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A scenic autumn landscape featuring large, mature trees with thick trunks in the foreground. The foliage is in various shades of orange, yellow, and brown, indicating the fall season. In the background, a building with a dark roof is partially visible through the trees. The ground is covered in grass and fallen leaves. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# Visit Us

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There is 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 Events 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

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The Sixth Form at St George's offers young women a remarkable education, rich with individual opportunity and shaped to prepare each of our pupils for the future of their choice. Our Sixth Form pupils reflect St George's Ascot's core principles. They are confident in themselves, happy to step up and take the lead and strong in their sense of purpose. They are capable in their studies and their fields of interest, encouraged from their first day to their last to take every opportunity and stretch themselves to reach their potential. Finally, they are connected to the world in which they will ultimately take their place.

Academically, there is every opportunity to achieve high levels of success, with pupils benefitting from exceptional teaching, small class sizes and a wide and varied curriculum on offer at A Level. In future plans our Sixth Form pupils choose, there is comprehensive guidance and support offered by our experienced teachers to help them work towards their chosen goals. One of our recent Alumna summed up the culture of our Sixth Form perfectly, "You tell us what you want and we will help to get you there."

Our Sixth Form pupils are also encouraged to find balance in life. Whether it is taking advantage of the many sporting opportunities we offer, undertaking a role in our whole school musical, completing a Leith's Cookery Toolbox course, or making a foray into the world of business as a member of a Young Enterprise team, there is scope for all our Sixth Form pupils to find breadth and perspective during their school life.

Our Sixth Form pupils are encouraged to be community builders, forging links with pupils in younger year groups to create the connected, warm, familial community for which our School is renowned. Ultimately, many of our Upper Sixth Form will serve as Prefects and other prominent roles in their final School year, undertaking these public leadership roles with confidence, capability and connectivity, typical of a Georgian.

The St George's Ascot Sixth Form also takes its pupils beyond School boundaries. Our Sixth Form connect with: our Alumna; with future employers; with local primary schools; with regional, national and international charities; and with visiting speakers on a range of topics relevant to the society of which they will be a part. We help our School leavers to be thinking individuals, mindful, aware and critical about the world around them, but also intelligent about the opportunities that world offers and the challenges it currently presents.

Undoubtedly the best way to gauge a Sixth Form is to come and visit and so I warmly invite you to join us here at St George's and meet our #SGAconfident world-ready Sixth Form for yourselves.

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**MRS D KRATT**

Head of Sixth Form











# SGA Sixth

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'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 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

Sixth Form pupils at St George's have access to a stunning suite of facilities including a newly refurbished fitness suite with state of the art equipment, a 25 metre, 6 lane indoor swimming pool, dance studios, a multi-use sports hall, floodlit netball and tennis courts and 30 acres of green to enjoy.



## SUPPORT & WELLBEING

Our Health Centre is staffed by the School Health Professional 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, The View, which also has facilities should you wish to prepare your own food throughout the day.

# Facilities

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- 25m, 6 lane indoor swimming pool
- Large sports hall
- Newly refurbished Fitness Suite with state of the art Technogym equipment
- Sports pitches for lacrosse, football, cricket and athletics
- Six floodlit netball courts
- Eight tennis courts
- Squash court
- 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
- Cookery and Food Technology room
- 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) and Loveday (Upper Sixth)











# SGA Confident

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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

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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 have most recently been on tour to Vienna and Salzburg in July 2022, or perform at our termly open mic nights.



## DRAMA

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Sixth Formers have the opportunity to perform throughout the year key of which is the whole school production which takes place in October. Grease was performed in 2021 and Godspell in 2022. You can also perform in the House Performing Arts competition and take a lead in directing and organising your House performance.



## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

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The Young Enterprise programme is offered to all the Lower Sixth 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'.



## SPORT

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Sport is a great way to keep fit and give yourself a break from studying. We encourage our Sixth Form 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

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Over seventy clubs run after school during the week and many of these are organised by Sixth Formers. Societies such as the School Newspaper club, the Afro-Caribbean Club and Knitting have all been established in the past year and run by senior pupils. Sixth Formers are invited to be a part of all these activities and some are specific to them such as the Leiths Tool box cookery award.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

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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.



