

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

Friday 19th June

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports Day this week, we were lucky with the weather. Our PE team did a fantastic job of organising the day with lots of inclusive activities in the morning and then the competitive elements in the afternoon. It was a pleasure to see students, across both sites, participating and really enjoying the day. Thanks to the sports leaders who helped organise and to our volunteer from IW College who happens to be an ex-student. Thanks to all staff involved in all aspects of the day, it really is a team effort.

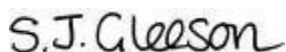
Last week Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 took part in a cricket festival at NewClose, this was well attended and the students had a great day. Again, thanks to PE for organising.

Unfortunately, the overnight camping element of our Key Stage 5 residential had to be cancelled due to the poor weather. However, the students enjoyed the trip to Marvell Zoo followed by a barbecue to return to in the morning for breakfast and then a day of adventure at Corf Camp. A good time was had by all.

Next week we say goodbye to our leavers with a barbecue during the day on Thursday, followed by Achievers Evening. The Prom is then on Friday.

For any of you going to the festival this weekend, have fun and stay safe. Don't forget we have a development day on Monday for teaching staff so all students will return on Tuesday the 23rd please.

Best wishes



Steff Gleeson

Headteacher
St George's School

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Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday 22nd June

Monday 27th July

Monday 1st &
Tuesday 2nd
September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

LEAVERS BBQ & ACHIEVERS EVENING:

Thursday 25th June

PROM:
Friday 26th June

SUNFLOWER PROM:
Thursday 9th July

SUMMER FAYRE:
Friday 17th July

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM:
Friday 24th July

STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL:
Wednesday 3rd Sept

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A Polite Reminder

Please can we remind all parents/guardians/carers who collect students in the afternoon to kindly remember to wait away from reception and outside of the main entrance. There have been a few occasions recently where reception has become busy with adults waiting to do collections. Unfortunately, this can make it hard for staff who are responsible for ensuring students leave school safely to communicate with each other, and ensure students are ready for collection promptly, and also can cause the environment to become overwhelming for students.

We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Student Celebration

Well done to Lexi in year 8, who has achieved this certificate in a recent Scout Camp for True Determination. Lexi demonstrates determination in everything she does at school and out in the community. It is lovely to see this quality celebrated. Well done Lexi, we are all really proud of you.



Visiting Orchestra

We are very excited that the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, who are currently touring a brand-new ensemble, will be visiting our school for an interactive workshop and a concert at the end of term for some of our young people.

The group comprises 14 musicians, including BSO members, performers from BSO Resound (their disabled-led ensemble) and three emerging professionals from the National Open Youth Orchestra. The concerts are presented using Makaton by BSO Associate Sam Mason.

This special performance brings together both traditional orchestral instruments and the groundbreaking electronic Clarion, creating an exciting programme that bridges old and new.

We are very much looking forward to being able to offer this wonderful experience.

The Studio

It has been a fantastic start back, and I would like to say how proud I am of all our students for the excellent way they have returned to school. They have settled quickly into routines, demonstrated positive attitudes to learning, and represented our school community brilliantly.

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Year 6 students and their parents as they begin their transition journey with us. Our current students baked an array of sweet treats for our visitors and it has been wonderful to meet so many new faces, and we look forward to supporting them as they become part of our school family.

Our swimming sessions have continued successfully, with students showing great enthusiasm and confidence in the water. We also enjoyed an amazing day at Newclose Cricket Ground, where students took part in the Cricket Festival. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a wonderful setting.

Another highlight of the week was our fishing trip. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, demonstrating patience and resilience throughout the day. While there were plenty of bites, unfortunately no catches this time! We are hopeful that next week's trip will bring a little more luck.

A reminder regarding school uniform: students should wear either St George's uniform or an all-black uniform with a white polo shirt. On warmer days, knee-length shorts and skirts are permitted.

Finally, I would like to remind all visitors to the site to reduce their speed significantly when travelling in and out of the school grounds. The safety of our students, staff and families is our highest priority, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead.

Michelle Barnes

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First Tech Challenge

On June 5th, a group of student representatives from St George's School attended the regional qualifiers for the international *First Tech Challenge* at the BAE Systems site in Cowes. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity not only to compete, but also to experience the impressive facilities at BAE and learn more about the wide range of career opportunities available within the organisation.

The competition involved a dedicated team of six students who worked collaboratively to design and build a fully functional robot from scratch. They then put their creation to the test by competing against other schools from across the Isle of Wight.

Throughout the project, the students demonstrated outstanding resilience, perseverance, and teamwork. Their hard work and commitment paid off, earning them the Judges' Special Award and an impressive second place overall in the final standings.

This is a fantastic achievement, and everyone involved should feel immensely proud of their success. Well done to the team for representing St George's with such enthusiasm and determination!



Science News

In the week following the half term break, Key Stage 4 welcomed 6 ducklings into their science lessons. Teacher Debbie created an enclosure with a pond, using upturned tables and a tray. The visitors, aged just one week old, stayed for a whole day and seemed very much at home in the science lab.

