



Prayer for the week

Psalm 27 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

Chapel - Confirmation Service, 10am, School Uniform

From the Headmistress

I received an email at the back end of last week that was entitled “if at first you don’t succeed.....”, it was from a parent outlining the circuitous route that their offspring had taken to achieve their career goals.

Life at school had not gone exactly to plan, not that it wasn’t good, it was just different from what the perceived route should have been and life beyond school had continued in, I suppose what you could term an “unpredictable manner”. I suppose you could say that “failure” had played an important part in their journey, but at all times, they had just readjusted the compass, realigned the map and taken a different route towards their intended goal. Had they taken the most obvious route.....no! Had it all gone as planned?.....no. Are they at the point where they wanted to be all those years ago.....yes!

I sometimes think it is great that God does not allow us to see too far down the path. He gives us glimpses of a way forward, and at times allows us to take a different route before bringing us back to what He desires in our lives. My plan at 21 was to train as an accountant, therefore preparing myself with a flexible career that I could “pick up again” after I had children! I was of course planning to get married and the idea of **not** having children in my life, never really entered my head. I’ll leave you to consider how much of that worked out! I was made redundant. I applied for jobs as diverse as a tea taster for Twinings and a Probation Officer in Leeds. I then applied for my teaching qualification and only started that course of action as the time was 1990, there was a recession on, and Twinings didn’t want me to taste their tea! Would I have changed any of it? Probably not. If I had continued along my first course of action would I have ended up in a career that I love and am passionate about? Probably not. Would I have made the same great friends, and travelled the world? Probably not. Life would have been different and probably rewarding in another way if the Plan A had worked, but have I been short changed as Plan B and probably Plan C came my way? Definitely not. At times we think we know what we want... and at times we can ONLY see that way forward, but believe me I know that Plan B and Plan C can be very exciting and very rewarding. So yes.....have dreams and desires...but don’t get too

hung up on them, and when an alternative route comes into view consider the path ahead and what that alternative may bring.....you may be surprised..... Headship at a fantastic school may be just beyond the horizon and out of view!

Miss B

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News and Events

Request for Crockery

Summer Fete - We're collecting crockery for the Crockery Smash stall

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GCSE Pod

Calling all Y11 students

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St George's Parent Prayer Group

will meet on Monday 19th March at 8pm at 145 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4RD for coffee,...

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Upcycling Your Old Uniform

Please donate any old rugby shirts, tatty blazers or skirts for upcycling!

[Read more...](#)



FROM THE EXAMS OFFICE

This weekend Year 10 students should be bringing home a copy of their personal timetable for their forthcoming exams, a letter with some explanatory notes and a home study letter. Please note the latter has a reply slip which needs to be returned to tutors by the date shown.

If there appear to be any problems with the timetable, or if there are any questions, please check with the Exams Office next week.

Paul McGillivray
Exams Officer

PARENTPAY ALERTS

Tired of only finding out your child has no money on their lunch time account when they go overdrawn?

Did you know you can set up alerts to notify you when their accounts get low on money?

Go to your ParentPay account and click on Communication along the top. Then Alert settings. You can receive alerts via Email for free and via Text for a small fee. Register your email / mobile number and then set the threshold for the balance alert e.g. £5.00. This means that you will be alerted either by email or text when your child's account goes below £5.00 giving you time to top up before they go overdrawn.

Important Catering Information – THE GREAT CURRY RUN DAY

This will be held in school on Friday 27th April, 2018. On this day the ONLY lunch available in school will be the Great Curry Day lunch. Tickets must be purchased for this in advance, normal lunch allowances do not cover the cost of this meal. The SIXTH FORM REFECTORY will also be closed at lunch time on this day.

Lunch costs £3.60 of which a portion goes towards the charities being supported this year.

Lunch includes curry, rice, naan, poppadum, bhaji, either fruit or muffin and water bottle.

This is due by 9:00 am on Monday 23rd April and is payable through ParentPay. When ordering please state either MEAT OR VEGETARIAN OPTION in the notes field.

Tickets will be available for collection from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th April between 1pm and 2 pm in the Monk Foyer.

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.)

MEDICAL INFORMATION

[IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION](#)

Vacancies

Sports Centre Assistant

Part-time, 26 hours per week

Working across the whole year (52 weeks)

Can you motivate, inspire, lead, organise and facilitate others?

If you're interested, please follow this link: [Sports Centre Assistant](#)

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

Letters Home

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

[Growth Mindset - Guide for Parents April 23rd, 2018](#)

[Phonics for Reading Worksh Monday 16th April 2018](#)

[Modelling Mindfulness - Thu 26th April 2018](#)

Harpenden Plus Partnership

[Families Feeling Safe - April/May/June 2018](#)

Supporting our students in the wider community

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

Scouts Disco

Friday 20th April

Kit Porter, Year 8, is fundraising for his trip to the next World Scout Jamboree in America in Summer 2019. One of the organised events is the disco in April.

[Read more...](#)

Race Night

Saturday 5th May

Herbie Barwell, Year 9, is fund raising for a Scout Trip to Ghana in 2019.

[Read more...](#)

Harpenden Carnival 2018

Saturday 10th June 2017

Harpenden Common

12.30pm - 5pm

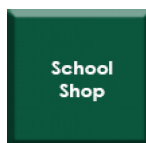
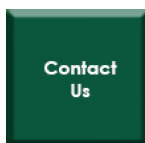
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Calendar

March

Sat	17	Rugby v Berkhamstead, U13A and B, U12A,B,C Away Boarders' Easter Dinner Mums' Netball Tournament
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Sun	18	Confirmation Service, 10am, School Uniform
Mon	19	Year 10 (and some Y12) intensive French and Spanish course returns STASSH Assistant and Deputy Heads meeting, 3pm Old Library St George's Parents' Prayer Group 8pm, email ruth.key@gmx.com for venue. Deadline for submission of House Photography entries 4pm House Meetings Netball U14 District Tournament at Sandringham, 3.20pm
Tue	20	Mindfulness Program, 30 Year 7 students, 3.45pm Senior House Netball, lunchtime Netball U13 District Tournament at RWP, 3.30pm
Wed	21	Year 12 Careers Day, all day off timetable inc pm at SJL Parent Information evening, Progression Post 18+ 6.30-7.30 pm Chapel, for all parents of Y12 students
Thu	22	Heads Commendations start Intermediate House Netball, lunchtime Y13 Theatre Studies Final Scripted exam evening performance
Fri	23	Y12 Geography Trip Departs Junior House Netball, lunchtime



Don't forget to like us on Facebook. It is a great way of keeping up with news and events 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/stgeorgesshpenden>