# Academic Life

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St George's is a community which values academic endeavour, and you can get involved in a number of societies which have an academic focus such as Dissection Club, or benefit from activities such as the Model United Nations and Mock Bar trials. 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 pupils who are awarded scholarships are invited to a series of lunchtime events with fellow senior scholars. Over an excellent lunch pupils will discuss matters of intellectual interest with members of staff. Scholars and girls who enjoy academic challenge are invited to join our SGA Stretch group. This group meets regularly to explore wider intellectual debates and offers the opportunity for senior pupils to take on a mentoring role with pupils in the younger year groups. Finally, SGA Stretch week is an annual cross-curricular event during which pupils are encouraged to step outside their academic comfort zone and attend a wide range of talks and activities such as an introduction to the anatomy of the brain, an investigation into the workings of Parliament and an exploration of the potentials of Artificial Intelligence.



## 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, MUN, Amnesty International and Life Drawing.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarships are available in the Sixth Form and are awarded to pupils 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 and cross-curricular seminars on topics such as Human Rights, Marxism and Romanticism.







# Pastoral Support

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At St George's you can work towards achieving your goals, confident in the knowledge that there is excellent pastoral support to help you flourish.

Having input into choosing your Sixth Form tutor is the first step in ensuring that you have the right network of support 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 celebrate your successes or talk openly about any areas of concern.

As well as your tutor, the Head of Sixth Form, Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Deputy Head (Pastoral) have oversight of every pupils' progress. St George's also has a full-time Health Professional 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

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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, beginning in the Lower Sixth in 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, and encourage you to chat freely 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 for boarders across the school. 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.





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# SGA Capable

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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 elsewhere, 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 academic results and university outcomes, particularly based on the value we add judged by baseline testing, which outperforms most other schools in the region and regularly places St George's in the top 6% 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

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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

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From Head Girl to Diversity and Inclusion Prefect, Marketing and Admissions Prefect to House Captains, the Upper Sixth 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

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Every pupil 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 Year 7 right up to the Upper Sixth. House activities and competitions take place throughout the year and include everything from Debating, Music and Netball 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 Cup, which is awarded at Prize Giving each year.



## CO-CURRICULAR

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We encourage all our Sixth Form to get fully involved in the extensive co-curricular programme on offer in order to strike a healthy balance in your School life. We believe that engaging in a breadth of interests outside of the classroom will help to develop a host of skills invaluable for life beyond School for example collaboration, leadership, organisation and creativity, and to build that vital connection with the world of which you are a part.



# Sports

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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 25m, 6 lane indoor swimming pool, squash court 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 also, with matches played at a local and national level in many sports including Netball, Lacrosse, Swimming, Tennis and Athletics.







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# Choosing your A Levels

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St George's strongly believes in the potential for girls to specialise, excel, and enjoy a balanced education through taking A Level qualifications. Most pupils will 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 which help to develop character in their applications.

To enter the Sixth Form, you need to achieve at least six grades 4 to 9 at GCSE or equivalent with at least a grade 6 in any subject to be taken at A level. Please note that we ask for additional entry requirements for some subjects\*.

The Sixth Form timetable is developed around the three subject options chosen by the pupils, 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 demanding curriculum will be. Most commonly this is in the following situations:

- You wish to study Further Mathematics. In this case you should choose Mathematics and Further 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 in addition to three A Levels. Tuition in most modern foreign languages can be provided as a paid extra activity organised by the school.

\*Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics required for A Level Economics.







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# SGA Connected

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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

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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

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There are many opportunities for you to get involved in community and voluntary work at St George's including training 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 led Education Days for prospective pupils, including recent Cookery and MFL events. We have an Upper Sixth Charity Prefect who, in collaboration with a committee of pupils from across the Year Groups, is responsible for organising and coordinating a calendar of charity events throughout the year. Sixth Form pupils have also recently taken the lead in organising a Bake Sale to fundraise for the charity Mind, a collection of items for Ukrainian Refugees to support the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain and raising awareness and collecting donations to combat Period Poverty in celebration of International Women's Day.



## TRIPS & VISITS

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Most subjects will have curriculum specific visits for your A Level course such as trips to Baylab for Biology, the London Art galleries for Fine Art, Photography and Textiles pupils or theatre trips for Drama and English. 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. In 2023 our netball players are also going on tour to Dubai in the February half term. There are also a number of whole year group trips for example to Hyde Park Winter Wonderland, to the Winchester Christmas Markets, to Whipsnade Zoo after exams and to Richmond for a Twilight Walk and many boarders' excursions too.



## SOCIAL & ACADEMIC LINKS

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St George's girls benefit from both our academic and social connections with a number of other schools. Academic links include pupils attendance at Eton College's talks programme, the Mock Bar Trial competition, the English Speaking Union's Schools' MACE debating competition as well as the Model United Nations conferences in the UK and overseas. Socials such as wine and cheese tasting nights or Ceilidhs with Eton and Harrow amongst others are a particular highlight. In addition, girls enjoy a variety of events at School including an annual House Party organised by the Sixth Form, their Upper Sixth Leaver's Ball and much more.



