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# St George's School

Levavi Oculos : Aim Higher



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## Prayer for the week

psalm 116 What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me?

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Catholic Mass, 6.30pm, School uniform

## From the Headmistress

I often find that at times life is always a little better when others are generous with their money. You may have had an excited child come home this week with the news that Miss B is going to give them £10.....and you may be thinking that, that cannot be true, she's always harking on about school finances blah.....blah.....blah. But this week I will have proven you wrong. So yes I am, with the help of the School Foundation Company, who are prepared to "loan" me the £15,000 needed, and weather the cost of any loss, prepared to give every member of my school community

a crisp, semi plastic, £10 note! But and it's a big BUT, as with most offers of money, there are conditions attached!

This week, weekday chapels have been focussing on the Parable of the Talents – the story that Jesus told in the bible in Matthew 25 14-24. We've focussed on what others have done in the past when given the responsibility of another's property, and the fact that God has given us talents and gifts to use.

Why have we talked about this story this week?.....well the fact is my lovely old lady of a Chapel has a roof that is over 130 years old (yes she was standing before St George's arrived). We believe she has never had her roof replaced; she leaks and she has no insulation! This makes her cold in winter, damp inside and at times not pleasant to be in. So the time has come to try to change some of those issues and make her safe and secure for both this and the next generation to come. It's a tall order; it's going to cost £100,000 give or take a penny or two, and I will need our whole community's help to do it.

So this week I have given our young people a challenge.....just like in the parable.....I have asked them the question... what would you do if I entrusted you with my wealth in the shape of a £10 note? Just like in the parable, I need our young entrepreneurs to swing into action and use every creative bone in their body to use their £10 to raise or earn more money. It is a challenge that was met with much excitement this week, and I would ask you to help channel your young entrepreneur's efforts in the right direction. Can you help me guide them into activities which are creative but safe to do? Perhaps they could be encouraged to work with a partner from the school community to do something together? Can you ask them to consider raising/or working for money outside of our school community (there are only so many cakes that we can eat! Activity within school will need to have the permission from the Headmistress and will be very much restricted!). If you are able to do that then I am sure the learning experience that your young fundraiser will be part of will be as valuable as many of the things they will learn in a classroom. There is no need to rush, we are running this initiative until April so plenty of time to think creatively and put plans into action.

Please be reassured I am not just standing in Watts Playground throwing £10 notes in the air... there is a process for distribution and I need you to be able to guarantee, on behalf of your child, that I will at least have my £10 returned even if no money is earned. A letter is coming out this Friday both in paper form and on ParentPay which explains it all. I know that it is a big ask, but I firmly believe that with your support a great deal of action and creativity from our pupils, parents and staff (yes they are being given a £10 note too if they want one), and a great deal of prayer, we can make this happen.

Please don't just give your child money to send to school. This experience is far more than just a fundraising event. It's about the challenge and the idea of working towards and for something that is not for ourselves. If you as a parent want to take this opportunity to provide financial support for this venture, then there are details in the letter as to how you can make this happen as well. It's an exciting challenge and I am hoping that together as a community we can meet it head on. So the challenge for this week.....what would you do with £10 to make Miss B's plans for a new Chapel roof a reality?

### [Parable Of The Talents Chapel Roof](#)

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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](mailto:admin@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk)

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS [hbarton@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hbarton@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) WHICH IS NO LONGER IN USE.

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**Drugs Awareness Evening - 5 November 2018 at 7pm, Rothamsted Conference Centre**

**Please see the flyer below for more details regarding a joint venture we are holding with Sir John Lawes and Roundwood Park.**

**I hope that you will be able to join us for this informative talk.**

**Please note that entrance will be on a first come first served basis.**

## News and Events

ST GEORGE'S  
SCHOOL



Sir John Lawes School  
Education for a changing world



Join us for a joint Harpenden Secondary Schools  
**Drugs Awareness Evening**  
*with guest speaker Paul Hannaford*

