



Prayer for the week

*Remember your Creator
in the days of your youth,
before the days of trouble come
and the years approach when you will say,
"I find no pleasure in them"*

No Chapel this Sunday

From the Headmistress

We waved goodbye to year 13 on Monday. I was asked to speak at their final chapel. By the time my turn had come the outgoing School Captains had already eloquently reviewed their time at the school, reminisced over the strange and, quite frankly, idiotic things they have done as a year group, and assessed what the future may bring. As I stared out at them as I gave my "words of wisdom" (???) I found myself considering what it would be like to "feel" 18 again. Their faces, words and energy all projected the idea of new beginnings; excitement at what the future had to hold; expectation that good things will happen; of new adventures to be had and a world to be explored. It was all there.....wrapped up in youthful expectation and exuberance.

It perhaps helps that they have no real responsibility; nothing to hold them back, or keep them in one place. The world is literally their oyster..... BUT in the back of my mind I found myself wondering if I still had some of that same exuberance and expectation about what life had to offer, or have I become ground down by the weight of home, work and responsibility? Do I still find things exciting? Am I still challenged to learn new skills and go on new adventures? Or do I just settle for a lounger in the sun, because it's the easy option? Is life a chore or still a joy? If we have "lost" that sense of being able to conquer the world, and still be smiling at the end of it, how do we rekindle that love for life?

So here is the challenge for the half term holiday.....do something (anything) that reminds you that you have a zest for life!

Whatever you do over the holiday, I hope you have a lovely time.

If you are going on the parents and staff trip to Normandy..... have a lovely time but.....behave, and if you can't do that.....let's just say that you come from schools with the initials of either RWP or SJL. I've been on one of these trips and I know what they are like!

GDPR

Like everyone else we have been working hard over many months on assessing what needs to change in our practice following changes in the law. However, we will not be bombarding you with things to read and click on. The school's privacy notice which details most of what anyone might need to know is on the website under "information". The school's data protection, esafety and information security policy is also extensively reworked, and you may wish to read all 55 pages of it. As we go forward, you will notice small but important differences in the way we collect information and consents. This mirrors some other changes within the organisation in how we safeguard and process information, what training we give staff, etc. It is very important that we do all the law and you would expect of us, and we will be working very hard to do this.

News and Events

Chess Megafinal

Two weeks ago it was a busy weekend for chess. It was the Hertfordshire Chess Megafinal. We have...

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GCSE Pod

Calling all...

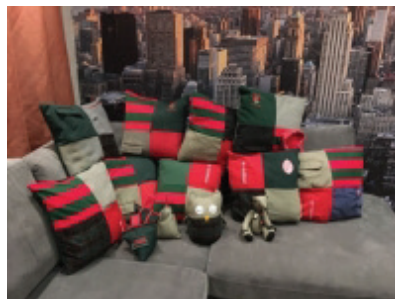
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Upcycling Your Old Uniform

- 1 - Any **good quality uniform** for the 2nd hand sale
- 2 - All **skirts and blazers** in **any condition** for the recycling sewing group...

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Pre-Loved Uniform Sale



St George's School PSA
PLEASE...PLEASE DONATE



MESSAGE FROM CATERING

St George's School operates a cashless payment system for students to purchase breakfast, mid-morning snack and/or lunch. During exam periods we are not able to allow Year 11 students to go overdrawn.

Please ensure that if you wish your student to purchase food in school during their exams they must have sufficient funds in their accounts. If they do not they will have their food taken away from them.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Julie-Ann Minall
Catering Manager, St George's School

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](#)

[Beating Cervical Cancer?](#)

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

[Primary School Maths - The Basics For Parent Monday 11th June 2018](#)

Harpenden Plus Partnership

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

Supporting our Students in the Wider Community

Supporting those who make a contribution to our school

Competitors can choose from both two and three dimensional categories, both two and three dimensional along with rules and entry forms. This information is also accessible from our website (www.tashe.org.uk).

The entry date is 23rd June 2018, and entries should be delivered to the Harpenden Rugby Club for judging and safe storage.

The work will be judged by three independent people and there will be prizes in each age grouping and category.

There will be a prize giving on 29th June at Park Hall, attended by winners, their families and invited guests. The exhibition, also at Park Hall, will be open to the public on 30th June between 9am and 5pm.



Community

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

Harpenden Carnival 2018

Saturday 10th June 2017

Harpenden Common
12.30pm - 5pm

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



Discover the science of feeding the world – Saturday & Sunday, 23-24 June, 11am – 5pm



A brand-new science festival lands this June with two days of displays, shows and hands-on fun. The event is and open to all with something for everyone, from young to old. The Rothamsted Festival of Ideas brings together activities, exhibitions and demonstrations to immerse you in the science of feeding the world.

Get up close with crop critters in our Insect Zone; take the popcorn challenge in our Experiment Zone; see far take flight with the drones in our Tech Zone Speed date an expert; ride a tractor; puzzle over our trove of astoni exhibits; and test the interactive displays. Vote for the most fascinating poster; find out what the future of far could look like; gain a taste of the nutritional transformations underway. Hook up with one of the wonder through our heritage, or take a seat and enjoy a cream tea at the Manor.

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| May 2018 | | |
| Sat | 26 | Parent and Staff D-Day Trip to Normandy departs |
| Sun | 27 | |
| Mon | 28 | Half term Parent and Staff D-Day Trip to Normandy returns |
| Tue | 29 | Half term |
| Wed | 30 | Half term |
| Thu | 31 | Half term Riding Team showjumping at Keysoe |
| June 2018 | | |
| Fri | 1 | Half term |

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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/stgeorgesharpندن>



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