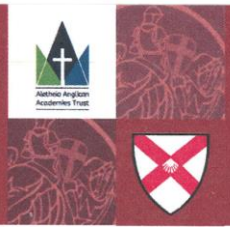




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Newsletter July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As always, thank you for all you have done to support your children throughout this year. There have been so many opportunities for the pupils to gain new experiences throughout the year and I am pleased that such a large number of pupils have been able to take advantage of this. From the ski trip to Canada to performing in the Twits, it has been amazing to watch the pupils grow through these experiences. The year 7 residential was a great success with 105 pupils away for 3 days of team building. I am hugely thankful to the dedicated staff team who lay on so many great events for the pupils.

The Colour Run was again a fantastic way for our whole school community to round off the year. Over 700 pupils took part in the run and raised a grand total of £1200!

Sadly, some members of staff are leaving us this summer to take up new challenges. I am grateful for all the work they have done to support the pupils of Saint George's and wish them every success in the future.

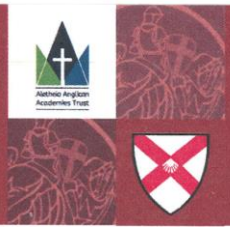
A reminder for year 13 that their results day is on 17th August and year 11 is on 24th August. We look forward to seeing you then and celebrating your success. Details for these days have been sent out already and reminders will be sent out nearer the results days.

We are immensely proud of our pupils and all they achieve.

I hope that you all have a very safe and relaxing summer break.

Matt Lillie
Head of School





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Start of term September 2023

In September we will be following our normal start of year process with year 7 and 12 in at 8:40am and year 11 in at 11.10am on Friday 1st September. Year 7 need to come in on Friday wearing their PE kit as they have team building activities taking place on that day.

The rest of the school is back in at 8:40am on Monday 4th September.

Safeguarding – Summer 2023

With the extended period off from school, we would firstly like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and we are excited to welcome your son/daughter back with us from September 2023.

We enclose a few pointers and links that you may find helpful as parents/carers, especially in the current climate of on-line safety/Social Media worries and concerns that we are always working to improve. In addition, we enclose a very informative link to a booklet especially aimed at parents and carers which cover such topics as: -

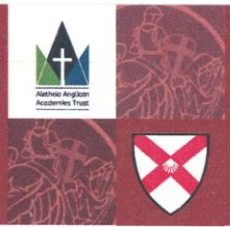
- Social Media, Filters and having the Selfie talk.
- How to beat bullying.
- Improving communication between you and your child.
- Body Functionality.
- How to celebrate individuality.

https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk/_site/data/files/documents/5D60B151B4ABC37AD10534B039E303EF.pdf

<https://www.thesafeguardingcompany.com/media/ilvfax5a/a-holiday-safeguarding-briefing.pdf>

In addition, we are very excited to be part of a new venture from September 2023, where we will be working closely with The Child Centred Policing Team. With their help and support, we plan to regularly hold workshops with topics that are in the forefront of local issues involving young people. We will be starting the next academic year covering all aspects of social media, the Police processes, how these impacts on schools and young people, the law and how this is applicable to indecent images, the taking, send and creating of inappropriate material, as well as how to keep yourself safe/raising awareness. We will continue to re-visit this throughout the academic year to keep our students fully informed and safe. As part of the new Policing venture, we will, at times, have a Police Officer and PCSO's on school premises not only to assist us if needed, but also to interact with students, answer any questions that they may have, and also to interact with our school community to raise positivity, create a positive ethos of the Police and dispel any myths.





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We also encourage, not only your son or daughter, but for your own safety and security, to check your passwords/emails are secure over social media and the internet – below is a link which we recommend you try as you may well be surprised to find that your email address or phone number has been compromised: -

<https://havebeenpwned.com>

Safeguarding, Wellbeing, and promoting good emotional health remains paramount to us here at Saint Georges. With this in mind, we have trained 12 of our 6th formers to become Mental Health First Aider Champions (MHFA Champions) and 6 members of staff as MHFA's. Mrs Alpnar is the Lead MHFA. These people can be identified by a green ribbon pin badge



In addition, we have created a Wellbeing Club which currently is held on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in K4 during lunchtimes. Anyone is welcome, it is a quiet space where you can chat, mindful colour, play board games with no pressure or expectations. We would encourage you to ensure that your son or daughter knows that this is an option so that we can break down the barriers surrounding emotional health and support accordingly. There is also a MHFA email link:- mhfachampions@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

Useful links:-

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained>

Being aware of the Dark Web can help you have informed conversations and support your child if you are concerned.

