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Newsletter December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

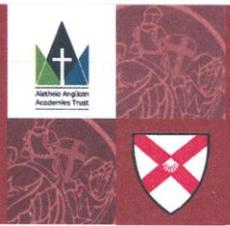
Thank you for all you have done to support Saint George's over the past 12 months. It has been an incredibly challenging year for all of us and yet again the pupils have demonstrated amazing resilience dealing with an ever-changing situation. It has been a real pleasure seeing them back in their normal rooms, engaging so positively with their learning. Your support getting the pupils into school each day has been fantastic and will do so much to support them to make the best progress through their time at school.

The move into the King block has been a real boost and, despite a few technical problems with the lift, has gone well. The new facilities have been very well received by the pupils, especially the sixth form who have really benefited from the much-improved study space. I am told the sausage rolls from the café are excellent! Currently the old buildings are being demolished to make way for a new social space. Hopefully this will be ready for the summer term.

Well done to the year 11 and 13s for successfully completing their PPEs in the first few weeks of November; The way you conducted yourselves throughout the assessments was exemplary. We are currently planning to have our second set of exams just before the February half term break. These are important exams and will be an opportunity to show the progress that you have made.

It has been lovely to see so many of our extracurricular activities restart and seeing how many pupils are engaging in these clubs. Sporting fixtures have also restarted; congratulations to all the pupils who have taken part and represented Saint George's. Alongside this we have been fortunate to have so many other opportunities available to the pupils to be involved in including Careers workshops, Christmas Lights Parade, Refocus, Woodville Halls Pantomime and many more. Thank you to all the staff who are so generous with their time running these clubs and organising these activities for the pupils.





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Sadly, a couple of members of staff are leaving us this term. Our thanks go to Miss Troth, Miss Rampling, Mrs Smart and Mrs Moore; thank you for all you have done to support the pupils during your time with us. Also leaving us is Mrs Davis who has been part of our school community for 21 years. Mrs Davis has been part of our admin team and has had many roles in school during her time with us. Thank you for the huge commitment that you have given to our school. Finally, thank you to all the staff at Saint George's for the amazing job you do supporting all the pupils.

As we enter the Christmas break, it seems that again we are faced with uncertainty about the New Year. Currently we are planning to open as outlined in the letter we sent you earlier this week <https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk/parents-info/letters/> Should this change, we will contact you with further details.

I hope that you all have a very peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.

Matt Lillie
Head of School

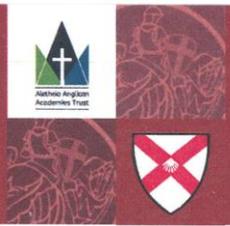
Uniform Reminders

In the past couple of weeks, some students have been coming into school wearing trainers instead of shoes. Please could I ask that if your child does not have a pair of school shoes, they do so by the beginning of term 3. Medical evidence must be supplied if shoes cannot be worn. I would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the uniform expectations,

We expect all our students to come to school every day in correct uniform and to bring the correct equipment. All students should be ready to learn daily.

Hoodies are not permitted in school. Students are advised to bring an outdoor coat with them to school (coats may not be worn in lessons)





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Boys

- Black formal trousers (not jeans or leggings)
- White shirt tucked in
- School tie done up, so the badge is showing
- School jumper or cardigan (if worn)
- Black blazer with school badge (to be always worn)
- Entirely black, formal leather or leather look shoes. Boots and heeled shoes are not permitted.

Girls

- Black, formal trousers (not jeans or leggings) or black school skirt (not tight-fitting and to the knee).
- School blouse (no t-shirts to be showing underneath)
- School jumper or cardigan (if worn)
- Black blazer with school badge (to be always worn)
- Entirely black, formal leather or leather look shoes. Boots and heeled shoes are not permitted.
- White or black socks (no over the knee socks) or tights (black or natural)

Please let your child's Community Leader know if you need any financial assistance with buying uniform.

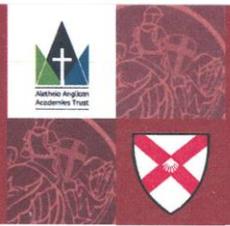




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Please see below the services available for young people during the festive period from Kooth that may need support with mental wellbeing.

Our team is still here to provide mental wellbeing support over the holiday period.



Chat Availability Dates and Times

Thursday 23/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Monday 27/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Friday 31/12/21 12pm - 6:00pm
Friday 24/12/21 12pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday 28/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Saturday 1/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm
Saturday 25/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday 29/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Sunday 2/01/22 6pm - 10:00pm
Sunday 26/12/21 6pm - 10:00pm	Thursday 30/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Monday 3/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm

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