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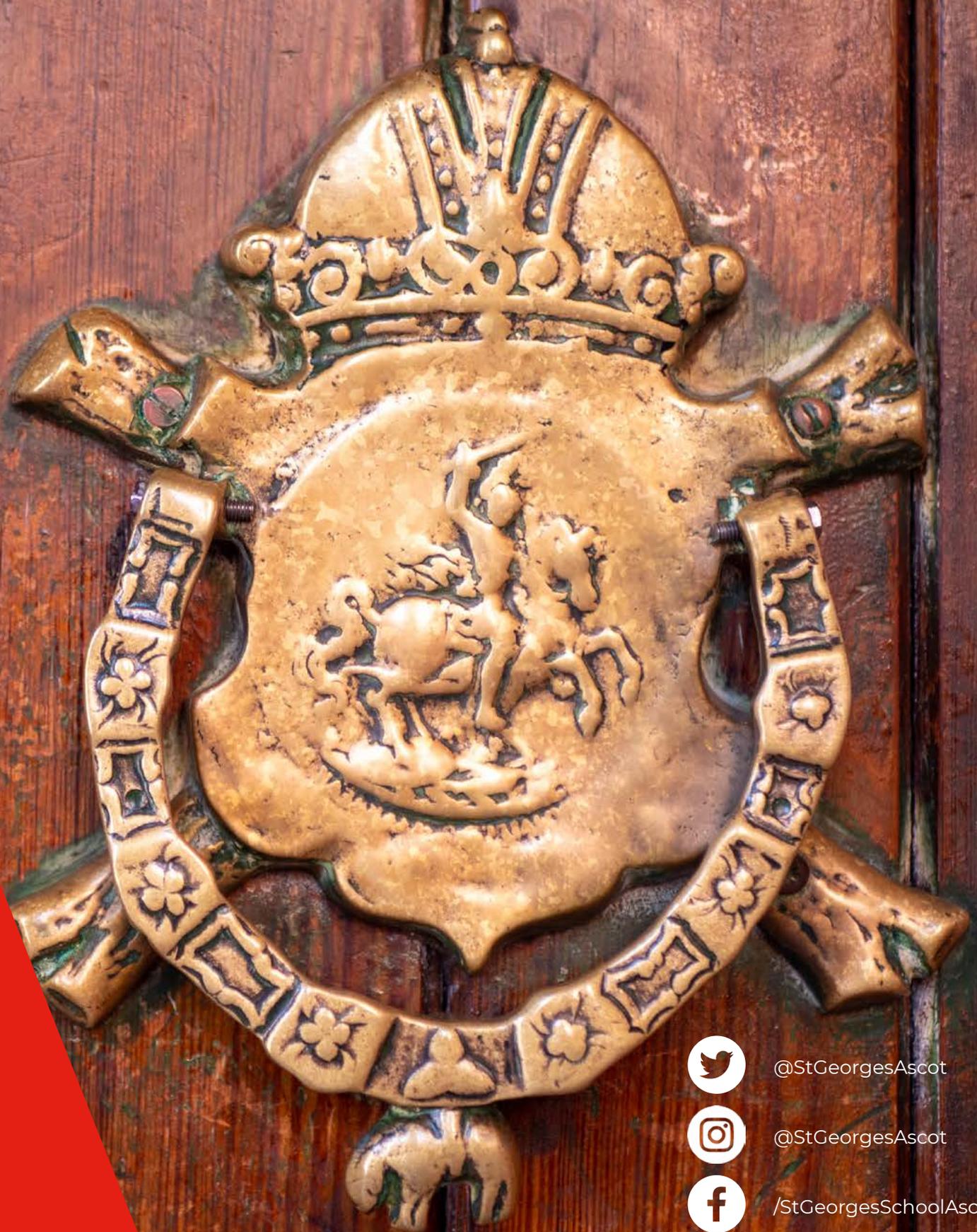


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SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

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A scenic view of a school campus at sunset. The foreground is a grassy slope with two large, thick tree trunks on either side. In the background, a building with a dark roof is visible through the trees, and a fence runs across the middle ground. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, suggesting the sun is low on the horizon.

VISIT US

There's no better way to find out if St George's is right for you than to visit and see it for yourself. Our Sixth Form Information Evening and Open Mornings offer the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about the school and our Sixth Form. While you're here, don't forget to check out the Lower and Upper Sixth boarding areas and find out about all of the opportunities available, including co-curricular activities, careers events and trips.

