#### Newsletter - 1st March 2024

Finally, the weather appears to be showing signs of Spring and it's great to be able to get outside a little more. We are so lucky with our school grounds and it's lovely to see the students being able to enjoy this more as the weather warms up (and run off some energy at breaktimes!)

Lots, as always, has been going on at school. Year 11 are counting down their days to the exam season and are impressing everyone with their fabulous attitude to learning. We have given out over 400 revision points already and a number of students are on track to have their prom ticket discounted and get that VIP treatment at the prom. Keep going, Year 11, we are so proud of everything you are doing.

It was great to welcome back everyone from the Ski trip- there are some great photos for you to see later in the newsletter. Thank you again to the team for taking our students abroad.

Finally, we have had a great turn out for Parents' evenings this term, and there are a few more still to come. It is so important to have that contact and build relationships between school and home and we genuinely love getting to know the families of our students. If you are Year 9, then we have the Options evening coming up – please do come up to school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to meet with teachers and find out more about our KS4 offer.

With building connections and in mind, please also remember that it is the Headteacher's Clinic this Tuesday night. Please email <a href="mailto:sdelgaudio@saltashcloud.net">sdelgaudio@saltashcloud.net</a> to book a slot if you wish to drop in and talk about anything about the school or your child's experience at Saltash. It is only through listening and working together that we will continue to get better!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Sara Del Gaudio Acting Headteacher

#### "No excuses"

#### Tenacity

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

## "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.



#### "Take care of each other"

#### 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.

## "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.



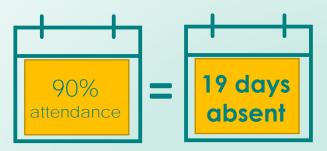


# Attendance

Matters

Every student.
On time. Every day.





Did you know?



missed learning a week, which is 15 ½ school days per year!



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 extracurricular 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.

# **Upcoming dates**



Year 9 Options Evening 7th March

Year10-13 Careers Fair – Thursday 7th March 6-8pm

Year 9 Parents 'Evening - Tuesday 19th March

Inset Day – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (school closed to students)

Easter Holidays – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March (first day) until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (last day)

# 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 clear pencil case, 2 black pens, 1 purple pen, 1 ruler, 1 pencil, 1 rubber, 1 scientific calculator



**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"



# Upcoming dates cont.....

Mathematics & English Mock Exams Coming Up! Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024



#### English

All of Year 11 will be sitting one English Literature mock exam. Students will be required to write one essay about a topic from 'An Inspector Calls' and one essay comparing two of the 'Power and Conflict' poems.

Students will then be sitting a shortened exam for English Language, Paper One; they will answer Q4 and Q5 only.

At the start of each exam, the students will receive a short tutorial from TEAM English in order to set them off in the right mindset.

Students can access revision materials through their own class channel on Microsoft Teams, during half-term.





#### **Mathematics**

For Mathematics, pupils will sit all three papers. It is important that revision and homework are regularly completed via the online platform Sparx.

Pupils are also advised to work through past papers on the <a href="https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk">www.mathsgenie.co.uk</a> website too

# **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 for regular updates



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

# House League Table

**House League Table** 



#### Week Ending:

23rd February

















## Uniform- a reminder

There are no major changes to our uniform policy from previous years, but as we strive for excellence and equity, we will enforce our policy with 'no excuses' to ensure that we hold every student to the same high standard. Tutors will check uniform at line up each morning. Please support us in setting the tone by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct attire.



Achieving More Together

## PE Uniform - a reminder

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Black and gold training top with school motif

- Shin pad
- Gum shield
- Football boots
- Trainers (must be suitable for all weather pitches)
- Black leggings / sweatpants for outdoor P.E.

**Don't forget we run a pre**- loved uniform shop where all items are free of charge.

We are always looking for donations, especially from younger year groups. Please contact Dani King

dking@saltashcloud.net for information.



Saltash Community School

# House news









## **TEAM Rewards is moving!**



#### Day

Monday, Week A Friday, Week A

Wednesday, Week B

Thursday, Week B Friday, Week B Any learner can now come to TEAM Shop on any of these days to collect their rewards.



