

# St. George's School Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025



## From the Head

It has been another busy and uplifting week at St George's, with a range of events showcasing the remarkable spirit of our school and the teamwork and dedication of our pupils.

Last Friday, we enjoyed the much-anticipated **Senior Prefect Day of Fun (SPDOF)** - an event that reflected the leadership, enthusiasm, and creativity of our senior pupils. A huge thank you to our senior prefects and captains, whose careful planning and boundless energy made the day a tremendous success. The younger pupils were thoroughly entertained by the impressive routines on display, and just as importantly, the event raised over £4,000 for *Herts Young Homeless* - a fantastic achievement. You can read more about it and see some pictures below.

As their tenure draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our prefects and captains. Their commitment and positive influence have resonated across the school community, and we wish them every success as they prepare for their upcoming examinations.

Another highlight of the week was **Super Saturday**, which saw over 600 pupils competing in house rugby and lacrosse matches, cheered on by a wonderful crowd of family and friends. House spirit was on display throughout, and my thanks go to the staff who so generously gave up their time on Saturday to ensure the event ran smoothly. Again, there is a report to read below.

Finally, on Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome visitors from **Curro School in Durbanville, South Africa**. Our pupils took part in rugby, netball, and chess matches before hosting them for tea. Beyond the competition, it was great to see the warmth with which our pupils engaged with their guests, sharing experiences and forging connections. The camaraderie between the two schools suggests exciting possibilities for future collaboration.

My thanks, as always, for your support as parents and carers - it is an important part of making St George's such a thriving and special community.

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## Young Readers Bridge the Generation Gap—One Page at a Time!

As part of our whole school aim to encourage reading for pleasure, some of our enthusiastic readers were invited to Lea Grange Care Home to experience their lovely hospitality; chat to guests and read to those who can't do that for themselves anymore.

It has been a fantastic way to get involved with our local community and we have learnt so much already from residents' memories and recollections. The boys had chosen different World War 2 novels to read, which gave us lots to talk about.

We met a resident called Wendy, an author and poet, one of a core of Feminist Poets to come out of Cambridge University in the 1970s, who told us about being evacuated to Wales at the end of the war and who from 6 years of age, roamed the hills of Abergavenny from dawn until dusk with a merry band of evacuee and local children. We also met Irene who was a music teacher, specialising in Violin, at St George's, after playing in prestigious Orchestras around the world, who chatted with us about her memories of music at school.

As well as reading we have been challenged to games and even in the residents' gym, showing friendly competition goes on forever! All the residents have been so happy to see what they call "Our lovely boys!" and we look forward to hearing even more stories and getting involved in upcoming plans for celebrating 80 years since the end of World War 2.

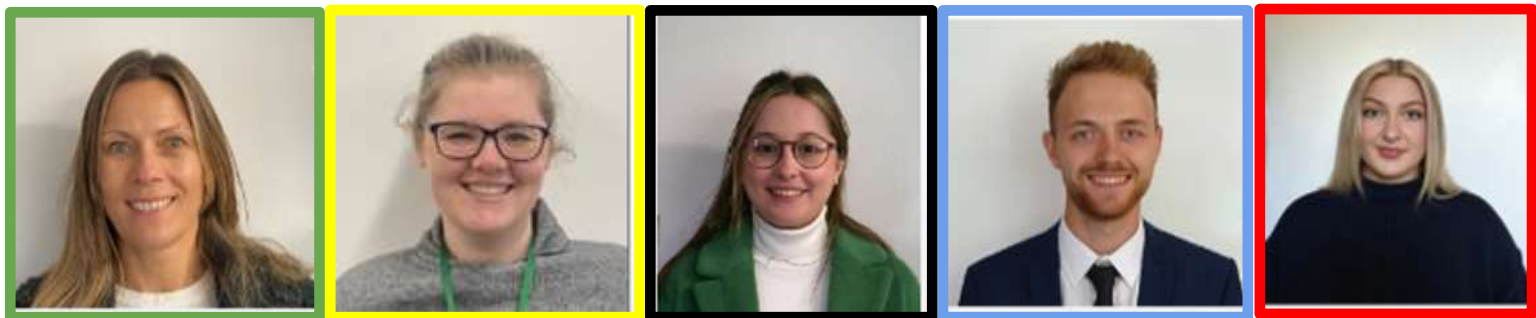


### House Pastoral Assistant Team

As part of our pastoral support for students, attached to each house is a House Pastoral Assistant who helps to support students in their house. The team provides an additional layer of support alongside existing pastoral and teaching staff, addressing the social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs of children who need help to overcome barriers to learning and emotional wellbeing, both inside and outside the school, in order to achieve their full potential.

