CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS HAVE ARRIVED!!
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Our school Facebook page for parents/carers is:
St Sampson’s High School, Guernsey.

We aim to keep Parents/carers up-to date with all the latest news and events, posting any last minute messages where possible. Parents/carers may find it useful to ask non urgent questions on here, of a general nature, which staff may be able to answer.
A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Greetings to you all, school is very Christmassy at the moment and we are all looking forward to a festive break. Our Carol Concert at Vale Church put us in the mood for Christmas and Mrs Coughlin, from Hautes Capelles and I judged the best decorated Christmas Classroom, delighted to say our School Office Ladies, Mrs Bishop, Miss Ingrouille and Miss De La Mare won first prize for the office decorations. Mr Isabelle has run a Christmas tutor group selfie, which is causing a lot of interest.

Christmas aside, we have worked hard this term, our new Yr 7 have settled in well and are proving particularly talented at sports. Yr10 are applying themselves well to their new GCSE courses and Yr11 are beginning to feel the pressure with mock exams.

We have had considerable success in competitions lately, we were the winners of the Rotary Chef completion. Ex-student Imogen Conlan’s GCSE work from last year reached the finals of the Sovereign Art Prize and was successful in winning. Imogen’s work was up against other GCSE work as well as 6th form students from all the schools across the Island. We had the winning entry in the Asdan Christmas card competition, read more about some of these events further on in the newsletter.

Our PTA ran a very successful table top sale and have again, provided St Sampson’s and Le Murier with two beautiful Christmas Trees.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Bolt
Headteacher
**Staff News**

We shall be saying Goodbye and all the very best to Ms Barclay in the Science Department who was covering maternity leave. We wish her all the very best in her new position at LMDC High School.

**Children in Need**

On Friday 13th November, CIN day, the school raised approximately £1600. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Team Jonah!!**

Students have been busy raising money for TEAM JONAH! and continue to do so. Should you wish to donate to Jonah for his ongoing treatment you can donate to his Just Giving page [https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/jonah-gillingham](https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/jonah-gillingham). At the time of writing the fund is up to £45k. Jonah has a Facebook group: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jonah-Can-Beat-Cancer/1509340829344367](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jonah-Can-Beat-Cancer/1509340829344367) (Jonah Can Beat Cancer). You can also follow his progress on his YouTube links via that page. Thanks all for your support!

**Headlice**

Could we please remind all parents to check their child’s hair on a regular basis. We have had a number of cases reported this term. If you do find lice please treat immediately, comb through the hair with a headlice comb ensuring all lice and eggs are removed before sending your child back to school. It is imperative that the hair is treated one week after the initial treatment and the hair combed regularly to ensure all lice and eggs are removed.

**Car Park**

Please would Parents/Carers note that when they are waiting for students at the end of school they should use the designated car parking area to the West of the site. At no time should Parents/Carers park or wait in either the staff car parking area or the disabled bays. We have had problems with cars getting blocked in and we have the students leaving on their motorbikes and push bikes in this area and it needs to be kept clear at all times due to Health and Safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

**Baubigny Schools PTA**

To raise funds this term we held a Table Top Sale on Sunday 29th November which was hugely popular and had a lovely atmosphere throughout the afternoon. Thank you to St Sampson’s High Schools’ Brass Ensemble who entertained us all. Refreshments served during the afternoon included lots of cakes which had been kindly donated by PTA members, helpers and students. Many thanks to all who helped with the Table Top Sale, or came along and supported it!
### Mock Exam Timetable January 2016

*Exams in red are January season GCSE exams.*

*Check your timetable to confirm which subjects are in the different option blocks, eg Y11ARM/Rm = Resistant Materials in Option A, Y11BB1/Bs = Business Studies in Option B, Y11CMU/Mu = Music in Option C, Y11DCS/Cs = Computer Science in Option D - . Please speak to your tutor or Mr Giles-Phillips if you have any queries.*

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**Presentation Evening "Class of 2015"**

Tuesday 10\(^{\text{th}}\) November 2015 at 7.00 p.m Records of Achievement and Awards to were presented by **Mr David Harry, Chief Executive of the Guernsey Sports Commission**

We extended a warm welcome to all our invited guests, ‘the class of 2015’ and their family and friends. The evening’s celebration of the students’ achievements was an enjoyable one for all concerned and we hoped that they took away happy memories of your association with St Sampson’s High School.

**The programme for the evening was**

Music performed by St Sampson’s GCSE Students followed by the Welcome by Headteacher, Mrs Annabel Bolt. The Presentation of Records of Achievement to students of 11MSS, 11NCE and 11PBY with a speech from both Head boy – Seb Smeed and Head Girl Waritsara Khongyim-Creber.

Presentation of Records of Achievement to students of 11SAH, 11SWK, and 11VWE then followed. Presentation of Prizes and Trophies were made with speech from our Guest of Honour – Mr David Harry. Finishing with a Vote of Thanks from our current Head Boy, Thomas Rylatt.

