



ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 12 Activities Week: 28th June – 1st July 2021

We are writing to inform you of the choices available to our Year 12 students during Activities Week, which in Sixth Form is planned around writing an application for leaving St George's in July 2022.

Work Experience

We strongly believe that this will be extremely valuable to the students both in terms of their own personal development and also in how they could use the experience in future applications for employment or university.

It is the responsibility of the student to organise their own work experience. In order to help cut 'red tape' the Government has made it easier for work experience students to be treated as employees so that they will be covered by the existing Employers' Liability Compulsory Insurance policies. Any company that has this policy is insured to accept work placement students over the age of 16 years. Should you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We understand that organising work experience in the current situation of a pandemic, may be a little more difficult. However there are lots of companies and organisations that are organising online work experience in place of face-to-face work experience; however we are ever hopeful that by Spring, the situation may be a little different.

Extended Learning Opportunities

Some students may be studying for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). These students can use the time available during Activities Week to work on their qualifications. Some students may find that Headstart, Nuffield or other courses may be available, which could also extend their learning (eg MOOCs). Eton Summer School often takes place at this time (applications from December: see Eton website). Activities Week can be used for extended reading, online lectures or visits to exhibitions or professional organisations. There are a range of possibilities for students to be able to enhance their personal statements through the activities they undertake during this week.

If students do not have a work placement, planned learning experiences or visits organised, we will expect to see them at School in the Sixth Form Centre working on their extended learning opportunities and seeking advice on their personal statement writing. It is also possible for students to help with Lower School activities taking place in School that week, which can also provide relevant work experience.

The Sixth Form staff will be available each day from 9.00 am – 3.40 pm to work with students on extended learning opportunities, applications, interview skills, etc. Students attending School must sign in/out at the Aim Higher Reception and are to work in the upstairs Sixth Form Study Rooms. Sixth Formers may wear smart-casual clothes.

We will ask students to inform us of their plans and they must submit their draft plan to the Sixth Form Office by 25th March 2021. On this day, in the evening, there will be an event for parents/guardians to become better informed about the latest development of the post 18 applications process. Please keep the evening free if you wish to be involved and understand the process to support your 2022 Leaver.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Sixth Form Education

