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Dear parents/students/alumni/friends,

Welcome back to a very soggy start to the new year. At least we are now seeing a constant electricity supply!

This time of the year we see a focus on mock examinations. Last week Mr Izzett lead a very worthwhile mock examination feedback session for Year 11's and the Sixth Formers are preparing for their mocks which are imminent. The indications are that this year's senior students will, once again, do themselves and the school proud. They are setting the initial benchmark for the next 60 years of our school.

You will notice that we have freshened up our school badge for the new era with a clearer globe and more convincing leopard. A copy of it is at the top of this newsletter.

This week work is starting on a new guard house at the top car park. After that we shall be working on the shelters, the car park surface and then building a new reception building. This is scheduled to be completed by the end of term 3. Also, Mr Phillips is working with architects and the PTA on a significant project in PE. Watch this space; it's quite exciting!

K P Smith, Head Teacher

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Calendar Dates

January

23rd

Year 7 Parents evening

26th

Senior Hockey Fixture

28th

Open Evening

February

1st - 3rd

Inter-Schools PE Fixture

AS and IGCSE Physics Saturday Extra Help Sessions

The Physics Department has been running extra help sessions for Year 12 students, starting last Saturday the 19th of January 2019 from 10.30 to 12.00.

The focus is on exam question practice and coaching on exam techniques. All Year 12 Physics students are encouraged to attend these sessions.

Similar programme will be running for IGCSE Physics starting Saturday 26th January 2019 from 09.00 to 10.30.

Mr Narkotey

(Head of Department)

Lunchtime swimming

The pool will be available for lunchtime swimming as from 22nd Jan.

Kindly note that priority will be given to those who are training for:

1. GCSE PE swimming
2. GCSE PE lifesaving
3. Those doing the lifeguard courses during half term
4. Nationals (March)

Please always ensure that the lifeguard is on duty and is aware of your presence before you enter the pool.

Thank you,

Anna Gaunt

PE Department

A look ahead to Sixth Form Term 2

As we approach a busy time ahead for our Year 12 and 13 students this term, it's important to thank the work of our parents in your support of our students during term 1 – it was full of adjustments and events, as well as the occasional resits for some.



We have now completed our first round of university applications and with over 40 students applying to UK universities and over 25 applying to colleges in the USA, it's been a busy time for myself, Mr Harvey-Craig, Mrs Hove (our Careers & Guidance Counsellor) and our fantastic Sixth Form Tutor team – students making applications to universities in Malawi, South Africa, Australia and others will be working hard to submit applications over the next few months as well as the continuation of students writing SAT (USA), NBT (South Africa) and IELTS (English Proficiency tests). We wish our students the very best in the receipt of offers and scholarship awards for their chosen universities.



In Life Skills this term, we have a good range of external speakers for our Year 12 students and our Year 13 students will be focussing on the development of their cooking skills with Mrs Daniel as well as Driver Awareness and Safety with an external leader. In addition, we are running our own school Presidential campaign with Year 12 and 13 students working together in order to be elected for a special event coming in March.

Finally, the most stressful part of term 2 will be our upcoming mock examinations for AS and A2 courses; they will take place w/c 11th February 2019 – further details and the timetable will be released to our

students soon but a short target report and Parents Evening will take place after the mid-term break. Attendance over the next few weeks of school will be crucial for the success of our students and we hope that parents can support us with ensuring that their child is proactive in the approach to studies and preparations for mock examinations.



The term will culminate in the appointment of our new Prefects – selection and training will take place after this half term and our new prefects will take on their full responsibilities after the Easter break.

As always, we are here to support you and our students; if you wish to meet with either myself or Mr Harvey-Craig then please contact us via email at pstubbs@saints.mw or aharvey-craig@saints.mw

Mr P Stubbs

Director of Sixth Form

Year 11 mocks results ceremony

This annual event wrapping up all the hard work that our Year 11s had put into their mocks just before Christmas was held on January 16th. As students received their certificates, the tears of joy and tears of disappointment showed the full spectrum of emotions in the room, however, the

focus was not on the grades but rather what they showed in terms of areas to improve in Term 2.

The most inspirational words were delivered by two Year 12 students, Audrey and Hadi, whose recent experiences of the final IGCSE year are living proof of the vast progress that can be made between the mock examinations and the final ones. We heard that it's never too early to start revision! As teachers, we hope this message and the event itself last week will spur our Year 11s on to even greater success later in the year. We wish them all the best.

Mr T. Izzett – Head of Years 10 & 11

How the new grades compare with the old ones

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6 5 STRONG PASS 4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Source: Ofqual



The new IGCSE grading system explained