**Monday 5th November 2018**

**7.00—8.00pm**

*(300 places on first come first served basis)*

**Fowden Hall**

**Rothamsted Conference Centre**

*Since 2009 Paul has spoken to over 300,000  
young people giving them a real life insight into drug  
addiction and more.*

*"Every child matters  
and their future  
should be  
a bright one!"*



St George's School PSA

**PLEASE...PLEASE DONATE**

**2nd-Hand New Style Only**

Blazers, PE Kits, Lacrosse Sticks,  
Rugby Boots, Revision Guides,  
Trainers, Shoes, Shirts, Jumpers, Scarves etc

at ANY TIME at Goddard Reception  
for the next Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

**GOOD CONDITION - LOW PRICES**

All funds raised go to the School

## Reminders and Notices



### Have you thought of becoming a teacher?

Did you know that you can train at St. George's to become a teacher? Please [click here](#) for more information.

**House Music preview night is now full and tickets are no longer available on ParentPay.**

#### Information on Headstart Courses for Year 12 Students

The Headstart scheme is part of EDT (the Engineering Development Trust), the largest provider of STE(A)M enrichment activities for UK youth.

Headstart always sells out so if any students are interested in finding out more and/or applying they should visit the links below now for Headstart 2019 courses. There is something to interest all Technology, Maths and Science students – from broad-based engineering to maths, physics, chemistry and computer science.

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/courses>

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/apply-online>

YouTube video promoting Headstart:

<https://youtu.be/VGEan4h-sHw>

**Admission to Year 7 Day School at St. George's for siblings of current and past students**

#### A Reminder

It has reached that time of year again when applications for places in Year 7 for the next academic year are required. This is a reminder all parents who have children born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008 who are intending to participate in the Secondary Transfer process for a Year 7 place in September 2019 to ensure that:

- You have applied on line to your local authority by Tuesday 31st October 2018.

- You have filled out a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and returned it to the school by Friday 26th October. This is very important. The form is available to download from the website. Church forms will be available on the Open Evening on 5th October 6-8.30pm.

If you have a child in the school who currently has a day place in Year 7 to Year 13 and as long as both children live at the same address, you will be able to tick the sibling criterion (Admission Criteria 3) providing the sibling's Name, Form and House.

If you have a child who has a sibling who is a former pupil of the School on day school roll for more than three years, and for whom the School has a record held on the School's management system, and as long as both children live at the same address during that three year period, you will be able to tick the former sibling criterion (Admission Criteria 4) providing the former sibling's Name, Form and House.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Alison Brown, Admissions Officer at the school on 01582 716277

### **Medical Information**

Dear Parents /Carers

#### **All Year 8 GIRLS and YEAR 9 GIRLS (those not previously consented)**

#### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation - 25 October 2018**

The NHS Immunisation team are still waiting on consent forms from many **Year 8 parents** regarding the HPV immunisation, which is being held at the School on **Thursday 25th October 2018**.

**The closing date for the electronic HPV form will be 10 pm on the 24th October 2018.**

Please contact the **immunisation team** on **01582 711 581** if you have any concerns or questions about this vaccination or email them on [hct.immsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:hct.immsenquiries@nhs.net)

Please note that they still require a **NO CONSENT** if you wish to decline the HPV.

Kind regards

Mrs Jean Lambert  
**First Aider/First Responder**

[HPV Immunisations - Please click on this link](#)

[IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION](#)

## Vacancies

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

## Letters Home

**Year 12 - Letter to Parents re 2019 Activities Week.** This letter and the attachments were distributed to Year 12 students during the Friday 5 session on 19th October 2018.

[Year 12 Activities Week: 1st July - 4th July 2019](#)

## 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.

Girls PE Extra Curricular Programme

@StgeorgesboysPE

@StgeorgesgirlsPE

## PSA

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

## Parental Support



SPACE is a charity supporting Parents/Carers in Hertfordshire of children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum, ADHD or related conditions [Read more.....](#)

**DSPL** | Delivering Special  
Provision Locally  
*Achieving quality outcomes*

Please find attached a flyer for the upcoming **FREE 6-week Parent/Carer Education Programme** being held at **STAGS** starting on Tues 6th November and for the following five Tuesday evenings, 7 pm - 9 pm.

