

St. George's School Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025



From the Head

Trips and visits are a hugely important part of life at St George's. Whether a visit to a gallery, field centre, a theatre or an overseas adventure, they offer pupils the chance to learn in different ways and experience the world beyond the walls of school.

With Activities Week coming up soon, many pupils will be heading off on a range of exciting trips in the UK and abroad. These opportunities are not limited to one week – we run trips throughout the year, across all year groups and subject areas, helping to bring our curriculum to life.

Behind every trip is a *great* deal of work. While we naturally think of the staff who give up their time to lead these visits, I also want to highlight the people who do all the work behind the scenes to make sure each trip runs safely and smoothly. Most especially, I want to thank Mrs Victoria Brazier (our EVC who checks all the paperwork is correct!), Mrs Anna Cowley & Mrs Yvonne Savasci (members of the finance team). These colleagues are at the heart of this work, making sure the finances and paperwork are all in place. We're very grateful for everything they do to make these experiences possible.

I'd also be grateful if you could speak with your child, ahead of Activities Week, about the high standards of behaviour we expect on school trips. These visits are a real privilege, and we want them to be safe and enjoyable for everyone - pupils and staff alike. Our staff give up their time and often spend nights away from their own families to make trips happen, and so it is important that all pupils help make the experience a positive one. We ask for your support in reinforcing our rule that mobile phones are not permitted on any school trips. This helps pupils to be fully present in the experience; stay focused, and engage with one another and the activities around them.

We hope every pupil makes the most of these opportunities, embraces the adventure, and has a brilliant time along the way.



Daisy Pulls it Off: Lower School Production

Join us for a terribly splendid evening of ‘madcap adventures’ as we join Daisy Meredith (daredevil, adventurer, possessor of a brilliant mind, exuberant, quick-witted, fond of practical jokes, honourable, honest, courageous, straight in all things and...an elementary school pupil) start her first term at Grangewood School for Girls (a school very much like St George’s - only without the boys!)

The Drama Department are chuffed to bits to present a simply spiffing rendition of Denise Deegan’s *Daisy Pulls It Off*. This frightfully funny spoof of an old English adventure novel (think *Mallory Towers* and *Famous Five*) is guaranteed to tickle the whole family. Daisy Meredith, a scholarship pupil at the esteemed school, has an awfully tricky time of trying to navigate life at her new school. So, imagine her astonishment when she finds herself solving an age old mystery and saving the school!

Don’t forget to bring your shillings for a spot of fizz - rumour has it there might even be a BBQ. How absolutely first-class!

The show will run for two nights – Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June.



Tickets cost £5.00 for both adults and students, and are only available via ParentPay. **Please indicate clearly on the ‘Notes’ section on ParentPay which night you would like to purchase tickets for and how many tickets you would like.** Tickets will be sold on a first pay first served basis so get those orders in quickly – we are limited to 100 seats per performance! No tickets will be issued - just give the booking name upon entry to the Front of House team.

The performance will start at 7.00 p.m. and will take place in Grant Quad. It lasts about an hour and will run without an interval.

It promises to be a tremendously fabulous end to the school Drama season! Jubilate and Honour Bright!

Prize Giving is now Prize Day

We have slightly tweaked the format of our existing Lower, Middle and Upper Prize Givings. Lower and Middle Prize Giving has always been held in July, with Senior Prize Giving in September.

For a multitude of reasons, we are moving Senior Prize Giving from 2026 to be in the evening of our Lower and Middle School Prize Givings to create a ‘Prize Giving Day’.

This is advance notice for those students who will be in year 11 and year 13 next academic year that Senior Prize Giving will be on the evening of 15th July.

We need your help to make the Summer Fête our biggest and best yet! Saturday 28th June.

We are looking for vital volunteers to help make this year's Summer Fête a real success! A huge amount of effort, coordination and creativity has already gone into the planning, and we need your help to make it happen. We really can't do it without you!

We need enthusiastic helpers to run games and stalls, serve food and drinks, sell raffle tickets and to run the entrance. We'll also need a heavy gang to help set up and take down the event.