There are two offices down the Languages corridor.

TEAM Rewards will be based in one of these for all future opening days.



The open days remain the same, and remember that all Houses can come on <u>any</u> day.



Tenacity | Empathy | Aspiration | Motivation

# TEAM Shop - Lecture Theatre Collections...











Day

Monday, Week A

Friday, Week A

Wednesday, Week B

Thursday, Week B

Friday, Week B

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# **Year 11 Revision**

Year 11, an updated revision timetable is attached – with Science now moving to a Friday lunchtime. Keep up the fantastic work!

Rev	ision Session 7	Timetable 202	24			
	Week A		Week B			
	Lunch (room)	3PM (room)		Lunch (room)	3PM (room)	
Mon	Design Technology (42)	English (6 <sup>th</sup> Form)	Mon	Design Technology (42) Media Coursework (2)	English (6 <sup>th</sup> Form)	
Tues	Design Technology (42)	English Lit (6 <sup>™</sup> Form)		Drama (64)		
	Hospitality (55)	Science (15) Geography (75) Design Technology (42)	Tues	Design Technology (42) Hospitality (55)	English Lit (6 <sup>th</sup> Form) Science (15) Geography (75)	
Wed	Design Technology (42)	History (73)			Design Technology(42)	
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Fri	Computer Science (60) German (32) Science (45)	Art (54)	Fri	Computer Science (60) German (32) Science (45)	Art (54)	



## **Year 11 Revision**

Year 11 - Preparing for your exams is vital but it is also important to rest and let your body and mind recover.

This pamphlet, produced by our PiXL partners, provides information on the benefits of getting outside and active as part of your revision strategy.

#### Keeping active during Revision

Information for parents and carers





# Did you know?



Research shows that physically active students have more active brains. Even walking for just 20 minutes can significantly increase activity in the brain. This means that it is really important for students to take regular breaks in their learning.

Exercise triggers the release of various hormones and chemical compounds in the body and has many benefits to learning:

- It improves cognitive brain function
- It improves students' ability to focus for longer periods of time
- It can reduce stress levels
- · It can improve memory retention

Studies have shown that exercise helps to oxygenate the brain and release tension, helping students to keep calm, mentally relax and study more efficiently. Productive people often work smarter rather than harder and exercise has a huge part to play in this.

# What can you do?

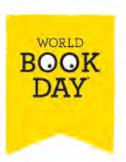


Support your child to take regular breaks so they are less likely to get distracted whilst revising. It's much better to spend 60 minutes revising well and 10 minutes on a break than for your child to spend longer half revising and half playing with their phone! Suggest to your child that they take breaks every 60-90 minutes when revising.

Encourage your child to do something active with their break, such as getting some fresh air, playing sport, going for a walk or a run, or doing housework. Remind them that exercise doesn't have to last for hours to count.

Work with your child to help them work efficiently and find a routine that works for them. They need to be flexible to work around their timetables and could do some exercise early in the morning, at lunchtimes or early evenings. Alongside exercising, help your child to take care of themselves by eating well, sleeping well, relaxing, socialising and having some down time.

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CELEBRATE ON 7 MARCH 2024

You're never alone with a book!

# Coming up on the week starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March:

- World Book Day quiz
- Word Book Day assemblies
- Staff book share
- Teacher dress-up
- Sponsored Read
- Book tokens give-away

#### Get thinking:

What is you favourite book or a book that means something to you?

# News & Events Sponsored Read



Sattash Community School Sponsored Read

> \*When is it? Friday 8th March, 3.30-7.00pm.

\*How will it work?
You sign up with Miss Sayer and get a sponsorship form. You then get family, friends, anyone to sponsor you to read for over 3 hours!

\*Who will the money go to?
The funds raised will go to local group Eva's Little
Stars Foundation and the work that they do in the
community.

\*What other benefits are there?
All participants will receive a free pasty and brownie during the read, gain Reading Champion house points and receive a certificate.

"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend."





