

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

Friday 22nd May

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors,

Another half term has flown by with lots going on at St George's across both sites.

We have been supporting our leavers to attend their transition events at IW College, Phoenix Centre, Way Forward and Care in the Garden to name a few. These sessions have been generally successful and our students are building in confidence to attend their next setting. This is a big step for students who have been with us for many years, but we are very proud of the way they have embraced transition and demonstrated that they are ready to leave school and move on to their next adventure.

We have also welcomed our new cohort of young people for September and it has been fantastic seeing the new students coming up regularly from Medina House for their transition visits. It was also lovely meeting some of our new families at our coffee morning on 1st May.

All students will spend the day in their class for next year with the teacher and team identified for September on 7th July.

As always, we have a number of events coming up after half term including Sports Day, Cricket Festival, Leavers BBQ, Achievers Evening and the Leavers Prom. Information and dates will be sent out for these events in due course.

Many of you will know that Sarah, our Deputy Head, is going on maternity leave at the beginning of July. Kirsty Sedgwick and Keri Peckham will be covering the post between them whilst also maintaining oversight of their current Key Stage / area. I am looking forward to working closely with them both and further developing the Deputy Head role.

Unfortunately, we have had some school property and equipment damaged, not accidentally, recently. We have worked with individuals and families to try and prevent this however, it continues to happen. As a result, St George's School will send invoices home for damage in those cases where we know young people have purposefully damaged equipment or property as the level of financial repair is not sustainable.

I hope that you all have a pleasant week off and that the weather is kind to us all. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 1st June.

Best wishes

S.J. Gleeson

Steff Gleeson

Headteacher
St George's School

Perseverance, Aspiration, Independence, Respect



Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday 22nd June

Monday 27th July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LAST DAY OF TERM:

Friday 22nd May

STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL:

Monday 1st June

SPORTS DAY:

Thursday 4th June
(Reserve Day Thursday 11th June)

SUMMER FAYRE:

Friday 17th July

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM:

Friday 24th July

Telephone:

01983 524634

www.stgeorges-school.co.uk



A Polite Reminder

Mobile Phones / Smart Watches / Electronic Personal Devices

As this is likely to become a legal requirement in the near future, we are keen to ensure our policy around phones, smart watches and electronic personal devices is applied consistently ahead of this change and appreciate your support with this.

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.

St George's School Lottery

Welcome to St George's School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide a new minibus for the students to be able to go out and access the community.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

- £1 per week
- Weekly cash prizes
- £25,000 jackpot

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to St George's School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to St George's School

Splitting the £1.00

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

- = £30 weekly cash prize
- = £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket

GambleAware 16+

The Studio

As we approach the half term break, I would like to thank all of our students, staff, and families for their continued support and positivity throughout this busy and successful period at the Studio School.

We are delighted to welcome some of our new Year 6 students who have now begun some transition visits to the school. It has been wonderful to see them spending time with us, getting to know our environment, staff, and current students as they prepare for their exciting move in September.

Our Year 11 students have also been receiving valuable transition support, with college staff visiting the school to help guide them through their next steps and future opportunities.

There has been some fantastic engagement at our Newport site salon recently, with more students accessing the facilities and developing their practical skills. It has been lovely to see students confidently painting staff members' nails and gaining real hands-on experience in such a positive and professional environment.

Students have also enjoyed mornings out playing badminton and rock climbing, as well as visits to the forest. Next half term we will be fishing!

Students are also looking forward to receiving their rewards, which recognise their hard work, effort, attendance, and positive contributions across the school community.

A gentle reminder regarding uniform expectations as we move into the warmer weather:

- Students should wear plain black trousers and tops or white polo shirts.
- Knee-length black skirts or shorts are permitted during warmer days.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming all students back on 1st July, ready for another positive and productive half term ahead.

Michelle Barnes
Head of School
St George's Studio School
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Aspiration Respect Perseverance Independence

This is RUBBISH!

We are sharing this information to spread awareness about recycling.



