



The Crimson Cross

THE SUMMER EDITION

We have now reached our 10th and final edition of the academic year.

I want to take one last opportunity to thank all of the incredible young journalists who have created a variety of informative and entertaining articles for your reading pleasure. School is a very busy time, so to take on the additional responsibility of sourcing and writing stories in their own free time really is a credit to the level of dedication these students have.

Enjoy the long break—may it be both adventurous and restful. We look forward to reporting back to you in September.

Best wishes,

Mr J Scott

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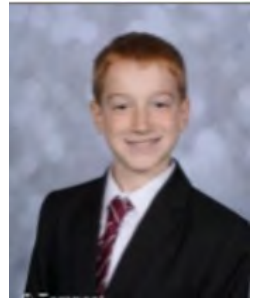
At St George we Aspire to become all that God created us to be

PUPIL SHOUT OUT



Pupil Shout out is a way to reward and celebrate people's good works and deeds around the school. This pupil is long overdue an acknowledgement.

This Terms Pupil Shout Out is... **Adam Miell (8KO)**



This was a very close call as everyone in our school has been outstanding this academic year but Adam particularly caught our eye. Since Year 7, Adam has been a role model to both students and teachers at St George as he always goes above and beyond in all that he does. He consistently shows kindness, respect, and 100% effort in everything he does. From nearly being a grand finalist in Poetry By Heart, to becoming an Equality Advocate and also his dedication to the Mastery tasks in English.

Every day, Adam always shows the ASPIRE values to people he knows or people he doesn't know. Adam is never afraid to stand up for what is right and always encourages others to make positive choices. His attitude and leadership have had a great impact on those around him, and I believe we can all learn from the example that he sets every day. Congrats Adam and keep up all the work you do!

By Caydan Chituh

STAFF SHOUT OUT

Our young writers here at the Crimson Cross decided that it would be nice if some of the staff at Saint George also got a special mention! Staff Shout Out is here to celebrate the effort that goes in to supporting the pupils in school.

This teacher has particularly impressed the Crimson Cross with their ability to both mentor and motivate fellow staff and students.

This terms Teacher Shout Out is..... Mr D Walford!

Most of you will already know our school chaplain Mr Walford. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for the dedication, patience, and encouragement shown to every student. He isn't just a teacher, he is a motivator, a mentor and a role model for students. In Mr Walford's day to day life, he is a compassionate teacher who shows the ASPIRE values to every pupil and teacher in our school. The team at the Crimson Cross would like to say thank you for your passion for teaching and commitment to helping us succeed have made a lasting impact.

Congratulations on Teacher Shout Out and keep up all the work you do for the school!

By Caydan Chituh



CITY ATHLETICS

Athletes do St. George proud at the City Athletics Championships

On the 16th June, the year 7 and 8 athletes went to the track at Southampton Sports Centre. They took part in a variety of track and field events in the summer heat! Track events ranged from sprinting 100m to the challenging long distance events. Highlights included one of the year 7 boys winning the 1500m and the girls making it to the final of the 4x100m relay with many others finishing in high positions. The year 8s continued their success with bronze medal finishes in the 800m and 1200m and the girls winning gold in the 4x100 relay.

We would like to thank all the P.E teachers who gave up their day to take us there, helping with the success of the event and cheering on the St. George team!

Well done to everyone that participated and did the school proud!

Adam Miell



Credit: Southampton Athletic Club

A SUMMER PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



With our hearts full of gratitude, we wrap-up another remarkable year at Saint George Catholic College. We thank You for the blessings of wisdom, resilience, and commitments towards our journey of attaining knowledge.

Bless our dedicated head teacher, teachers, staffs, and all those who work tirelessly behind the scene (governors, catering team, cleaners, receptionist, nurse, supervisors, site management team) to support and inspire us, and whose outstanding dedication has brought national honour to our school.

Guide us as we walk forward, keeping the ASPIRE values alive in our hearts. May we always strive for **Achievement** with humility, nurture our **Spirituality**, **Prosperous** success in our learning and extend **Respect** to all, grant us the strength of **Independence**, the warmth of knowledge, and the grace to find **Enjoyment** in learning and serving our community.

As we come to the end of school term, we ask You to watch over us. Protect us, we pray for all over the world for peace and happiness, keep us united under the banner of Your love.

