



# The Crimson Cross

## HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Wow, what a fantastic year we have had at Saint George Catholic College! It has been an absolute honour to document, report on and celebrate just a fraction of these wonderful trips, events, staff and students here in the Crimson Cross.

With this, our 4th and final edition of the academic year, Mr Scott and I just want to take the opportunity to thank all of the incredible young journalists who have produced so many fantastic articles for you to enjoy in the Crimson Cross this year. They really have shown independence, originality and professionalism throughout this year, and should feel very proud of the continued high-quality work they have published.

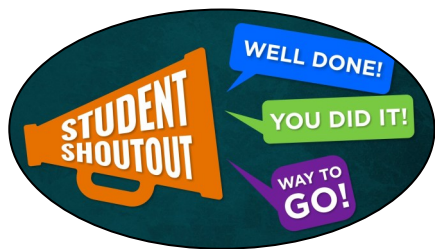
We wish you all a restful summer.

*Miss J Templeman, Mr J Scott*

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## PUPIL SHOUT OUT



This end of year pupil shout is slightly different. We at the Crimson Cross would like to take the opportunity to say a huge congratulations to all of the year 11s who are now enjoying a well deserved summer holiday.

We hope that they feel very proud of everything

they achieved during their time at Saint George. The final year of school is challenging and takes a lot of hard-work and dedication.

I'm sure you will join us in wishing them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.. Here at Saint George we ASPIRE to be all that God has created us to be and we pray that year 11 will continue on this journey of discovery.

We look forward to welcoming them back as we celebrate their GCSE success on results day: Thursday 21st August.



*Year 11 shirt signing after their Leaver's Mass.*

## YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY RIVER TRIP

This summer term, some year 9 geographers went on a school trip to Monks Brooke River in Eastleigh.

Our hypothesis to either prove or disprove was "The discharge of the river increased the further downstream you go", we partially proved this hypothesis.

It was a very educational trip and it was good to see all the parts of the river in real life.

I spoke to people who went on the trip and here are some things they had to say:

"It was nice to actually get in the river and take measurements, I felt really involved" - Anonymous, Year 9.

"It was very educational, I got to hang out with my friends, spend time in nature and the weather was really nice." - Zuzanna Tylecka, Year 9.

"Very organised event. Safeguarding was taken seriously, spare equipment was taken for children with extra needs. It was very enjoyable. We had free time to enjoy nature and felt fulfilled and therapeutic."- John Parker, Year 9.

Overall, it was a very nice trip and we all learnt a lot and had a lot of fun.

*Written by Veronica Kiver*

## ASSESSMENT TERM AND THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Assessments! Assessments! Assessments!

This last term at Saint George was full of assessments: from GCSE exams to Year 7 maths tests. Our well-deserved holiday is just around the corner. But before that, I interviewed some Year 7 students about which assessment they found hardest. I found that a mixed number of students found Geography, Maths and Science more on the challenging side.

I also interviewed Zuzanna Tylec about the Polish exam, where some students were entered to do a baseline Polish test to put them forward for an optional extra polish GCSE if they wanted. Here is what she had to say: "The Polish exam was actually pretty easy for me, since I go to Polish school every Saturday to learn the skills you need in the test. We read and translated a few passages and then we wrote about things like our summer, diet etc. It was actually pretty fun as someone who likes writing in general. I would take it for GCSE."

Despite challenges, I found out that many students tried their best and reaped the rewards! Speaking of rewards, the upcoming August holiday is certainly a reward for many Saint George pupils! Of course, we won't be seeing our Year 11s next year so on behalf of St George we wish you all the best of luck in your future!

*Written by Ry-Lee Jones*

## A PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR



Dear Lord,

We pray for your help to keep all students safe over the summer holidays, so that they can return safely and be prepared for their education.

We are sorry for any sinful behaviour over the last academic year, and we say thank you for all the times you helped us make the right decisions.

Amen.

*Written by Veronica Kiver*

## YEAR 7 CAMP

Summer Camp at Ferny Crofts, an event where a lot of year 7s were looking forward to.

For many students, camp was far from a typical school week, it was a unique blend adventure, learning and personal growth, leaving a lasting impression on all who participated. Forget about comfy beds and Wi-Fi, this camp was about getting back to nature. From the moment we arrived it was a whirlwind of activities designed to get us thinking, moving and working together. We spent our days climbing, jumping, building shelters and working together to complete tasks and challenges.

