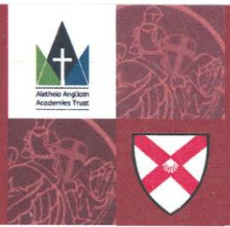




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Newsletter December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for the huge support that you give Saint George's. The community has faced many challenges over the last 12 months and with your support the pupils have continued to flourish and grow. The pupils do so much that we can be proud of, whether it is representing sports clubs, taking part in the performing arts, being part of GYG or raising money for local charities, the pupils at Saint George's get involved in so much in the local community and I am immensely proud of all they do.

Throughout November and December there have been some nasty flu and cold viruses which have impacted on both staff and pupils. Thank you for doing your utmost to keep us updated about any absence and for supporting your child's attendance. Hopefully the two-week break will allow everyone to recover and be back fit and well in January.

As always, I must thank the whole staff team for all they have done this year. They are amazing. The commitment of the staff to supporting all the pupils is something I am truly grateful for. They give so much to the Saint George's community. We are sad to be saying goodbye to some members of staff and I thank them for the work they have done for the children here. We look forward to welcoming the new staff who are joining our team in January.

We start back at school at 8.40am on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Please can all pupils be in correct uniform for the start of the new term. If you need any support with this, please contact your child's Community Leader.

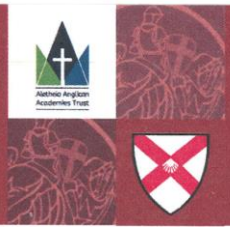
Further on in the newsletter are various links to additional support available over Christmas should you require it.

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

Matt Lillie

Head of School





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From The Music Department

Staff and Students over the last few weeks have been recording their own version of 'Merry Christmas Everyone'. All instrumental and vocal parts were recorded in our new recording studio. Here is a list of the performers; Gabriel McCloud, Callum Gregory, Evan Moore, Miss Cocks, Mr Finch, Miss Goldberg, Lola Taylor, Olivia Rayfield, Molly Thomas, Haydn Guildford-Ross, Lashe Onamusi, Lillie-Denise Curtis, Neave Devlin, Jacob Parker, Georgia White, Mia Blanchet, Mr Hawkins, Mr Mackey, The Technician Form for overseeing the production of the song. Well done to everyone involved! You can listen to the song by clicking the hyperlink below.

https://soundcloud.com/saintgeorgescofeschool/saint-georges-c-of-e-school-merry-christmas-everyone?si=cd8405804d164fc28e2429a5756d064c&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing

Returning in January

We return on Wednesday 4th January for Term 3. Some students may have had new piercings or had their nails painted for the festive period. However, at Saint George's School it has always been a policy that facial/nose piercings and acrylic/painted nails and false/extended eyelashes are not permitted. In addition, make-up is not permitted in Key Stage 3. False eyelashes are not permitted in Years 7-11. We have also seen an increase in the amount of jewellery being worn, can we remind you that one set of small studs & a watch are the only items allowed. Please can you ensure that your child is appropriately prepared for the first day so that there is no unnecessary conflict with the school.

Students should be in full school uniform from the start of term. Black trainers are not permitted. Shoes must be black, flat, and suitable for the school environment.

We have an issue with our supplier of school jumpers and are allowing a plain black V-neck jumper to be worn in the meantime. No logos or round neck jumpers are permitted.

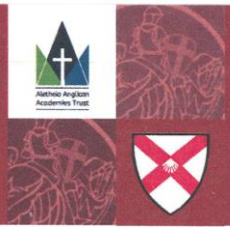
We have also written home about school skirts and ask that all students wishing to wear skirts, ensure that they are not of stretchy material and are of knee length.

Term 3 will begin with P1 with tutors, where students will be welcomed back by their form tutor and a full uniform check and equipment check will be completed.

Uniform Shop

Thank you to those who have donated pre-loved uniform to the school's uniform shop. We would love more donations, particularly blazers, PE kit and school shirts. If you have any spare items that you could donate, please drop into our school reception.





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Attendance

As we approach the end of Term, we would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day. We know lots of students and staff have been hit with illness over the last few weeks and appreciate those that have struggled in.

Can we remind you that if you need to report your child absent or to inform us of a medical appointment, please contact the Attendance Officer on or call the school on 01474 533082 Ext 3007 Please leave a message with your child's name, year group and reason for absence.

Please supply absence evidence regarding all absences from school so that each student's profile can be updated and authorised. We understand at times this is very difficult, please see below what absence evidence can be provided, this must be emailed to fryc@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

- Appointment cards/emails/texts/letters – GP, Hospital, Opticians, Interviews.
- Medication from Chemist showing picture of medication and receipt.

Kind regards

Carol Fry (Attendance Officer)

Safeguarding

We are aware that for the majority of people Christmas is a joyful time spent with family and friends. However, for some Christmas can also be a difficult time of year and concerns around mental health, well-being and loneliness can arise.

If you feel worried about yourself, your child, or another child you know please reach out for support during the festive season.

- The NSPCC are here to help 24/7 and children can call their Childline number on 0800 1111. Help for adults concerned about a child can call 0808 800 5000.
- Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258.
- Kooth is an online counselling service for young people and is free for them to access. Please visit <https://www.kooth.com/> for more information.
- Childline also offers online 1-1 counselling for young people. Please visit <https://www.childline.org.uk/> for more information.
- Gravesham food banks are also available to offer support to families in need. Please see <https://gravesham.foodbank.org.uk/> for more information.
- If you are concerned about domestic violence then please contact the police on 999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency) to report any concerns.
- You can also contact social services for support or advice on 03000 41 11 11.

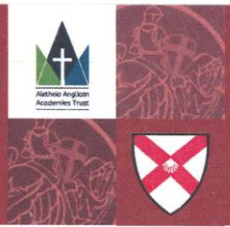




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The link below has been produced by the Virtual School Kent's Advisory Team and is designed to help those supporting trauma experienced children.

<https://www.virtualschool.lea.kent.sch.uk/perch/resources/vsk-information-christmas-for-children-and-young-people-who-have-experienced-traumachecked.pdf>

We wish you all a very happy and nurturing Christmas period.

The Pastoral Team