We look forward to welcoming you to St George's and will be very happy to assist you in any enquiries you may have.

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WELCOME

The St George's Sixth Form offers you an outstanding opportunity to succeed academically, develop as a person, and take your next steps in education. The girls who leave after the Sixth Form are confident, capable and connected, and there are many ways in which we encourage the girls to become the very best versions of themselves.

There are a fantastic range of opportunities available for you to develop your talents, push your boundaries and take on leadership responsibilities at St George's. Whether a day girl, tailored or full boarder, you will benefit from the School's culture and structure which allows for involvement, specialisation and excellence in a range of co-curricular activities. This is also underpinned by a comprehensive pastoral system. The academic curriculum promotes a deep understanding in A Level disciplines, which, combined with a breadth of experiences in sport, social/cultural matters and research, allows you to take on new challenges. Our connections to the wider world of post-18 options in employment, university education and the community allow you to leave St George's with self-assurance and purpose.

I hope you enjoy this prospectus and, if new to St George's, I look forward to welcoming you to Ascot for a visit in the near future.

MR A CARROLL
Head of Sixth Form







SGA SIXTH

“St George’s combines small-school cosiness with big-school facilities.” - Tatler

St George's has everything you need for your studies and beyond. In the St George's Sixth Form, you have access to an incredible range of facilities on site, and we are always investing in new developments and refurbishments to make our site the best it can be.



LEARN

Your A Level studies are supported by a dedicated, state-of-the-art library, which opened in 2015 and offers individual and group study space. Staffed between 8.15am and 6.45pm, with out of hours study access available to boarders in the evenings and at the weekends, the library caters to academic and research needs. Books can be requested based on independent study and your career aspirations, and a wide range of e-resources are available too.



LIVE

Boarding is a fundamental and special part of the St George's Sixth Form, and we are always investing in developments and refurbishments to the boarding areas to make them the perfect space for working, relaxing and sleeping. Ensuring a good work/life balance is at the heart of boarding in Knatchbull (Lower Sixth) and Loveday (Upper Sixth), with regular pamper and yoga nights, physical and sporting activities and weekly outings to local towns and London. For more details, see pages 18-19.



PLAY

Our brand new £5m development, a 25 metre, 6 lane indoor swimming pool, is just one of many sports facilities available at St George's. A fitness suite and dance studio, multi-use sports hall, lacrosse pitches, floodlit netball and tennis courts, and squash courts are just the tip of the iceberg. For more details on all of our sports facilities, see our Sports Life brochure.



SUPPORT & WELLBEING

Our Health Centre is staffed by the school nurse who, supported by a counsellor, the School Chaplain and an independent listener, is here to help you look after your physical, emotional and psychological health.



PERFORM

Our state-of-the-art 300 seat theatre offers a flexible and modern performance and events space which regularly hosts school productions, house competitions, awards nights and concerts, while the separate drama studio and mirrored dance studio allow you to fine-tune your skills ahead of opening night.



EAT

Our award winning food is a real highlight of the school day for many, and the dining hall offers a combination of healthy options, traditional family favourites and international cuisine, with beautiful salads, a real variety in the deli, a fruit bar and homemade puddings. You can relax and enjoy a coffee in the Sixth Form café, which also has facilities should you wish to prepare your own food throughout the day.

FACILITIES

- 25m, 6 lane indoor swimming pool (new for 2019)
- Large sports hall
- Gym
- Lacrosse pitches
- Six floodlit netball courts
- Eight tennis courts
- Squash courts
- Sports pavilion
- Sixth Form café, 'The View'
- State-of-the-art 300 seat theatre with orchestra pit
- Separate drama studio
- Mirrored dance studio
- Dedicated music school and music practice rooms
- Sixth Form study rooms
- Science centre
- Language lab
- Library
- Photography, textiles and art studios
- Light airy classrooms
- Computer rooms
- Dining room
- Two Sixth Form boarding houses
 - Knatchbull (Lower Sixth)
 - Loveday (Upper Sixth)







SGA CONFIDENT

Develop your confidence through the range of opportunities available at St George's.

The co-curricular opportunities on offer in the St George's Sixth Form allow you to develop your confidence and leadership qualities including perseverance, grit and self-discipline, as well as giving you the chance to take on responsibility in many areas of school life.



MUSIC

No matter what your areas of study, music can provide a creative outlet through which you can develop a new skill set. In your time at St George's you can take advantage of the huge number of instruments in which we offer tuition, or play in an array of concerts. Singers can audition to be part of the prestigious Chapel Choir, who perform at world-class venues and are heading out on tour to Vienna and Salzburg in July 2020, or perform at our termly open mic nights.



