



St George's School

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Prayer for the week

Psalm 139 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,

they would outnumber the grains of sand—

when I awake, I am still with you

Chapel - Senior Chapel, 10am, School Uniform

From the Headmistress

This week saw us venture into “whole school photograph” mode. It’s always an exciting time at school. The gantry is put up in the morning, the pupils (and staff) are sorted into height order, sixth form girls are asked to teeter on the top level in high heels; staff always turn up in their best suits; Mr S always has a “new term” haircut to show off, and the man who organises and takes the photo has a favourite saying of “excuse me.....” before trying to give 1500 odd people instructions through a megaphone, on what this year, was a very windy field. Mrs T had the idea of just superimposing our heads onto the last one that we took, but having had a change in gender of the Head, I declined this idea. Is it fun? Probably, if you are anywhere between 14 and 18 years old. Is it torture? Yes if you are a member of staff trying to keep everyone under control, safe and happy or you are a year 7 having to kneel at the front. Is it worth it? Definitely.

So why is it worth the pain? We are blessed enough to work in school with 111 years of history behind it. We often refer back to photos taken in the past which reflect past years of the school history. We are able to see the people who have helped shape our school culture, ethos and moulded us into the community that we are today. These photos chart how our school has grown, changed and developed over time. We are at the point of having the largest school population that St George's has ever had, but our photo reminds us that although there may be many of us, we are all individually significant and are important. We may be many parts, but we create one community.

I often read the words of Dr Watts or Rev. Cecil Grant and marvel at their eloquence and wisdom, and perhaps ponder at times what my legacy will be on this amazing school. But perhaps the challenge is

place that they found themselves in at that point in time. They sought to inspire, motivate and invigorate those who they came into contact with; helping to meet the needs of those who were around them along the way.

So the challenge for today is what impact will you have this year on our school community? What action will you take this year, which will enrich, change or inspire others? It may be to smile more, to bake cakes for your house charity, to assist or befriend someone who you do not know today, but who you know needs your support. That impact doesn't have to be big, it's doesn't have to be grand, and it doesn't have to be long lived. But what it does need is to have some commitment from you to make it happen. Whatever you chose to do, be reassured you are a significant individual within our community, and we will love whatever you have to share with us.....big or small.

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.

Dear Parent,

As term gets under way we should like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important information for parents using a car for the transportation of children to and from school.

Firstly, we urge you to ensure that your child follows the schools 'ride and stride strategy' - being dropped off or collected a few roads away from school and walking the distance in between. This spreads car use across the vicinity, lessens congestion around the school, gives your child some exercise and is more considerate to our neighbours. We have already received a complaint, quite understandably, from our neighbours in Pigeonwick, who have already experienced high congestion in this area, including the blocking of driveways. We would urge you to refrain from this, even if you are still inside the vehicle and to show full consideration to those live near to the school.

Last year the school was concerned about the growing safety issues regarding the road running through the school grounds from the Goddard centre, past Musicale and back out to Carlton road. Drivers using this route have not always been considerate to the 1400 pupils arriving at and exiting from the school. This includes pushing past pupils using the pedestrian crossing, to which they have right of way, and driving too fast along the road.

Though we accept that pupils do not always look carefully when crossing the road, despite the reminders that we give to them, it is our responsibility to protect pupils and keep them safe on school grounds and in the vicinity. Furthermore, despite repeated requests, parents are still waiting in the coach bay preventing coaches and minibuses from doing so. Please do not use the Coach bay after 8.20am in the morning or between 3.40pm and 4.00pm in the afternoon or 3.00pm to 3.20pm on Friday

Your consideration of all these matters is greatly appreciated.

Assistant Head teacher

Mr Hollingsworth

News and Events

Library Resource Centre (LRC) News

Reduced student rate subscriptions for Review magazines are available to purchase on

ParentPay for Years 10/11/12/13....

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St George's Chess Club

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OCCASIONAL BOARDING

Many of you are already well aware of the option to Occasional Board. However, it occurs to me...

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Reminders & Notices

NEW PARENTS WINE AND TEAMBUILDING EVENING - YEARS 7 TO 10

Thursday 21st September 2017

Please [click here](#) for more information

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

Applying to Oxford University:

**Stanborough School, Lemsford Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6YR
Thursday 20 September 2018 at 7.00 pm**

The main speaker on behalf of the University's admissions office will be Dr Sebastian Shimeld, admissions tutor for Balliol College.

He will be supported by a panel of current undergraduates.

Transport Questionnaire

The bus from Redbourn has been cut completely leaving the Children there unable to get any public transport to school. This was done over the summer without any warning and no alternatives.

A public meeting about transport was held last night in Redbourn and the link below provides a questionnaire to get feedback on the draft South West Herts Growth & Transport Plan.

This has been included in the newsletter to support Redbourn parents.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

MEDICAL INFORMATION

[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 Parents - Letter re Sixth Form Survival Evening on Wednesday, 19th September 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.

[Girls PE Extra Curricular Programme](#)

[@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

It's never too early to book

[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)

Supporting our Students and Staff in the Wider Community

Kit Porter in year 9 is organising a disco to raise funds to attend the next World Scout Jamboree

[Harpenden Children's Disco](#)

Supporting those who make a contribution to our School

Community

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

Calendar

September 2018

Sat	15	Anniversary of death of Lt. Lister Goddard, Norfolk Regiment, 1916 PSA Golf Day, Lacrosse v Walthamstowe Hall School, 1sts, U15A, U14A, U13A, U12A Rugby v Bishop Stortford College, 1st 2nd and U16 Away, U15A and B and U14A and B Home
Sun	16	Senior Chapel, 10am, School Uniform
Mon	17	Rehearsals start for House Music Whole Staff Meeting inc Exam Results and differentiation, 4pm Governors' Safeguarding Committee Meeting, School House, 6pm
Tue	18	New staff induction, 4-5pm, Gr13 Lacrosse v Abbots Hill, U13 and U14, Away, 4.30pm Governors' Admissions Committee, 9am
Wed	19	International Talk like a Pirate Day Individual student photos, all new students plus Y9, Y11, Y12, Old Library, am Sixth form survival - Evening for all Y12 Parents, Chapel, 7pm-8pm D of E Gold Information Evening for interested Y12, Chapel 8pm
Thu	20	PSA New Parents Meet-the-tutors and Informal Quiz night, 7-9pm, Assembly Hall Attendance expected of ALL new parents in Years 7-10 National Citizenship Service roadshow visit to the 6th form Refectory, am
Fri	21	Armenia Independence Day

Contact Us

Medical Information

School Shop

Finance Matters

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/stgeorgharpden>



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