

St George's School

	Education Acronyms
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A to Z of common education acronyms. Some of the terms refer to schemes or organisations that have ended but they remain included in the list as their legacy lives on.

A

A level	Advanced level examinations
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.
AIO	Attendance improvement officer. Sometimes called "A-ten". County support with poor attending students, fixed penalty notices etc.
ALPS	Advanced Level Performance System
AQA	Assessment and Qualifications Alliance
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
AST	Advanced Skills Teacher
AT	Attainment Target (in National Curriculum)
ATL	Association of Teachers and Lecturers
AWPU(N)	Age Weighted Pupil Unit (Number) - how much ££ the school gets per child, varies according to age

B

BA	Bachelor of Arts
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
BSA	Boarding Schools Association. Includes state and independent boarding/
BSc	Bachelor of Science
BSP	Behaviour Support Plan
BTEC	Business and Technology Education Council.

C

C&G	City and Guilds
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
CAFM	Computer Aided Facilities Management
CAL	Computer Assisted Learning
CAM	Computer Aided Manufacture
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CAT	Cognitive Ability Test - three tests, verbal, quantitative, non verbal
CEG	Careers Education Guidance
CIF	Common Inspection Framework
CLAIT	Computer Literacy and Information Technology

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CP	Child protection - a term generally superseded by safeguarding
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPLA	Child Previously Looked After. A child who was in care but who has now been adopted or under special guardianship.

D	CPOMS	Child Protection Online Management System: a platform used to log safeguarding issues and actions
	CPVE	Certificate of Pre-vocational Education
	CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
	CTC	City Technology College
	CTF	Common Transfer File
	D&T	Design and Technology
	DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service - advise on whether an adult can safely work with children
	DCPO	Designated Child Protection Officer
	DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
	DfE	Department for Education
	DoL	Director of Learning - at StGs, this is a super HoD running a faculty e.g.- Maths, Science, English, Humanities
	DPO	Data Protection Officer
E	DRC	Disability Rights Commission
	DSP	Designated Safeguarding Person
	DTP	Desktop Publishing
	DWP	Department of Work and Pensions
	EAB	Examinations Appeals Board
	EAL	English as an Additional Language
	EAZ	Education Achievement Zone
	EAZ	Education Action Zone
	eBacc	The "English Baccalaureate", a notional qualification if you have English, Maths, Science, an MFL, and a Humanities GCSE good pass.
	EBD	Emotional and Behavioural Difficulty - not a term often used, see SEMH
	ECT	Early Careers Teacher (formerly NQT) - teacher in their first two years
	EduLink	The platform used by StGs for parents to view reports, attendance info, etc.
	EFL	English as a Foreign Language
	EHCP	EHCP - Education and Health Care Plan, previously Statement of Educational Needs.
	EHP	Early Headship Provision
	EiC	Excellence in Cities
	EIP	Education Improvement Partnerships
	EMA	Ethnic Minority Achievement
	EO	Equal Opportunities
	EOTAS	Education Other than at School

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F	EP	Educational Psychologist
	EPQ	Extended Project Qualification.
	ERA	Education Reform Act
	ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
	EWO	Education Welfare Officer - a legacy term, now replaced by AIO
	FAETC	Further and Adult Education Training Certificate
	FAP	Fair Access Protocol - a county mechanism by which schools are asked to take mid phase students in turn
G	Friday 5	At StGs the last period of the week is used for tutor work with students, year group assemblies, personal development inputs etc
	FFT	Fischer Family Trust (a charity that provides estimates of pupil performance)
	FMS	Financial Management System (Capita)
	FOI	Freedom of Information (Act)
	FORM 7	DfE form sent every January requesting school statistics (replaced by PLASC which has, in turn, been replaced by School Census from January 2007)
	FSM	Free School Meals
	FTE	Full Time Equivalent
	G&T	Gifted and Talented - tempting to say this is all students at StGs....
	GBA	Governing Bodies Association
	GCE A	General Certificate of Education Advanced Level
	GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education
	GLH	Guided Learning Hours. The amount of time studying a 6th former must do for StGs to receive funding.
	GM	Grant Maintained - an LEA school as opposed to an academy trust
	GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
	GTC	General Teaching Council
H	H&S	Health and Safety
	HE	Higher Education
	HEADLAMP	The Headteachers' Leadership and Management Programme
	HEFC	Higher Education Funding Council
	HIP	Headteachers' Induction Programme (now replaced by EHP)
	HM	Headmistress
	HMC	Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference
	HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector
	HMI	Her Majesty's Inspector(ate)
	HODs	Heads of Departments - generally subjects which sit outside a faculty e.g. MFL, Tech
	HPA	House Pastoral Assistant. Each house has a specialist in SEMH to meet entry level needs.