SPORT

Sport is a great way to keep fit and give yourself a break from studying. We encourage girls of all fitness, skill and experience levels to get involved, and have a wide range of activities on offer on site. For more details, see pages 22-23.



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Over seventy clubs run after school during the week and many of these are organised by Sixth Form girls. Societies covering chess, Japanese and Law have all been established and run by senior pupils. Sixth Form girls are invited to be a part of all these activities, and some are specific to them such as the Leiths Toolbox cookery award.



DRAMA

Sixth Form girls are fully involved in many productions throughout the year and a musical takes place each October, with The Sound of Music being performed in 2019. You will also perform in the House Drama competition and take a lead in directing and organising your House's performance.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme inspires young people to try a range of new activities they may not have previously experienced and to make a difference in their community. In the St George's Sixth Form you can do direct entry to the Gold Award and do not need to have completed Silver or Bronze, although many girls often have.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The Young Enterprise programme is offered to all Lower Sixth girls at St George's. This national entrepreneurship scheme aims to teach you the skills required to start and run a business. You will have the chance to form a company, design, source and sell a product, and ultimately compete for the coveted national crown of 'Young Enterprise Company of the Year'.

ACADEMIC LIFE

St George's is a community which values scholarship, and you can get involved in a number of societies which have an academic focus such as Dissection Club, or get involved in activities such as the Model United Nations. Lectures by visiting speakers offer the opportunity to learn more about specific subjects, with recent talks by Tony Walsh, the "Longfella" poet and Dr Sepi Chakaveh, the Senior Associate Tutor of Data Science at Oxford University. We also benefit from an open invitation to attend lectures and seminars organised by Eton College.

Sixth Form girls who are awarded scholarships are invited to a series of lunchtime events with fellow senior scholars.

Over an excellent lunch the girls will discuss matters of intellectual interest with members of staff. We also hold a series of cross-curricular discussions called "In Our Club Time" involving teachers and pupils looking at a variety of topics from the perspective of their own academic subject. Recent topics included Human Rights, Karl Marx, Life, and the Reformation and Romanticism. Since September 2019 we have been running 'Oxplere' sessions in which girls investigate big intellectual debates.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Visiting speakers' talks are both insightful, engaging and thought provoking and cover a range of topics such as 'Creating an Amazing First Impression', 'Coping With Adversity' and 'Living with HIV'.

CLUBS

There are plenty of clubs that you can take part in to complement your studies, including Dissection, Amnesty International and Life Drawing.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarships are available in the Sixth Form and are awarded to girls who excel across a number of subjects, and who show all-round academic merit. More details can be found in the Further Information Booklet.

LECTURES & SEMINARS

A variety of inspirational and engaging speakers and seminars are organised including subject specific lectures by speakers such as David Starkey, and cross-curricular seminars on topics such as Human Rights, Marxism and Romanticism.



PASTORAL SUPPORT

At St George's you can achieve, confident in the knowledge that there is excellent pastoral support to help you flourish.

Choosing your Sixth Form tutor is the first step in ensuring that you have someone to guide you through your two A Level years. In addition to seeing you twice-daily for registration, your tutor will also conduct a one-to-one tutorial at least every fortnight, allowing you to talk openly about any areas of concern or celebrate your successes.

As well as the tutor, the Head of Sixth Form and Deputy Head (Pastoral) have oversight of a every girls' progress, and there are other people to whom you can speak at any point during the Sixth Form. St George's has a full-time nurse on site in School hours, and a visiting doctor, as well as counsellors and an independent listener who are available for additional support. As a close-knit community whose members look out for each other, support and encouragement are always available.



BOARDING

The boarding houses at St George's are where you go to sleep, relax, study and spend much of your free time. For many it is also the place where you will build some of your strongest friendships that you will cherish well after you leave. House culture is very much the beating heart of the School, and is nurtured by a dedicated team of professionals who are always on hand for guidance.

Sixth Form boarding has a distinctly different feel to earlier years, which begins with the move from Markham into Knatchbull House, before moving to the dedicated Upper Sixth accommodation in Loveday House for your final year at St George's. House philosophy is centred around preparing you for independent living, and you are given a range of extra privileges in Sixth Form boarding, such as cooking at weekends, unsupervised prep and opportunities to travel in groups to surrounding towns and, for the Upper Sixth, into London at weekends.

