

St. George's School Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025



From the Head

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with the St George's community. We have been successful in securing a significant grant from the *Condition Improvement Fund*; a government scheme designed to support the upkeep and enhancement of school buildings. Thanks in large part to the leadership of our Chief Operating Officer, Mr Tim Fleming, and the dedicated efforts of his team, our bid was successful. We have been awarded funding to replace over 220 windows and 20 doors, predominantly in the historic areas of the school.

This government grant will be supplemented by contributions from the School's Foundation and our own capital reserves. These are funds that have been carefully set aside over the years in preparation for this project. The refurbishment will not only enhance energy efficiency and safety across the site, but will also have a striking impact on the appearance of the school.

While we do anticipate some disruption to school life next term as the works are carried out, we are confident that the long-term benefits will far outweigh the short-term inconvenience.

At a time when headlines often focus on the lack of funding for education and the real-terms decline in investment in school estates, we are particularly grateful to have secured this support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fleming for his outstanding leadership of the operational side of the school, and to express our deep gratitude to those members of our community who give their time and talents to the School's Foundation. Like our Governors, they are the stewards of our resources and play a vital role in ensuring our estate is fit for purpose, now and for the future.

Help us to support your children

We are totally committed to dealing with any forms of harmful bullying - whether online or in the real world. Children are encouraged to report any incidents to either their Tutor, House Pastoral Assistant, Deputy Head of House, Head of House, any member of staff in Student Services or directly to Mrs Robertson, who leads on our Anti-bullying Strategy.

We aim to support anyone on the receiving end of any type of unkindness as well as to support and re-educate those students who are getting it wrong. We will use the full range of sanctions if students are repeatedly mistreating others and we will always communicate with parents and carers if there has been an incident.

Please help us by encouraging your child to report any concerns that they might have - either about what is happening to them or what they think is happening to others. They can report via email to krobertson@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk or they can use our reporting QR code. Thank you.



Attendance Award

We have just been awarded our second attendance award of the year which we are very pleased about. Good attendance is so important for not only students' learning and progress but also for their well-being and friendships. Sometimes, absences cannot be avoided due to ill health but if your young person just has a cold or is tired, send them in!

If you are worried about your young person feeling anxious about coming to school, then please get in touch with Mrs Grainger, our Mental Health Lead, as there is so much that we can do to support your child and yourselves.

hgrainger@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk



Discover the St George's School Resource Shop – your friendly, non-profit, one-stop destination for all school supplies!

Established in 1995, we pride ourselves on offering prices cheaper than the high street, alongside an excellent range of StGs branded items.

Do you have a new Year 7 student starting in September? Secure your essential school supplies now! Orders are being processed and will be conveniently ready for pick-up on Transition Evening. [Visit our website](#) to place your order today! Got a question? Email us – shop@stgeorges.herts.co.uk



Chapel reminders

Please remember to plan when your young person will be completing their three Sunday Chapels this term. It is a very important part of our school expectations as well as our community worshipping. This Sunday's Chapel is at 10.00 a.m. so why not come and join the service with your child. Students should be seated by 9.50 a.m.

If you are picking up or dropping off a student for a Sunday Service, please use the coach lay-by at the Goddard Reception end of the school - or even further away from the school site! No parent or carer should be coming up to the Aim Higher car park. Thank you.

Calling all helpers for the next Second-Hand Uniform Sale!

We're looking for 12-15 volunteers to help on **Saturday, 12th July 2025 from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.** latest.

As a thank you, you'll get the first pick of the uniform and be fed and watered while you help. It's a great way to support the school.

If you can join us, or you have any questions, please contact Sarah O'Rourke sarah.orourke7@nhs.net or Suzannah Goodchild suzannahgoodchild@hotmail.com

Thank you—we can't do it without you!



St. George's School PSA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

SATURDAY 12TH JULY FROM 9AM

Come and browse our wide range of pre-loved school uniform!

From ties to rugby and lacrosse kits, we've got everything you need - all at discounted prices.

Perfect for stocking up on spare items in case anything gets lost, and you'll be playing your part as we aim to be as sustainably friendly as we can!

Don't miss out - good quality at great prices!



Help Us Transform Our School!

Lend Your Skills and Make a Difference!

Our school needs a fresh coat of paint from time to time, and we're looking for volunteers to help us maintain a bright and welcoming environment for our children.

All painting equipment will be provided, and your PSA will supply drinks and snacks to keep you going.

If you can spare a few hours, we'd love for you to join us in making a difference.

Our next painting day is on Saturday, 20th September.

Events and Support for SEND Parents

Every Wednesday afternoon 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., Pioneer are hosting a drop in school anxiety session (please see the information below)

16th June Dyslexia online event - see information below

19th June Thursday EBSA Coffee morning @ Pioneer

25th June SEND Coffee morning @The Hub

[Workshops and Courses – SPACE Hertfordshire](#) - lots of useful online training sessions for parents - Tourette's, ADHA, ASD, Dyslexia etc.



FREE SCHOOL AVOIDANCE SUPPORT GROUP

GET INVOLVED. MAKE CONNECTIONS & STEP FORWARD!

Join us for weekly support sessions!

FREE TO ATTEND **DROP-IN SESSION**
NO NEED TO BOOK **FREE REFRESHMENTS**
ARTS & GAMES ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

WHEN? Starting April 23rd, 2025, Wednesdays, 1 - 3pm
WHERE? The Pioneer Youth Club, Heathlands Drive, St Albans AL3 5AY
WHO? Parents/guardians and children aged 5+ experiencing anxiety around attending school

VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES Sessions are led by experienced professionals from Vista Support Services, including a Family Support Worker and a Student Support Worker.

PIONEER YOUTH CHARITY The Pioneer Youth Charity has been a safe space for young people since 1941. In partnership with Vista Support Services, we are offering a support group for children and families struggling with anxiety around attending school or who may have stopped attending school altogether.

A collaboration between
The Pioneer Youth Charity and Vista Support Services
pioneerclub.co.uk
vistasupportservices.org.uk

The Pioneer Club
Registered charity number 202485

Vista Support Services

HERTS DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

presents

NAVIGATING SENIOR SCHOOL

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE HOSTING AN ADVICE EVENING FOR PARENTS OF DYSLEXIC CHILDREN WHO ARE NAVIGATING SECONDARY SCHOOL! WITH HELP ON TOPICS SUCH AS WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT AND ASSISTED TECH COME JOIN US FOR THIS INFORMATIVE EVENT



When: 16/06/25
Where: Online
Price: FREE for HDA members
£5 for non-members





SPOT THE SIGNS, SUICIDE PREVENTION WEBINAR

15TH SEPTEMBER 2025

FREE FOR ALL HERTS PARENTS

7PM - 9PM ONLINE

Contact us to discuss your training needs, or head to our website by scanning the QR code below:





Please contact cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org to book your space!



Harpenden and St Albans Autistic Girls' Network

A new group for autistic girls and their parents to meet, make friends and support each other

Email
harpenden.autistic.girls@gmail.com
for more information

Old Georgian Parents & Carers Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Friday 13th June 2025
2pm

This event has been CANCELLED due to lack of demand, but we hope to see you at the Summer Fete on the 28th of June 12.00pm - 4.00pm or at the Founders Chapel on Sunday the 29th June at 10.00am.

The
Old Library,
St. George's School

Catch Up, Meet Friends Old and New

rsvp georgians@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk