

# St George's School News



## *Setting good learning routines in September*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. September gives us all an opportunity to reflect, refresh and renew, and for this first Newsletter, I would like to take the chance to review with you the key ways you can support your child at home.

This is the time of year to start to build routines for homework and support, so that your child gets used to them, and therefore builds good learning habits at home and at school.

Giving every child the skills they need to read and write well is a central ambition of our school.

The importance of literacy extends beyond its crucial role in enabling learning across the curriculum. Literacy matters in countless aspects of daily life — throughout the life course— and it significantly influences the opportunities that children will have available to them later in life.

Start with communication, developing speaking and listening skills. This is important for all children, no matter their age. Purposeful speaking and listening activities supports confidence and language development.

Purposeful activities include:

- ◆ allowing children to share their thought

processes when they are writing or working something out;

- ◆ reading books aloud together and discussing them, including use of questioning;
- ◆ extending vocabulary by explicitly teaching new words, providing repeated exposure to new words, and providing opportunities for your child to use new words.

Highly developed language skills will support your child with reading skills, and at St George's the support parents give to develop fluent reading is monitored closely and very much appreciated.

The success of our school and the children's education are based on our strong home-school partnerships.

I look forward to working with you and to more success for your child and the school in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Monaghan'.

Mrs D. Monaghan

Headteacher



“Living together is an art. It’s a patient art, it’s a beautiful art, it’s fascinating.”

### ZERO TOLERANCE TO RACISM

The school does not tolerate and will challenge racist behaviour. This includes name calling, ‘jokes’ or other derogatory comments.

It is our duty as adults to educate our children about tolerance and acceptance of others so that they can co-exist together as they grow up in our diverse city.



A very warm welcome to our new Reception class and to all new parents and children to our school.

### Medicines in school

There are strict guidelines the school must follow regarding the administration of medicines in school.

Pupils are NOT permitted to have ANY medication on their person.

If parents deem it fit, under GP guidance, for their child to be administered medication in school, then the appropriate form regarding permission and parental responsibility should be completed. This is available from the School Office.

### PE DAYS

Earrings should be removed or covered with plasters on PE days.

Please note that children are not allowed to wear necklaces on any day to school.

### READING RECORDS

Reading Records are a vital communication tool between parents and teachers and they need to be signed each evening and in school daily.

Pupils will be bringing home a reading book and parents should communicate with the class teacher regarding their child's reading aloud and sign or write a comment in their Reading Record.

Additionally, whenever you read with your child, it is important to ask questions about characters' feelings:- why do authors use certain words to create effect? New vocabulary should be explained so children can understand the meaning in context.

Reading Records are to be used to let the teacher know if there are any changes to pick up arrangements or to communicate a well-being note or provide an absence explanation.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please inform the School Office by email on [office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk) if you change any of your contact details, including home, work or mobile numbers or email address.

Thank you.

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen



A Macmillan Coffee morning will be held on Friday 30th September at 9.00am in the Small Hall.

We welcome any donations of cakes/biscuits (containing no nuts please) which should be brought to the hall on the morning

Thank you for coming along and supporting this worthy cause.

### THANK YOU



Thank you to the PSA volunteers who set up a uniform sale in the Kenny Hall on Thursday. A total of £301 was raised.

This money goes directly into our School Care Fund and is used to help families in our school community.

### CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

To celebrate a child's birthday, parents are invited to purchase a book for the class library which will be labelled appropriately with their child's details.

Children are not allowed to bring in sweets or cakes to be distributed to the children in their class.

### LABELLING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure that all items of school clothing are clearly labelled. This makes it much easier for us to identify any clothing that has been found in the school.

Any items that are not clearly labelled will be put into the next re-cycled uniform sale.

## Parent Workshop - An Introduction to a new service at school

All parents are invited to a Parent Workshop in school on Tuesday 27th September from 9-10 am in the Small Hall. This will be an introduction to the support offered by Rhiannon Cassidy, Education Mental Health Practitioner.