Both Housemistresses in the Sixth Form have an open door policy, encouraging you to feel free to chat to any of the boarding staff. Once in Loveday, you are given your own room and expected to take charge of your diary. This ensures that you leave the School confident to tackle the challenges you will face in the future when living independently.

Whilst offered a lot more freedom, all Sixth Form boarders are actively encouraged to get involved with the weekly scheduled activities. The Sixth Form play a vital role in house culture as role models for the younger girls, and what distinguishes boarding at St George's from other schools is the incredibly strong bond between the age groups. Our boarding houses provide a fully inclusive atmosphere in which you can thrive.







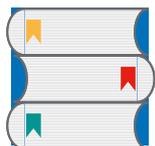
SGA CAPABLE

Achieve your very best in A Level studies with a specialised, enjoyable and balanced education.

We recognise that while some are capable in traditional academic subjects, others' talents lie in different fields, and it is important that your Sixth Form experience provides you with the opportunities and experiences to become the best version of yourself.

We are confident in our ability to produce exceptional results, particularly based on the value we add judged by baseline testing, which outperforms most other schools in the region and places St George's in the top 5% nationally.

St George's Sixth Form provides an environment where you can flourish and thrive, and you may even find a talent you never knew you had.



THE CURRICULUM

Alongside your A Level studies your curriculum will include enrichment classes, PE and an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), more details of which can be found in the Further Information Booklet. These will help you build your CV and/or personal statement and prepare you for life after Sixth Form.



PREFECT ROLES

From Head Girl to Sports Prefect, Marketing and Admissions Prefect to House Captains, the thirteen prefects play a vital role in many areas of the school. These roles give you a valuable opportunity to take on responsibility outside of your studies, develop leadership skills and take part in all that the wider school community has to offer.



HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Every girl at St George's is a member of one of our four Houses, each of which is structured vertically and includes day girls and boarders from the First Year right up to the Upper Sixth. House activities and competitions take place throughout the year and include everything from Debating, Music and Drama to the annual Georgian Gallop (part of our St George's Day celebrations) and the always eagerly awaited House Parties. Mostly led by the House Captains, these events have a great sense of camaraderie and fun. All competitions count towards the House Championship Shield, the final award at Prize Giving each year.



CO-CURRICULAR

In the Sixth Form there are plenty of co-curricular opportunities in which you can get involved, and these help you to develop a whole host of skills which guide you to becoming the most capable version of yourself. Whether you're experienced or just want to have a go, you'll be welcomed to any activity you choose with open arms, be it sports, performing arts or public speaking. Who knows, you might find a whole new direction you had never before explored.

SPORTS

Sport in the Sixth Form is designed to help you maintain a healthy balance alongside your A Level studies. Whether you take part for fun, health or competition, you can be sure of finding an activity you'll love from our range of sport and fitness opportunities.

As a member of the St George's Sixth Form, you will have access to our new 25m, 6 lane indoor swimming pool (opened in September 2019), on site gym, squash courts and much more. Sports at St George's has something for everyone, from working out in the gym to discovering a new sport during club time, through to pilates or self-defence.

Competitive sport at St George's is strong too, with matches played in many sports including Netball, Lacrosse, Swimming, Tennis and Athletics. St George's teams compete at local and national tournaments and have won the National Small Schools Lacrosse Tournament in three of the last four years.





SGA CAPABLE

CHOOSING YOUR A LEVELS

St George's strongly believes in the potential for girls to specialise, excel, and enjoy a balanced education through taking A Level qualifications. Most girls decide to take three A Level subjects which will be fully examined in the summer of the Upper Sixth as universities and employers often wish to see three A Levels alongside a breadth of co-curricular activities and other attributes.

To enter the Sixth Form, you need to achieve at least six 9 - 4/A*-C grades at GCSE with at least a 6/ B grade in each subject desired for study at A Level.

The Sixth Form timetable is developed around the subject options chosen by the girls, meaning that the vast majority of our pupils are able to select and take the three subjects which they want to study. After the A Level options deadline, girls can ask to change subjects although the number of options may reduce as the timetable is built and staffing allocated. A subject will not normally be offered at A Level if only one pupil has opted to do it. Occasionally a subject may run for just one girl if others who had chosen it withdraw once the subject has been promised to a pupil.