<https://emergeadvocacy.com>

Emerge Advocacy provides support for young people who present at A&E due to self-harm.

<https://alumina.selfharm.co.uk>

Free online 7-week course for ages 14-19 years for anyone struggling with self-harm.

[Stay Alive App](#)

Free phone app for anyone with suicidal thoughts or feelings

<https://livewellkent.org.uk>

When your mental health is impacting other parts of your life

<https://www.cruse.org.uk>

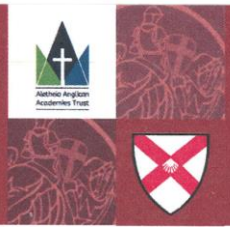
Provides bereavement support.

www.amparo.org.uk

Support service for people bereaved by suicide.

<https://www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk>





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Online resource site for local services and support

<https://thebeyouproject.co.uk>

Supports LGBTQ+ people in Kent and Medway

Saint George's Church of England School Mandatory items

Trousers or Skirt

Plain black straight school trousers (no jeans, jeggings, or fashion trousers) or plain black skirt which should be an appropriate fit and length for school and must not be made of stretch fabric. Skirts are to be worn properly and not rolled at the waist.

Shirts

White, full length, long/short sleeve with a top button and collar. To be worn tucked in and wearing the school tie.

Red and white striped shirts and blouses can be worn without a tie.

School Blazer

Black, with an embroidered school badge on the pocket. Blazers must always be worn.

School Jumper

Saint George's V-neck jumper or a plain black V-neck jumper (no logos). Jumpers are to be worn properly and not tied at the back or tucked in.

Footwear

Black, leather, or vegan alternative, sensible style shoes. Kicker ankle boots are accepted but trainers of any kind are **NOT** permitted. Shoes are to be worn with plain black socks (under the knee) or black opaque tights. Knee high socks, frills and bows are **NOT** permitted.

School Tie

Saint George's School tie is available from the school reception.

Hair and Jewellery

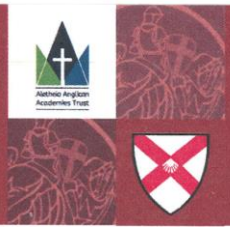
No extreme haircuts or colour.

One small pair of studs, and a watch are permitted. Students wearing excessive jewellery will be asked to remove it. Repeat offenders will be sanctioned.

Make-up

Subtle make-up is accepted. Thick black eyeliner/lashes are not allowed. Nail varnish and false nails (including SNS, acrylic, gels) are not permitted. Excessive Fake tan is also not permitted. (Students wearing false nails, nail varnish or inappropriate makeup will be asked to remove it or be issued with a sanction).





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PE KIT

Mandatory

Red PE t-shirt with the school logo (core PE)

Black PE t-shirt with school logo (BTEC PE)

Plain black fleece with the school logo

Plain black shorts, plain black joggers or leggings. Skorts are available with the school logo.

Plain black football socks

Trainers

* Winter months only (September - Easter)

Football boots*

Shin pads*

Gum shield*

Optional

If students want to wear a jacket when outside in the cold, they are allowed to wear a black waterproof jacket.

Equipment

All students should attend school ready to learn. This includes having the correct equipment. The minimum required is: x2 Pens (blue or black ink), X1 green pen, x2 Pencils, x1 Ruler, x1 Eraser and a scientific calculator. Optional but useful items for a pencil case would include: a highlighter or two, a few colouring pencils of various colours, glue stick such as Pritt. No Tippex or correcting fluids please. We expect all students to carry their equipment in a school bag suitable for holding A4 books.

Practical Subjects

All pupils must wear aprons to protect their clothing during practical sessions in Design Technology, and Food Technology. Aprons are provided during these lessons. Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones may be brought to school, but if they are used inside a building including during lessons or lesson change over, they will be confiscated. Repeat offenders will require parents/carers to collect them.

