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St George's School

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Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father, thank you that in-spite of your greatness, you are still a personal God to us. Amen

Junior Chapel - 10am School Uniform

From the Headmistress

I went to watch War Horse last weekend. Why it's taken me so long to go to see this amazing piece of theatre I have no idea, and why I waited until it was only on in Brighton, and why I managed to choose the only weekend with a replacement bus service from Three Bridges to Brighton is beyond me. So what did I learn from my experience:

1: Some things are worth making the effort for – it was amazing, a simple story but with complex undertones made accessible to all through the most amazing piece of creative puppetry that I have ever seen. We spent 1.5 hours on the bus, nearly 4 hours on the train, and nearly an hour standing on cold train platforms...but it was worth it!

2: Travelling with someone is much more fun than by yourself: I met up with a friend that I made whilst at university some 29 years (!!!!????) ago. We had a chat; we had a laugh; we reminisced and we put the world to rights. She is also in education, so you can just imagine some of the conversation.

3: You need to go prepared: sunny when we went in; horizontal rain when we came out.....no umbrella – bad move!

I suppose this one event encapsulates what I often think of life. In life, sometimes we need to make the effort; start new things that make us nervous, go to places we have not been to before and travel for long distances to see people and things that inspire and motivate us. At times the “thinking about it” and the journey we need to make to achieve these things can seem insurmountable. We are put off by the barriers that we feel are in our way. But boy, if you can motivate yourself to get off the sofa and make the effort to do something different very often the rewards far out-weigh the effort of getting there. Life is also much more fun with other people in it. Whether that is husbands and wives, partners, children, extended family members or just good friends, our lives become richer and more vibrant when other people are part of it, and share our experiences. And as for going prepared.....well one should really check the weather forecast before one sets out!

So whatever you do this weekend, make the effort, take someone with you and be prepared!

Enjoy!

Click on the link [MissB_at_StGs](#) and follow me on Twitter 

SENIOR PREFECTS Announced SENIOR PREFECTS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS 2018 - 2019

I am pleased to announce the following appointments

SCHOOL CAPTAIN Harry Brown

SCHOOL CAPTAIN Harriet Bell

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[Read more...](#) for House Captains, Deputy Captains

INTER-HOUSE DRAMA 2018

**Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February
In the Assembly Hall at 7.00 p.m.
Come and support your house!**



[Read more...](#)

GCSEPOD !

Calling all parents with children in Yrs 10 and 11.



[Read more...](#)

GREAT CURRY RUN 2018 LAUNCH

Dear Parents and staff

Please see attached the application form for you to do the 2018 Great Curry Run on...

[Read more...](#)

[GCR Application forms 2018 \(0.78 MB\)](#)

Record numbers of teaching staff already signed up for this years Curry Run 7 including Chalkley, Matthews, Howard, Brown, Brammall, Bland, Kyriacou, Timmins, Sayers, Holton-Gauss, Fox, Crossland, Ellis, Mackintosh, Terry, Hartley, Storrie, Lumsden, Foster, Theakston, Ashwell, Day, Tozzi, Mackintosh, **and** Emeny.

Is your teacher in that list? More important, are YOU ?



UPDATE: CONSULTATION ON GOVERNORS STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON DISCIPLINE

Many thanks for replies to the consultation which is now closed. Because Governors have to consider responses as part of their normal work schedule, we are unable to respond to any request for updates within our normal timescales, but we will explain the outcome of discussions once known, and certainly this term.

Guide to supporting young people with their Mental Health

Spot the Signs is a suicide prevention campaign helping to remove the stigma of talking openly about suicide. We provide...

[Read more...](#)

[Guide to supporting young people with their Mental Health \(0.81 MB\)](#)

Reminders & Notices

From the Exams Office

Please see below for some important information and deadlines. Year 13 parents will have been e-mailed separately regarding arrangements for statements of entry for GCE exams.

Friday 2nd of February: Year 11 bring home statements of entry for checking - notes will be available in the Exams area of the website. All corrections to be notified by the 9th of February.

Students in any other years sitting public exams will also receive their statements by the 2nd of February, with corrections to be notified by the 9th of February.

Please note that the white copy of the statement brought home does not need to be returned to school if all the details on it are correct - students have already signed another copy in school.

This is a very important exercise, and we would encourage parents to get involved. Any mistakes identified after the deadlines above will incur an administration charge.

Personal timetables (showing extra time allowances and/or clash resolutions where appropriate) will be issued to all students in the week immediately after the half term holiday.