A minority of girls decide to take four A Levels and we are happy to discuss this with you to assess how appropriate such a curriculum will be. Most commonly this is in the following situations:

- You wish to study Further Mathematics. In this case you should choose Mathematics as well as two other subjects to complete four A Levels.
- If you have chosen three subjects but wish to continue with Mathematics into the Sixth Form, you can opt to complete the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level in the subject. This one-year course will be assessed at the end of the Lower Sixth and you would be taught alongside other A Level Mathematicians. Although it is possible to continue onto the full A Level, the AS result will not count in any way towards this grade.
- If you are bilingual we strongly advise, for university applications, that you take an A Level in your native language. Tuition in most modern foreign languages can be provided as a paid extra activity organised by the school.



SGA CAPABLE



SGA CONNECTED

Connect with the community around you and find your future path in the St George's Sixth Form.

Being connected with the world around you is greatly beneficial for your future, and the St George's Sixth Form offers many opportunities to help you develop skills and gain experiences that will help you stand out later in life.



POST-18 OPTIONS

Whether you choose to continue your education at university, begin a degree apprenticeship or head out into the world of work, we can help you prepare for your next steps after Sixth Form. More details can be found on the next page.



COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY WORK

There are many opportunities for you to get involved in community and voluntary work at St George's including enrolling as a PeerPoint counsellor, for which you will receive extensive training to support you in the crucial work you do with younger pupils at the School. In recent years, Sixth Form pupils have been working on literacy and numeracy in local primary schools and have also participated in and lead Education Days, including recent Cookery and Music events. We have a Charities Prefect responsible for coordinating events and activities at St George's with the rest of the pupil body and who took the lead on International Women's Day in raising awareness and collecting donations to combat Period Poverty in the local community. On your final full day at the school in the Upper Sixth you will also complete a community action day.



TRIPS & VISITS

Most of your subjects will have curriculum specific visits for your A Level course such as the "Girls Go Gold" conference for Physical Education and theatre trips for Drama. There are also a number of whole year group visits including the Lower Sixth day trip to the First World War battlefields of the Ypres Salient, the Christmas Markets at Winchester and many different boarders' excursions too. If you're keen to venture further afield, the Chapel Choir undertakes a European tour every other year, and all girls are given the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and study for a week at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.



SOCIAL & ACADEMIC LINKS

St George's girls are connected with a number of schools, with socials such as the Eton College Ceilidh and the Winchester College Wine Tasting evenings being particular highlights. Academic links include girls' attendance at Eton College's events as well as Model United Nations conferences in the UK and overseas. In addition, girls enjoy a variety of events at School including a House Party organised by the Sixth Form, Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball and much more.

POST-18 OPTIONS

Pupils enter the St George's Sixth Form aware that this is a short but crucial time, and the final two years of secondary education must provide a springboard for future success. With so many post-18 options available it is important that you research and understand your choices before making a decision.

No single pathway is encouraged above any other at St George's and our Sixth Form team is committed to helping you understand and pursue the best route for you on leaving the School.

UK UNIVERSITY

University is the most popular option for St George's leavers, and you will be helped every step of the way in making a successful application. Open days, Careers Conventions and online platforms such as Unifrog will help you with your research, and you will work with your tutor to produce your application. In 2020, 74% of girls achieved their first-choice university, many at Russell Group institutions including Bristol, Warwick and Edinburgh. Targeted support is also given if you wish to apply for medicine, veterinary science, dentistry or Oxford and Cambridge.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Increasingly, girls are aware of the opportunities for furthering their careers through the completion of degree apprenticeships, and St George's is strongly supportive of this exciting development.

We hosted a Degree Apprenticeships Fair in 2018 and have a dedicated member of staff assigned to supporting you in making applications if this is the route you choose.



OVERSEAS UNIVERSITY

The range of options for St George's girls is vast, and increasing numbers are looking to university opportunities in the USA. If you choose this route, School staff will encourage and support you, and recent leavers have succeeded in their applications to institutions such as the Georgia Institute of Technology, the College of William and Mary, New York University and Queen's University, Canada.

WORLD OF WORK

St George's believes that there is no single path for girls leaving the school and a number of former pupils have opted to go straight into employment.

Should you decide to enter the world of work you will be fully supported, and help will be provided in all aspects of an applications process, from writing a strong covering letter to interview practice.



TOP THREE
UNIVERSITIES FOR
ST GEORGE'S LEAVERS
IN 2020

**OXFORD
NEWCASTLE
BATH**

67%

ACHIEVED PLACES AT
RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES.
A FURTHER 11% WENT TO
STUDY AT BATH
UNIVERSITY

*results from
2020

74%

OF GIRLS GOT INTO
THEIR FIRST CHOICE
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2020



LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

In 2020, girls from St George's secured a number of places at selective universities including Oxford University, Durham University, University College London, Bath and Exeter.

