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Prayer for the week

Corinthians 12:9-11

“But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

NO CHAPEL

From the Headmistress

This weekend I have had a cold....well was it a cold? Was it an infection? Was it hay fever? Was it a combination of all three? Whatever it was, it gave me a temperature of 38.2 degrees centigrade and I worked through a box of tissues a day! I felt sorry for myself and then felt even sorrier for myself as the

weekend went on. I tried everything...I went to bed, but then it felt as if I had an elephant sitting on my face.....I sat up.....but it's hard to sleep like that for long.....I took a decongestant medication(no good on this occasion!); then tried paracetamol, then Ibuprofen and then a combo mix (because apparently you can do that!) I've hung my head over a bowl of steam, and made my eyes water by being over exuberant with the Olbas Oil (!!!). I even, thought "in for a penny in for a pound", and had a glass of champagne.....still no joy! This morning I topped the lot off by starting the "chesty cough" medicine, as I now sound like my grandma did, and she smoked 40 a day! So what have I learnt from my tail of woe?

In life today we have come to expect instant results, instant impact and we expect not to be inconvenienced by anything. In life today we expect our car to work all of the time; our marriages to be a bed of roses; our children to never let us down; difficulties at school need to be fixed.....and they need to be fixed now! and we expect our body to be able to withstand and fight off all illness... and if not we want a 'pill' that can fix it! So my tail of woe has taught me that for some things in life there are no quick fixes. Sometimes we need to allow for a healing process to take place, we need to give our body/friends/partners and children time to respond in their own timeframe and not ours; and that given time, rest, patience, and at times a little help, things will start to improve, and having improved we may be stronger as a result. The cold is on its way out.....I've gone through the worst, and having given up on the "fix it" medicine, perhaps I have given my own body the time and space to find its own fix, and the next time this little bug comes around, my body will have built up its own defences!

Next week may be a challenge for some of you, and for others you just can't wait! If your child is travelling on a school trip enjoy the peace and quiet around your home, revel in the fact that your young person is learning lessons in independence and self-reliance as well as History, Geography, French or wind surfing. Resist the urge to text or make contact, and if they phone you, politely tell them that a teacher will be able to help them, say goodbye and put the phone down. But then when they come home, either from a day trip or something a little longer, take a deep breath (because the washing will stink!), let them sleep and then be prepared to sit and listen to the amazing tales of adventure, excitement and of the many experiences they have had..... I can guarantee that it will be worth the wait!

And last but not least.....a very big CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Storrie who won the "Unsung Hero" award at The Herts Advertiser Schools Awards evening on Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend, the sun is set to shine and I am forever hopeful that this weekend I can leave my tissues behind!

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.

News and Events

Lacrosse Information Evening - 2018/2019 Season

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On Tuesday 10th July.....

[Read more...](#)



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Saturday 14th July 10 - 11am
The Assembly Hall

[Read more...](#)

St George's School PSA
PLEASE...PLEASE DONATE
2nd-Hand New Style Only
Blazers, PE Kits, Lacrosse Sticks,
Rugby Boots, Revision Guides,
Trainers, Shoes, Shirts, Jumpers, Scarves etc
at ANY TIME at Goddard Reception
for the next

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on
Sat 14th July
10 - 11am
Arrive on time so you don't miss out!
The Assembly Hall

GOOD CONDITION - LOW PRICES
All funds raised go to the School



Reminders & Notices

Relaxing of Uniform Regulations for the forthcoming week

Due to the temperatures being still high next week, pupils are advised that they may leave their jackets and ties at home for the duration of the week but must ensure that the rest of the uniform is worn appropriately. They should wear:-

- **Top button undone with no tie (only one button to be undone) or**
- **Tie kept on with top button done up**
- Proper length skirt
- Shirts tucked in (unless summer shirts worn GIRLS ONLY)

Please ensure that anything kept in blazer pockets e.g. lunch passes are removed and brought with you to school.

NB: All pupils who are taking part in activities on school site need to come in school uniform as listed above

FROM THE EXAMS OFFICE

As we approach the end of term, some important messages from the Exams Office.

