

Newsletter 21 March 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer



Over the last two days Year 10 historians have visited sites from World War I on the Ypres salient in Belgium. These included commonwealth war graves sites such as Tyne Cot and Essex Farm, the contrasting German cemetery Langemark, two museums including reconstructed trenches and attending the Menin Gate ceremony.

Careers events this week

On Tuesday, 12 Year 9 girls were invited to Alconbury Weald, where Urban & Civic hosted **"Make Your Mark on Alconbury Weald"** – an inspiring event designed to showcase the diverse range of careers available in development, the built environment, property, construction, and related industries.

The event aimed to encourage young women to explore opportunities in these fields by highlighting the variety of roles involved in shaping new communities – from design, planning, and construction to heritage, sustainability, and community development. It also addressed key challenges such as creating attractive, healthy, and sustainable places to live, designing environments resilient to climate change, and embracing evolving energy technologies.

The students had an engaging and insightful day filled with interactive and engaging activities that promoted careers in these industries, as well as presentations from senior professionals at firms, including Bradley Murphy Design, David Lock Associates, and more.

On Thursday we had the pleasure of welcoming Arthur from the **RAF Engagement Team**, who delivered an insightful and inspiring talk to our Sixth Form students about the vast array of career opportunities within the Royal Air Force.

His engaging presentation shed light on the diverse roles available, from technical and engineering positions to aviation, logistics, and support services. Students also learned about the various pathways into the RAF, including the many apprenticeship opportunities. Beyond career prospects, Arthur highlighted the unique lifestyle benefits of joining the RAF, such as travel opportunities, professional development programs and personal growth.

It was a fantastic session that left our students informed, inspired, and eager to explore the possibilities that a career in the RAF could offer.

Town council AGM

Unfortunately, due to illness, I was unable to attend the St Ives Town Council Annual General Meeting on Thursday evening. I am really gutted that I wasn't able to be there, but I doubt spreading the 'lurgy' further around the town would have been a good idea either. I still hope to visit the council at their earliest convenience.

As questions were raised in advance, please find linked below the answers I provided for the meeting:

<https://www.astreastivo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Town-Council-AGM.pdf>

Parent engagement evening

Just a reminder that our next Parent Engagement evening is set for this Monday 24 March 2025 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm in the main hall. If you would like to submit any questions for inclusion in the meeting, please feel free to fill out the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gGfPFvBL70-q-gtugufqCmtFNXMeEpVKr-NMlbqauotUME5SNVU3S1Q1MjFTNzBDVkJZGU1cxSzhXNy4u>

Draft updated anti-bullying policy published

A draft of our updated Anti-Bullying Policy is now available in our website policies section, however for ease of reference, a direct link is provided below:

<https://www.astreastivo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/St-Ivo-Academy-Anti-bullying-Policy-2024-25.pdf>

As the Anti-Bullying Policy is a school developed policy, not derived from a Trust template, Mr Daly utilised guidance from the following websites as well as other school approaches in creating the draft:

- https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Updating_Writing_Your_Anti-Bullying_Policy%20%281%29_1.pdf

- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1598/anti-bullying-policy-example.pdf>

Parents/ carers, students and staff who wish to comment on the text of policy, ask questions, or request clarification can do so by emailing in to consult@astreastivo.org. Please can we ask that all comments are submitted before 4 April 2025 so that the policy may be finalised for the summer term.

The rest of this week's newsletter gives information about the forthcoming Year 8 parents'/ carers' evening, **some amazing sporting success which we are really proud of**, a reminder about gate opening times, and finally information about HPV vaccinations and holiday vouchers.

Yours faithfully

Tony Meneagh

Principal

Year 8 parents'/ carers' evening

Parents' evening will be held online on Thursday 3 April from 4.00pm-7.30pm.

Appointments can be booked via [SchoolCloud – St Ivo Academy](#). Booking open on Monday 24 March at 6am, and will close at 8am on Tuesday 1 April. If you have any difficulties using the online platform, please contact the school office.

If you wish to book an appointment for dance, please note that Miss McAdam teaches every student in year 9. We therefore kindly ask that you only book an appointment to see her if your child has particular interest in dance for further progression.

On the evening itself, please once again log on to [SchoolCloud](#) then click the "join video appointments" button. The system will then load your appointments, please see <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call> for further information. You can use most phones, tablets, laptops etc to access this service. Please note that in order for the evening to run to time, calls will automatically cut off at the given end time (there will be a countdown on your screen).

Weight-lifting success

Congratulations to Elliot R who competed in the English Age Groups which place at Oldbury Academy.



Elliot has been lifting for two-and-a-half years and was invited to join the GB Pathway at the beginning of the year so goes to Nottingham every six weeks.

Elliot does Olympic Lifting, which comprises of two lifts: the Snatch and the Clean & Jerk. He Snatched 96kg and lifted 112kg in the Clean & Jerk. As a result, Elliot achieved first place!

We wish him all the best for his next big competition, the British Championships, later this year.

Athletics success



Congratulations to Izzy H who ran for St Ivo Academy, representing Cambridgeshire in the English Schools Athletic Association national final in West Sussex last Saturday. Izzy came third for the Cambridgeshire Year 8&9 Girls team, and was the only Year 8 student to represent Cambridgeshire.

Earlier this month, Izzy also represented Cambridgeshire at the UK Athletics Inter Counties Cross Country Championships in Nottingham. Athletes from 42 counties were represented, including Welsh and Scottish teams. Izzy finished in third position for Cambridgeshire, and 189th overall from 308 athletes.

County Schools Golf Championship



Well done to the eight students that competed in this year's county schools golf championship at St Ives Golf. In particular to Year 13 student Jack B for coming fourth in the U18 handicapped division with an 83 net 69 and Year 8 student Harry B (pictured) for finishing second in the U16 Handicapped division with a Net 67 and rather impressively third in the scratch U16 division with a 78!

Silver gymnastics win!



Well done to Maddison who secured her first national-level medal with a score of 12.45 on the balance beam at the English Championships.

Read more about Maddison's success in the following HuntsPost article: https://www.huntspost.co.uk/sport/25012524.huntingdon-gymnast-madison-grundy-13-claims-silver/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2Yi35YiPIOJXIEXIYbhrrYLYcWLk27ZruF0mxafeJK-KZwnohXDouxiQo_aem_EoaIY_J_5I3mBE9SOYKNIA#

Late gate reminder

Just a polite reminder that our school gates are open from 8.15am to 8.30am daily. Any Year 7-11 students arriving after this time must come in via main reception, as they won't be able to access the turnstile, to ensure they are promptly registered as being present.

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

A reminder that these are being offered to all students in Year 8. Please see [the NHS letter](#) to provide your consent for or decline the vaccination for your child.

Vaccinations take place on Monday 24 March. All Year 8s should attend school in PE kit on this date. Classes will come to the hall at the times stated below.

Period	Time	Class	Subject	Teacher
1	8.55am	8M1	Geography	MFH
1	9.25am	8M2	Science	EHS
2	9.50am	8N1	Maths	AWN
2	10.15am	8N3	Maths	GCO
3	11.05am	8N2	Geography	LDT
3	11.35am	8S1	Science	EHS
4	1.10pm	8S2	Maths	NSA
4	1.35pm	8S3	Geography	RYE
5	2.05pm	8T1	Science	EHS
5	2.30pm	8T2	Science	ELL

Holiday voucher scheme

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing the holiday voucher scheme for families with children in receipt of free school meals. Please see links below for details.

[Parent Letter \(CCC\)](#)

[FAQs for Parents – Easter Holiday Voucher Scheme \(CCC\)](#)