



ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Miss Helen Barton MA
Headmistress

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 12 Activities Week: 1st July – 4th July 2019

We are writing to inform you of the choices available to our Year 12 students during Activities Week, which in Sixth Form is planned around writing an application for leaving St George's in July 2020.

Work Experience

We strongly believe that this will be extremely valuable to the students both in terms of their own personal development and also in how they could use the experience in future applications, particularly personal statements for employment or university.

It is the responsibility of the student to arrange/organise their own work experience. In order to help cut 'red tape' the Government has made it easier for work experience students to be treated as employees so that they will be covered by the existing Employers' Liability Compulsory Insurance policies. Any company that has this policy is insured to accept work placement students over the age of 16 years. Should you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Extended Learning Opportunities

Some students may be studying for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). These students can use the time available during Activities Week to work on their qualifications. Some students may find that Headstart, Nuffield or other courses may be available, which could also extend their learning (eg MOOCs). Eton Summer School often takes place at this time although only one or two students gain a place (applications from December: see Eton website). Activities Week can be used for extended reading, online lectures or visits to exhibitions or professional organisations. There are a range of possibilities for students to be able to enhance their personal statements by getting busy and planning well to utilise Activities Week.

If students do not have a work placement, planned learning experiences or visits organised, we will expect to see them at School in the Sixth Form Centre working on their extended learning opportunities and seeking advice on their personal statement writing and completion of their UCAS form.

Staff will be available each day from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm to work with students on extended learning opportunities, applications, interview skills, etc. Students attending School must sign in/out at the Aim Higher Reception and are to work in the upstairs Sixth Form Study Rooms (normal Sixth Form uniform rules apply).

We will ask students to inform us of their plans and they must bring in their plan on 28th March 2019. This is Progression Day and includes an evening event for parents/guardians to become better informed about the latest development of the post 18 applications process. Please keep the evening free if you wish to be involved and understand the process to support your 2020 Leaver.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Sixth Form Education

