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Prayer for the week

"God shapes the world by prayer, the more we pray, the better the shape the world is in" E M Bounds

Chapel - Senior Chapel, 10am, School Uniform

From the Headmistress

People have commented on how well I have looked this week apparently I have some "colour in my cheeks"! Having not been away to foreign climes this holiday, but instead spent time enjoying the delights of Northumberland I feel that it may be rust, rather than a suntan! So as I walked along a beach the horizontal rain come down; the wind at my back propelling me forward and grabbing on to my lovely step mother for fear that she be literally whisked off her feet, I did wonder why I had not booked a flight to Lanzarote. For a few hours on that Wednesday morning I did lament the fact that I had not signed up to a week in the sunshine, but life is not about what we haven't got, it's about making the most of what we have, and being grateful for those opportunities and experiences. So often in life we run towards the next big thing, without considering what we are experiencing now; we worry about the career we should have rather than enjoying the thrill and challenges of the job we have now; we want more money to provide for the people we love, but the reality of that work, means that we spend less time with them. So having given myself a "good talking to" I put on my walking boots, donned the waterproof jacket, fixed my hat on my head and strode out along a 3 mile stretch of sand, with views of the Farne Islands to the right and Lindisfarne ahead. I revelled in the steely colour of the sky, the crashing North Sea and the seal that popped his head out of the water, and seemed more surprised to see me, than I him. Majestic sand dunes framed the beach and the odd castle dotted the horizon. Was it warm? No. Was it sunny? No. Was it brooding and mysterious? Yes. Having got my head round the weather, and begun to appreciate the things around me, would I have swapped it for Lanzarote? No!

Life is not about always hankering after what we haven't got, but appreciating what we have!

Enjoy the weekend.....and if you are lying in bed on Sunday morning give a thought to at least two members of our school community who will be out pounding the streets of London in the Marathon, and if you're training for your own personal challenge in the Curry Run 2018.....be encouraged you are doing a great thing....and keep going!

Miss B

Click on the link [MissB at StGs](#) and follow me on Twitter 

News and Events

Information for Runners and Walkers for Great Curry Run 2018

[Read more...](#)



GCSE Pod

Calling all Y11 Students

[Read more...](#)



Request for Crockery

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Lacrosse Report Spring 2018

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Reminders & Notices

OCCASIONAL BOARDING

Many of you are already well aware of the option to Occasional Board. However, it occurs to me that there may be some of relatively new to the School who may not be. Occasional Boarding is an option made available to existing day pupils allowing them the opportunity to take advantage of the boarding provision at St George's on, as the name would suggest, an occasional and flexible basis.

The cost of Occasional Boarding is £50 per night. This includes the cost of dinner and breakfast as well as accommodation in the relevant boarding house. If day students have friends who are boarders then they can request that they room share with those friends. It is also quite possible for any weekend occasional boarders to join in with any trips that happen to be taking place just so long as we have the necessary notice. There will be an annual limit of 30 nights' accommodation per pupil in order that a clear distinction between Occasional Boarding and being a full boarder. This amounts to roughly one night a week. However, there are any number of scenarios that might make it beneficial for parents to block book nights.

For more information about Occasional Boarding please visit:

www.stgeorges.herts.sch.uk/Boarding/Occasional-Boarding

PARENTPAY ALERTS

Tired of only finding out your child has no money on their lunch time account when they go overdrawn?

Did you know you can set up alerts to notify you when their accounts get low on money?

Go to your ParentPay account and click on Communication along the top. Then Alert settings. You can receive alerts via Email for free and via Text for a small fee. Register your email / mobile number and then set the threshold for the balance alert e.g. £5.00. This means that you will be alerted either by email or text when your child's account goes below £5.00 giving you time to top up before they go overdrawn.

Important Catering Information – THE GREAT CURRY RUN DAY

This will be held in school on Friday 27th April, 2018. On this day the ONLY lunch available in school will be the Great Curry Day lunch. Tickets must be purchased for this in advance, normal lunch allowances do not cover the cost of this meal. The SIXTH FORM REFECTORY will also be closed at lunch time on this day.

Lunch costs £3.60 of which a portion goes towards the charities being supported this year.

Lunch includes curry, rice, naan, poppadum, bhaji, either fruit or muffin and water bottle.

This is due by 9:00 am on Monday 23rd April and is payable through ParentPay. When ordering please state either MEAT OR VEGETARIAN OPTION in the notes field.

Tickets only available until 9am Monday 23rd April. After this time and date it will NOT be possible to purchase a ticket.

If your child is not purchasing a ticket please ensure they bring a packed lunch to school on Friday 27th April.

Tickets will be available for collection from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th April between 1pm and 2 pm in the Monk Foyer.

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

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

Keystone Events

[Growth Mindset - Guide for Parents April 23rd, 2018](#)

[Modelling Mindfulness - Thu 26th April 2018](#)

[Critical Thinking - Doing the Basics at Home - Mon 14th May 2018](#)

Harpenden Plus Partnership

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

Supporting our Students in the Wider Community

London Marathon

Louise Maikovsky Year 13 will be running in the London Marathon this weekend and fundraising for the head injury charity, Headway.

If you would like to support Louise and this worthy cause, please [click here](#).

Race Night

Saturday 5th May

Herbie Barwell, Year 9, is fund raising for a Scout Trip to Ghana in 2019.

[Read more...](#)

Community

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

Bethany Community Church

Family Movie Night - Saturday 21st April 2018

[Read more....](#)

Harpenden Carnival 2018

Saturday 10th June 2017

Harpenden Common
12.30pm - 5pm

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

Calendar

April 2018		
Sat	21	German exchange students return from Hamburg Boarders' Spring Formal Dinner
Sun	22	CERN trip returns Boarders Trip to Hillingdon Activity Centre Senior Chapel, 10am, School Uniform
Mon	23	St. George's Day GCSE Art Exam PSA Pub Night, 7.30pm, Skew Bridge (Southdown Road), all parents and staff invited! 4pm Whole School Meeting inc GDPR
Tue	24	GCSE Art Exam Year 13 French Orals D of E Bronze Info eve for Year 10 and Parents, 7pm Assembly Hall followed by Y10 Geography Lake District Info Evening, 8pm, Assembly Hall Georgians' Meeting, 7.45pm, Gr16
Wed	25	Information Evening for Year 7 Parents on Sex and Relationships Education, , Assembly Hall, 7pm Year 13 French Orals Athletics Senior District Champs, St Albans, 2.30pm Year 13 EPQ Presentations, 3pm-6pm, Old Library
Thu	26	Year 10 exam period starts Year 10 Parents Evening, 5-8pm, Assembly Hall and Goddard Junior Maths Challenge tbc Y10 MFL Orals Y12 A-level Politics study day Athletics, track only, St Albans, 4.30pm
Fri	27	House Photography competition judging House Quiz, period 5, Old Library Sixth form offer letters issued to current Y11 Governors Estates and Health and Safety Committee Meeting, 8.30am, GR16 Big Curry Day for the Soldiers Charity, some disruption to Y7 and Y9 lessons Y10 MFL Orals Girls Winter Sports Awards Evening for Players and Parents, Dining Room and Assembly Hall, 7 for 7.45 pm



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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