In the past six years, 54% of all girls have achieved places at Russell Group institutions, and four out of five girls have succeeded in their applications to their first or second choice university. Pupils have also gone on to continue their studies at Central St Martins, the Condé Nast College of Fashion, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and Guildford School of Acting.

Alongside History, Economics and Management and Philosophy and Theology at the University of Oxford, and Chemistry at Imperial College London, Georgians have applied to universities around the world, achieving success at New York University, the University of Tokyo and Queen's University (Canada) amongst many others.

Whilst university remains the first choice for most St George's leavers, we support girls achieving their ambitions in all fields. Whether it is a professional cookery course, finding a job or taking a gap year, we believe that all leavers should follow their dreams.

Teachers in the Sixth Form tutor team, as well as the Senior Leadership Team, are involved in ensuring that your Sixth Form experience makes the transition to life after School as successful and straight-forward as possible.



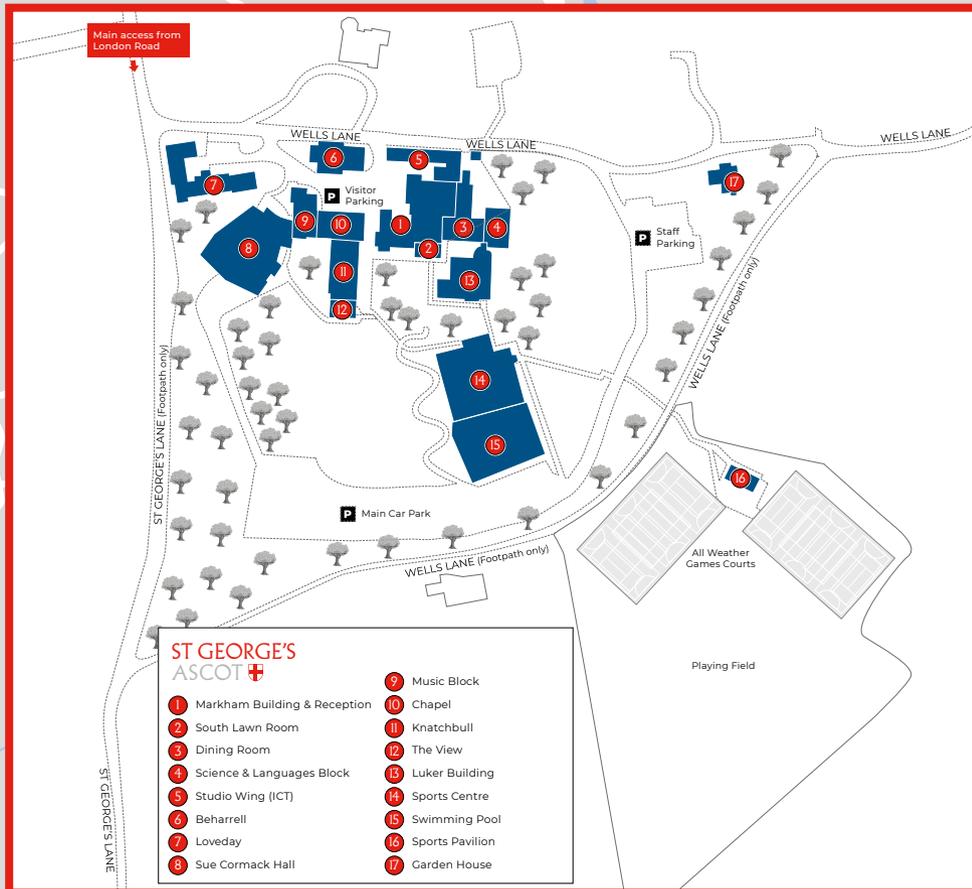


LIFE AFTER ST GEORGE'S

Old Georgians, former pupils at the School, allow current Sixth Form girls to link with a truly global network. This means being able to connect with capable women in Business, Science, Media and the Arts to learn about their experiences. Such advice can be gained during Enrichment sessions and careers talks, when Old Georgians are often invited in to speak, online, and at our biannual Alumnae Careers Event. After leaving St George's girls become part of this community with a number of events and reunions maintaining their connection with the School.

HOSPITAL

- St George's School and Grounds
- Landmarks
- Shops, cafés and restaurants





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