- All students expecting exam results in the summer should ensure they have read the relevant letter on the school website (Home page > Exams > Exam Information). Boarders wishing to receive results by e-mail must follow the instructions given - it does not happen automatically.
- The same letters explain how to obtain certificates when they become available in November/December. Please be aware that no further reminders will be issued.
- A range of information for results day, including forms and fees for post results services, is already on the website (Home page > Exams > Exams results day documents). Forms for post results service are no longer included in results packs.
- The total exam timetable for 2018 - 2019 will be on the website on the last day of term (Home page > Exams > Exam Timetable), along with other updated documents summarising the exam year and exam specifications delivered at St George's (Home page > Exams > Exam Information).
- It is important to note that JCQ have introduced an Exam Contingency Day from next year, which in 2019 will be on the 26th of June. In the event of a 'national emergency' requiring any exams to be cancelled, the papers in question would be re-scheduled on this day, and no allowance would be made for any student missing them through going on holiday early. All candidates are therefore recommended to ensure that they are available on this date.

- Any Year 13s wishing to take university admission tests such as BMAT, TSA, ELAT etc, etc are reminded that these have been timetabled for the Wednesday of the half term holiday. Unlike some schools we will be open to run these, and students concerned need to ensure that they will be able to make it in on this day.
- The Exams Office will be closed on the 27th, 30th and 31st of July, and the 10th and 27th of August. It will be open on all other weekdays, plus the three Saturdays beginning the 18th of August to handle queries following results days. We would always recommend phoning first if coming any distance, as hours can vary during the holiday.

May I just thank colleagues, invigilators and above all students for their help in ensuring that this summer's exams ran as smoothly as they did. The fact that we are able to deliver over 6,000 exam papers in just over 5 weeks virtually without incident is a tribute to all of them. Paul McGillivray

ACTIVITIES WEEK MONDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 6TH JULY

Parents, please be aware that all information for the forthcoming Activities week will be on the school website under the [Trips and Visits section](#). Please make sure you look at latest trip letters and information on there for the most up to date information.

May I wish all those involved success. I am sure that memories will be made and amazing experiences will be had by all.

Mr Hollingsworth

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

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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

Harpenden Plus Partnership

Many of our parents have found the parenting classes provided by the Family Support Workers at Harpenden Plus incredibly useful. They are also a great way to meet other parents who may have challenges managing their youngsters. Please see information attached if you are interested.

Christine Theakston

Please click on the link to view full details [The Parenting Puzzle](#)

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 PHOTO COMPETION - PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION

Calendar

June 2018

Sat 30

July
Sun 1 Boarders return 6-8pm No Chapel Y9 PGL Spain Trip departs

Activities week
Year 12 Work Experience
Y10 D of E Bronze Assessed Expeditions this week, along with rotation of activities
Monday - Thursday:

Mon 2 Mosque Trip, Presentation Skills, Enterprise Day, Media and Marketing Day
Y8 Brittany trip departs
UK Trips Y8 and Y9 Group to St Albans
Year 9 Paris students "Tolerance Day"
Year 9 Normandy students D-Day preparation day 1
Year 7 STEP Day St Albans

Tue 3 Year 9 Normandy students D-Day preparation day 2
Year 7 students China Day
Year 9 Art Paris Trip departs

Wed 4 Foundation Company AGM, Buffet at 6.30pm, Meeting at 7pm, Old Library
Year 9 Normandy D-Day Trip Departs
UK Trips Y8 and Y9 Group "Apprentice Day"
Year 7 Trip to Whipsnade

- Thu 5 UK Trips Y8 and Y9 Group to Thorpe Park
Year 7 A,B,C to Warwick Castle
Year 7 D,E,F Tech day in school
- Fri 6 Year 10 students "Festival of Sport" at school
UK Trips Y8 and Y9 Group to Tring Museum
Y9 Paris Trip returns
Y8 Brittany trip returns
Year 7 A,B,C Tech day in school
Year 7 D,E,F, to Warwick Castle

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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/stgeorgessharpenden>