These sessions, for parents and carers of Secondary aged children, will be facilitated by Mental Health Involvement Worker for Carers in Hertfordshire and delivered by a qualified trainer and a support trainer.

**These courses are specifically aimed at parents/carers of secondary aged children and young people who are**

using a Child and Adolescent Mental Health service – this can include the specialist CAMHS Clinics, Community Counselling, School-based Counselling (Safe Space) or Step2, or whose children have been identified as experiencing a difficulty with their mental health i.e. low mood/depression, anxiety, self-harm, eating disorder.

Please note: places are limited - so act promptly if you would like to book a place on this course. Do please share this with parents who may be interested.

Further details and how to book can be found on the flyer [Read more...](#)

### **Keystone**

It's never too early to book

[Primary School Maths - the Basics for Parents Workshop](#)  
Monday 22 October 2018 | Fleetville Infants and Nursery School

[Understanding Adolescence - Positive Strategies for Parent](#)  
Mon, 5 Nov 2018 | The Maltings Theatre, St Albans (6-12 years, Teens)

**Supporting our Students and Staff in the Wider Community**

**Supporting those who make a contribution to our School**

**Community**

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

## FREE Information Sessions 2018

### Harpenden (all 8-9pm)

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct\*

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov\*

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

\* Venue The Harpenden Arms

### St Albans (all 8-9pm)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Wheathampstead (Nov)

(email [info@wheathampsteadpreservation.org.uk](mailto:info@wheathampsteadpreservation.org.uk))



To find out more [click here](#)



### Christmas Poster Competition

To: All the children of Harpenden

From: The Town Mayor, Councillor David Heritage

#### DESIGN YOUR OWN POSTER

Based around the theme: 'A Celebration of Christmas.'

The winning designer will:

- \* be invited to turn on the Town Christmas lights at the Christmas Carnival on Sunday 25th November 2018
- \* receive a prize
- \* have their design used for the Town Mayor's Christmas card.

Create your poster on A4 paper and write your name, age, school year and school or organisation on the back.

Closing date: **Friday 2 November 2018**

Send your entry to: The Mayor's Secretary, Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX.

The presentation ceremony will take place on **Monday 19 November 2018 4.30 pm Town Hall**

This competition is open to children aged 4 to 11 (Reception to Year 6 only). There will also be awards given for entries receiving Highly Commended and Commended. N.B. If posting your entry to the Town Hall please ensure that the correct postage is on your envelope to avoid the entry being held up/undelivered.



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**County Wind Sinfonia**  
**Autumn Workshop**

Connect with musicians from across the county in a hard working yet social setting. Take the next step to developing your playing in a large ensemble.  
Grade 5-7. Ages 14-21? No need to audition, just sign up to play!

Come join us for a workshop on Wind Band repertoire. Conducted by Royal Northern College of Music professor Mark Hero

Sign up at: <http://www.windsinfonia.co.uk/county-wind-sinfonia-autumn-workshop-2018>  
tcs@ws-0655349591

**Sunday 21st October 2018**  
14th Floor, Centre for Music & Arts, AL1 1DP

Workshop Fee £25  
Ask us about discounts

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## Calendar

# 2018

### Sat 20

- German exchange students' partners leave
- Rugby v Robert Clack TBC

**Sun 21**

- Catholic Mass, 6.30pm, School uniform

**Mon 22**

- Teaching and Learning Committee and Alban Federation Subject Mentors' Meeting, 4pm

**Tue 23**

- House Music Preview Night, Assembly Hall, 6pm

**Wed 24**

- House Music Judged Finals, Watford Colliseum, 7pm
- Governors' Facilities and Marketing Group, 9am

**Thu 25**

- Year 11 Drama Devised Exams
- HPV Immunisation, Year 8 Girls, Old Library

**Fri 26**

- Boarders exeat starts 2.55pm
- Year 11 Drama Devised Exams

