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St George's School

Levavi Oculos : Aim Higher



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Prayer for the week

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

Sunday Chapel
Family Communion, School Uniform, 6.30pm

From the Headmistress

We're back! So welcome to the first enewsletter of 2019. I always find it amazing that in the darkest, most gloomy month the majority of us will try to start something new. The idea of the new

year resolution has really taken off over recent years, and many of us will have committed to eating more healthily; drinking less; exercising more; meeting up with friends more; spending more time with the family etc. etc. Sound familiar?

This week I threw a challenge down to the school during our start of term chapels. We considered at the beginning of 2019 what our world is like. On a rolling PowerPoint we highlighted famine in Yemen; fatal stabbing of a father on a train; Tsunami damage in Indonesia; five teenagers killed in Escape room tragedy in Poland; political disagreement at home; people's attitude towards others, and so much more. I must admit that when we had considered them all, it all seemed quite depressing.

The challenge was to consider which "lense" we chose to view life through. We talked about the fact that very often in our world we are "sold" the negative story. The "negative lense" would have us believe that our world is just one large disaster zone, and that all is hopeless within it. We considered that we could chose to view the world through a "positive lense", striving hard to find the positives in every story.

Political disagreement = democracy; Aid workers in Yemen; compassionate people comforting those who are bereaved; and so much more. Our third option was to view the world through Gods eyes. We considered that at times God may be frustrated, depressed and angry at what we on earth are doing to each other; but that His qualities of being "gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love....." (Psalm 103), may help us to view the world through His lense, perhaps relieving our own frustrations and therefore approach things in a different manner.

So the challenge for all of us this week is which "lense" will you chose to view the world through this year?

Miss B

Ps ..."Parable of the Talents"talking of positive, well done to NM from SRW (Monk) who raised £35 by organising a children's Christmas Party....and SH from KAA (Monk) who raised £115 making and selling hair scrunchies..... top effort!

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

Please be reminded that should you wish to contact the Headmistress you may do so via her PA's confidential email account admin@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS hbarton@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk WHICH IS NO LONGER IN USE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE **Sale of Water in school**

Dear Parents

Please be aware that as from February half term we will no longer be selling drinking water in school This change is aimed at reducing single use plastic waste in school which the sale of water creates. We therefore are asking you supply your child with a refillable water bottle which pupils can bring in to school and fill up at a number of water fountains and water points, which we have around the school site

May I thank you in advance for your support in this matter

Mr Hollingsworth

News and Events

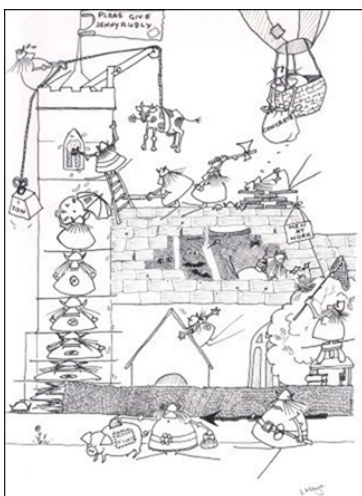


To the Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 Pupils

The Truth About.....Revision

A Fundraising Presentation for Parents

[Read more.....](#)



Parable of the Talents Chapel Roof Fundraiser Update

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely festive season. I have heard that there are many students with great fundraising projects going on, thank you for your enthusiasm and I wish you good luck.

Students who have already finished their fundraising projects are very welcome to bring their monies into school. Two students have already done this having raised funds by making and selling hair scrunches and hosting a children's Christmas party.

I would also like to thank parents who have made donations via Parentpay.

There are some students who have handed in their Agreement forms and are yet to pick up their £10 loan, I would like to encourage them to pop into the School House and collect their loan ASAP. For students who want to take part and are yet to return an Agreement form please print a copy from the link below and hand in the completed form to me in the School House.

