

Dear Parents

2015-16 has been a great year at the college. We have been reconfirmed by Ofsted as a very good school providing excellent education for our students; we have developed new facilities in Performing Arts and Humanities, produced our first whole college production, 'Grease', competed in and won many sporting events and are heading (hopefully) towards achieving our best GCSE results ever!

St George is going from strength to strength because of the great team of staff, students, parents and governors that we currently have gathered at the college. May I take this opportunity to thank you all.

It is always sad at this time to say farewell to staff who have made a huge contribution to the progress and learning of our students.

This year we say goodbye to Mr Smith, Mr Ryan, Miss Haydock, Mr Chikiwa, Ms Ball, Mr Copplestone, Mrs Carey Hock, Ms Hill, Mr Bundy, Mr Leach and Mrs Whittingham.

Thank you to all the above staff who have worked as part of a strong team at the school and developed such outstanding practices in their subject areas.

Next year we will welcome several new staff: Mr Preston – Head of English, Miss Hargreaves – English, Miss Johns – English, Mr Croft – Science, Miss Kimble – Science, Mrs Draga-Williams – Science, Mr Hill – Religious Education, Mrs Brocken – Modern Foreign Languages, Ms Sira – Head of Geography, Mr French – Geography, Miss Keenan – History, Miss Keogh – Music, Miss Brookes – Technology, Mrs Wilson – Inclusion Lead Assistant, Mrs Sansom – ELSA, Mr Liston – Teacher in Trinity, Mr Ellerby – Cover Supervisor, Mr O'Rourke – Site Manager.

There is much to look forward to in 2016/17 as St George looks to further develop its facilities, prepares for Academy status and continues its journey to an outstanding college. Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone gather again in September, refreshed and ready for the next part of the journey.



Graham Wilson
Headteacher

Prayer

God has given us the gift of this time, this break, this chance to relax...

Help us to open our hands and hearts to receive all God has to offer us.

In this time to come, may God restore our bodies, refresh our souls and re-ignite our hope.

In this time to come, my God revitalise our prayer, revive our creativity and renew our joy.

In this time to come, may God reshape our thinking, rekindle our loving and invigorate our living.

In His name, Amen.



St George Zebra on Display

Look out for Xena, our very own zebra on display around Southampton this summer.

Cars on Site

Parents driving students to and from college must not enter the college gates.

Students should be dropped off/collected on Leaside Way.

DIARY DATES

September

- 1st Inset Day (all staff)
- 2nd Inset Day (all staff)
- 5th Year 7 only -Induction
- 6th All Students Return
- 22nd Year 11 Core Info Evening
- 29th Year 7 Settling In Evening
- 30th Year 10 Art Trip- Hillier Gardens

October

- 5th Inset Day - Day of Mercy
- 6th Open Evening
- 12th Open Morning 9am-10.30am
- 13th Presentation Evening Year 7-10
- 14th Year 7 Action Stations
- 15th Open Morning 10am-12noon
- 19th Mary Rose Trip - Year 8
- 20th Year 10 Core Info Evening
- 22nd-30th Half Term

November

- 3rd Year 8 Curriculum Info Evening
- 4th Year 11 Art Trip - Hansen Gallery
- 17th Year 11 Leavers Presentation Evening
- 23rd Year 10 Parents Evening
- 25th Literacy Reward Trip

December

- 7th Carol Service
- 14th Mentoring Day
- 15th Christmas Production
- 17th- 2nd Jan - Christmas Holiday

Some of these dates might change. Please check our website diary page.



Keep up-to-date
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Any outgrown uniform?

We have an on-going need for spare uniform. Please contact us if you have any items you would like to donate. We particularly need blazers but any items would be gratefully received.

A Message from our Chair of Governors



I am delighted that our recent Ofsted Inspection has confirmed that our college has continued to improve since the prior inspection some 5 years ago with a growing litany

of outstanding features.