Rhiannon will be at St George's every Tuesday to support parents and children. She will also deliver termly workshops on general mental health and specific topics, including emotion regulation skills, supporting your child with anxiety and managing their behaviour.

Please join us for a cup of tea and the opportunity to find out more about this welcome new addition to the support offered to parents and children here at St George's.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Dravins on their wedding in August.



Please use the link below for details regarding The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings:-

<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Open-Evenings-2022/>



# GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Ride, Boston Manor Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9LB  
[www.gunnersbury.com](http://www.gunnersbury.com)



## Salvatorian College – Best Ever Results & Open Evening

Congratulations to former Year 11 students at Salvatorian College who have achieved 'best ever' exam results. Close to half of all grades awarded (41%) were 7-9 (A-A\*\*). The 'Progress 8' measure is likely to be +0.8 when league tables are published, which would put Salvatorian College's results in the top 5% nationally. There will be an Open Evening on Tuesday, 4th October from 5.30-7.30pm. The Executive Headteacher will speak at 6pm and again at 7pm. To register, please visit:

[www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions](http://www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions)

## Open Days

**WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

1.30pm – 3.00pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30pm  
5.00pm – 7.30pm with Headteacher's address at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

**MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022**

1.30pm – 3.00pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022**

10.30am – 11.30am

To register **CLICK HERE**

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS / PUPIL PREMIUM



The school receives additional funding for some families. This funding is used to enhance your child's learning and school experience in many different ways. This funding is a vital part of the school's budget so please read the criteria below to see if you qualify. Parents who qualify for Pupil Premium are also entitled to free school meals for their child.

**Universal Credit and your household income after tax is less than £7,400 per year (not including any benefits you get)**

**Child Tax Credit, as long as you are not getting Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of less than £16,190**

**Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**

**Income Support**

**Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**

**The guarantee part of Pension Credit**

If your child is in Reception—Year 2 and you are entitled to any of the above benefits, please make an application even though all children in these years receive free school meals.

### YEAR 3

Children who are in Year 3 will no longer receive Universal free meals. However, if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above, please make an application for your child to receive free school meals. To check and see if you are eligible, please log onto: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>. It only takes a few minutes and is completely confidential.

As all payments for meals, trips etc. are done through Parentpay, other children, and most members of staff, are not aware of who is entitled to any benefits.

We would encourage parents to make an application if they think they qualify.

If you have any difficulties, the office staff can make an application on your behalf.



# BECOME A CHORISTER AT ST PAUL'S

ST PAUL'S  
CATHEDRAL  
SCHOOL

Becoming a chorister at St Paul's is simple, fun, and open to any boy in Year 2-5 from London or beyond who loves to sing.

- Be a part of history
- Discover new possibilities
- Become part of the Cathedral family
- Sing for national events, services, concerts, recordings and international tours

**100% bursaries to attend one of London's best prep schools**

**World-class boarding house, completed in 2021**

The process is simple, and open all the time

Book onto one of our many zoom family singalong sessions throughout the year

Visit us for an informal conversation, see the school, and sing your chosen song to us

*"Being a chorister at St Paul's is more than singing timeless music in an iconic building; it is immersion in something more beautiful, more empowering, and more transcendent; a precious time that opens your child's eyes to a world bigger than most get to see"*


*"The boys grow up in a spectacular setting in a nurturing environment. He loves calling it his second home – and so do we!"*

CHORISTER PARENTS



[admissions@sps.london.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@sps.london.sch.uk)  
[spslondon.com](http://spslondon.com)

# Pupil Corner

Dear God,  
We pray for Queen Elizabeth  
the Second as she peacefully  
died in Balmoral yesterday  
afternoon beside her family  
members and thank you  
for the opportunity <sup>we had</sup> with  
her  and please pray for  
her family members who  
were around her when  
she peacefully died.

AMEN!

(6wk) Aligia, Evie, (40)  
(1P) Adam

## HEADTEACHER'S DROP IN SESSION—EVERY FRIDAY AT 2.45PM

This is a time when the Headteacher is available if you want to discuss any matters. Mrs Monaghan is also available at other times, if you wish to make an appointment through the School Office.