<http://www.stgeorges.herts.sch.uk/About-Us/Development-and-Alumni/Parable-Of-The-Talents-Chapel-Roof-Fund-Raising-Campaign-1>

Please keep going with your creative ideas and please bring all monies raised along with the £10 loan by 30th April 2019. Good luck and thank you.

Colin Wareham
Development and Lettings Manager



CHESS CLUB

For more information please click on the link below:-

[READ MORE...](#)

Reminders and Notices

Thinking of training to become a teacher? You can train at St. George's!

The application window has now opened for teacher training positions at the school from September 2019. Details regarding the application process can be found at <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/ucas-teacher-training-apply-and-track> but if you are interested in the programme that we run as part of Alban Federation, and wish to find out more, please contact Mr Clark (aclark@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) at the school. Alternatively, information can be obtained *directly from the Alban Federation team via afgtpenquiries@sandringham.herts.sch.uk*

Medical Information

[IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION](#)

NHS November's Newsletter

[Advice on staying well in the cold weather](#)

Vacancies

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

Letters Home

Year 11 - Personalised Appointment Letters for the Opportunities at 16+ Evening to be held on 17th January 2019 were distributed via tutor base today to all those Year 11 students who had indicated that they would be attending. Any reply slips received after the 8th January 2019 will be processed shortly; the deadline for replies was 29th November 2018.

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.

[Extra Curricular Programme - Spring 2019 First Half](#)

[Girls PE Extra Curricular Programme](#)

[@StgeorgesboysPE](#)

[@StgeorgesgirlsPE](#)

PSA

You can contact the [PSA](#) at psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

St George's School PSA

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

PE Kits, Rugby Boots,
Lacrosse Sticks,
Blazers, Scarves and more

GOOD CONDITION - LOW PRICES
(Why not just come and get a spare PE Kit and Tiel)

Sat 19th Jan
10 - 11am
Arrive on time so you don't miss out!
The Assembly Hall

All Funds Raised
Go to the School

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Saturday 19th Jan - 10am - 11am
The Assembly Hall

Parental Support

Keystone

It's never too early to book

[Primary School Maths – the Basics for Parents](#)

Mon 21st Jan. 2019 | 7:30 - 9:15pm

Fleetville Infants and Nursery School, Woodstock Rd South Entrance, AL1 4QJ

[Understanding Adolescence – Positive Strategies for Parents](#)

Mon 28th Jan. 2019 | 7:30 - 9:00pm
The Maltings Theatre, St Albans, AL1 3HL

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

Mon 25th Mar. 2019 | 19.30-21.15
The Maltings Theatre, St. Albans AL1 3HL

[Growth Mindset – A Guide for Parents](#)

Mon 4th Mar. 2019 | 19.30-21.00
The Maltings Theatre, Level 2, The Maltings, St Albans AL1 3HL

[Raising Confident Children and Tackling Their Fears](#)

Mon 1st Apr. 2019 | 19.30-21.00
The Maltings Theatre, Level 2, The Maltings, St Albans AL1 3HL



A Free* 4 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12 to 19
The course will give you the opportunity to learn about:

- Being the parent of a teenager - the role of the parent and how to respond to difficult feelings
- Understanding your teenager - development, parenting styles, praise and criticism
- Communicating with your teenager - talking and listening, handling difficult situations
- Managing conflict with your teenager - rules and boundaries, problem solving

Fridays 9:30 - 11:45

25th January and 1st, 8th, 15th February 2019

In the Jubilee Room at Sauncey Wood School, Harpenden AL5 5HL

All information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change.

*£50 if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school

List of participating schools:
Beechfield, Colerne schools, Green school, Harpenden All Saints, High Leathers, Kippax, The Lees, Luton, Redbourn, Roundwood
St Albans/Watlington, Sauncey Wood, St. John's, St. Peter's, St. George's, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, Wood End

To register your interest please email dmarston@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk
You will be sent a booking form and places will be allocated upon receipt of your completed form and £25 refundable deposit.