Amen

Sameer Kassamali



BOOK REVIEW

Book review: A Good Girls Guide To Murder

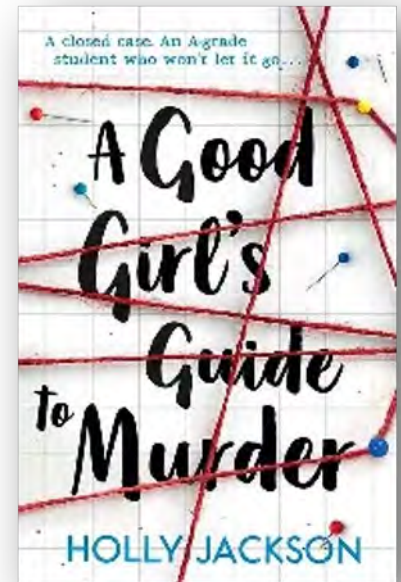
Author: Holly Jackson

If you're in search of a gripping thriller that will completely consume your weekend, then *A Good Girls Guide to Murder* (AGGGTM) is an absolute must-read! It will keep you on your toes with suspense! When tasked with writing a book review, I remembered coming across this book in my local library and simply could not put it down so naturally I couldn't help but choose it to review. Admittedly, I went into it expecting a light-hearted YA mystery, but the depth of the plot and characters caught me off guard in the best way possible and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. Written by British Author Holly Jackson, this is an outstanding mystery-crime novel and the first of two other books in a trilogy that I've yet to read but can't wait! The elements of mystery, thriller and crime woven into one fast-paced, high-stakes whodunit left me with a fantastic impression.

AGGGTM revolves around an investigation carried out by 17-year-old true-crime enthusiast Pippa (Pip) Fitz-Amobi, a student living in Little Kilton. The majority of the novel centers around the murder of Andie Bell and the supposed suicide of her boyfriend Sal Singh, convincing everyone he's to blame. 5 years later, Pip strongly believes he was falsely accused and that the real perpetrator is still at large, so she asks Sal's younger brother, Ravi, to help her investigate, initially under the guise of an EPQ project. However, each interrogation Pip carries out puts her in greater danger as well as closer to the truth, testing how far she'll go to unravel the mystery. She soon discovers though that there's more to it than she could ever have imagined

My favorite part of AGGGTM was the book's profound exploration of the concept of multi-media, by incorporating Pips production logs, interview transcripts and case notes, creating a truly unique narrative and immersive atmosphere, making me feel like I was investigating alongside her. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and would highly recommend it for readers who love themes of delivering truth and justice, deception and social responsibility.

Personally, I'd also recommend AGGGTM for fans of *One of Us Is Lying*! Overall, *A Good Girls Guide to Murder* is definitely one of my new favorites and I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the trilogy!



Now a major TV show. Credit: Netflix



Read and reviewed by Ry-Lee Jones

GREEN DAY

On Friday the 19th of June, St George Catholic College held a day for all students and staff to understand the sustainability of the earth and how humans are positively and negatively impacting our planet. This event was called **Green Day** and is held every year to raise money for specific charities that strive to make our planet beautiful and clean with less greenhouse gas emissions.

On this day, students were allowed to come to school in any non-school uniform that was green if possible and many others went all out to support the charities by painting their faces in the chosen colour or dressing in elaborate clothing. Thank you, *on behalf of the St George newspaper team*, to all those that participated with great effort.

Many fundraiser ideas for the charities 'Greenpeace' and 'Animal Aid' were included into the day, such as: £1 for entry and wearing green, 50p for watching the student talent show, and ranges of money for the bake sale.

When asking people on the day, most said that the talent show was most thrilling because seeing their fellow classmates go up and perform was truly a sight to behold. The pupils who took place in this spectacle are as followed below:

ACT 1: Izzy Limaj (Year 7) - Singing

That's so true - Gracie Abrams

ACT 2: Hannah Kraska (Year 7) - Singing

Skyfall - Adele

ACT 3: Zuzanna Tylec (Year 8) - Singing

My way - Frank Sinatra

ACT 4: Emilina Yau, Ry-lee Jones, and Gracie Gardener
(Year 8) - Dancing

Antifragile - Le Serafim

ACT 5: Magdalena Russel (Year 9) - Singing

Guns and Ships - Hamilton

ACT 6: Damain Kozlik (Year 9) - Piano Playing

Icarus - Tony Ann

1st place - Hannah Kraska - *Skyfall*
2nd place - Damain Kozlik - *Icarus*
3rd place - Emilina Yau, Ry-lee Jones,
and Gracie Gardener - *Antifragile*



Credit: Plantasia

All the acts and activities for green day were exquisite and truly spellbinding and a big thank you to Miss Rope who organised the day! It was in one word...AMAZING!