Whether you can give an hour or a whole afternoon, your time will make a real difference. Not only is the Fête one of the biggest fundraising events for the school, it's also genuinely a lovely, feel-good event. Volunteering gives you the chance to chat with other parents, soak up the atmosphere, and be part of something that brings our community together.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/stg-psa>

Thank you for your support!
The PSA Summer Fete Committee

Support from SPACE

Here is a link to our Space Hertfordshire website where you can find most links to all our services, events, training and activities:- [SPACE Hertfordshire – Supporting families in Hertfordshire | Autism | ADHD | Neurodiversity](#)

Family Support Helpline calls:

We offer 25-minute telephone appointments, with one of our SEND family support team, sometimes we have face to face appointments in St Albans too. During these appointments, we can discuss things in more detail, offering advice, guidance, a listening ear and signpost to the relevant services. <https://spaceherts.org/>

Eventbrite:-

Everything we do including support groups, events and activities, training and more is all detailed on our Eventbrite page. If you 'follow' us, you will always be notified whenever we list something new. Under the training, courses and workshops section you will see our various courses including the Primary Steps we mentioned running in St Albans after the half term, here's a link to book that one:- [Primary Steps - 6 Week Course \(Cottonmill Community Centre, St Albans\) Tickets, Fri 6 Jun 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#) support@spaceherts.org.uk

CARERS WEEK - YOUNG CARERS

Caring about Equality

- Could someone in your family be a young carer?
- A young carer cares for a **family member** who, due to illness, disability, a mental health condition or an addiction, **cannot cope without their support.**
- We are proud of our young carers and the care they provide. However, a young carer **may miss out** on extra support offered and opportunities in their education, careers and personal lives due to their caring role.
- You can get them further support by contacting the Young Carers Service at Carers in Hertfordshire.



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SUPPORT



email: young.carers@carersinherts.org.uk



Visit: www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers

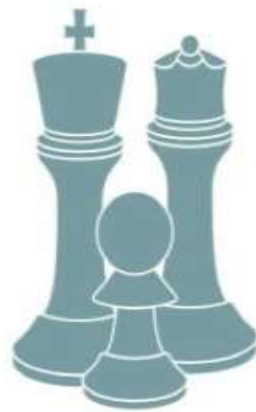
Juniors Chess Coaching

Summer Sessions

Sharpen your strategy, build confidence and master the board! Join our short summer series designed for young players. Learn tactics, openings and checkmates – perfect for all levels. Lessons delivered by members of Rothamsted Chess Club's league-winning team. Tea and coffee available for parents. Let's play!

To book a place or find out more, email info@rothamstedchessclub.org.uk giving name of child, school year group and level (novice, intermediate etc.).

- Open to children entering school years 3 to 11
- £10 per session or £25 for all three
- 30th June, 21st July & 11th August, from 18.45 to 20.15
- Quaker Meeting House, 12 Southdown Road, Harpenden



Rothamsted
Chess Club

Summer Holiday Courses

Step Up to Music



Ages 5-7

Orchestras and Wind Bands



Ages 8-18

Musical Theatre



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Summer Holiday Courses

Our first Musicale holiday course ran in 1977!
They are run by professional musicians who work with world-renowned orchestras and ensembles. Many are Musicale alumni and all want to share their passion for classical music with the next generation of young talent.

Musical Theatre

Suitable for all experience levels, this "divine" course is a chance for students to put on a production of *Sister Act Jr* under the guidance of Musical Theatre professionals and have a lot of fun along the way! Our MT course is full of aspiring actors exploring their creativity and experiencing the magic of musical theatre. Previous attendees have gone on to perform in the West End & been signed by record labels!

Step up to Music

Step up to Music introduces our younger members to instruments and music-making. Throughout the fun-filled week, they'll try various orchestral instruments, learn rhythm and pitch through percussion and songs, and explore different genres with musical stories and games. The week concludes with a family concert showcasing the young musicians' new skills.

Children who have just started instrumental lessons and don't yet feel ready for the main course, can also sign up for Step-Up to Music!

Orchestras and Wind Bands

These popular courses welcome all musicians grouping them in ensembles by age and ability. Music is chosen to challenge everyone, providing a fun and diverse programme.

Musicians experience sectional rehearsals, advanced player chamber music and team-building activities such as improvisation workshops, bouncy obstacle courses and treasure hunts for our younger members. The week concludes with a fantastic concert showcasing a selection of the week's repertoire.

Week 1: 28 July - 1 August

Week 2: 4 - 8 August

Katherine Warington
School, Harpenden

9:30 - 15:30

£230 per week

Book
Today



Musicale was all set to meet lots of people at the Harpenden Carnival this weekend to tell them all about our fabulous **Summer Holiday Music Courses**, however the weather warnings saw the Carnival cancelled and we are so disappointed!!

To console ourselves, we have decided to run a **10% discount for this week only!**

Here is a short video to give you a flavour of our courses! <https://youtu.be/LX3Qm9VyUI0>