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*All Different, All Equal, All Flourishing*

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy term and I am sure all the pupils are looking forward to a well-deserved half term break. It has been great to have the school back and in lessons. As the restrictions are easing, it is good to see the school beginning to return to it's normal way of working. We are hoping that we will be able to ease things further as we move through term 6.

The new teaching block is moving forward quickly and is currently on track to be ready for after October half term. This will be a huge improvement to the site providing new English, Maths, Languages, Music and Dance spaces as well as a Sixth Form study area. As part of the programme the contactors, Beardwell, along with Ms Jordan, provided a work experience opportunity for a group of year 10 and 12 pupils. They have done a fantastic job of renovating the outside of the Library. Thank you for all your hard work.

Congratulations to Oliver and Hugo who represented Kent Schools FA in the Inter-County National Football competition. The team beat South Yorkshire schools in the semi final and will now be going on to play Sussex schools in the final.

Well done to years 11 and 13 who have completed their Reference Tests over the last two weeks. We have been so impressed with your focus and commitment. The resilience that you have shown during the last year has been remarkable. You have taken it all in your stride. We are incredibly proud of you all. Farewell to those of you who are leaving us and taking the next steps in your journey. We know you will go on to do great things. Don't forget **results days are 10<sup>th</sup> August for A levels and 12<sup>th</sup> August for GCSEs.**

Sadly, after 10 years of being at Saint George's, Mrs Smith is leaving us to start a Headship in Medway. Mrs Smith has given a huge amount to both the staff and students in our community, and she will be greatly missed. We all wish her every success in her new role.

From term 6, Mrs Hartley will be leading the pastoral team and we will be welcoming Mr Baker to Saint George's as our new Deputy Head.

As always, thank you for your continuing support for Saint George's. I hope that you all have a very relaxing half term.

**Mr Lillie**

**Head of School**

[Please click here to see our 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 term dates.](#)

## Careers and Work experience news

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Work experience makes a huge difference to the choices our students make for their futures, and this year more than ever!

If you have a business where you could have a year 10 or 12 student experience your work place this July, please complete [this form](#), so that our students can write their first professional email and get in touch with you.

[Click here to visit our careers, advice and guidance page.](#)

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Year 10s have started their careers meetings with independent careers guidance advise Lis MacGuire. Our students have been exploring future careers paths in their individual meetings helping to focus them for the challenges of year 11s.

Lis has commented that the students she has met so far have been lovely and she is looking forward to returning to meet more of our year 10 and 12 students in term 6 and next academic year.

Ms Jordan is delighted by so many of our students trying out Virtual Work Experiences using Springpod or Speakers for Schools. These experiences, delivered by top companies across the UK, provide an excellent opportunity for students to try out different work places from the comfort of the sofa often at the weekends or evenings.

For more information and help with careers, please [click here](#) to visit our 'Careers Advice and Guidance' page.



### Beardwell work experience

A very well done to all the year 10's and 12's who took part in the library renovation over the last few months.

Beardwell have been extremely impressed by your dedication and hard work. The library is now in tip top shape ready for the new term!



## Uniform

As we approach the end of term 5, I would like to reiterate Saint George's uniform and equipment expectations. In term 6 all students should arrive to school wearing correct uniform and have with them basic equipment. Please may we ask that you support us in ensuring that your child wears/brings the following:

- Saint George's School uniform, including black leather shoes. If your child has a medical reason that prevents them from wearing shoes, you should inform your child's pastoral leader; a medical letter will be required where applicable.
- Lanyards, any student that does not have a lanyard can purchase a replacement from the parent pay platform at a cost of £1. Students should inform their form tutor who can reissue a new one at the beginning of term 6.
- Saint George's School PE kit should be worn on PE kit days only. Any student that arrives in PE kit on non-PE days will receive a sanction on the day.
- A bag & fully equipped pencil case.

## **Can I also remind you that the following are not permitted in school:**

- Extreme haircuts or colours
- False nails or eyelashes
- Facial piercings
- Excessive make-up or fake tan
- Jewellery (except small studs, watches and religious pieces)
- Earphones
- Aerosol sprays

Any students not following the school uniform policy or forgetting equipment will have their behaviour for learning conduct card signed. If we are unable to resolve any of these issues, we will contact parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful and happy half term.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Mrs E Hartley & The Pastoral Team.**



Exam Students, we have been truly amazed by the positive approach you have taken towards your reference tests. Your excellent attendance, polite conduct and good punctuality throughout the process has been noticed by many staff and has been appreciated by our exam team. After a difficult and challenging year, you have demonstrated great resilience and overcome so many obstacles to get to where you are now. We are so very proud of the mature and wonderful human beings you have become. Wishing you life in all its fullness!