By Keira Channell

GALA GOALS

Trophies and Triumph: St George Celebrates the **Annual Sports Awards Gala**

On Tuesday 7 June, the community of St George Catholic College gathered for its highly anticipated annual Sports Awards Gala. The evening, which kicked off with a vibrant outdoor social event, successfully honoured the exceptional dedication, teamwork, and athletic achievements of the college's students over the past year.



A Festive Start: The Pre-Gala Barbecue

Before the formal ceremony commenced, students, parents, and faculty gathered on the school grounds for a traditional pre-gala barbecue. The atmosphere was incredibly lively as guests enjoyed a selection of hamburgers and hot dogs while socializing. The event served as a perfect prelude to the evening, bringing the community together in high spirits.

Elegance and Excellence on Display

As guests moved inside for the main event, the usual school uniforms were replaced by formal attire, with nearly everyone turning out in their finest looks for the celebration.

The ceremony itself recognized a wide spectrum of athletic talent. Awards were presented for outstanding performances within internal school teams, official school representation, and notable sporting achievements accomplished outside of school boundaries.



Girls' Football Team Secures "Team of the Year"

While competition was fierce across all categories, several major awards defined the night:

The Best Personality of the Year: This prestigious accolade was awarded to the student who demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, leadership, and a positive attitude both on and off the field.

Team of the Year: In one of the most celebrated moments of the evening, the Girls' Football Team took home the coveted trophy, recognized for their incredible teamwork, resilience, and stellar season.

The event concluded as a resounding success, leaving everyone inspired by the passion and team spirit of St George's athletes. With full stomachs from the barbecue and trophies in hand, the college successfully wrapped up another remarkable year of sports.

by Leo Ascensao

FAITH DAY

Faith was brought to life across our school as students celebrated this year's Faith Day on Wednesday 8th July.

The event is inspired by the Catholic mission to deepen our relationship with God and serve him in our everyday lives. Rooted in the Gospel values taught by Jesus Christ, during periods 1, 2 and 3, our pupils got to participate in a variety of different workshops, such as some singing from Romsey Abbey and a presentation from Highfield Church about filling our hearts with joy and happiness, praising the Lord! In the afternoon we anchored our minds into worship and reverence before God within mass, with a reflective activity in tutor before or after! To then wrap the day off, staff and students got to enjoy a refreshing ice lolly together before going home happy with the day.

Let's hear how our students thought of Faith Day:

"I enjoyed the different activities around the school because it gave me the opportunity to boost my faith."
– Jada-lee Jones

"Faith Day is not just a day to learn about faith, but rather a day to connect with others, have fun and heal your mind and soul." – Sean McGrath

"In my opinion, Faith Day brings out my true being, being able to express my faith to others and for them to understand where I gain my belief is truly satisfying. I believe Faith Day helps connect us to our beloved Father above and deepen our relationship with him, improving our understanding as a Catholic ethos school."
– John Lucas Lugares

"I enjoyed when we got to learn from the visitors in the drama and dance studio, mass and I also liked the break with the ice cream!" – Thays Pereira

"It was really fun to sing with the Romsey Abbey volunteers!" – Nancy Footitt

Faith Day reminded us that being part of a Catholic community means following Christ's examples through our words and actions. As we return to our daily routines, we are encouraged to continue sharing God's love and making a positive difference in the lives of those around us!

By Zuzanna Tylec



Special celebrations took place in the school hall

THE MAN WHO SURVIVED TWO ATOMIC BOMBS



Jonah Tomy looks at a blast from the past.

Tsutoma Yamaguchi was a Japanese engineer who became famous for surviving both atomic bombs during the final days of World War 2.

On the 6th August 1945, Yamaguchi was in Hiroshima for a business trip when the first atomic bomb was dropped. He was less than two miles from the explosion but managed to survive. Three days later after this happened another atomic bomb was dropped in Nagasaki.

After the war he dedicated much of his life to speaking about the devastating effects of nuclear weapons. His story remains a remarkable example of resilience in modern history.



Credit: @pastpreserved

Random Fact: Did you know that the Hiroshima bomb was code named “Little Boy” whereas the Nagasaki bomb was called “Fat Man”?

SEPTEMBER RETURN REMINDER

Calendar				
September 2026				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31	1	2	3	4
Summer Holidays			Yr 7 Induction ...	All students re...
	Inset Day	Inset Day		





THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS FOR ALL THEIR HARD- WORK IN THIS EDITION

- Leo Ascensao
- Keira Channell
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- Sameer Kassamali
- Adam Miell
- Jonah Tomy
- Zuzanna Tylec



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