



St George's School

Levavi Oculos : Aim higher



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Prayer for the week

Psalm 138 : You will do everything you have promised; Lord, your love is eternal. You will complete the work that you have begun.

Chapel: Family Communion 10am, School Uniform

From the Headmistress

I think I am in love..... (ha! now that's got your attention hasn't it!) Yes I know that this may not be the manner to tell you, and if I tell you I'm in love with a married man I can almost hear people gasping and calling for my resignation as I write. So who am I in love with? I may only have to tell you one fact about him for you to know who he is.....so if I mention the word "waistcoat" I am sure that the majority of you

may now be thinking Gareth Southgate (and if you aren'twhere have you been for the last two weeks or so?????).

There are two things I like about Mr Southgate, or perhaps not him per-se, but his management and leadership style (and one of those is not his penchant for waistcoats).

The first is his ability to talk about "team". He recognises that success does not come from the 11 members of the squad who turn out to play the game. He is careful not to single out any one player for excessive praise, but recognises and appreciates the fact that all of them need to contribute consistently in order for them to achieve their targets. Never has that been more evident when the man of the match for me on Saturday was Pickford the goalkeeper, who managed to keep us in the game, by keeping everything out of his net! Southgate, or Gareth to his friends, is calm and collected in his manner and rational with his thoughts. Having heard him speak last year at the Boarding School's Association Conference the other thing that shines through is his genuine care and respect for the people he works with.

The second thing I love is his mantra of "making our own history". How refreshing to have someone who looks to the future, rather than wallowing (as that's where English Football has been in the last few years) in the past. He speaks of opportunity and positivity, of setting one target at a time and moving forward to the next, only when we have achieved what we set out to do in the last game. He plans for the future; keeps his eyes firmly on the next goal, celebrates and reminds us at home of all forms of success that this team has already achieved, and therefore enables us to revel in the sense of expectation and excitement that those achievements have brought. In essence he has the ultimate positive mind set, where we believe that we can achieve great things with hard work, practice and planning. As a result we have already rebuilt out pride in our national football team and perhaps even beyond.

Who would have believed that two years ago many thought he was not up for the job, and that the quietly spoken, and on the surface, reserved man that is Gareth Southgate would have achieved so much in so little time.

So what is the message for us all in this?? The first is that at this school we like to think that we provide opportunity for every pupil to "make your own history". It doesn't matter who your sister or brother was, it doesn't matter if we have made mistakes in the past. As an individual you are here to tread you own path and write your own story. There are opportunities to undertake different experiences with a variety of people.....and when they leave us, we hope that they leave having created their own history, but also having played a part in creating the history for our school. The second part is team work. Life is always better when we work together. We may all play a different part, have a different role, and at times be located in different places, but if we can all recognise that each one of us brings something different and exciting to the table, and can work together towards our common goal, then we can achieve great things.

On Wednesday we had a hope in our hearts and were willing our team on. Did we win the match?no..... but surely as a footballing nation we have won something..... A sense of pride in what we have achieved and perhaps a sense of hope for the future.....how exciting is that!

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.

News and Events

International chess master visits St George's

For the first time in the history of St George's, an international chess master has visited for a simultaneous chess...

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Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

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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 on
Sat 14th July
10 - 11am
Arrive on time so you don't miss out!
The Assembly Hall
GOOD CONDITION - LOW PRICES
All funds raised go to the School

Drone View

We are very grateful to Ian Griggs from Function Photography for providing some stunning drone footage of the school site....

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Cambridge Chemistry Challenge results

Twenty five St George's Chemistry students from year 12 volunteered to enter the competition and twenty...

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St George's School Annual Golf Competition

On Thursday 12 July, this absolutely fantastic bunch of students competed for the first annual St George's Golf Trophy. The students...

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Yr 12 Biology Competition

This summer 11 of our year 12 Biologists...

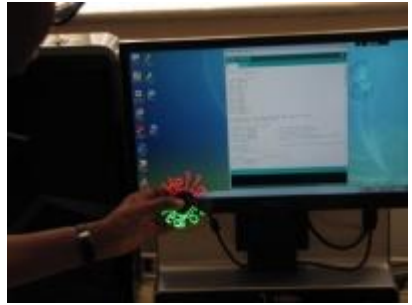
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Computing Club: Year 8 girls in a spin!