They have highlighted our school community of pupils, staff and governors as flourishing under a coherent vision towards outstanding education in the future.

This success has been driven by our headteacher, Graham Wilson and the leadership team who have an acute understanding of where our strengths lie and the areas where further development should be focused.

Staff morale was cited as very high and their sense of pride in the college improvement is shared by our pupils who demonstrate a strong community spirit and excellent behaviour.

The emphasis now is to build on this success towards our collective ambition for an outstanding college.

I am always happy to hear from all parents, pupils and staff. Please contact me at charlesmarchetti@gmail.com or through the college office.

Charles Marchetti
(Chair of the Governing Body)

Art & Technology Showcase

An exhibition of students' artwork and technology projects took place in June with some fine examples of ceramics, textiles, paintings and sketches on display. Photographs can be viewed on the gallery page of our website.



UK Maths Challenge

Some of our most talented mathematicians in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in the junior and intermediate UK Mathematics Challenge. This was an opportunity for them to demonstrate their talent through applying conceptual knowledge of topics and abstract problem solving.

These students are within the top 40% of the most able mathematicians in the United Kingdom. An outstanding achievement.

Learning about Judaism

Our Year 9 RE students learnt about Shabbat, the Holocaust and life after death when Mr Steve Derby, an Orthodox Jew, visited the college in June. Mr Derby talked about his work with members of different faith communities and our students discussed his personal beliefs and how they impact his life.

Year 9 have been studying Judaism as part of the new AQA Religious Studies GCSE syllabus, which requires the study of Roman Catholicism and an additional world religion.



zebra painted with a dragon scale effect, while the zebra stripes are painted to look like chainmail armour. On top is a St George cross crest painted across the zebra's chest while flames rise from the dragon's legs.

We look forward to seeing her displayed around Southampton on the Zany Zebra's trail this summer.

Xena the Zebra (see front cover pic)

Our students have designed and painted one of the zebras from Marwell Zoo's 'Zany Zebras' competition. The Art Department selected a winning design, which was a collaboration between **Darcy Hollinsworth** in Year 9 and **Konrad Parzyszek** in Year 10. The St George and the Dragon theme has the base of the

Apprenticeships

**GET IN
GO FAR**
APPRENTICESHIPS

A real alternative to college is being provided in a new government initiative to create higher apprenticeships, traineeships and work experience. The government is committed to working with business to create 3 million apprenticeships with the *Get In Go Far* campaign that aims to equip young people with the skills that employers need.

Their website www.getingofar.gov.uk provides access to thousands of opportunities across many sectors and employers.



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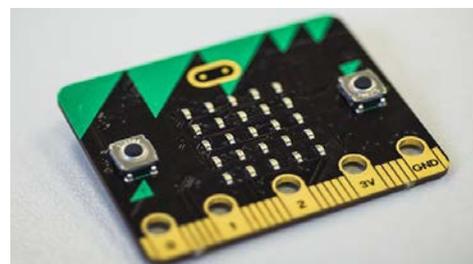
Introducing Computer Programming

All Year 7 St George students who are interested in computer programming are being given a superb new resource with the introduction of the BBC micro-bit.

The micro-bit is a handheld, fully programmable computer and is part of a drive to encourage and develop the next generation of computer scientists and programmers. It is 70 times smaller and 18 times faster than the original BBC Micro computers used in schools in the early 1980s.

We run an after-school Computing Club on Tuesdays from 3 to 4pm where students can develop their programming skills.

All students are invited!





Geography Students Assess the Eden Project

Back in May, students from Year 8 and 9 visited the Eden Project in Cornwall. The 36 Geography students explored the simulated rainforests and experienced the Mediterranean climate over the three day excursion.

The group were able to study the sustainability of the Eden Project itself by investigating how eco-friendly the environmental research attraction actually is.



From the Chaplain

The summer term, as usual, began with a joyful celebration of our patronal feast. We are grateful to Mgr. John Nelson for celebrating mass with us and offering us a challenging homily about the "armour of God".

