



# St George's School

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## *Prayer for the week*

### *Psalm 65:8*

They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs; You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.

***Chapel - Family Communion 10am, School Uniform***

## From the Headmistress

Welcome back! It's been great to return to school this week. If you are a new member of our community and family, it is great to have you on board. I hope that over the duration of the summer you have found time to relax and experience new things as a family or as an individual.

Beginning of term chapels saw us start to look at the “I am” sayings in the Bible. I shared with students that I, like you, seem to be many different things to different people. I am a teacher (of the best subject!), I am a Headmistress (of the best school in the world), and I am an aunt; a step daughter; a Christian and a friend to name but a few. My many different faces mean that often people see me in different lights, and how I represent myself, often gains a different response and reaction. My best trick when asked what I do is to respond with a comment about running an £8million turnover business employing 160 people. With this comment I get approving looks, nods of encouragement and usually an engaged listener. If I respond by saying I’m a teacher, you can almost see the lights go off and the shutters come down! I think that may say more about the society that I live in, rather than the job that I do.

We may have many faces, but at the heart of the matter is it not more important to consider what principles are at the core of **who we are**, rather than **what we are**, and **what we do**. In society today, the principles on which we build our lives, and by which others live theirs, seem to be put in second place. We seem to accept MP’s and even Presidents with weak morals and principles, **IF** they are giving us what we want. We get hooked on programmes (and I am as guilty here as the next person) where love and relationships are seen as throw away commodities or we see how much we earn as the single indicator as to how well someone is doing in life. Do we celebrate the fact that people may be truthful in their dealings with us, kind to us in times of need; give more than they take; offer their time which is more valuable than money; are faithful in their friendships and consider others before themselves? In our ever cynical and materialistic world how do we uphold, demonstrate, and encourage our young people to exhibit these important, but often undervalued life principles?

I had the privilege of speaking with one of our sixth formers at the end of last term. Part of our discussion centred around the fact that he had spent his “work experience” week in hospital. I asked if he was okay, and he revealed to me, that 6 months ago he had signed up to be a bone marrow donor. His stay in hospital was to enable his stem cell bone marrow cells to be harvested (a painful experience I do believe) for an unknown donor for who he was a match. I sat there in awe of a young man, who had put others before himself, given a possible life changing commodity to a complete stranger who he had never met, and would do it again if he was asked. Perhaps it is not us who need to teach/exhibit our young people about the core values and principles on which to build their lives, but us that need to listen to them. He was a true Georgian, and I am immensely proud that he, and 100’s of others like him, are part of my school community.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

**At the end of the summer term we said farewell to the following staff:**

Mr Alistair Barton (Geography)  
Mr Christopher Clarke (Technology)  
Mr William Davitt (Business Studies)  
Mrs Amy Elwin (Music)  
Miss Lauren Highfield (Maths)

Miss Anna Philpott (Business Studies)  
Miss Roberta Wilkinson (Girls' PE)  
Mr Andrew Williams (Drama)  
Mrs Wendy Cook (English)  
Mrs Pamela Bainbridge (Head's PA/Office Manager/HR Manager)  
Mrs Anna Crane (Pastoral Manager)  
Mrs Sally Anne Gregson-Williams (Cover Supervisor)  
Miss Simone Martignago Dos Santos (Matron, Crosthwaite)  
Miss Elizabeth Tomes (Assistant Head of Keswick)

**This term we will be welcoming the following staff:**

Mr Jonathan Burrett (Music)  
Miss Chelsea Carter-Crosbie (Drama)  
Miss Becky Dawson (PE)  
Ms Ann-Marie Kelly (Business Studies)  
Mrs Grace Walton-Motta (Business Studies)  
Mrs Mary Starling (Maths)  
Miss Karen Barker (Pastoral Support Manager)  
Mrs Hannah Crowley (Assistant Matron, Crosthwaite)  
Mrs Samantha Hill (House Pastoral Assistant)  
Mrs Linda McCarney-Redford (House Pastoral Assistant)  
Miss Sophie Wuidart-Gray (Assistant House Parent, Keswick)

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.**

## News and Events

# Humanities Summer Photo Challenge!

The Humanities faculty want to know where you have been this summer.....

