



ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

26th January 2024

Information

Exciting sports fixtures coming up:

Finally the weather has been kinder this week which allows a bumper weekend of Lacrosse to go ahead. To start the weekend off, we have an exciting night tonight at HRFC for our fabulous Friday Night Lights Lacrosse game V STAHS. The game starts at 7pm. It would be awesome to see as much support as possible from our school community and a great opportunity for the younger years to watch some talented lacrosse right on their doorstep! Sadly the clubhouse is in use, so there are no refreshments available.



We then have our lacrosse matches against Putney on Saturday morning. Match timings are below. Please remember that all players need to arrive 45 minutes before their match starts. Again it would be great to see you all supporting our teams and we have our usual tea, coffee and bacon rolls available thanks to George Wright and his team of wonderful volunteers.

Time	Sports Hall Pitch	1st Team Pitch	Aim higher Pitch	Mini Pitch
9.30am	3rd	15A	13A	12A
10.30am	2nd	1st	13B	12B
11.30am	14B	14A	13C	12C



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There are also a number of rugby tournaments coming up which parents might like to watch:

Wed 6th March
Herts Rugby 7s Cup U18
Woolams Playing Fields

Wed 6th March
Herts Rugby 7s Cup U16
Woolams Playing Fields

Monday 26th Feb
Herts Schools U13s 7 a side Festival
Habs Boys School

Tuesday 19th March
Herts School U12 U12 10 a side
Kitcheners Field Berkhamstead

Free School Meals -Please check to see if you are eligible

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes 5 mins and in most cases, you will be told straight away if your child can get free meals at school.

[Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Children in year 3 or older might be entitled to [extra help](#).

GCSE Options for Students in Year 9

Following last night's Parents' Evening, here's a link to the [GCSE Options Form](#) which is now live. Please note that subject choices should be listed in preference order! There is no rush - it is absolutely not 'first come' - if your child is in Year 9, please complete the form by 16th February.



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On Tuesday lunchtime, Year 9 students are invited to the GCSE subject fair where they can get further information to help them in their decision making. Subject teachers, Tutors and Heads of Houses are also available to offer guidance over the coming weeks.

Attention 6th formers and parents of 6th formers

Sixth Form students have received via their Google Classroom Year 12/13 area the latest edition of the Supercurricular Bulletin. If they are searching for work experience, medicine experience, Oxbridge opportunities, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, summer schools, and so much more, this bulletin has been curated for them with so, so many opportunities to consider and apply for. Please do encourage them to spend some time looking through the bulletin. The link is <https://sites.google.com/stgeorges.herts.sch.uk/stgssupercurricular/home> - please note students will need to access this link as it is a secure St George's Google Site. I hope they and you find it really useful.

Mrs Tess Tweeddale

Muga closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

We have become increasingly concerned about some of the behaviour on the muga (our hard court multi use games area) over recent weeks and will be resetting behaviour expectations to students through house assemblies next week. To reinforce this message, the MUGA will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at break and lunchtimes before re-opening on Thursday. If your young person uses this area then please do talk to them about being calm, safe and respectful of others at all times.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Wednesday 31st January

Just a reminder that these are happening on Wednesday and to remind you that students will need to wear a short-sleeved shirt or a PE top to make the process easier. Thanks.



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Cozy Up With A Good Book!

The Library entrance is looking very bright and cheery with an inviting winter warming display. Big thanks to all those students who have been filling our windows with some fantastic suggestions of books they would like to cozy up with on a cold and wet winter's day. Thrillers and historical fiction are growing in popularity, with some well-known and some lesser known titles suggested. Your suggestions are always welcome, so please keep them coming!



Follow the Library on Instagram [@stgeorgeslibrary_](https://www.instagram.com/stgeorgeslibrary_) to stay up to date with news, events, book recommendations, book reviews and more.





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Our Treasurer leaves at the end of November, and the PSA cannot legally continue without a replacement. Its a great way of helping the school, being part of every event, whilst not necessarily being at the events, nor organising them!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN ACCOUNTANT, JUST REASONABLY GOOD WITH FIGURES. PLEASE COME AND SHADOW EDDY, OR THE PSA MAY HAVE TO CEASE UNTIL A NEW TREASURER CAN BE FOUND.

THE PSA DESPERATELY NEEDS A TREASURER (WE STILL DO)

Our wonderful Treasurer, Eddy, leaves in November 2024, and we must replace him. This is a role that is needed in order to continue to run.

It could be a joint role, but please, if you would be willing to shadow Eddy for the coming year, get in touch with any of the PSA below.

You are also more than welcome to speak to Eddy on a no-obligation basis, to see what the role entails.

Thank you so much

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Actions

Do you know a trader who is selling vapes illegally to young people under the age of 18?

You can anonymously report a premises to Trading Standards. Report name of shop premises; address; when the sale/s took place; and brand to: Tradingstandards@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Help Trading Standards protect young people.

Thoughts

I love the fact that no sooner has Christmas been done and dusted in the shops then cards with hearts; very expensive exquisitely wrapped chocolates and extortionate flowers (which cost half the price at any other time) and the odd chocolate bunny (because believe it or not Easter is not that far away) begin to appear. What a consumer world we live in, and what suckers we are at times for embracing it (and I do include myself in that very category!). In Head commendations last week I got to talk to a year 12 who was a keen reader, belonging to a book group I'm always on the lookout for a recommended good read. That read was " Everything I know about love" by Dolly Alderton. I haven't started it yet, but I am hoping that it will shed some light on this mythical thing we call love. But do I need this book to tell me that ? And do some extortionate flowers really show someone that you love them? 1 Corinthians 13 vs 4-8 tells us that:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

It is an incredible list, which is short, succinct and to the point. It is easy to read but in practice can be very hard to enact. None of us can probably keep to the list entirely, we will always be prone to making mistakes and to do the wrong thing. But if we do not even try to have these things at the heart of any relationship we have, whether those be family relationships; friends ships; the love we have for God or that sometimes elusive passionate love then no amount of chocolate or red roses on a single day are going to put things right.