Congratulations go to our 15 students who were confirmed in the diocese this year. It is a great sign of the future of the Church that these young people are making a commitment to their relationship with Christ. We look forward to some of them becoming more involved in the spiritual life of the school and encouraging the younger students in their faith.

St George was well represented at the annual Good Shepherd Mass at the cathedral in June where students from across the diocese gather to present their charitable efforts to the Bishop. We had a lovely day including a picnic in the park opposite the cathedral afterwards.

On Day of Faith this year we have speakers and organisations to present on the theme of the Jubilee of Mercy. Bishop Philip has challenged each school to create a project which brings the Works of Mercy alive. We have decided to extend and develop our links with the Apostleship of the Sea and the Port Chaplain, following our successful Advent and Christmas appeal. Our main plans are to create a support team for the port chaplain through the parishes (through our Parish Ambassador scheme), to continue to raise money and give gifts at relevant times of the year, to involve the local parish communities in setting up our knitting club to make scarves and hats for the seafarers (any help with this would be particularly appreciated!) and to support the establishment of a sea-farers centre in Fawley and eventually one in central Southampton. We hope that we can establish a long-lasting relationship of practical and prayerful support to the seafarers who arrive in our city every day. Please let me know if you feel you could help with this project in any way.

St George, pray for us.

Ruth Cunio
Chaplain



Summer Arts Evening

Hot on the heels of our Art & Technology event came our showcase of dance, music and drama in June.

Starting with a superb vocal harmony piece by *Aspire Voices*, a capacity audience was treated to performances from our gifted instrumentalists and singers including a superb rendition of Chopin's Nocturne by **Tom Lovett**, a traditional tune from our violin trio "*Highly Strung*," a tenor horn solo by **Matthew McDermott** and an Adele song by **Maria Rog**.

An impressive display of dance pieces and short sketches intertwined to create a very entertaining evening. During the interval there was a barbecue outside with more entertainment provided by the Year 11 band.



Tim Peake's Rocket

A group of our students took part in a nationwide science experiment to measure the effect of micro gravity on rocket seeds from Tim Peake on the International Space Station. The seeds were monitored by our team: **Joel Shibu, Isobel Mills, Isobel Reynolds, Anthony Baillie Powell, Julia Orawiec, Jon Insley and Emily Spencer-Hedges**, over a period of four weeks in May. Having collected data, the group concluded that the rate of growth of the rocket from space was significantly less than the sample grown on earth.



Sports Round-Up

Year 7 Boys Football

What a fantastic start to their life at St George winning the u12 Hampshire Cup for the first time in the school's history. The boys played superbly winning



3-0 in the final against a very strong Wavell School. **John McCormack** led the team throughout with every single player putting in a fantastic performance. The man of the match went to **Ryan Woodford** who created 2 goals.

U15 Girls Football

In a Year 9/10 league our girls have done an incredible job this year winning the U15 girls football league. They were undefeated in every game they played. This led to us meeting Cantell in a "play-off" match with goals being scored by Captain **Mia Gardner**, **Molly Kenna** and **Elizabeth Elliott** with an outstanding performance from **Hannah Cowap** saving 2 of Cantell's goals. St George claimed victory in the 2016 Southampton League.

English Schools Track and Field Athletics Cup

There were many stand-out performances, with a number of athletes winning events this year including: **Callum Thomas** (Javelin), **Jerome Metcalfe** (200m), **David Odukun** (Long Jump), **Henry Burchill** (100m), **Nolan Holloway**, **Jerome Metcalfe**, **Isaiah Thomas** and **Oliver Elsdon** (4x100m Boys U13 relay team) and **Chuck Njoku**, **Alex Tonks**, **Henry Burchill** and **David Odukun** (4x100m Boys U15 relay team).