**Mrs Scott-Halsey**



## **Farwell from Mrs Smith!**

"The decision to pursue becoming a Headteacher was not an easy one to make. I have so many fond memories of Saint George's and feel very sad to leave. However, I am very excited about my new challenge. I feel very privileged to have been part of a very special community and will miss you all. I wish you all lots of luck and happiness for the future!"

## **YEAR 11: SCHOOL UNIFORM**

If any of the year 11 leavers have school uniform that is in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate it back to school.

# PE Clubs

As we move into the final term of the school year, we move our extra-curricular clubs more towards our traditional summer sports. Please see below the timetable which will take effect from Monday 7th June until the summer holiday begins.

Please note that we are now able to offer clubs to 2 year groups at a time, but they will not be mixed with each other. This is in order to make sure the 2 separate year group bubbles remain intact and are not broken.

Students, please bear in mind that, although some of you may finish school at 3pm, teachers have form groups who do not leave until 3:10. If you are waiting for a session to begin, please make your way over to the correct area and wait patiently for the session to start. If there is equipment out ready for the session, please do not use any of it until a teacher has given you permission.

Kind Regards,  
Mr Atwal

## Week A

PE CLUBS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 07:50 – 08:20	Move your body Year 8 Powerwaves (GB)	Move your body Year 10 Powerwaves (GB)	Move your body Year 7 Boogie Bounce (LC)	Move your body Year 9 Boogie Bounce (LC)	Move your body Year 12 Fitness/Wellbeing Time (JCU)
<b>After School</b> 15:10 – 16:15	No Clubs  Staff Meetings	<b>Years 7+9</b> <b>Netball</b> (AR)  <b>Years 7+9</b> <b>Cricket</b> (EH)  <b>Years 8+10</b> <b>Athletics</b> (JCU + GB)	<b>Years 7+9</b> <b>Rounders</b> (LC)  <b>Years 8+10</b> <b>Softball</b> (SA)	<b>BTEC Support (Invitation Only)</b> (EC)	No Clubs

## Week B

PE CLUBS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 07:50 – 08:20	Move your body Year 9 Boogie Bounce (LC)	Move your body Year 10 Powerwaves (GB)	Move your body Year 8 Boogie Bounce (LC)	Move your body Year 7 Powerwaves (GB)	Move your body Year 12 Fitness/Wellbeing Time (JCU)
<b>After School</b> 15:10 – 16:15	No Clubs  Staff Meetings	<b>Years 7+9</b> <b>Athletics</b> (JCU + GB)  <b>Years 8+10</b> <b>Netball</b> (AR)  <b>Years 8+10</b> <b>Cricket</b> (EH)	<b>Years 7+9</b> <b>Softball</b> (SA)  <b>Years 8+10</b> <b>Rounders</b> (LC)	<b>Years 8+9</b> <b>Rugby</b> (GB)  <b>BTEC Support (Invitation Only)</b> (EC)	No Clubs

# A Message from Trudi

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One of the joys of summer (when it eventually gets here!) is the explosion of green everywhere, even in cities. Dark green pine trees, soft green grass for picnics, tender green leaves that get darker through the summer.

Next time you're out and about as a family, see how many different green things you can see, and maybe even collect a few things to take home and press inside a heavy book. Pressed leaves and flowers can make beautiful pictures.

I'm trying to be 'greener'. I'm trying to reduce my plastic use and to recycle better. I love our planet, our home, and it's so sad to see how we take our home for granted. How we mistreat her and use her for our own convenience.

Psalm 24 says 'The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;' I can't imagine how painful it must be, creating something so beautiful and then having to watch the people you love destroy it in front of you.

So let's all make the effort to be 'greener'. During lockdown one of the things that kept me sane was my garden and Summer is a wonderful time for planting and growing things. Why not try planting seeds or bulbs over the summer either for flowers or food. Rocket, is great and can be harvested as soon as four weeks after planting.

In Church the season we are in now is called Ordinary Time and the colour for that is green. During this time, Christians just get on with growing in our life with God, like the plants are doing.

And like the plants, to grow, we need feeding spiritually. Praying is a great way to feed our growing faith.

Long summer days and nights can be a good time for prayers. Start with something, as simple as saying thank you to God for something you're really grateful for, or asking for God's peace at bedtime each night.

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## These are three examples of simple prayers you could try:

### Saying Thank You:

God the Father, who made us, we thank you.

God the Son, who saved us, we thank you.

God the Spirit, who holds us in love, we thank you.

God, who is everywhere, thank you for being you.

### Bedtime:

God, who is like a mother hen watching over her chicks,

Keep me under your warm wings as I sleep.

Send me good dreams.

And help me wake up ready for another day.

### Prayer for God's help:

Father God, sometimes I am scared.

Sometimes I am worried.

Sometimes I need help.

Sometimes people I love have problems.

Please be with me and help me,

Like shepherds caring for sheep.

Have a good and safe break everyone.

With much love and prayers for you all

