black socks (for football and rugby)
- Studded boots and shin pads (for football and rugby in wet weather)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- *Multi games shirt (optional)

*items must be purchased from Tacklebag. The other items can be purchased either from Tacklebag or from other suppliers, but they must be plain black as stipulated above

Keeping safe



This week we have been promoting Children's Mental Health week through assemblies planned and delivered by some of our sixth form students, a long with form time positive mental health activities. Students have been learning about the some of the causes of anxiety, particularly in school, and strategies that can support this. Students were reminded that talking about mental health is important and staff are always happy to discuss and give guidance. Additionally, students have been sign-posted to online organisations that can support mental health.

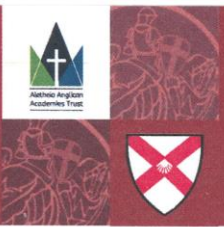




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A reminder that Saint George's provides Whisper, an anonymous reporting system that students can access anytime. We aim to respond within 24 hours.



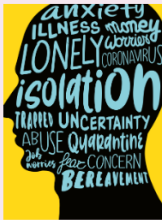
Please find a list of organisations specifically for young people.

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/chathealth/>



Release the Pressure

Text KENT or
MEDWAY to
85258 or
phone 0800
107 0160 for
free
confidential
support at
any time.



Free expert advice from trained
counsellors is available for every
mental health concern.

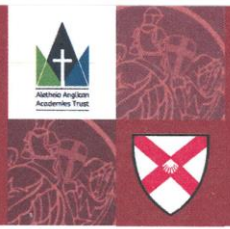
Visit [Release the Pressure](#) to find
out more.

<https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/mental-wellbeing-information-hub/children-and-young-people>



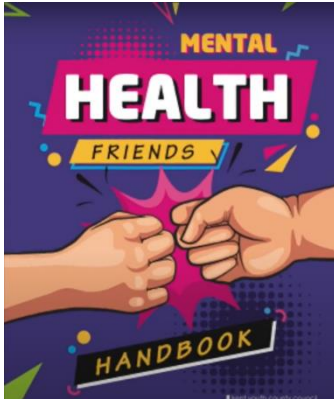
<https://explore.kooth.com/dontdoitalone/>





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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJPXc18yj4Y>



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-young-people>

Out of hours support

During half term, the 'Whisper' app will be checked daily, along with MyConcern. Should you have a safeguarding concern over the half term break, please email Mrs Hartley hartleye@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk or Ms Alpnar alpnark@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

Stay safe and enjoy the half term break.

The Pastoral Team

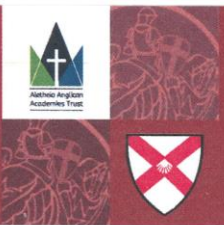
Attendance Matters

We have given out lots of 100% letters today – congratulations to all the students who have achieved full attendance this term, we are very proud of you 😊

Please continue to send your child into school every day and on time. It really does make a difference to reaching academic potential.

A polite reminder, holidays should not be taken in term time and will not be authorised. Should you choose to take your child on holiday during term time, you may be fined by KCC





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Good attendance means...

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Why does attendance matter?

- You fall behind in work and lessons.
- You have lower motivation to be here at all.
- Your enjoyment of learning is less.
- You have less chance of achieving GCSEs.
- You're more likely to show poor behaviour
- You miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences.
- It effects your ability to have or keep friendships