The HPAs work as part of the house team with the Head of House and Deputy Head of House to ensure progress and achievement for pupils as well as working in the main Student Services area to deliver support to students. Students can self-refer for some support or can be referred by the house team. Sessions can vary from a quick check-in to a 6 to 8 week programme of specific support such as how to manage feelings of anxiety.

They are a highly trained and enthusiastic team who have a huge impact on our student's well-being and happiness. If you feel that your child could do with some extra support, please contact your Head of House.



Mrs Robinson      Miss Cooke      Miss Chilvers      Mr Blair      Miss Payne

## Senior Prefects' Day of Fun



SPDOF took place last Friday, in front of a 'standing room only' audience in the sports hall. Our senior prefects led five spectacular routines, from ABBA to Backstreet Boys to Beyoncé.

The day was a non-uniform day: that, coupled with a busy tuck shop meant that we were able to raise over £4,000 for their chosen charity; 'Herts Young Homeless'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff involved in supporting the event (drama department, Heads of House and Sixth Form team. However, the biggest thank you goes to our senior prefect team for not only putting on a wonderful event, but also for their service in these roles over the last year.

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## Super Saturday

Super Saturday was an amazing event and possibly our largest Inter house rugby and lacrosse event to date. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who came and supported the event and would also like to thank all the food vendors, parents who helped with our fundraising and those staff and parent volunteers who umpired and refereed throughout the day!

The Lacrosse Competition saw 300 students take part across the juniors, inters and senior competitions and staff felt that it was one of the highest



standards of Lacrosse we have seen in a very long time and is testament to our strong Lacrosse extracurricular programme.

As has been the case in previous years, the competition was very close and the overall results for lacrosse were as follows:

- Goddard -1st
- Monk = 2nd
- Watts = 2nd
- Grant - 4th



This year's rugby event was a slightly adapted version for the inters and seniors who reverted to a 7's format. The junior age groups remained as a 10-a-side event.

We still saw nearly 300 students take part making the total number of students participating in Super Saturday close to 600 students, which is a huge achievement. As with the lacrosse competitions, we saw a high standard of rugby played and some very closely contested matches. We will review this year's competition, however, the success of the 7's format will make it highly likely this will be repeated for next year's competition.



The overall results of the rugby competition are as follows:

- Goddard - 1st
- Grant - 2nd
- Monk - 3rd
- Watts - 4<sup>th</sup>



Thank you for all your support throughout the rugby and lacrosse season and we look forward to seeing you all back on the side lines again next year.

## Get ready for Summer!

Please can you help your child to be summer ready by:

1. Making sure that they have a named water bottle on them **every day**.
2. Reminding them to take any Hay Fever medication before they come to school (we don't administer this).
3. Have sunscreen and a hat for lunchtime.
4. If an EPIPEN carrier, reminding them that they need to be carrying two on them at all times but especially when on the field.

As you can see, we are extremely positive that summer is just around the corner!

## Music Recital-Old library, Monday 28th April 2025

The third and final Monday evening recital of the academic year will take place on Monday 28th April at 7.00 p.m. in the Old Library. The featured artist is Matt Harrison, a professional trombonist who is currently Principal trombonist with the Bath Philharmonia and English Touring Opera. Matt will be playing a selection of original

and reimagined music for trombone and piano spanning over 300 years, including pieces by Emperor Joseph I of Austria, Mozart, Berg and three living composers.

Refreshments before and during the recital will be provided by the P.E. department as part of their fundraising efforts for the forthcoming tour to America.

Tickets are £10 and will be available via ParentPay from Monday 24 March and are limited to 50 due to the capacity of the Old Library so get your ticket promptly! GCSE and A-Level music students can obtain a free ticket from their music teacher.