Anyway.....I'm off to buy some flowers and chocolate for myself this week.....as I'm fairly sure none will be winging their way to me on the 14th!

Whatever you are doing this weekend.....lets hope someone else exhibits some of the those lovely characteristics highlighted in these wonderful verses to you, and that you in turn exhibit them to someone else. One can only think that if we all did that the world would be a much nice and much calmer place. Miss B



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Signposting (click on each to find out more)

PLAYING OUR PART TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

2024 GCSE MATHEMATICS REMOTE REVISION WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS.



Following the success of last year's programme, our secondary Maths advisers will be leading 24 topic-based online workshops during February and March: 12 for Foundation Tier and 12 for Higher Tier.

The Foundation Tier workshops will be aimed at those students aiming to gain Grades 4 and 5. The Higher Tier workshops will be for those aiming for Grades 6 and 7, although students aiming for higher grades may find them useful to consolidate earlier learning.

Designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging and active learning environment, our remote workshops will provide students with the opportunity to take part in a number of focused revision activities, and to complete exam-style questions.

Each workshop will be 50 minutes long. Students may wish to attend two or three consecutively, with a short break in between each.



The popularity of these workshops in the past few years means we are able to offer each workshop at £6 (including VAT). We believe this represents excellent value for money.

Access to recordings of sessions

A time-limited recording of each session will also be made available in the week following the session. If your child/student is unable to attend the session(s) in person, please book using the links below to have access to the recording and resources used in the session.



To find out more and to book places, scan or click on the QR code.

Once places have been booked, students will need their school e-mail address to access the sessions.

£6
per student
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2024 'A'-LEVEL MATHEMATICS REMOTE REVISION WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS.

£6
per student
(including VAT)



Following the success of last year's programme, our secondary Maths adviser will be leading 16 topic-based 'A'-level Maths online workshops during the Easter holidays.

Each workshop will summarise the main learning points and show how they can be applied to examination-style questions. Students will be encouraged to participate by answering questions via polls or online chat, engaging actively with the examples used, and taking part in other short revision activities.

The workshops are aimed at those students targeting grades up to and including Grade B. Students aiming for A* and A grades will be welcome to attend, and may appreciate the chance to consolidate their skills; however, the content of the workshops will not specifically be aimed at these students.

Each workshop will be 60 minutes long. Students may wish to attend two or three consecutively, with a short break between each.



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To find out more and to book places on sessions, please click on or scan the QR code or contact our Events Team with any queries at training@hfleducation.org or call 01438 544477.



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2024 AQA GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE REMOTE REVISION MASTERCLASSES.



SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S REVISION WITH OUR SUBJECT EXPERTS

Designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging and focused learning environment, our remote revision masterclasses will help boost students' skills and confidence.

These popular remote Saturday revision sessions return for the third year.

Our online masterclasses are led by highly experienced subject specialists and will focus on:

- supporting your child to feel 'exam ready'
- providing students with tried and tested exam strategies and revision techniques
- sharing high quality responses and model answers to support their learning
- directly responding to any text/exam related questions that students may have.

Each session lasts two hours and students will be able to interact with the subject teachers delivering the session. A time-limited recording of each session will also be made available in the week following

the session. If your child/student is unable to attend the session(s) in person, please book using the links below to have access to the recording and resources used in the session.

To find out more and to book places on sessions, please click on the courses below or visit the [HFL Education Hub](#) for more information. Places may be booked directly by parents/carers or by schools on their students' behalf.

Once places have been booked, students will need their school e-mail address to access the sessions.

£20
per student
(including VAT)
Price remains the
same as 2022

REVISION TEXT	2024 SATURDAY SESSION DATES/TIMES		BOOK NOW
Macbeth	10th February	9.30-11.30am	Click or scan this QR code to book. 
Romeo and Juliet	10th February	1.30-3.30pm	
A Christmas Carol	17th February	9.30-11.30am	
An Inspector Calls	2nd March	9.30-11.30am	
Power and Conflict Poetry	9th March	9.30-11.30am	
Love and Relationships Poetry	9th March	1.30-3.30pm	
Unseen Poetry	16th March	9.30-11.30am	

For more information regarding these masterclasses, please contact: training@hfleducation.org or call 01438 544477.



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AQA GCSE FOUNDATION TIER SCIENCE REMOTE REVISION SESSIONS – EASTER 2024.



These remote Foundation Tier sessions will be delivered by our experienced science advisers and are designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging and active environment. The sessions are designed to support Foundation Tier students aiming to gain Grade 4/5.

The sessions will focus on:

- supporting your child to feel 'exam ready'
- providing students with tried and tested exam strategies and revision techniques
- sharing high quality responses and model answers to support their own learning
- reviewing associated Maths and Required Practical skills within relevant science content
- giving your child the opportunity to complete a range of revision activities during the session, addressing the skills needed

Each session will be 60 minutes in length and the students will be able to interact with the science advisers delivering the session. Students may wish to attend 2-3 sessions consecutively with a short break in between each one.



Access to recordings of sessions

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Would you like to take your career to the next level?

Education and Skills are here to help you, every step of the way!

**BOOK ONE OF OUR ONLINE, INFORMATION SESSIONS
HERE: <https://forms.gle/RF87it8SfaS6TKAT7>**

**Alternatively, you can speak with someone sooner by calling us on
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