# Post-18 Options

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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.

Although the vast majority of our pupils go on to University in the UK, 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, if you choose this route, 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 2021, 94% of girls achieved their first-choice university, many at Russell Group institutions including Durham, 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. The school has a dedicated member of staff assigned to supporting you in making applications if this is the route you choose.





## OVERSEAS UNIVERSITY

St George's is an international community with ambitious students who frequently investigate overseas options for university. Most girls look to the United States, but there are attractive options in Canada, Europe and beyond. The staff at St George's will encourage and support all those who choose this route or who want to have added options alongside their UK UCAS application. In recent years students have studied at New York University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Iowa 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 application process, from writing a strong covering letter to interview practice.





TOP THREE  
UNIVERSITIES FOR  
ST GEORGE'S LEAVERS  
IN 2020

**OXFORD  
NEWCASTLE  
BATH**

**100%**

OF PUPILS GOT INTO  
THEIR FIRST OR  
INSURANCE CHOICE  
UNIVERSITY  
IN 2021





# Leavers' Destinations

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In 2021, girls from St George's secured a number of places at selective universities including Oxford University, Durham University, Edinburgh, Exeter and Kings College London.

In the past six years, 57% of all girls have achieved places at Russell Group institutions, and 85% girls have succeeded in their applications to their first or second choice university. Pupils have also gone on to continue their studies in creative fields 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

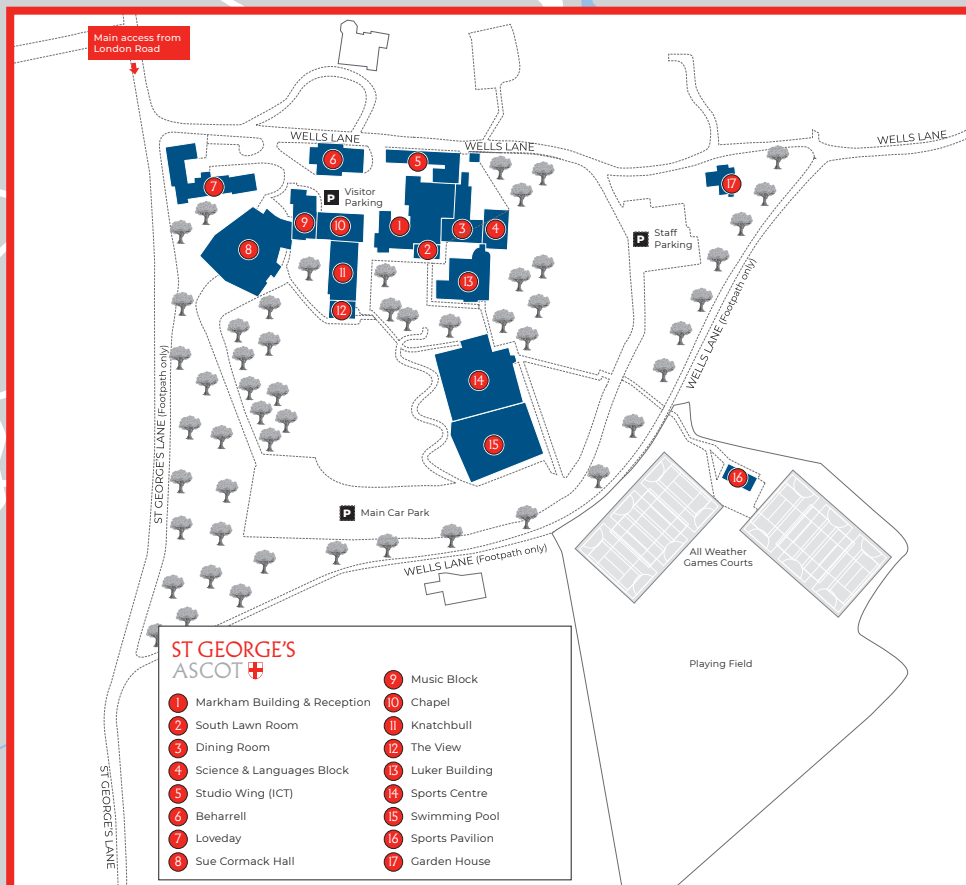
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Old Georgians, former pupils at the School, allow current Sixth Form girls to link with a truly global network. This means being able to connect with capable women in Business, Science, Media and the Arts to learn about their experiences. Such advice 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.



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











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