My Teen Brain

25th January and 1st, 8th, 15th February 2019
In the Jubilee Room at Sauncey Wood School,
Harpenden AL5 5HL [Click Here](#)



SPACE Support Group
ST ALBANS
[Click here](#) for more information

SPACE Support Group



ST ALBANS - 11th January 2019
WELL BEING SERVICE

Supporting our Students and Staff in the Wider Community

A Heart Screening Day is being run by the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) here at St George's Secondary school on Saturday 26th January 2019 for 100 people aged 14-35 years.



Hi I'm Nick Gurteen, the year 13 Health Ambassador for Godford House. I am running the above screening day with CRY in memory of my cousin Matthew Cragg who died aged 21 of Sudden Cardiac Arrest in October 2014. Matt's father (my uncle) is keen for the money raised to date in Matt's memorial fund not only to be used for ongoing research, but to help run screening programmes like this one to prevent more families suffering the tragic loss we have. Currently in the UK, 12 families each week suffer such a loss – a staggering little known statistic.

Bookings will be dealt with on a first come, first serve basis, on-line directly with CRY. It is open exclusively to all students and staff at St George's School aged 14-35 on January 26th 2019, until Friday 23rd November 2018 when any remaining screening slots will be advertised more widely. Each screening normally costs £75, so we'd be very grateful for a donation of £25 on the day to help CRY run more of these crucial screening days.

Please click on the link below for all the necessary information to book a screening, and should you wish, to understand more about the charity CRY and read Matthew's story. Please ring CRY's helpline on 020 3691 0000 (open Monday – Friday 10am-5pm) for ANY booking related queries as the school and myself are not in a position to help with booking issues.

I look forward to seeing you on 26th January 2019.
Nick Gurteen

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CRY CARDIAC TESTING AT: ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL,
SUN LANE, HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE, AL5 4TD ON
SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY 2019 - [Click Here](#)

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

Community



Back to School.... and beyond
Programme begins - 4th February 2019 for Teachers looking to return to the classroom following a career break. [Click here](#) to find out more

Sustainability Festival 2019

Community - business - schools - faith groups
Organise an event that suits your group AND REGISTER before 31st Jan

Family walk, litter pick, repair fair, food, recycled crafts, community, growing... **It's UP TO YOU!**

#3weeks of events all about environmental sustainability - across St Albans, Harpenden and the villages - run by you.
www.sustainablestalbans.org

Register
 2nd Jan - 31st Jan

FREE to take part.

<p>TAKE PART Talk to your group, organise an event, Register the event, Support the environment.</p>	<p>YOU CHOOSE! Choose something linked to your group or business; choose the day, time and venue.</p>	<p>SUSTAINABLE LIVING Energy, food, waste, water, wildlife, community building, heritage, transport, culture, economy.</p>	<p>REGISTER YOUR EVENT Fill in the online form and we provide your event FREE</p>
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Across St Albans, Harpenden and the villages

[Click Here](#)

Calendar

JANUARY 2019

Saturday 12th

- Lacrosse v St Helens, 1sts, 2nds, U14 and U13 , Home
- Rugby v St Benedicts, U15A and B, U12A and B and C Home, U14A and B U13A and B and C Away

Sunday 13th

- Family Communion, School Uniform, 6.30pm
- Boarders Trip to Rock Up, Watford

Monday 14th

Week 1

- World Hug Day
- Teaching team time - review Year 11
- Performance and departmental action, 4pm

Tuesday 15th

- Mindfulness Program, 30 Year 9 students, 3.45pm
- Deputy Heads of House Training, Gr16, 4pm

Wednesday 16h

- PSA Meeting, Go2, 8pm
- Netball U12A,B,C and U13A,B v Haileybury, Away

Thursday 17th

- Opportunities at 16+ Evening (for all Year 11),
- 6.00pm onwards, Assembly Hall, Goddard and Watts Classrooms, Art Area
- Chess - the road to the Megafinal begins

Friday 18th

- 3pm - 7pm - Borneo Expedition 'Meet the Leader' Evening



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