The following students received recognition of their outstanding achievements in the following areas:-

**The English Prize** - Jake Le Page
The Derek Walker Prize for Mathematics - Nathan Pinchemain
The Science Trophy - Jessica McKenzie
The Language 1992 Trophy for French - Jade Mahe
The Biswell Trophy for Physical Education - Ben Relph
The Cardwell Trophy for Technology - Luke Laine
The Guernsey Dairy Food Technology Award - Bethan Batiste
The Image Design Graphic Trophy - Fiona Battle
The Robert Williams Shield for Engineering - Lewis Winberg
The Duke of Edinburgh North Youth Centre Award - Aimee Browning
The Business Education Trophy - Jordan Kelly
The ASDAN Shield - Connor Gallagher
The Rabey’s Garage Geography Shield - Holly Pinkard
The Rabey’s Garage History Shield - Imogen Conlan
The Reverend J Ironside RE Shield - Khiasten Henry-Marquand
The ITEX I.C.T. Trophy - Abby Enevoldsen
The Outstanding Achievement Award in Computer Science - Aaron Laine
The Blanc Bois Trophy for Art - William Thoumine
The Sinead O’Hara Drama Prize - Chloe Cataroche
The Music Prize - Bethan Batiste
The Creative Arts Trophy - Gracie Corbin
The Media Trophy - Demi Jade Anderson
The HMS Charydis Trophy for Services to the School - Khiasten Henry-Marquand
The Domaille Trophy for Service to the Community - Bethan Batiste
The Hazel Tetlaw Trophy for Effort and Determination - Matthew Shields

Thanks must go to the generous support of the Douzaines of St Sampson, St Peter Port and the Vale, we have been able to reward the achievements of these students by presenting each trophy winner with a book token.

School Committee Prizes for Overall Effort
Tiana Clarke, William Davies, Thomas Drumond, Caris Eker, Waritsara Khongyiim-Creber, Jemma Le Tocq, Jeffrey Ogier, Adam Quinn

School Community Award for Courage & Resilience - Jonah Gillingham

The Class of 2015 deserve our congratulations on their overall achievements.

English News from Mrs Appelqvist
As part of the Guernsey Literary Festival, our school is hosting a book bench; a bench shaped like an open book which has been brought over from the UK. Parents and students may have heard about this project and its success in London (visit www.booksabouttown.org.uk). This Guernsey variety will be decorated by some local art students along the theme of The Book of Ebenezer Le Page and was used in various events during the Literary Festival itself. It has travelled across a number of the local schools, and we are delighted to have been hosting it in our own reception from the 7th December. We hope it inspires our own young writers, and encourages our students to read for pleasure.

The English club, The Dead Poets Society, are currently working on a Shakespeare project alongside the Music and Drama departments and Le Murrier. On January 27th there will be an
evening showcase celebrating the work of William Shakespeare, and we will be exhibiting the media projects we’ve been working on this term.

**Music Exam Success!**

**Exam results** –

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed music examinations:

- Grace Juggins (10)  Grade 2 singing with merit
- Jana Shrigley (9)  Grade 6 violin with distinction
- Erin Vaudin (7)  Grade 2 violin
- Charlotte Lythgoe (8)  Bronze Music medal Award in keyboard with distinction
- Caitlin De La Mare (8)  Gold Medal Music Award in keyboard with distinction
- Benjamin Tasker (7)  Grade 6 Cornet with merit
- Cara Fitzpatrick (9)  Jazz Alto Saxophone Grade 1 with distinction
- Hannah Bourgaize (8)  Jazz Piano grade 1 with merit
- Cara Fitzpatrick (9)  Jazz piano grade 2 with merit
- Olivia Thompson clarinet Grade 2 with MERIT

Our musicians have had another busy Christmas performing in the community. The Brass Ensemble got us off to a great start and brought lots of Christmas spirit to the PTA Christmas Fayre on Sunday 29th November playing a range of traditional Christmas music.

Our annual Carol service at Vale Church featured contributions from the Orchestra, Choir, Brass Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Recorder Consort and Boys Vocal Group as well as some entertaining readings. As usual the musicians showed off their talents and enthusiasm to a packed church. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported and a special thank you and congratulations to all the students who have been so dedicated to rehearsals throughout the term. We also raised £377.78 from the carol service collection which is to be donated to Jonah Gillingham

Year 10 and 11 Choir members and the Chamber Choir entertained residents at Browhill Home and Chateau du Village Home on Monday 14th December. Christmas jumpers, santa hats and tinsel brightened up their performances and they brought much cheer to the residents in the run up to Christmas.

