



Welcome to the CGFT Newsletter!
A very warm welcome to all our new families and to our new headmaster, Mr. Ford. We hope you've all settled in well and are enjoying being part of our community.

It's been another busy and exciting year for the Trust. We bid a heartfelt farewell to Jane Hyman, our Chair, and Jenny Griffiths, our Treasurer, who stepped down at the end of the school year. Both have been incredible in their roles, and we are immensely grateful for their dedication and service.



We're delighted to welcome two new trustees to our team: Denise Ganley and Rebecca Westlake. Their expertise and enthusiasm will no doubt help drive the Trust forward in its mission.

This year, we had the pleasure of running our popular *welly-wanging* stall once again at the PSA Summer Fete. It was wonderful to engage with so



many parents and students and share more about the important work we do. It was also a joy to meet so many of you at the Year 7 Transition Evening as we welcomed new families into the St. George's community.

To celebrate the arrival of our new Year 7 students, each one received a special Cecil Grant pin badge in their house colour. This small token symbolizes their welcome into the St. George's family and our shared pride in being part of the school community. In addition, the Trust has provided new student handbooks for every pupil to support their academic journey and enhance their learning experience.

Thanks to your generous donations, we have been able to fund several vital projects this year. These include purchasing of new textbooks in most subjects , subscriptions, PE equipment, art supplies, and additional science and design technology resources to name just a few. We are also thrilled to announce that part of the donations are supporting an exciting ICT project. This includes the planned installation of 60 to 70 brand-new PCs in the Sixth Form study area and the replacement of 25 PCs in the technology block, ensuring our students have access to up-to-date resources for their studies.

A significant development last year was the



introduction of our QR code and payment link, making it easier than ever to sign up and donate to the CGFT.
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/25388>

We are incredibly grateful for the fantastic response and would like to say a huge thank you to all our new donors. To those who have been long-standing supporters or have recently increased their contributions—your generosity truly makes a difference. Every penny helps us continue to support the school and its students.

Thank you for being part of the CGFT journey. Your continued support ensures we can carry on making a meaningful impact. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved in the year ahead!

Warm regards,

Ben Noakes ,Chair of CGFT , November 2024

A Note About the Trust

The Trust is a charity run for the benefit of all St George's pupils. All families are asked to make a monthly donation per pupil by direct debit, and one-off payments are also welcome. The money raised is spent annually, ensuring pupils feel the immediate benefit. It is used to pay for essential items such as computers, textbooks, transport, prep books, and other equipment.

The Trust works hard to maintain a steady income stream to the school, allowing it to plan spending effectively. Originally established through the will of our founder, Reverend Cecil Grant, the Trust has continued to thrive and, thanks to the generosity of St George's families, raises approximately £135,000 every year. The Trustees include all Georgians, current parents, governors, and the headmaster.