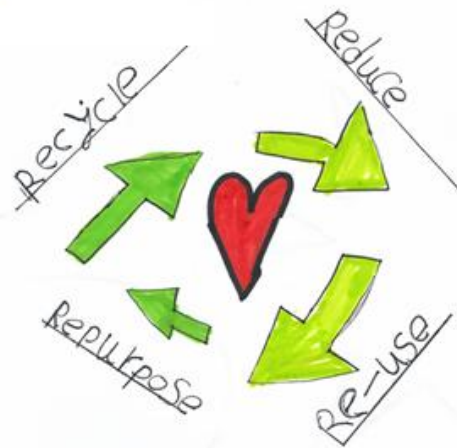
This is an example of how much resources are wasted; you should start trying to savour stuff more and if it's food, share it!



Think about your actions!

Your planet needs you ♥♥♥

DID YOU KNOW. BATTERIES CAN CAUSE A FIRE WHEN PUTTED IN THE BIN



Useful Information



Richard Quigley MP
Member of Parliament for Isle of Wight West
House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms in Isle of Wight West

By email only

11 May 2026

Good afternoon,

I am writing to ask for your support in sharing an opportunity with your final year students and recent leavers.

This July, I will be hosting a one week Summer Skills Bootcamp within my constituency office in Newport. The Skills Bootcamp is open to all young people aged 18–25 who live in the constituency of Isle of Wight West. The programme is designed to help young people build confidence, develop transferable workplace skills, and gain first-hand experience of a professional environment.

I am particularly keen to hear from young people with special educational needs or disabilities, who come from underrepresented backgrounds, or who have otherwise not had the opportunity to yet experience the workplace.

The Summer Skills Bootcamp will take place within my constituency office in Mill Court Business Centre, and no political interest or prior experience is required. The focus will be on skills, employability, and an understanding of the workplace as an environment. Participants will gain practical exposure to areas such as casework, communications, and community engagement, while learning how decisions are made and how they can play an active role in their community. I have attached more information below:

Summer Skills Bootcamp	
Who	18-25 year olds (Year 13s, school leavers and alumni) who live in the constituency of Isle of Wight West. Applications particularly encouraged from those with special educational needs, disabilities, or from underrepresented backgrounds.
When	Five days per week, for a 1-week programme. Applications open as of 1 May 2026, and will close at 18:00 on 31 May 2026. The Summer Skills Bootcamp will take place 27-31 July 2026; with a possible second cohort on 3-7 August depending on demand and resource.
Where	Richard Quigley MP's Constituency Office, Newport.
Cost	Free to attend. Limited financial support available for travel on application.
Apply	Apply via Richard Quigley MP's website – applications close 31 May 2026 at 18:00.

Constituency Office

16A Mill Court Business Centre, Furlongs, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2AA
Telephone: 01983 244980



Richard Quigley MP
Member of Parliament for Isle of Wight West
House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Applications are now open – please ask any interested students to apply before applications close on 31 May 2026 at 18:00.

Thank you for helping to ensure this opportunity reaches students and young people who could benefit from it. If you would like any further information or have any student queries to pass along, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my team via richard.quigley.mp@parliament.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Quigley MP

Member of Parliament for Isle of Wight West



Please visit the parents' and carers' toolkit for more information



Isle of Wight
**Safeguarding
Children
Partnership**



Supporting and informing the families and friends of people who use drugs and alcohol.

Is your son, daughter, partner or friend using drugs or alcohol

Does this affect their daily family life?

Are you looking after them?

Would you like to talk to someone about the support we provide?

*If so the Family & Friends Service could be for you...
Contact the 24/7 telephone line*



023 8039 9764



Notice of upcoming road closure



Customer Service: 0800 912 1700
customer@sgn.co.uk
Project: SOE13648

Dear Resident/Business

May 2026

Essential gas main replacement - Watergate Road, Newport

We're writing to let you know we'll be working in Watergate Road to replace our old metal gas mains with new plastic pipes. This work is essential to make sure that you and your neighbours continue to receive a safe and reliable gas supply.