In addition to school events, a large number of our students have been involved in Christmas performances and pantomimes across the Island singing, acting and dancing. Erin Vaudin in year 7 has been busy performing vocal solos in a recent S.W.A.T.S concert and Matt Holland (year 10) was one of three secondary age students invited to be involved at St Martin’s Carol service held at St James playing 2 trombone solos. He has also been invited to perform with the Guernsey Choral society Orchestra playing trombone.
The ukulele group have been practising at Le Murier each week and gave their Christmas performance at Le Murier’s Carol service on 11th December at L’Islet Salvation Army Hall. As always they performed with confidence and were joined by Cara Fitzpatrick (year 9) on clarinet in a performance of ‘A Winter’s Tale’.

Another busy term coming up, here are some Creative Arts dates for your diary:

**Baubigny Shakespeare Evening** 27th January 7.30pm. Featuring Drama Club’s performance of ‘Macbeth’, ‘The Tempest’ performed by Le Murier drama group and original work produced by the English Department’s gifted and talented group ‘The Dead Poets Society’. Tickets on sale after the holidays.

**Going Solo** 16th February 7.30pm. A selection of musical items from both groups and soloists.

**Thirst Music School Battle of the Bands** 6th February 7pm at Beau Sejour (tickets available from [www.guernseytickets.gg](http://www.guernseytickets.gg) from 4th Jan) We have one confirmed band entry in this competition so far so please go along and support them. The winners will receive VIP passes to Jersey Live, the opportunity to play on the Jersey Live stage and a £500 cash prize from Thirst Music school. More details to follow.

**3rd-12th March Music Eisteddfod** The Orchestra, Choir, Brass Ensemble. Brass Quartet and St Sampson’s Stage Sound are all taking part this year. Performances will take place at Beau Sejour and St. James. Dates will be confirmed in the new year.

**M.A.D Night** 15th June 7.30pm A showcase of work from the Music, Art and Drama departments.

**Rotary Chef**

On Friday 27th November two students Callum Quinn and Jacques Gallagher took part in the Rotary Chef Competition. Callum won the Kitchen Craft Award and Jacques was the overall winner he will go onto the UK regional finals (he skinned, gutted and prepared the Rabbit and the Bream he needed for his dishes). I was one very proud headteacher!
Students’ sport report
Please continue to follow the PE dept on Twitter @sshspeddept
St Sampson’s High School Sporting Results November – Christmas 2015...

**Football Cup Finals**
Year 7 & 8 Kinder Cup final – Runners up
Year 9 Sigma Cup final – Runners up

**Football B Team Tournaments**
Year 7 B Team Tournament – 3rd place
Year 8 B Team Tournament – 2nd and 5th place
Year 9 B Team Tournament – 5th place

**Hockey (2 practice tournaments and final competition)**
Year 7 – 4th
Year 8 – 3rd
Year 9 – 4th

**Netball**
Year 8 – Lost 31-1 Grammar
Year 9 – Lost 34-17 Grammar
Year 11 – Lost 30-11 LMDC

**Netball Tournaments**
Year 7 – 4th
Year 8 – 4th
Year 9 – 2nd
Year 10 – 4th
Year 11 – 5th

**Girls Badminton**
KS3 – Lost 3-2 to Ladies College & lost 4-1 v LBHS
KS4 – lost 4-1 to Ladies College & won 4-1 v LBHS

**Girls Football**
Year 7/8 – won 5, lost 1 – joint 1st
Careers support for students

Careers
Twitter

Follow Ms Kaufman on Twitter to find out what is going on in the Careers Department and Careers in school – SSHSRKN.

Please keep on looking at www.stsampsonshigh.com and go to the Careers page for up to date information and advice and guidance on Careers. We post current vacancies there too!

Careers Advice Services

You can search information about lots of things relating to careers; how to apply for a job, finding a job and help with CVs to name but a few. Contact details below:-
**School Dates 2015/2016**

**2015 Autumn Term**

Friday 18th December  
TERM ENDS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

**2016 Spring Term**

Monday 4th January  
Staff return to School

Tuesday 5th January  
Students return to School

Thursday 7th January  
Year 11 English Exam

Friday 8th January to Friday 15th January  
Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 11th January  
Year 11 GCSE Maths Paper 1

Wednesday 13th January  
Year 11 English Exam

Tuesday 19th January  
Year 11 GCSE Maths Paper 2

Thursday 21st January  
Year 9 Options Fayre

Tuesday 26th January  
Going Solo Rehearsals

Wednesday 27th January  
Going Solo Performance

Thursday 28th January  
Sixth Form Information Day  
Year 10 Consultation Evening

Monday 8th February  
CofFE Individual Student Meetings

Monday 15th February  
Sixth Form Individual Student Meetings

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th February  
Half Term

Wednesday 9th March  
Closing Date for post 16 applications

Thursday 10th March  
Year 9 Consultation Evening

Friday 25th March  
Good Friday

Monday 28th March  
Easter Monday

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**Contact:** Sean Parry, Careers Adviser for St Sampson’s  
T: 733024 E: sparry@education.gov.gg W: www.careers.gg New and Improved website!  
You will find us in the Education Department at the top of the Grange.  
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm including school holidays
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