But one of the main highlights for everyone was sleeping in the tents. There is something truly special about zipping up your sleeping bag, giggling through the night, listening to the sounds of the forest, sharing stories and waking up feeling like a true adventurer ready to take on the challenges of the next day. Another great experience was cooking food over an open fire. This made it taste so much better than it normally is, bacon, bread and marshmallows tasted amazing.

This camp was not just about fun, even though we had a lot of it, it was about relying on others, making new friendships, pushing ourselves out of our comfort zone, discovering skills we never knew we had. We learnt that even the trickiest challenges feel manageable if we work together and that the best memories come if we step away from screens into the great outdoors.

Our forest camp was a memory to never be forgotten.

*By Leo Ascensao*



*Cooking marshmallows over an open fire.*

## SPORTS DAY

This year's Sports Day was a very fun and enjoyable day. The sun shone as Years 7-10 came onto the field to cheer on their tutor groups. The morning consisted of the field events such as the shotput and long-jump, and the afternoon was filled with the running events – short and long-distance and tug of war. The highlight of the afternoon were all the relay races, and the atmosphere on the side of the track, with everyone cheering on their friends and tutor groups! Well done to all who took part and all the winners from the day.

The tuck shop was a particular highlight with the sports day 'athletes' purchasing some well deserved treats to reward their efforts!

A huge thank you to all the teachers that organised Sports day 2025 - it was amazing.

Bring on next year!

*By Adam Miell*

# JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The Junior Maths Challenge (JMC) is a big competition in the UK where students do complex maths equations to get points. Those with the most points will move onto the next stage and compete with each other.

A massive shout-out to George K for completing the Junior Maths Challenge and making it into the finals, and everyone else who participated as they have worked hard to make it onto the test and complete it.

## Interview with Mr Horrocks

### 1. Do you think the JMC is a good way for students to use their reasoning skills?

Absolutely. It is an important way for our high ability students to really push themselves and discover a love of problem solving and reasoning through maths.

### 2. Is there anything you would change about JMC?

It is a lovely way to engage with problem solving, but I would like to see some different tiers of challenge to help engage students of different abilities.

### 3. What do you think is a common misconception students have about the challenge?

I think students can be afraid of the challenge, at times. I believe they think it is about really challenging maths, but really the topics are accessible to them they are simply framed in a more challenging way.

### 4. How do you think the challenge helps students beyond maths?

Problem solving and reasoning is indispensable in today's job market, so developing these skills at a young age is very powerful for our students.

### 5. Best way to prepare?

There are lots of online resources and YouTube videos that can help students prepare for the challenge. Also; watch the 1% club.

### 6. What should a student do if they don't know/understand the question?

Whatever they do, they should not guess. It is a multiple choice challenge, but it is important to maintain the integrity of the challenge. Students should want to get a true picture of how successful they have been, and guessing can skew this. My advice is to leave the question and move on.

### 7. Anything else?

Don't forget to try Mr Horrocks's "enjoy the challenge" question each term on the numeracy posters.



*George with Mr Habberley after qualifying for finals!*

*Written by Thays P and Zuzanna T*

## FAREWELL INTERVIEW WITH MISS SMITH

Recently, I got the opportunity to interview Miss Smith, who is sadly leaving our school this year, to find out about her experiences as a teacher in our fantastic school



**How long have you been working at Saint George Catholic College?**

3 years

**What were some of your most memorable moments at this school?**

The school productions (performing arts) and events such as Romero day where the whole school works together to raise money for a good cause.

**What will you miss the most about STGCC?**

The community of staff and students at St George and how welcoming and supporting it is. Also, I am going to really miss my tutor group.

**As you are a science teacher, was there anything that happened during a science practical that you will never forget?**

When the bottom of a glass was dropped onto a Bunsen burner twice in one lesson.

**What was one thing you always liked about this school?**

Again, how welcoming it is.

**Any messages to anyone reading?**

Thank you to everyone who has supported me. Thank you for all the laughs, giggles and friendships. Keep being St George! It's such a special place. I'm not going to say goodbye, just see you soon because I'm going to keep in touch with people and come back to visit for special events. Miss Street, Mrs Fishers and Miss Templeman will keep me posted.

*By Jonah Tomy*

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THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS FOR ALL THEIR HARD-  
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*"There is a highly aspirational culture where pupils want to work hard and achieve well"*

*"Expectations for behaviour are extremely high and pupils live up to these"*

*"The school is 'one big family'"*

*"This is a truly inclusive and welcoming school"*



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