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I	HRF	Health Related Fitness
	HSE	Health and Safety Executive
	HT	Headteacher
	IAG	Individual Advice and Guidance
	IAN	Indicated Admission Number. A calculation of how many students a school can admit. Governors can consult and set a higher or lower PAN than that.
	IB	International Baccalaureate
	ICT	Information and Communications Technology
	IEP	Individual Education Plan - a definition of best ways of meeting a students needs. In StGs two versions - a pupil passport and a pupil postcard
	IGCSE	International GCSE. At StGs, Year 11 historians take this instead of GCSE as the course is more coherent and prepares better for A-level
	IHCP	Individual Health Care Plan - a document for a student who has a serious and long lasting health condition e.g. diabetes, serious anaphylaxis risk.
	IIP	Investors in People
	INSET	In-service Education and Training
	ISA	Independent Schools Association
	ISB	Individual Schools Budget (i.e. the delegated budget for each school)
	ISI	Independent Schools Inspectorate
	ISIS	Independent Schools Information Service
	IT	Information Technology
	ITT	Initial Teacher Training - can be either school based e.g. St Albans Training Schools Alliance, or University based (PGCE)
J		
	JAR	Joint Area Review
K	JCQ	Joint Council for Qualifications
	KS	Key Stage
	KS1	Key Stage 1 Years 1-2 (5 - 7 year olds)
	KS2	Key Stage 2 Years 3-6 (8 - 11 year olds)
L	KS3	Key Stage 3 Years 7-9 (12-14 year olds)
	KS4	Key Stage 4 Years 10-11 (15 - 16 year olds)
	LA	Local Authority
	LAC	Looked After Children - a child in public care.
	LEA	Local Education Authority
	Learndirect	National Education and Training Helpline
	LG	Leadership Group - the Head, Deputies, and Assistants, and Heads PA
	LIF	Local Initiative Fund
	LIG	Leadership Incentive Grant

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M	LMS	Local Management of Schools
	LPSH	Leadership Programme for Serving Headteachers
	LRM	Local Resource Management
	LSA	Learning Support Assistant - in StGs these are sometimes deployed to support individual depts
	LSC	Learning and Skills Council
	LSDA	Learning Skills Development Agency
	LSE	Library Services for Education
	LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
	LSW	Learning Support Workers
	MA	Master of Arts
	MCI	Management Charter Initiative
	M.Ed	Master of Education
	MFL	Modern Foreign Languages
	MIND	National Association for Mental Health
N	MIS	Management Information System
	MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty
	MSc	Master of Science
	NACAB	National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux
	NAHT	National Association of Headteachers
	NASUWT	National Association of School Teachers/Union of Women Teachers
	NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education
	NC	National Curriculum
	NCPTA	National Conference of Parent Teacher Associations
	NCSL	National College of School Leadership
	NCT	Non-contact time
	NCT	National Curriculum Tests
	NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
	NEOST	National Employers Organisation for School Teachers
	NETTS	National Education and Training Targets
	NEU	National Education Union (<i>for teachers</i>)
	NFER	National Federation for Educational Research
	NGC	National Council for Governing Bodies
	NJC	National Joint Council, a negotiating body made up of unions and local government employers which negotiates local government pay
	NoR	Number on Roll
	NPQH	National Professional Qualification for Headship
	NPQSL	National Professional Qualification for Subject Leaders
	NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher (now replaced by ECT)
	NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
	NUPE	National Union of Public Employees
	NUT	National Union of Teachers

