



ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

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Headmistress

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Dear Year 12 Parents

**Sixth Form Survival Evening – Wednesday, 19th September 2018 in the Chapel 7 pm – 8 pm**

Welcome to St George's Sixth Form. We are pleased that your child has selected our School for their studies and has chosen to join our interactive community! St George's is a centre of excellence, with 14 students gaining Oxbridge places in 2018, and many more finding the 'right' route for their future success, through degrees, foundation courses, apprenticeships or training. We hope that your child is able to make the most of the opportunities offered here and is able to visualise appropriate goals that will enable them to thrive and thus enjoy their two years with us. Students, however, do leave for various reasons before the end of the two years.

Some students may find academic study too onerous; this can come as a shock particularly to those who did not experience difficulties during their GCSE studies. Their struggles in Year 12 may be their first encounter with what they perceive as 'failure' and they will need to develop the strategies to deal with this in order to become resilient.

Some students realise that they do not wish to abide by the contract they signed on accepting the place. Having the freedom of choice at this age brings with it responsibilities, which requires maturity, and we have provided a Sixth Form Guide ('Guide') that points out the best approach in order for them to thrive and remain at St George's, should they so choose.

The Guide aims to help both parent and student to understand how the Sixth Form works and it suggests ways in which students can be guided by parents as they mature and take greater responsibility for themselves. This advice is based on our wealth of experience and research that will enable you to support your child and ensure they flourish throughout their Sixth Form at St George's.

We invite parents to attend the Sixth Form Survival Evening so that we can expand on the information in the Guide and discuss the reasons our research shows as to why students do *not* thrive and what can be done to prevent this. We will also discuss what students can do should they find themselves struggling to cope in order to maintain a healthy approach to their studies. The evening will start promptly at 7.00 pm; if you are coming by car, please allow ample time to find a parking space as there is only limited parking available on site.

As individuals, Sixth Form students cannot be pigeonholed into a 'type' but certain behaviours and characteristics do lead to particular problems. Forewarned is forearmed and we hope that the evening will allow you to feel that little bit better prepared to support your child during these challenging two years.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Sixth Form Education

