



Prayer for the week

Isaiah 32.2

Each will be like a refuge from the wind And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land. God is our refuge!

Chapel - Senior Evening Communion, 6.30pm, School uniform

From the Headmistress

This is the week that natural disasters have been very much in the news. In the West, Hurricane Florence swept across the Carolinas; whilst in the East the onslaught of Typhoon Mangkhut devastated areas of the Philippines before moving onto southern China. Some areas of the Philippines seemed only to be protected by a small seawall and evacuation was a self-motivated and self-reliant affair where as in more affluent areas evacuation and preparation were highly organised and in full flow.

It has been a week when people of different languages, different cultures and different levels of income probably all prayed to whichever god they worshipped, to ask for protection and deliverance. Life and property balanced on the brink as nature exerted her full force and showed, once more to the world, who is really the boss. For some that devastation has been complete; lives have been lost; businesses have been destroyed and homes have been reduced to rubble. In 24 hours some people lost everything.

I know that many of you discuss this page as a family, and this week is a good one to consider together.....so here is the question for this week. If you were given 12 hours to prepare to evacuate your home, with the possibility that when you returned there would be nothing left, what would you fill you "EasyJet cabin sized" (other airlines are available...but they have even smaller bags!) piece of luggage with? What is so important to you that it would be worth sacrificing space to take, and what would you chose to leave behind?

The exam paper would now state "discuss"! so now is your opportunity to pause, consider, argue and marvel at what individuals around the table think are important!

So.....

In your bag did “survival” or “sentimental” elements take priority? Did you consider that, what is important today may have little value to you tomorrow? Was the large thing that looks good, thrown out because it took up so much space?

The question of what to take is a difficult one and each one of us will have different priorities to fulfil and elements to consider. But in life we also need a “cabin sized” survival kit; a space in our being where we have stored away skills, experiences and celebrations that will sustain us when the going gets tough. Have we managed to gain those skills; attributes; thoughts and feelings that allow us to “survive” whatever challenge life chooses to throw at us? I am sure that many people in the Carolinas and in the Philippines packed more than once, discarding what seemed less important as the realisation that we cannot take everything started to dawn. So in our “life survival kit” have we packed the right things, or is it time to have a root around in it, and consider what will really help us in life’s journey, and what is just taking up wasted space. Sometimes we hold on to the unhelpful, rather than fill our bag with good things. So this week.....perhaps consider What is holding me back? What stops me from doing what I want to achieve? And perhaps leave the “garbage” from your bag at God’s door and ask Him to deal with it, at the same time asking Him to replace it with something more positive, that will help you start to make that difference.

Ps.....if you’ve got 5 minutes this week, can I ask you to log onto ParentView (parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) and rate our school under the headings that they present. It resets every year.....and so far we have no responses registered for the academic year 2018-2019.

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

Join us for a joint Harpenden Secondary Schools

Drugs Awareness Evening
Monday 5th November 2018 - 7.00—8.00pm
Fowden Hall, Rothamsted Conference Centre

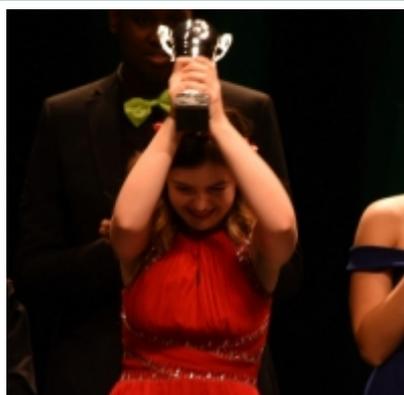


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House Music 2018

The tickets will go on sale on Friday 28th September 4pm

[Read more...](#)



St George's Music Society Choir

If you enjoy singing then why not come and join the St George's School Music Society Choir. We...

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St George's Chess Club

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Library Resource Centre (LRC) News

Reduced student rate subscriptions for Review magazines are available to purchase on ParentPay for Years 10/11/12/13....

[Read more...](#)



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.

Enrichment opportunities

Are you a student with a keen for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects? Are you considering doing an engineering degree but can't make up your mind? Then Headstart offers a range of exciting courses.

Applications for Headstart courses are now available please see below for details

Year 12 (S5, NI Year 13)

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/courses>

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/inspire-courses>

Courses have limited places, so you may need to book early to get the course and location of your choice.

For more information on any of the above, please contact

Mrs Dodds – More Able Learner Coordinator jdodds@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

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

[Non-Resident Day Matron](#)

H4 (currently £19,269 – £20,416 per annum pro rata)

Letters Home

[Year 13 Christmas Ball 2018 Letter - this letter was distributed to Year 13 students during Friday 5 on 21st September 2018](#)

[Sixth Form Arts Trip to Florence](#)

[Year 12 Trip to Tate Britain and Modern](#)

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

HAND News is our free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25 years) with additional needs and disabilities.

It has information about workshops for parents, community services for children and young people, support groups and much more.

Read all about it in the September edition of HAND News - www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews

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

[Fashion Show In Aid of Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope and the Angus Lawson Memorial Trust](#)

Community

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

What's New

[Wanted: Voice For "Walking in the Air"](#)

Working in partnership STAGS, St Albans Plus and DSPL7 would like to invite parents and professionals to..... Thursday 18th October 2018 from 2.30pm to 7pm at St Albans Girls' School

[Wellbeing Village](#)

Calendar

September 2018

Sat	22	Lacrosse - Senior County Tournament at Bedford, and U15 and U14 v Bedford, Away Rugby v Richard Hale, 1st and 2nd XV Home, U15A and B U14A and B U13A and B Away
Sun	23	Senior Evening Communion, 6.30pm, School uniform
Mon	24	Staff performance appraisal target setting, 4pm St George's Parents' Prayer Group 8pm, email ruth.key@gmx.com for venue.
Tue	25	New staff induction 4-5pm Gr13 Lacrosse v Abbots Hill, U12, Away, 4.30pm
Wed	26	House Cross Country pm, Rothamstead Park, parents welcome Talking to your teen - a session for parents hosted by Sarah Bramall, 7.30pm, Assembly Hall
Thu	27	Lacrosse v Abbots Hill, Seniors and U15, Away, 4.30pm
Fri	28	Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care Governors Estates and Health and Safety Committee, 8.30am

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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/stgeorgharpندن>



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