Finally, Year 10 will receive personal timetables for their school exams on Friday 16th of March.

Paul McGillivray
Exams Officer

****PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES****

The School currently has two Parent Governor vacancies.

Please refer to correspondence from Debbie Thomas, Clerk to the Governors (emailed on 25th January) for further details regarding the election process.

For any parents interested in standing for election, completed nomination forms should be returned via Goddard Reception **by 4.00pm on Monday 5th February**.

Biographical details (maximum 80 words) should be emailed separately to Debbie at clerktothegovernors@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk.

If you have any queries regarding the election process, or are unable to access the nomination form electronically, please contact Debbie directly.

ALL year 9 and 10 Parents/Carers:-UPDATE: Year 9 & 10 immunisations

The window for completing the Online Consent Form has again been extended for St.Georges school. The closing date is now **Friday, 16th February**.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Call the absence telephone line 01582 765477 or email absent@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk Please state the pupil's name, year group, tutor group and reason for absence

Further to my notice last term, may I remind you that all students sitting public exams in the summer will be bringing home statements of entry to check in the next few weeks. This is an important process, and I will post a copy of the notes issued to help in the Exams area of the website (access from Learning or Information on the home page.)

Vacancies

LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHING ASSISTANT

This is a Term Time Only post, at 35.25 hours per week, on an H4 grade.

If you know anyone who would be interested, please direct them to teachinherts:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.teaching-assisant_45339.htm

PASTORAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Full-Time, 37 hours per week, Term Time Only

Are you an effective communicator, who can maintain confidentiality and integrity amongst your peers?

The postholder will support our Pastoral Support Manager in our Student Services team. They will work with a wide variety of stakeholders, although primarily with pupils.

Our Student Services team plays a vital role in supporting students with a wide variety of needs. All members of the team need to demonstrate empathy for young people, as well as resilience in dealing with what can be challenging, but rewarding situations.

If you are interested, please see our advert on the teachinherts website:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.pastoral-support-assistant_44839.htm

[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW ALL CURRENT JOB VACANCIES AT THE SCHOOL

Letters Home

[Brittany Letter and Friendship groups](#)

PE Fixtures

Please ensure you are following or have access to the Boys & Girls twitter account for any late notice changes to fixtures. The last few weeks have been very frustrating due to the home pitches being unplayable and we are glad to have been able to move games to the away venues.

[@StgeorgesboysPE](#)

[@StgeorgesgirlsPE](#)

PSA

The latest edition of the PSA newsletter is now available to view and download from the school website—please [click here](#)

You can contact the PSA at psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

Parental Support

Keystone Events -

Thu 1st Feb 2018 | 19.30-21.15

[Understanding Eating Disorders in Children and Teens](#)

Mon 5 Feb 2018 | 19:00–20:30

[How to ace GCSEs and A-Levels with less stress: tips for pupils and parents](#)

Thu 1st March | 19:30 - 21:15

[Understanding and Managing Anger in Children](#)

[How to Boost Your Child's Emotional Resilience – Full Course 6 sessions](#) -This six week course will run on Monday Evenings from 7-9.30pm on the following dates: Feb 19th, Feb 26th, March 5th, March 12th, March 26th and April 16th 2018 - ***ONLY 5 PLACES LEFT**

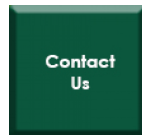
Community

To find out what's happening in our Community please [CLICK HERE](#)

Calendar

FEBRUARY		
Sat	3	Rugby v Tiffin
Sun	4	Junior Chapel - 10am School Uniform 10:00 Senior Prefect Investiture in Senior Chapel, school uniform 14:00 House drama technical rehearsal
Mon	5	Heads Commendations this week 16:00 Improving Pupil Outcomes 20:00 St George's Parents' Prayer Group email ruth.key@gmx.com for venue.
Tue	6	House Drama dress rehearsals, 2 houses 20:00 PSA Meeting, Go2
Wed	7	House Drama dress rehearsals, 2 houses 19:30 Florence Art Trip Info Evening, Chapel
Thu	8	House Drama performances, Assembly Hall
Fri	9	Deadline for Year 9 students to return GCSE option forms House Drama judged performances, Assembly Hall Year 12 RE Conference in Oxford 14:55 Boarders exeat from

Sat	10	
Sun	11	No Chapel



Don't forget to like us on Facebook. It is a great way of keeping up with news and events at school and the more we have online presence, the more people will be aware of cyber communication and how to keep each other safe

<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgharpenden>



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