

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

Friday 16th January

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors,

I am very pleased to be back at St George's after a period of absence, it has been lovely spending time with students and staff at St George's and St George's Studio. I wish to reassure you that I remain completely committed to our school and ensuring positive outcomes for all students. Thanks to all staff who have worked so hard to ensure consistency and rigour in my absence.

After eight and a half years as a Governor at St George's, Dave Piggot has resigned as Chair of Governors. I am sure that you will all agree that Dave has done a fantastic job supporting the school and staff team on our development journey and in thanking him for his hard work and commitment over the years. We shall miss Dave and wish him well in his future plans.

I look forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks.

Best Wishes

S.J. Gleeson

Steff Gleeson
Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday 26th January

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February Half Term:
Last day of Term
Friday 13th of
February

**Monday 23rd
February January:**
Students to return to
school

**Monday 2nd February
& Monday 9th
February**
The View will be
closed for staff
training



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school.co.uk](http://www.stgeorges-school.co.uk)

Metal Water Bottles

Please may we remind all parents and carers that metal water bottles are not permitted in school. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, there has been an outbreak of head lice in school.

Head lice have nothing to do with cleanliness or parenting skills, but it can cause distress and harm, if left untreated for a prolonged period. They are spread by head-to-head contact.

It is also important to check everyone in the house and to start treating any family/household members who have head lice on the same day.

Head lice and their eggs (nits) can be removed effectively by wet combing; if this method is unsuitable or has not worked, medicated lotions are recommended and can be purchased from any pharmacy

You will need to buy a special fine-toothed comb (a detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

WET COMBING

1. Wash hair with ordinary shampoo and apply lots of conditioner.
2. Comb whole head of hair from roots to the ends with the detection comb (usually takes 10 minutes for short hair and up to 20-30 minutes for long/curly hair)
3. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice.
4. Check again that everyone's hair is free from lice on day 17.

Treatments not recommended because they are unlikely to work are:

- Products containing permethrin
- Head lice 'repellents'
- Electric combs for headlice
- Plant oil treatments such as tea tree, eucalyptus or lavender oil herbal remedies

We can appreciate that this may cause extra work for you; however, we feel that it is important to resolve this as quickly as possible.

Information and a wet combing video are available on the NHS website.

Signing in and out at school

In order to accurately record all student's attendance, it would be much appreciated if parents / carers could sign their young people in and out from the school building (when arriving late or leaving early) using our screen in reception. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Car Parking

Dear Parents and Carers

Those of you who regularly collect your young person at the end of the school day will be aware that the school car park becomes extremely congested. This congestion can cause significant delays for school buses arriving on site and disrupt the smooth flow of traffic.

The impact is also felt by parents who need to collect their young person early for appointments, as well as by our school minibuses returning from educational visits, which can experience difficulty accessing their designated parking bays. In addition, early arrival of taxis further compounds the issue. We will be contacting school transport again to remind them that vehicles should not arrive on site before 2:45 pm.

We would therefore politely ask that parents and carers arrive on site as close to 2:45 pm as possible. If your young person is able to walk, we would also greatly appreciate you avoiding parking directly outside the front entrance and, where possible, parking off site. This will help ensure that our wheelchair-using students can access their vehicles safely and easily.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Managing traffic flow is essential, but most importantly, these measures help us to keep all of our students safe.

Parent Webinar – Apprenticeship Opportunities

Is your young person thinking about an Apprenticeship as their next step after school or college? Unsure of what the options are and what this means?

Come and join us for an informal 45 minute webinar, where we will help you to understand:

- what an apprenticeship actually is.
- what are the levels and what do they mean?
- where can you do an apprenticeship and in what sectors?
- how can your young person find an apprenticeship?
- how can you prepare them to apply?

We will make sure you understand their choices and how to help them make it a reality. With lots of opportunities to ask questions from experts with over 30 years' experience in the apprenticeship sector.

11/02/2026 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Event Location: Online

Please click on the link for further details:

[So your child wants an apprenticeship | Business Solent Events](#)

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The Studio

Happy New Year and welcome back!

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break and is feeling refreshed for the term ahead. It has been wonderful to see students return with such a positive attitude and strong focus on their learning. Already this term, we have seen great progress across year groups, with students settling quickly back into routines and showing real commitment in lessons.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 students. We are incredibly proud of those who successfully passed their Level 1 examinations at the end of last term. These results reflect their hard work, resilience, and determination, and provide an excellent foundation as they continue their studies.

In Design and Technology, students have made an enthusiastic start to their new projects with their new teacher, David Kelly. They have begun creating electrical circuits and are developing practical skills through the construction of bird boxes. These hands-on projects are already encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork, and we look forward to seeing the finished outcomes.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited for the term ahead and all that our students will achieve.

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Mobile Phones / Smart Watches / Electronic Personal Devices

This is just a reminder that students in years 7-11 on both sites are not permitted to have phones, watches or other electronic devices on them in school due to safeguarding concerns.

Students will be asked to store their phones / watches or other devices with their class teacher when they arrive at school. We can also source magnetic pouches if students prefer, which can be kept on them but not re-opened until the end of the day.

If students don't hand in their devices, their teacher will remind them that we will need to contact parents / carers to collect them if necessary. Students will then be given time to process this and follow the instruction.

If students continue to not hand in devices or use the magnetic pouches, we will be required to phone home and ask for someone to come in and collect the phone.

We will make reasonable adjustments for students to use their mobile phones in specific circumstances, e.g. to monitor a medical condition via an app.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Community News and Events

Old Sandown Townhall
6a Grafton Street

LINK
BAY YOUTH PROJECT

Mon 19 th Jan	Tues 20 th Jan	Weds 21 st Jan	Thurs 22 nd Jan	Fri 23 rd Jan
Drop-in 3.30pm - 7pm	Drop-in 3:30pm- 5pm Cricket 5pm-6pm (10-13yrs) 6pm-7pm (14-18yrs)	Boxing Girls 4.30-5.15pm (10-13yrs) 5.15-6pm (14-18yrs) Boys 6 -6.45pm (10-13yrs) 6.45-7.30pm (14-18yrs)	Sandown Station Project with Artwork 4.30pm-6.30pm	Badminton 4pm-5pm Beat Makers 5pm-6.30pm
Mon 26 th Jan	Tues 27 th Jan	Weds 28 th Jan	Thurs 29 th Jan	Fri 30 th Jan
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All sessions are **free** and **open access** to 10-18 year olds living or educated in Sandown, Shanklin or Lake. Young people can come and go as they wish. Drop-in sessions do not require booking however operate a first come, first served basis. For all other activities, please book a space using the QR code.

  

YOU ARE INVITED

new carnival

IOW MARDI GRAS 2026



Join Us for an Exciting Launch Event!

Find out all about this year's theme, how to get involved and what support is on offer.

JAN 28TH 5.30-6.30PM

Minghella Theatre, Quay Arts, Newport

RSVP: gemma@newcarnival.co.uk

Young People Matter IW

Respect

We offer courses covering:

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Social Media
- Respectful Relationships & Consent
- Sexual Health
- Dangers of Smoking, Vaping & Alcohol
- Safeguarding
- Hate Crime
- Misogyny

Our courses can be adapted to suit individual need

We can deliver sessions at your choice of location

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