**We are holding a Cake-off to celebrate St George's Day....get involved!**



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## 23RD APRIL

### CAKEOFF

**Show off your baking skills to celebrate St George's Day!**

**Create a St George's Day themed cake**

A list of ingredients must be provided with each entry and remember no nuts, thank you.

**Cake Drop-off:** 8am to 8:30am Go2

**Breaktime:** Cake sale raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support  
**bring £1 to buy a cake**

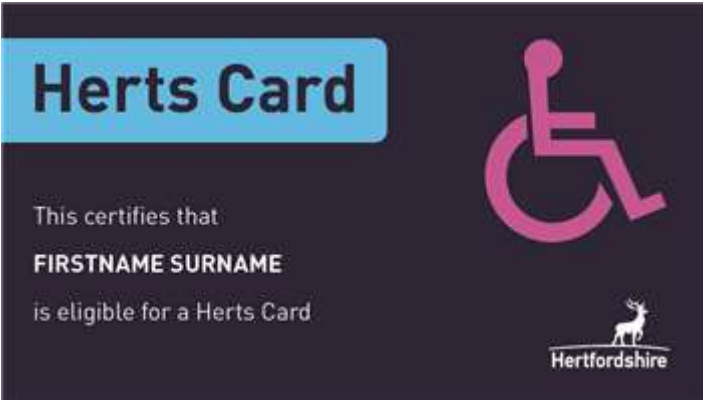


**Merit points for all who participate & Prize for the winner!**

## Help for families to have fun in Hertfordshire

The Herts Card (previously known as the HAND card) is designed to support and benefit families of children with SEND across Hertfordshire and provides discounts and exclusive support. Families of children and young people on Free School Meals are also now entitled to a Herts Card.

You do not need to reapply if you already have a HAND account - you can access the new card by logging into your existing account.



[Find out more about the Herts Card and where you can use it.](#)

[Find out more about the Herts Card for those eligible for free school meals](#)

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## Think Pharmacy First

Did you know that Pharmacies can now offer NHS clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children? Earache (Children aged 1-17) Sore Throat (over 5s) Infected Insect bites (Over 1s) Impetigo (Over 1s). Visit your local pharmacy for more information.

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## Herts for Learning Online Revision workshops



HfL’s GCSE English, Maths and Science and A ‘Level Maths online revisions workshops continue right up to the summer exams. Students can access live and recorded sessions on demand with support starting from £10 per student, per session. The sessions are tailored to build confidence, reinforce knowledge, and equip students with proven exam strategies. Each workshop helps enhance students’ skills, motivation, and readiness exams.

For more details of the courses which are available, click here: [HFL Education GCSE Revision Sessions](#)

## Targeted Parenting Support Courses

| Provider                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Venue   | Courses                                                  | Dates and Times                               |
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|  <p>Courses can be booked on Eventbrite using the following link; <a href="#">ADD-vance Parent Courses   Eventbrite</a></p> <p>You can also email: <a href="mailto:herts@add-vance.org">herts@add-vance.org</a> or call on 01727 833963 for more information.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="#">ADD-vance</a></p> | Online  | Understanding ADHD and Autism for Dads                   | 06.01.2025 - 10.02.2025<br>7pm to 9 pm        |
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|  <p>To view courses, you can click the name of the course. You can also email <a href="mailto:training@spaceherts.org.uk">training@spaceherts.org.uk</a> or call us on 01920452270 for more information</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="#">SPACE Hertfordshire – (spaceherts.org.uk)</a></p>                     | Online  | Talking SENSory- Signs, Signals and Solutions            | 27.01.2025 - 10.02.2025<br>7pm to 9pm         |
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# Super 1s



**ALL DISABILITIES  
WELCOME**

**AGES 8-16**

**FREE INCLUSIVE  
CRICKET SESSIONS**

**GET ACTIVE AND  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

## **WHEN**

**EVERY SUNDAY  
910am-11am**

**STARTING 8th JUNE  
2025**

## **KINGS LANGLEY HUB**

**KINGS LANGLEY CC  
VICARAGE LANE  
KINGS LANGLEY  
WD49HR**



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