[Read more...](#)



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## St George's Sailing Club

The school sailing club starts their Autumn sessions this Sunday 5th September .....

[Read more...](#)



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### Reminders & Notices

#### **Important information re Authorisation of Absences**

Parents are reminded that all requests for absence must be made in reasonable time for the school to process and approve them. Any request will be considered by Heads of House but will require time for such consideration before approval can be given.

- All requests for absence must be submitted with at least 48 hours' notice
- All absence authorisation will be at the discretion of House staff
- Requests for absence should be requests and not statements of intent to miss school.

Please also note that absences for holidays will not be authorised other than for 'exceptional circumstances' (for example for compassionate reasons) and that these must be discussed with Heads of House.

Recently staff have seen an increase in requests coming in with very short notice, which has denied them time to make an informed decision. Please note that staff cannot be expected to authorise any

absences if requests are received less than two working days before the start of any period of absence. This includes short-duration absences for such things as music exams, driving tests, dental and orthodontic appointments, and medical appointments, with the exception of emergency appointments, which we appreciate cannot be anticipated.

### **Parking On Site**

If your child has a disability and you therefore require a permit to park on the school site, please collect a form from Goddard reception

Mr Hollingsworth

### **Careers with Languages Evening: Tuesday 11th September**

Don't forget to come along on Tuesday evening for our "Careers with Languages" presentations from some **Old Georgians and other business people**. They will be talking to you about their experiences of using languages in the world of work. They will also be talking about the doors that have opened up to them after leaving school to explore and learn new languages and how using their languages have helped them progress in their various careers.

In the current economic climate, the job market for school and university leavers has been becoming incredibly challenging and Tuesday's talks may get you thinking about the competitive edge that the knowledge of a second language might give your children.

Students are welcome to attend as well and do not need to wear uniform. The event starts at 7pm and will take place in the Assembly Hall. If you are interested in attending, please send a quick email to Mr S. Willis so we can gauge an idea of numbers.

Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening. Please see the link to the letter for more specifics.

Mr S Willis  
Head of Languages

[Careers with Languages Evening Tuesday 11th September](#)

### **Breakfast Club at St George's**

Open every morning, Monday - Friday, 08:10 until registration

Choice of bacon rolls, sausage rolls, juice, fruit, yoghurt, Full English Breakfast, served in the Dining Room.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

### IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

#### Vacancies

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

[Kitchen Porter - 37 Hours per week, term time only.](#)

#### Letters Home

Year 12 Distribution - St George's Sixth Form Education Guide "Just What Is It That Makes St George's So Different, So Appealing". This guide was issued to all Year 12 students on the Year 12 Induction Day, Tuesday, 4th September 2018. A copy is available to view/download on Moodle (Sixth Form Centre - Information Booklets/Presentations).

#### PE Fixtures

[LATEST RUGBY NEWS FROM MR HARRIS - PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

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](#)

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## 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](mailto:psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk)

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## 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)

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## 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 CHORAL SOCIETY - TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018](#)

### Calendar

September 2018		
Sat	8	Lacrosse training, all teams, am Rugby v UCS, 1st 2nd and U16 Away, U15A and B and U14A and B Home
Sun	9	Family Communion 10am, School Uniform
Mon	10	Whole school photo, pm Teaching team time 4pm PSA Meeting, G2, 8pm
Tue	11	New staff induction 4-5pm, Gr13 Careers using Modern Languages Evening, Old Library, 7pm
Wed	12	Year 7 CAT tests, Old Gym, 7ABC period 1, 7DEFG period 3



Thu	13	Year 7 CAT tests, Old Gym, 7ABC period 1, 7DEFG period 3 Senior Prizegiving, Chapel and Old Library, 7.15pm for 8pm
Fri	14	Year 7 CAT tests, Old Gym, 7ABC period 1, 7DEFG period 3 Staff "First Friday" Social Event

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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/stgeorgharpenden>



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