

# St. George's School Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025



## From the Head

The start of term has flown by at St George's, and we now find ourselves at the end of the first full week of school. I hope your son or daughter has settled into term well and is back in the rhythm of school life.

It has been a pleasure to observe how warmly our returning pupils have welcomed new members of our community. Whether through senior prefects chaperoning Year Sevens to lessons, Year Twelve pupils connecting at the welcome BBQ, or the small acts of kindness that you see around school, these moments demonstrate the care and support that underpin our community. It is wonderful to be part of a school where pupils assist each other with directions, hold doors open, and make newcomers feel welcome.

At St George's these behaviours are not left to chance; they are deliberately cultivated. Our behaviour curriculum, in place for several years, supports this work and helps shape a culture where positive behaviour is the norm. Through consistent routines and clear expectations, we create a learning environment in which all pupils can thrive.

The school's culture and ethos is the responsibility of all of us, but is ultimately set directly through the work of our governors. I am pleased to announce that we currently have **two vacancies for Parent Governors** and warmly encourage those who may be interested to consider putting themselves forward. **Full details of the role, along with a link to apply, can be found on the school website [here](#).** The deadline for nominations is 3.00 p.m. on Friday 26th September 2025.

Should the number of nominations exceed the available vacancies, a secret ballot will be held, with full instructions provided to all parents and carers. Any questions can be directed to the contact details listed within the application pack.

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## Admission to Year 7 Day School at St. George's for siblings of current students

Just a reminder that applications for places in **Year 7** for the next academic year have now opened. All parents who have children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 who would like to apply for a Year 7 place in September 2026 need to ensure that:

- You have applied online to your local authority by 31st October 2025
- You have downloaded a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the [website](#) and returned it to the school by 22nd October. It can be returned, preferably by email to [dayadmissions@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dayadmissions@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) or posted to the school or dropped at Goddard Reception.

If you have a child in the school who currently has a day place in Year 7 to Year 13 you will be able to tick the sibling criterion (Admission Criteria 3) as long as both children live at the same address and this address matches the address that we hold in the school's management system. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Zuzana Holmes, Admissions Officer at the school on 01582 71627.

### Open Evening, 3 October - Headteacher's talks now open to book

Our Open Evening for prospective students will be on Friday 3 October, 5.00 to 8.00 p.m. Tickets for the Headteacher's talks are now open to book. There will be four talks during the evening, and people will need a ticket to attend. Be quick, as tickets do go fast! You can book [here](#)

If you just want to tour the school, you do not need to book. Just turn up and enjoy the tour.

### Expectations and Behaviour

Next week, our Behaviour Curriculum focus is **Concluding Lessons Well**. We want students to stay focused until the bell, pack away responsibly, and leave classrooms calmly and in good order. This ensures learning time is maximised and the school remains a safe, respectful environment. You can support at home by encouraging your child to finish tasks properly and uphold routines right to the end of each lesson.

**OBVIOUSLY RESPONSIBLE...**  
**Concluding Lessons Well**



 **Be focused** – work right up until your teacher instructs you to stop.

 **Be tidy** – pack away only when invited; leave resources ready for the next class, straighten tables and chairs, and check the floor for litter.

 **Be ready** – stand behind your chair in silence; tidy your uniform and wait to be dismissed.

 **Be prompt** – leave calmly, move on quickly, and don't wait for friends in the corridor.

 **Aim Even Higher** – be ready and willing to learn for the *full hour*, showing resilience and focus right through to the bell.

### We are Georgians and we Aim Higher by being...

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| Obviously<br><b>KIND</b><br><i>We go above and beyond to support and respect others.</i> | Obviously<br><b>POSITIVE</b><br><i>We strive to be optimistic, resilient, and embrace challenges.</i> | Obviously<br><b>RESPONSIBLE</b><br><i>We do the right thing — even when no one is watching.</i> | Obviously<br><b>TOGETHER</b><br><i>We include others, build each other up, and act as one team.</i> |
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## Welcome to the Sixth Form BBQ

We have welcomed over 200 amazing students to our sixth form (around a third of those being new to St George's). We are so impressed with how they have started and the kindness and camaraderie amongst the year group.



After a successful induction day last week, and on the back of nearly a week of lessons: we hosted a welcome barbecue yesterday that was attended by students and staff. The rain cleared and a good time was had by all! We look forward to seeing this group continue to flourish and 'aim higher' in their sixth form journey.

## EduLink Settings and Google Classroom

The EduLink app is our main way of communicating information to parents and carers. It's also used to report absences and provides you with all sorts of information on things like catering balances, attendance, behaviour and rewards. If you are a new parent and haven't yet installed the app, or you need to reset your login details, click [here](#).