## How to Report it...

- Speak to an adult; Parents, Teachers, Support Workers, Friends Parents – Don't be alone with your thoughts
- Report it to the Police on 101 or 999
- Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or online Crimestoppers -uk.org
- www.dc.police.uk/countylines
- NSPCC
- Remember if you are, or know someone, experiencing what you believe to be county lines, you are the VICTIM, please report it immediately.

# News & Events Pre-Loved Prom Appeal





#### How You Can Contribute:

We invite you to donate pre-loved dresses, suits, shirts, shoes, bags, and accessories that may be lingering in the back of your wardrobe. Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of students who may otherwise face barriers to attending prom.

#### **Borrow and Return:**

Our "borrow and return" system will ensure that these pre-loved items are freely available for students to use on their special night, with a commitment to returning them promptly after the celebration. By participating in this initiative, you contribute to a sustainable and supportive community.

#### Free Rental System:

Emphasising our commitment to a community-driven approach, we are offering these items free of charge. Our goal is to make prom accessible to all students and to promote environmental sustainability by reusing clothing.

#### Get Involved:

We encourage students, parents, and community members to spread the word, donate items, and get involved in the collection and distribution process. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of our students.

Let's come together to make prom night a truly magical and inclusive experience for every student at Saltash Community School!



proudly presents

# Young@part®

Performed at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

Saturday 16th March 2:30pm and 7:30pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7:30pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2:30pm and 7:30pm



Adult £7

Child £5

Tickets available from Piglets Haberdashery, Fore Street, from P2S team members at rehearsals and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/page2stagesaltash Can be purchased on the door subject to availability.

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY QUEEN

STORY AND SCRIPT BY BEN ELTON

YOUNG@PART EDITION ADAPTED BY MARC TUMMINELLI AND ORIGINALLY WORKSHOP AT BROADWAY WORKSHOP IN NYC

WE WILL ROCK YOU Young@Part \* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW) www.theatricalrights.co.uk

# **Looe Raft Race 2024**

Sunday 16th June at 1.45pm



Organised jointly by Looe Boat Owners and Looe RNLI to raise funds for Looe RNLI





Elite - Looe Beach then under bridge and back to RNLI slipway



#### **Entry Classes**

Junior Adult Fun Elite

Entry Fee
£6 per adult
£3 per child
Plus any sponsorship
money raised

Juniors - Little Beach to RNLI slipway

Snown in 1970.



Adult Fun - Looe Beach to RNLI slipway
Shown in WHITE DOTTED plus 2006

Class winner prizes plus awards for Best Fundraiser and Best Fancy Dress

For further information contact
Dave Peat on 07747 488 488 OR Vicky Peat on 07747 488 489
OR Ann Watson on 07734 283 356
Email: raftrace@lboa.co.uk

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- Free hot dogs and burgers for the first 60 people
- Garden games
- Teddy tombola
- Craft stalls and more



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# News & Events Performing Arts



Massive thanks to our amazing Performing Arts helpers today; what a TEAM! We have tidied away the rest of the props and costumes from Oliver and can't wait to start thinking about the show for next year Well done everyone; thank you so much for your incredible work.

Miss Frances and Miss Jones 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024



# News & Events Theatre Royal Plymouth



Miss Frances and Miss Jones returned the Oliver! JR costumes to the Theatre Royal Plymouth today. Thank you so much to the costume department for your support: we LOVED the costumes ♥

Please support our local theatre when you can by getting your tickets to some of the amazing upcoming

shows: <a href="https://theatreroyal.com/whats-on/">https://theatreroyal.com/whats-on/</a>



# Ski Trip Austria 2024



During the half term we were lucky enough to take 39 lovely young people to St. Anton in Austria's Tirol region for an epic 6 days of skiing and fun. We were blessed with really good snow conditions and terrific instructors which, along with great evening entertainments and a lovely hotel all contributed to another amazing ski week. This is the 16th trip I have run in 15 years and this was definitely one of the very best with the progress made by some skiers being really exceptional. Next winter we are off to Italy and with that trip, as is always the case, filling up in 4 days last September, we are eagerly looking forward to launching ski 2026 this coming September. Many thanks to Jen Rogers, Dan Budd, Emma Gue and Jack Perry for being part of the TEAM and making it possible.