Classes were invited to sit with them, watching them eat, waddle about and play in the water. They had the opportunity to hold them if they wished to. Many of us got a little wet and there were several attacks of the zoomies! The students were wonderful hosts, showing just how caring, calm and respectful they can be.

This experience follows a visit from baby chickens and links wonderfully to our current biology learning.





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WATER SAFETY ADVICE PRESS RELEASE

FAO Parents / Carers

We are deeply saddened by the recent loss of young people in open water incidents across the UK. Our thoughts are with their families, friends and all those affected.

These heartbreaking incidents are a reminder that open water can present serious risks, even when conditions appear calm or safe. Raising awareness of those risks is an important part of helping people stay safe around water.

As the weather becomes warmer, we know that many children and young people are naturally drawn to rivers, lakes, canals and other open water areas. These places can seem calm and inviting, they can also present serious and often hidden dangers.

Most drownings involving young people are preventable, yet 88% occur without adult supervision. The majority take place in everyday inland locations (84%), with risk peaking between May and August (71%). Most concerning, the National Child Mortality Database reports a 67% increase in drowning deaths among 13 to 17 year olds in recent years, highlighting the urgent need to equip young people with the knowledge and awareness to stay safe near water. *Figures provided by the Royal Life Saving Society UK*

We kindly ask for your support in speaking with your young person about the risks of swimming or playing in open water without appropriate supervision. Even strong swimmers can get into difficulty due to cold water shock, hidden currents, uneven ground and submerged hazards. It is also important to talk with your child about what to do in an emergency, including how to stay calm, float if they get into difficulty and how to call for help.

To support parents and carers, the Royal Life Saving Society UK provides a wide range of practical, easy-to-use resources designed to help families talk about water safety. These materials are age-appropriate and include guidance, videos and activities to help children and young people understand the risks of open water, build confidence and learn what to do in an emergency.



Please visit: RLSS - [Water Safety Advice](#)



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The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) also offers a range of accessible resources to support families in understanding key water safety messages, including the 'Float to Live' technique and awareness of cold water shock - a major contributing factor in many drowning incidents. Their guidance helps parents and carers explain how floating on your back can control breathing and prevent panic if someone unexpectedly enters the water, also highlighting the physical effects of cold water immersion. Through videos, campaigns and simple step-by-step advice, the RNLI empowers families to build young people's confidence and resilience around water, ensuring they know how to respond calmly and effectively in an emergency.



Please visit: RNLI - [Water Safety Advice and Tips - Know the Risks](#)

Having these conversations at home can make a real difference in helping children and young people make safer choices and reduce the risk of accidents. Starting these conversations early can help young people build awareness and develop safer habits, giving them the confidence to make better choices as they grow older.

Key Points to Remember:

- Open water is very different from swimming pools - it may look calm but can be dangerous
- Never go into open water alone or without supervision
- Choose safer places to swim, such as lifeguarded beaches, pools, or designated swimming areas
- Avoid taking risks or giving in to peer pressure
- Understand the dangers of cold water shock
- Know what to do if you get into trouble e.g. Float to Live
- Know what to do if someone else is in trouble e.g. call 999, never enter the water and throw something that floats

Please remember that drowning is preventable. By working together to support, guide and educate our young people, we can empower them with the skills and awareness they need to make safer choices and stay safe around water.

Thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards,

The Prevention Team



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Sources

¹WAID 2020-2024; WSI 2020-2024

²The National Child Mortality Database (NCMD)

Flu Vaccine

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service are planning the roll out of the 2026 winter flu vaccination programme to all year groups. The service offers the flu vaccine between September and December. You will receive an email, with details on how to complete the online form, for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and young people. High vaccine uptake reduces the risk of flu spreading rapidly in school settings. This helps ensure they remain well, do not miss school days and continue to learn. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

The vaccine is given as a painless nasal spray. An alternative porcine free injection is offered to those who cannot have the nasal spray.



Vaccines offered to secondary age students during the spring and summer term include:

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV vaccine is offered to boys and girls in year 8. This vaccine protects against different types of cancers in the future.

Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)

Meningitis vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against four different strains of bacteria (groups A, C, W, Y) and protects against Meningitis and Sepsis (blood poisoning).

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3-in-1) booster vaccine

The 3-in-1 booster vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases and provides long lasting immunity against these specific conditions.

Community clinics are available during the school holidays for missed vaccinations.

Find out more about the vaccine programmes and our contact details here: [School Age Immunisation Service - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

Community News and Events

Charity Registration No. 1049606



Fancy 3k Fun Run

We're holding a fancy-dress fun run as part of the Wight Games Festival.

Open to all ages.

Dress up as a doctor or nurse (this is optional) and you can walk, run, skip, hop, the 3k course the choice is yours! Raising money for your local hospital.

Prizes for the best fancy dress.

**Sunday 26 July 2026
10am**

**Ryde School, Ryde,
Isle of Wight,
PO33 3BE**

Entry: £5



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the QR code



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