

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

Friday 1st May

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors

I hope that you have all been able to enjoy the beautiful weather we have had over the last few weeks. I appreciate the challenges with road closures on the island at the moment and am impressed with your efforts to get students to school on time. Students have managed remarkably well with the delays on the buses and other transport.

We have had a very busy week as always at St George's with a visit from our new School Improvement Partner, Aimee Floyd (an ex-Ofsted Inspector) on Wednesday. Aimee spent the day with us at St George's Studio and I look forward to sharing her views on the provision in due course. Aimee will be visiting our Newport site after half term. Students and staff at East Cowes made Aimee feel very welcome.

Thursday was our Connor Reid Memorial Football Tournament, which is an annual event. I can't believe that 5 years has passed since Connor sadly passed away. He remains a strong presence for many of us and I always love hearing our current students share memories of Connor and his passion for football, particularly Man City. My thoughts are with his family and close friends this weekend.

Our school dog, Rosie, was spayed on Monday and therefore will not be in school for a couple of weeks as she needs to recuperate. No doubt she will be back bright and bouncy very soon as I know the students will miss her.

Finally, can I just ask that all visitors to both sites, including transport operators, are respectful to our neighbours. We frequently have complaints about traffic in and out of both sites. East Cowes residents are concerned about the speed that cars enter and leave the site through Grange Road. Please do keep your speed very slow and be mindful of children and animals in the road. At our Newport site please be thoughtful when parking and avoid Melrose Close as this is a private cul-de-sac. Thank you in advance as I feel good relations with our neighbours are important to maintain.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 5th May.

Best wishes

S.J. Gleeson

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Headteacher
St George's School

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Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday 22nd June

Monday 27th July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BANK HOLIDAY:
Monday 4th May

SPORTS DAY:
Thursday 4th June

SUMMER FAYRE:
Friday 17th July

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM:
Friday 24th July



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The Studio

As we move further into the summer term, it has been wonderful to see students continuing to engage so positively with both their learning and the wider opportunities on offer across the Studio School. In all that they do, we are proud to see our core values of perseverance, resilience, respect, and independence being demonstrated more and more each day.

I would like to begin by congratulating some of our Year 11 students, who have successfully passed their Level 2 Functional Skills examinations. This is a significant achievement and reflects not only their hard work and determination, but also their perseverance and resilience in overcoming challenges. We are very proud of the progress they are making as they prepare for their next steps and greater independence.

Over the past two weeks, students have also benefited from a range of enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Visits to the forest provided valuable opportunities for outdoor learning, teamwork, and personal development, where students showed respect for their environment and one another, alongside growing in confidence and independence. Similarly, trips to the salon at our other site have allowed students to gain practical insight into industry environments and expectations. It has been fantastic to see students representing the school so well, demonstrating professionalism, respect, and resilience in new settings.

As the weather becomes warmer, we would like to remind families of our uniform expectations. Students should continue to wear all-black attire; however, white T-shirts are permitted during this period, along with knee-length shorts or skirts. We appreciate your support in ensuring students attend school dressed appropriately, showing respect for our school community and maintaining high standards.

Finally, a reminder to all parents and carers regarding site safety. When driving in and out of the school grounds, please do so slowly and with care. This helps us maintain a safe environment for all students, staff, and visitors, and models the respect and responsibility we expect from everyone in our community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Michelle Barnes
Head of School
St George's Studio School

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Horticulture

Back in October 2025, Arran, a student in The View 4 and part of our Horticulture options group, found an acorn outside of our school Polytunnel. Arran decided to plant it and, every day since, he has tended to the plant and cared for it.

It has now grown into a lovely sapling and is showing promise to become a great oak tree! Arran said "It is good fun to look after the tree, and I feel happy and proud of myself."



Moving On Morning - Friday 22nd May

Dear Parents and Carers of KS4 and KS5 Students,

We are pleased to invite you to our annual Moving On Morning, taking place on Friday 22nd May at our Sixth Form provision, The View.

Timings:

- KS4 Parents/Carers: 10:00am – 11:00am
- KS5 Parents/Carers: 11:00am – 12:00pm

This event is a valuable opportunity to explore the wide range of options available to students after their time at St George's. A variety of external providers will be in attendance, including:

- Isle of Wight College
- HTP Apprenticeship College
- Care Connect and many more

You'll also be able to speak with representatives from our own Sixth Form, The View, and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you and your young person plan for the future.

Facebook and Instagram

St George's is now on Instagram! Please be sure to follow and support us on this platform and spread the word! We are also on Facebook, so please take a look if you haven't already. Links are below:

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Outdoor Learning

Key Stage Three classes have been enjoying outdoor learning, and now the weather is nicer it is great to be outside exploring.

During our session last term, we enjoyed developing our team building skills when building hammocks and dens in our forest area.

We have also been demonstrating our school values by persevering when things got tricky, and we were problem solving when setting up the hammocks, as well as showing independence when collecting and using resources.

We enjoyed a range of craft activities using nature, as well as water play and identifying wildlife such as earth worms.



Community News and Events

Corf Scout Camp Open Day

Saturday 2 May 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm

Corf Road, Shalfleet, PO30 4NT

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- Boulder Wall
- Frisbee Golf
- Kayaking*
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Alternative Provision
What constitutes as a
suitable education in
relation to section 19 of
the education act

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Responding to a draft
EHCP
If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

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Appeals to SEND Tribunal
A step-by-step guide
through the appeals
process

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Considering an EHC Plan?
Independent and
impartial information to
guide you through the
process

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Ordinarily Available
Provision and SEN Support
Looking at support
available for those who do
not have an EHCP

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