Your child's contact email needs to stay set up in a very specific way to make sure they can access Google Classroom and their own EduLink account. If the settings are not right, the links to those services break, which means your child won't be able to log in or see their assignments.

### How to check your child's email settings

1. Log in to your EduLink parent/carer account
2. Click on the Update Information icon
3. Navigate to your child's profile by clicking on the name at the top of the page
4. Scroll down to the Contact Details section
5. In the emails section you will find your child's school email ending @students.stgeorges.herts.sch.uk
6. Confirm the settings below this email match the following (change them if required):

**Location:** Work

**Main:** Checkbox selected

**Primary:** Checkbox selected



7. Repeat the above for each of your children

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the school's IT support team at

[ictsupport@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ictsupport@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk)

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## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Sporting Fixtures this weekend

We have Rugby fixtures this Saturday with a mix of home and away games against Richard Hale. Lacrosse fixtures this Saturday are all **AWAY** at North London Collegiate School (Parent Transport is required for both Rugby & Lacrosse games).

### How do I find what's on this term?

Please have a look at the school calendar if you would like more information on this term's fixtures and events which can be found here: [Calendar](#)

We also use SOCS software which has an app you can download. Again, this will give you details about this season's fixtures and events including team sheets a few days before the matches. The password for this year's log in is: STG2024 [SOCS Login](#)

The Extra Curricular Activity sheet has been sent out and has a great variety of activities for everyone. We would love to see as many students as possible taking part in these exciting clubs. If your young person hasn't taken part in any clubs this week, then they are very welcome to come along to join us next week!

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## News from the PSA

### PSA Meeting - what a turnout!

It was fantastic to see so many new faces at the first PSA meeting of the school year on Wednesday. Huge thanks to everyone who came along! This term is one of our busiest so if you'd like to help, please email [psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) and we'll add you to our comms list.

The next meeting is the PSA AGM which will be held on 10th November at 7.00 p.m., followed by the usual PSA meeting at 8.00 p.m. (Goddard).

### Did you know...?

Each year group has its own WhatsApp group where parents can share key information and stay in the loop about PSA events. Not in your group yet? Email your mobile number to [psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) and we'll send you the link to join.

### Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is back on 22nd November and the team is meeting at the Old Bell Pub, 8.00 p.m. on Monday 22nd September to kick off the planning. Come along and see how you can help - there are plenty of ways, big and small. Please email Kasia at [kasiaskrzypek@icloud](mailto:kasiaskrzypek@icloud) if you are able to join.

### Painting Day - NEW DATE!

Parent Dean Harris leads our twice-yearly painting days at the school, and the date for the next one is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. No experience is necessary and we provide all materials, drinks and snacks. More information and sign-up details for volunteers will be shared on the WhatsApp groups in the coming days.

Please note this date has changed from the previously advertised 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**First Ever Ski Sale!**

Do you have unwanted ski kit gathering dust? You can donate it to our first ever ski sale which will run alongside the second-hand uniform sale at the Christmas Fayre on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Drop your ski wear at the office at Goddard Reception at any time. Uniform donations are also welcome at any time.

**Why get involved in the PSA?**

It's easy to think "it's something other people do" but the PSA is made up of parents just like you: busy, juggling lots, sometimes not sure what they're signing up for - but glad they did! Joining the PSA not only helps raise vital funds for your children's education, but keeps you connected to your child's school life, helps you meet genuinely lovely people and strengthens the St George's community. Whether you give a little of your time, donate a prize, bake a cake, help behind the bar or run an event, every contribution really helps.

Email [psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk) to find out more. Thank you for your support!

**Dates for Your Diary**

- Saturday 22nd Sept - Christmas Fayre planning meeting, the Old Bell, Harpenden 8pm
- Saturday 27th Sept - Painting Day - new date
- 10th Nov - PSA AGM (7pm) + meeting (8pm)
- 22nd Nov - Christmas Fayre
- 29th Nov - Christmas Ball (details to follow)

**No right turn into Sun Lane**

A big thank you to all of you who are now dropping off or picking up your child away from our main entrances. Each small change you make has a significant impact on our students' safety, wellbeing and independence, helping reduce congestion and allowing your child to get that much-needed fresh air and exercise.



A reminder that there is no right turn into Sun Lane from the Goddard coach bay exit between 8.00 to 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. on school days. This helps the traffic flow along Sun Lane. Parents and carers are not allowed to use the Goddard coach bay for pick up. If there is a reason why your child needs to be picked up from the coach bay then please contact your Head of House so that we can issue you with a pass to show to staff supervising this area. Our entrance off Carlton Road must not be used for drop off or pick up either.