This term in Computing Club, Year 8 girls Abbie Thomas, Lauren Mountain, Stella Hyman and Zoe Markwick have shown great...

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Herts Schools County Golf

Great news for **Arthur Andrews**, Year 8, LCT - Goddard

On Sunday 8th of...

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Quiz Report

On Monday the 9th, a crack team of Georgians narrowly managed to retain St. George's title as 'Winners of the...

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Founder's Trust News - July 2018

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Reminders & Notices



CHINA TRIP 2018

China Trip departs 14th July to Xi'an. Want to follow our adventures? We've got a trip blog at www.stgsinchina.wordpress.com and are hoping to update it with daily blogs and pics of our trip. Visit us and leave us a message or subscribe to get notifications of when we've updated it each day

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

HAY FEVER/ALLERGIES

This is a reminder to all parents/carers and students that we are now in the Hay fever Season.

I have recently seen a number of students requiring medication for Hay fever related symptoms.

If your child suffers from Hay fever or any allergies could they please take their medication before they come to School.

Please note, that the Medical Centre will **NOT** be holding supplies of Hay fever & Allergy Relief medication.

[IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION](#)

Vacancies

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

Letters Home

Activities week 2019 for Year 8 into 9 - Any student wishing to take part in the trip to D-Day sites in Normandy next summer needs to apply by Wednesday. Details are at...

[Normandy Trip Letter 2019](#)

Parent and Staff guided History trip to Berlin next May half term - Places are available to take join a group of 40 on a three day jaunt to WW2 and Cold war sites in Berlin, following the same pattern as our previous trips to D-Day sites and world war one battlefields. Applications have to be in next week. More details at....

[Parents Trip Flier Berlin](#)

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

[How to Help Your Child Plan to Achieve Their Goals – Workshop](#)

It's never too early to book

[Learning How We Learn: A Parent's Guide to Metacognition](#)

Thu, 20 Sep 2018 | The Maltings Theatre, St Albans AL1 3HL (0-12 years)

[How to Help Your Child Plan to Achieve their Goals](#)

Mon, 24 Sep 2018 | Fleetville Infants School, St Albans (6-12 years, Teens)

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

Mon, 1 Oct 2018 | The Maltings Theatre, St Albans (0-12 years)

[Understanding and Managing Anger in Children](#)

Mon, 8 Oct 2018 | The Maltings Theatre, St Albans (0-12 years)

[Understanding Adolescence - Positive Strategies for Parent](#)

Mon, 5 Nov 2018 | The Maltings Theatre, St Albans (6-12 years, Teens)

Harpenden Plus Partnership

Many of our parents have found the parenting classes provided by the Family Support Workers at Harpenden Plus incredibly useful. They are also a great way to meet other parents who may have challenges managing their youngsters. Please see information attached if you are interested.

Christine Theakston

Please click on the link to view full details [The Parenting Puzzle](#)

Supporting our Students and Staff in the Wider Community

Supporting those who make a contribution to our school

Community

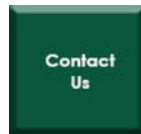
To find out what's happening in our Community please [CLICK HERE](#)

HARPENDEN PHOTO COMPETION - PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION

Calendar

July		

Sat	14	Year 6 Rugby and Lacrosse Taster Session am PSA Pre-Loved uniform sale, 10.00 Assembly Hall. Expected departure of Y12 China Trip tbc
Sun	15	Football World Cup Final 8pm Boarders' end of year barbeque Family Communion 10am, School Uniform
Mon	16	4pm Teaching Team Time (Curriculum Planning) Lower and Middle School Prizegiving pm
Tue	17	Briefing Evening for Senior Lacrosse Tour, Assembly Hall, 7pm
Wed	18	
Thu	19	Whole School assembly in Sports Hall 2.15pm
Fri	20	End of term from 11am D of E Gold Assessed Expedition departs (returns 25th July)



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



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