

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

Friday 13th February

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors,

Another half term has passed and the students and staff have worked very hard on both sites.

We have managed to recruit a number of new governors, including parents, to our Governing Body and the team at St George's School offers a warm welcome to them all. We are also in the process of recruiting a staff governor and I will update you as this progresses.

We have had some wonderful feedback recently from visitors and Governors who have commented on how polite, courteous and hardworking our students are. This is lovely to receive and demonstrates how hard the staff team work to ensure that the curriculum offer and accreditation pathways are engaging and meaningful.

Staff have also been busy developing their own skills during recent development days and after school training, this includes courses on positive behaviour support, speech and language (Elklan) and developing EHCP's to truly reflect the young person and their aspirations in preparation for adulthood.

Transition sessions to IW College for some of our leavers start after half term and we hope that these sessions are successful in supporting our students on to their next steps beyond St George's.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the students back to school on Monday the 23rd of February.

Best Wishes

S.J. Gleeson

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Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday 22nd June

Monday 27th July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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



Telephone:
01983 524634
[www.stgeorges-
school.co.uk](http://www.stgeorges-school.co.uk)

The View Volunteering at the Garlic Farm

Every Thursday, students from the View attend The Garlic Farm and they are helping to build a new Market Garden. They have cleared the entrance ways and have helped to mark out where the planting beds are going to be. We laid cardboard down and then put woodchip and compost over the top. The garden is going to be called 'The Garlic Lovers Garden' and will hopefully be finished by the summer.



Telephone Number

We are in the process of changing providers for our phone line. Until the 10th of March, please continue to use the temporary number 02393 882096. Many Thanks.

The Studio

We have had a wonderful half term at the Studio school and it has been fantastic to see the continued growth and achievements of our students as we head towards the spring.

We are delighted to welcome several new students who have joined us this half term. They have settled in extremely well and have already demonstrated our core values of independence and perseverance in their learning and daily school life.

Students have experienced many successes this half term across the curriculum, particularly in Food Technology and PE, where they have shown great enthusiasm, resilience, and skill development. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence continue to grow.

Our KS4 students have also benefited from attending a range of careers events this half term, helping them to prepare for further education and future pathways into adulthood, showing great aspiration and respect. This has included an inspiring visit to UKSA, which provided valuable insight into potential career opportunities.

We would like to wish all our families a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Michelle Barnes
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Vapes / Tobacco-Based Products

We have become aware that a very small number of students, across both sites, have arrived at school with vapes in their possession.

Students will be asked to hand in their vapes, or any other tobacco-based product, to their class teacher when they arrive at school.

If students do not hand in their vapes, 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 vapes, we will be required to phone home and ask for someone to come in and collect the vape.

Due to the legal age to purchase a vape, if a student is under the age of 18 we will not be able to return their vape to them. Instead, we will phone home and ask for someone to collect it. If students are over the age of 18 their vape will be returned to them at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Best Wishes,
Sarah Tolfrey
Deputy Head
St George's School

Community News and Events

SMALL MUSEUMS · BIG ON HISTORY!

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

NO NEED TO BOOK

MUSEUM ISLAND HISTORY

CLAY DAYS

- Create a unique Roman-inspired self-portrait in clay
- Decorate your artwork with your name in Latin

CREATIVE COINS

- Craft an embossed foil metallic masterpiece!
- Discover and handle coins from across history and be inspired by symbols and portraits.

£1 per person

10am to 2pm

Monday 16 February

Wednesday 18 February

£1 per person

10am to 1pm

Tuesday 17 February

Thursday 19 February

Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA

01983 823433

iow.gov.uk/museums

museums@iow.gov.uk

Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY

Isle of Wight Council

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

Registered charity number 1198024

It's almost HALF TERM, so GO ALL IN to reading with the I.W. STORY FESTIVAL

Thurs 19 to Sat 21 February 2026

Tickets: iwstoryfestival.com or visit the Quay Arts Box Office in person.

Favourite authors, some coming to the Island for the first time, can't wait to meet you. Buy their books at the MEDINA BOOKS stall and read your way into a world of new adventures.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Key Stage One:

- Billy the Brave – Row Theatre Arts (Thurs)
- How to Catch a Book Witch – Cappuccino Theatre (Fri)
- Page of the Frozen North – The Foundry Group (Sat)
- Don't Call Me Grumpycorn! – Sarah McIntyre (Sat)
- Hot Food: NICE! – Neal Layton (Sat)

Key Stages Two / Three

- The Moonhaven Chronicles – Rob Biddulph (Thurs)
- Astrosaurus – Mission to Infinity! – Stave Cole (Fri)
- Nora and the Map of Mayhem – Joseph Elliott (Fri)
- The Island at the Edge of Night – Lucy Strange (Sat)

New for this year:

- Subsidised Day Rover bus fares for ticket holders (see website for details)

Plus:

- Accessible venue with lift to first floor.

THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE SHARING A STORY

BUY TICKETS NOW!

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IWCB **SPORT EVENTS**

FREE

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ISLE OF WIGHT CRICKET BOARD

CRICKET

13+ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

TERM TIMES ONLY

MONDAYS 5:30-6:30PM

@ ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL, NEWPORT