Thank you for abiding by these rules and for continuing to respect our staff who are there to protect and care for all our young people.

**Inclusive Football Sessions**

**Do you know any boys or girls in your school who love their football and are keen to play, but struggle to take part in mainstream sport?**

If so, Harpenden Colts would love to invite them (and their parents) to our Inclusive Football Taster Session:

**Time: 3.30 - 4.30 pm**

**Date: Sunday 5th October 2025**

**Venue: Roundwood Park School 3G Pitch**

Harpenden Colts offers **free weekly inclusive football sessions** for players aged 6–21 with any kind of learning or physical impairment. We also welcome neuro-diverse players and those who would like an alternative to mainstream football, for any reason. The sessions are every Sunday afternoon at the venue and timings above.

Our sessions are led by experienced, disability-trained coaches and focus on building core football skills, communication, and teamwork. Most importantly, they’re designed to be fun—with at least half the time doing what our players want to do most; and that’s play a match!

As places for the taster session are limited, please ask parents to register their interest by emailing [harpendencoltsinc@gmail.com](mailto:harpendencoltsinc@gmail.com) by **Friday 26th September**.



### Children’s Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops

October – December 2025

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



| Workshop                                                                                                                                                                                             | Date & Time                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16)</b><br>A workshop focused on adolescents managing their emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.                                | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm                                                                                                |
| <b>Adolescent Self-Esteem and Resilience</b><br>A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and resilience and what parents/carers can do to help.                                 | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm                                                                                               |
| <b>Supporting your Child’s Self-Esteem and Resilience</b><br>A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.                                | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm<br>Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 10am-12pm                                                   |
| <b>Supporting with Sleep Difficulties</b><br>This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.           | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm<br>Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 6-8pm                                                     |
| <b>Developing your Child’s Emotional Literacy</b><br>A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.                                                        | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 10am-12pm<br>Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm<br>Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 10am-12pm |
| <b>General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers</b><br>A workshop focused on parents supporting their child’s general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate. | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm<br>Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10am-12pm<br>Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm     |

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>





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## SEND 25/26 Coffee Mornings

**DSPL7 & Vista St Albans+** host coffee mornings where School and SEND Family Workers are available to support parents / carers of children with SEND regardless of a diagnosis. This is an informal and safe place for parents / carers to share information and chat. The DSPL7 SEND Lead and other professionals may also be available for discussions. There is no need to book to attend this drop in session.

**Dates:** Mornings on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> May & 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 9:15 - 11:30am

**Venue:** The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW. The Hub is to the right hand side of the school building at the bottom of the car park. **There is no parking available onsite, but 3 hours free parking is available nearby in Morrisons supermarket.**

### Appointments

Running alongside our coffee mornings, there is also the opportunity to reserve a 20-30 minute appointment to speak to the following professionals between 9:30am - 12:00pm.

#### To book an appointment:

Please email  
[admin@dspl7.org.uk](mailto:admin@dspl7.org.uk)

| Dates                              | Professionals attending                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October  | Thelma Mugovera - Ask Sali (EHCP advice)           |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November  | Harri Nicholas - EBSA                              |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January | Laura Tarrant - ASD & PDA                          |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March     | Tanya Suri - Speech and language                   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May     | Jess Pickle - First Steps, eating disorders, Afrid |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June      | Elaine Bridle- ADHD                                |

**Vista contact details:** 01727 519128 [vistastalbans@gmail.com](mailto:vistastalbans@gmail.com) [www.vistastalbans.org.uk](http://www.vistastalbans.org.uk)  
**DSPL7 contact details:** 01727 519229 [admin@dspl7.org.uk](mailto:admin@dspl7.org.uk) [www.dspl7.org.uk](http://www.dspl7.org.uk)



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## Family Lives Free Autumn Term Parenting Groups

**Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group**  
**Friday 26th September to 7 November 9.45am to 11.45am OR**

**Tuesday 14 October to 25 November 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our free online group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

**Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group**  
**Thursday 2 October to 13 November 9.30am to 11.30am**

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

**Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group**

**Wednesday 5 November to 10 December 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

Calling all Dads - join our free online group, come along and receive support from other dads and learn how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control.

**Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop**  
Autumn term dates to be confirmed

**Reducing Conflict Online Workshop**  
Autumn term dates to be confirmed

**Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop**  
Autumn term dates to be confirmed



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For more information, please contact Louise on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.