The project will begin on Monday 1 June and is expected to complete in approximately 14 weeks.

What does this mean for you?

We don't expect to interrupt your gas supply as part of our work and our engineers won't need to enter your home.

You'll see our teams working in the area and we'll have to dig on footpaths and roads to upgrade our network. You might also see our site welfare and storage areas in the area, as agreed with the local authority.

The closure will last approximately 14 weeks. The road will be closed to through traffic; you will be able to access homes and businesses. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will also be maintained.

A signposted diversion will be in place for vehicles, approved by the local authority. Please note; for both the closures, Watergate Road leading to Melrose Close will be open and accessible via the diversion route.

We will carry out the work in two phases; please see overleaf for a map showing our work areas and the diversion route:

Phase one, from Monday 1 June to 10 July

Watergate Road will be closed from the junction of Watergate Road leading to Melrose Close to the Isle of Wight Pet Centre.

Phase two, from Monday 27 July to 5 September

Watergate Road will be closed from the junction of Watergate Road leading to Melrose Close to the junction of Shide Road.

After the road is reopened, there will be temporary traffic lights in place at the junction of Shide Road, Watergate Road, Whitepit Lane and St John's Road.

Our engineers are happy to answer your questions at any time during our project. If you need to contact us, please visit sgn.co.uk or get in touch with our Customer Service team on 0800 912 1700.

We appreciate our work can be disruptive for residents and local community; our engineers will be doing everything they can to complete these works as quickly and as safely as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