#### Mr Mark Feldwick





# PE Department

We are proud to share with you below an email from Phil Roberts, programme lead for Teacher Training at Marjon.

We have strong links with the University and it's great that they recognise our PE department as one of their strongest partners in Initial Teacher Training.

#### Dear Dan

I am delighted to share my experience of Saltash Community School and most notably the PE Department as part of the Marjon Teacher Education Partnership. The expert mentoring provided by the PE department has been instrumental in facilitating growth for all trainee teachers who have experienced a placement within Saltash Community School. Their consistent attendance to all mentor training opportunities showcases their dedication to staying updated with the latest pedagogical processes.

As Saltash, adherence to policies and practices is paramount, ensuring a structured and supportive environment for out trainees. From day one, 'feeling a sense of belonging', thanks to the inclusive culture fostered by the PE department. Their high expectations set the bar for excellence, motivating our trainee teachers to be innovative and strive for their best.

What truly sets Saltash apart is their enthusiastic embrace of evidence-informed research and practices in PE. The positive response from staff members to such initiatives is palpable, resulting in a curriculum that is rich in innovation and effectiveness. Marjon trainee teachers have the privilege of experiencing firsthand the implementation of these practices, which have greatly enhanced their professional development.

In conclusion, the Saltash PE department stand as a beacon of excellence within our teacher education partnership. Their commitment to mentorship, adherence to best practices and embrace of research-based approaches make them invaluable partners in shaping the educators of tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Roberts
Senior Lecturer

Programme Leader for Secondary Undergraduate Initial Teacher Education Marjon Teacher Education Partnership

Mr D Budd PE Teacher



Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023 Top 2 in England for Student Satisfaction

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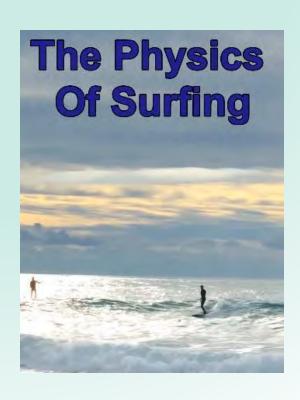


# Science News Physics

Katie D (Year 12), with the help of Mr Dan Trafford has entered into a competition run by the University of Oxford. Katie needed to submit a video on the subject of 'what lights up your love of physics?'

'For me this highlights the great progress our Physics team are making inspiring students, and of course my other passion' For me this highlights the great progress our Physics team are making inspiring students, and of course my other passion, surfing. Katie has been with surf club for years

Mr C Henderson Head of Science



# **Sporting News**

# **English Schools Football Association**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, our U13 girls' football team smashed it! 16-0 v Treviglas in the English Schools Football Association ESFA cup. Well done to Laila and Nyla for being selected players of match!



# Saltash EXTRA

#### 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	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 Rm 33	Mrs Kellaway Ms Edwards
Health and Social Care	11	Wed	1.20 - 2.00pm		
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** 



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School

# Saltash EXTRA

#### 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	w Rehearsal 7-13 Thu	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

#### 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 poortunities to collect house oints 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 Sain 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 M	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 47	Miss Sayer
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	g	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



# Respect for our staff

Sadly, like many public institutions, we have seen a rise in the number of incidents of threatening or aggressive behaviour, both from visitors to our school and in communications via email or on the phone. Saltash Community School will under no circumstances accept this kind of behaviour towards our staff and this will always be recorded and reported to relevant agencies should this occur. Please note this also extends to proper use of social media platforms.

Please treat our colleagues with respect. We work hard to do our best for your children and will always make time to communicate. We simply ask that you make an appointment, should you need to speak to a member of the team, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



Our staff will always treat visitors with respect, and we expect to be treated with respect in return, even if there is a disagreement.

Our team are here to help and should be able to come to work without fear of violence, abuse, harassment, intimidation, or discrimination, as in any workplace.

We have a zero-tolerance policy for these behaviours and reserve the right to ask you to leave the school premises. We may also need to follow up aggressive incidents with other agencies.

Thank you for your co-operation.