Hampshire Schools Athletics Championship

The following students were selected to represent Southampton in the Hampshire Schools Athletics Championship in Portsmouth: **Dynel Simeu** (200m),

Ashleigh Chirima (Shot Put), **Henry Burchill** (100m), **David Odukun** (Long Jump) and **Lynden Olowe** (100m & 400m). Well done to all the athletes, but a special mention to **Lynden Olowe** who won both the 100m and 400m races comfortably.

Cricket Teams

All cricket teams have been hugely successful so far this season. The U13 & U15 boys are unbeaten in the Southampton Schools leagues and have all but sealed both league titles with only one game remaining for the U15s and 3 games remaining for the U13s. The U12s & U14s have also played some strong cricket and despite a slow start to the season have their sights set on the top two positions in their leagues.

Hampshire Cup Cricket Success

The U15 boys had a great run in the Hampshire Cup cricket this year, making it all the way to the semi-final where they came up against the defending champions King Edward VI School. They bowled incredibly well and consistently throughout the tournament with big wins against Bohunt School and Perins School. Leading the bowling attack in the semi-final was **Amrit Singh** with 2 wickets for 9 runs off 2 overs. **Adam Comber** put up some solid batting resistance with an impressive 24 from 31 deliveries and **Hakeem Khan** had a solid 14 runs from 10 deliveries towards the end of the innings.

U13 Girls Rounders Team

Our U13 girls rounders team have had a great start to the term with good wins against some strong teams. Pupils have been enthusiastic at extra-curricular practice with the Year 8 girls dominating the attendance records this year.

U15 Girls Rounders Team

It has been an amazing term so far for the U15 girls rounders team defeating all teams except rivals USH who we drew 3 all. With only 2 matches left to play in the league St George looks to continue our wins to keep our chance of winning the Southampton Rounders league, taking us to the Hampshire Games.

Mixed Futsal

Our *Saints Community Champion*, **Simon Goodey**, took a group of 8 students to play in a mixed futsal tournament. The students arrived to find all of the other schools with only boys in their teams. Undeterred, our students took on the challenge and all involved worked



brilliantly together, showing a real level of strength through adversity. Well done to all students involved, **Liz Elliott**, **Angel Moyce**, **Mia Gardner**, **Hannah Cowap**, **Louis Blackburn**, **Tomasz Krakowiak**, **Dan Bonavia**, **Kieran O'Leary**.

Tennis Tournament

Four students took part in a regional tennis tournament with the winners going to spend the day at Wimbledon. Only 1 boy and 1 girl could make it all the way through out of those entered. Both the boys and girls played some great tennis in hot conditions, with all displaying great sportsmanship. **Nathan Trotter** finished first and won his trip to Wimbledon in July. Well done to Nathan and all students involved: **Harry Porter**, **Angel Moyce** and **India Miles**.

Girls Tournament

In May St George hosted Sholing and Cantell schools in a girls football tournament, with 5 teams playing. Girls from years 7-9 were involved. Over 50 girls took part, with the games being officiated by our Year 7 junior sports leaders students. Our two teams made it through to the semi-finals, with the Year 7 team progressing to the final, losing 1-0 to Cantell after a very close game.

"First Team" Training Session

Three students were selected to take part in a training session delivered by former Southampton FC's manager, Ronald Koeman and supporting First Team staff. Well done to all students involved: **Luke Bennett**, **Solomon Njoku** and **Mia Gardner**. St George's students received some brilliant feedback and mentions, in particular **Mia Gardner** was highlighted by staff for her performance.

Sport Awards

Congratulations to our award winners (left to right): **Katie Bignell** Year 7 Girls, **John McCormack** Year 7 Boys, **Sylwia Majecka** Year 8 Girls, **Henry Baynes** Year 8 Boys, **Savanna Pearce** Year 9 Girls, **Ben McCormack** Year 9 Boys, **Chuck Njoku** Year 10, **Lynden Olowe** Year 11, and Overall Sports Personality of the year award went to **Molly Kenna**.