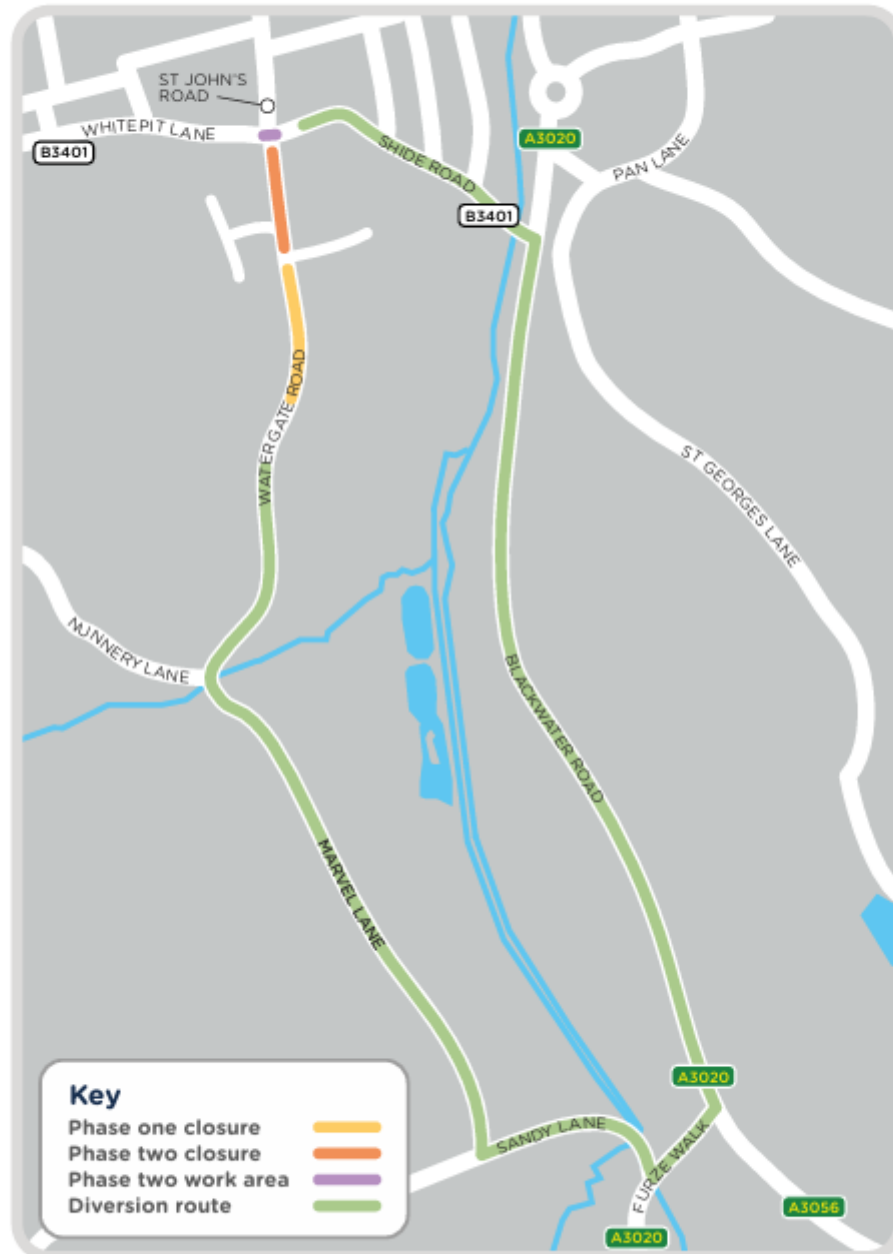
Yours faithfully

Mitchell

Mitchell Walker
Project Manager

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Community News and Events



SMALL MUSEUMS · BIG ON HISTORY!

ROMAN HALF-TERM FAMILY FUN
NO NEED TO BOOK!

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY
EXPLORE THE ROMAN GARDEN
CREATE A LAUREL CROWN

TUESDAY 26 AND THURSDAY 28 MAY
PLAY ROMAN GAMES... AND DESIGN A ROMAN GAME TO KEEP!

• 10am to 2pm
• £1 per person
• Wednesday 28 May

ALL-WEATHER ATTRACTIONS

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA
MUSEUM ISLAND HISTORY

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



SEND REFORM INFORMATION EVENT

THE ISLE OF WIGHT PARENT CARER FORUM (IWPCF) WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO AN IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARING EVENT REGARDING LOCAL ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT IN RELATION TO THE UPCOMING SEND REFORMS.

EVENT DETAILS

RIVERSIDE CENTRE	ONLINE SESSION
WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026	THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2026
10:00AM – 12:00PM	6:30PM

SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOKING IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL.

THE ONLINE SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON, ENSURING AS MANY PARENT CARERS AS POSSIBLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.

YOU CAN REACH US AT

ISLE OF WIGHT PARENT CARER FORUM	@IW_PCF	ISLEOFWIGHTPCF@GMAIL.COM

Sports Day

We recently sent letters home to parents and carers with regards to Sports Day. If you have not already done so, please reply using the slip on the letter to advise us who is attending. (Copy of letter attached if needed).

Many Thanks

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

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Email office@stgeorges.iow.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Steff Gleeson, BA Hons PGCE



Sports Day

We are holding our Sports Day on Thursday 4th June (weather permitting). The reserve date is Thursday 11th June.

Please could students wear their P.E kit to school on this day and ensure that they have suncream applied; if you wish to send in some for re-application, please ensure that it is in a named bottle.

Students should bring a water bottle to ensure that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

There will be no main meal on this day as we will need to have an early lunch. Students who regularly have school dinners can order sandwiches/baguettes/jacket potatoes or pasta salad.

Families are welcome to come in and spectate from 12.30-2.45. There will be a coned area for spectators; you may bring a chair. You may arrive from 12.15 so that you can sign in ready for the doors to open at 12.30. Please provide the names of attendees in advance by completing the slip below, emailing office@stgeorges.iow.sch.uk or calling us.

The Café will be serving hot and cold drinks, hot dogs, spinach and feta rolls, pork sausage rolls and ice pops. The Café accepts cash payments only.

We look forward to seeing you all.

The P.E Team

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Sports Day 2026

Student Name Class.....

The following people would like to attend:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT

Signed.....Parent/Carer