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O	NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications
	OCR	Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
	ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
	OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
	OOHL	Out of Hours Learning
P	OU	Open University
	PAN	Planned Admission Number
	PANDA	Performance and Data Analysis
	PANDAS	Performance and Assessment Documents
	PDA	Pathological Demand Avoidance.
	PE	Physical Education
	PEPs	Personal Education Plans
	PERMEX	Permanent Exclusion from school
	Personal development	This encompasses PSHCE but also other inputs e.g. from houses, special activities (PPR), Friday 5 etc
	PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate of Education - one year post Degree teaching qualification
	PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
	PIs	Performance Indicators
	PLASC	Pupil Level Annual Schools Census (replaced by School Census from January 2007)
	PoCA	Protection of Children Act
Q	PoS	Programmes of Study (in National Curriculum)
	PP	Pupil Premium. Students for whom the school receives additional funding because they are FSM, refugees, or otherwise disadvantaged
	PRU	Pupil Referral Unit - The LINKS in St Albans
	PRP	Performance Related Pay
	PPR	Promoting positive relationships. A StGs designed survey tool designed to signal detect year group SEMH, and school experience information
	PSA	Parent Staff Association
	PSE	Personal and Social Education
	PSHE	Personal, Social and Health Education
	PSHCE	Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education
	PTA	Parent Teacher Association
	PTR	Pupil Teacher Ratio
	QA	Quality Assurance
	QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
	QTPS	Qualified Teachers Pay Spine
	QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
	QUALIS	Quality of life in school. A Leeds Uni designed anti bullying survey done at StGs for 23 years by all Y7 and by boarders every year

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R	RE	Religious Education - at StGs will include study of ethics and other faiths
	Rgl	Registered Inspector
	RSA	Royal Society of Arts Examination Board
S		
	SACRE	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
	SAR	Subject Access Request. Under GDPR.
	SATs	Standard Assessment Task/Test - once done in Y9, no longer
	School Census	Pupil level statistics collected termly by DfE
	SCR	Single Central Record - held by personnel, logs staff safeguarding and DBS info
	SDP	School Development Plan
	SEF	School self-evaluation form issued by Ofsted
	SEMH	Social, emotional, and mental health.
	SEN	Special Educational Needs
	SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
	SEU	Standards and Effectiveness Unit
	SHA	Secondary Heads Association
	SIMS	Schools Information Management System (provided by Capita) - the MIS used by St Gs
	SIP	School Improvement Partner
	SLA	Service Level Agreement
	SLC	Student Loans Company
	SLD	Severe Learning Difficulty
	SM	Special Measures - a school which was found wanting by OFSTED and faces continued scrutiny and support
	SMART	Smart, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-scaled targets
	SMSC	Spiritual Moral Social Cultural - domains of school experience which we must cover across the curriculum
	SMT	Senior Management Team
	SOP	School Organisation Plan
	SoS	Secretary of State
	SoW	Scheme of Work - the planned learning methods and resources for a topic
	SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty - such as dyslexia.
	SRS	Safer Routes to Schools
	SSA	Standard Spending Assessment
	SSCO	School Support Coordinators
	SSE	School Self Evaluation
	SSF	School Standards Fund
	SSFA	School Standards and Framework Act 1998
	STABIS	State Boarding School Information Service
	STRB	School Teachers' Review Body
	SWC	School Workforce Census
T		
	TEFL	Teaching English as a Foreign Language
	TES	Times Educational Supplement

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	TP	Teachers' Pensions
	TTA	Teacher Training Agency
	TUC	Trade Union Congress
U	UCAS	University and Colleges Admissions Service
	ULN	Unique Learner Number
	UPN	Unique Pupil Number
	UNISON	Principal education union for Support Staff
V		
	VA	Voluntary Aided
	VC	Voluntary Controlled
W		
	WEA	Workers Educational Association
	WBL	Work Based Learning
Y		
	YELLIS	Year 11 Indicator System
	YOT (or S)	Youth Offending Team (or Service)
	YTS	Youth Training Scheme