



Staff Newsletter

Please call 07438175331 between 7:30 - 7:50am in the event of an unplanned absence

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

KCSIE 2026 REMINDER

Consensual and non-consensual making or sharing of nudes and semi nudes is an example of **child on child abuse** and should be reported.

Staff are reminded that making, possessing, distributing or showing indecent images of a person under 18 can constitute a criminal offence. Therefore, staff should not create their own copy of the material for evidential purposes. If a student attempts to show a member of staff such imagery, the member of staff should stop them from displaying it and **report the matter immediately** to the DSL or safeguarding team. If a member of staff inadvertently sees the imagery before they are able to prevent this, they should report this to the DSL.

REMOVAL OF STUDENTS

If a student is misbehaving or disrupting the learning environment in your classroom, Please refer yourselves to calling the ON CALL number **07471 536 678** and a member of the behaviour team will be with you to assist you with any issues. However, if you are unsuccessful in reaching someone, please do send a sensible student to the atrium for a senior member of staff.

KCSIE

A reminder that anyone can refer a child to Children's Services, but during the school day it is our policy that this is done through the safeguarding team. Out of school hours or out of term time you may be in a position where you are worried about a child and are unable to contact the safeguarding team or SLT.

In this situation, please call Westminster Children's Services on **0207 641 4000** or their out of hours. EMERGENCY NUMBER **0207 641 6000**

Many thanks as always for all your support with our safeguarding matters and please make sure you safeguard yourselves.

Key Dates

Monday 28th September

Year 11 Expectations Evening

Tuesday 29th September

Sixth Form Theatre - A Month in the Country

Wednesday 30th September

Year 11 DT - Design Museum
Year Team Meetings

Thursday 1st October

Recognising Young Carer - CPD

Friday 2nd October

Year 7 - Talk About Transition Workshops

Recommendation Station

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

all

about

love

NEW VISIONS

bell hooks

This week's recommendation comes with a question to discuss with others or even ponder on yourself

"Is love a choice or a feeling?"

If you have a book, movie, play, musical, food, series... (the list goes on and on) recommendation(s), please send them over to **goodnews@stgeorgesrc.org** to submit your recommendation(s) and share your interests. You may choose to write a short entry about

your recommendation(s) if needed.

We look forward to seeing what the staff of St George's have to share for others to also enjoy!

This week...

Words of the week

Monday – Guileless - (Adjective) – Honest, not able to deceive.

- She regarded him with wide, guileless blue eyes.
- He was so guileless that he genuinely believed every word of the salesperson's pitch.

Tuesday – Surmise - (Verb) – To guess something, without having much or any proof.

- Based on the empty plates and happy faces, the host could safely surmise that everyone enjoyed the dinner.
- We can only surmise what happened since there were no witnesses to the accident.

Wednesday – Perceptive - (Adjective) – Very good at noticing and understanding things that many people do not notice.

- The perceptive teacher noticed a subtle shift in the pupil's mood and offered a kind word after class.
- Her perceptive analysis of the market trends allowed the company to stay ahead of its competitors.

Thursday – Svengali – (Noun) – A guru or mentor, usually a pushy and controlling one.

- Historians often debate whether the royal advisor was a true statesman or merely a clever Svengali pulling strings behind the throne.
- The young singer's career was entirely controlled by her manager, a ruthless Svengali who dictated everything from her music to her wardrobe.

Cultural Capital – The character Svengali came from an 1894 novel, "Trilby". He was a manipulative character who exploited the novel's protagonist as she fell under his spell. The word "Svengali" became a noun used to describe pushy and manipulative people.

Friday – Disintegrate - ((Verb) – To become weaker or be destroyed by breaking into small pieces.

- The ancient document began to disintegrate the moment it was exposed to the fresh air.
- Without a strong leader to hold them together, the political alliance quickly started to disintegrate.

Scripture of the week

Matthew 21:28-32

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you; the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after

you saw this, you did not repent and believe him. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

Jesus often uses parables to respond to queries from the temple leadership, and we see this in Matthew 21. The chief priests and elders question Jesus' authority, and Jesus responds with a parable about two sons. The father asks his sons to go to the vineyard and work. The first son says "no"—but eventually changes his mind and goes. The second son says "yes"—but never goes to work in the vineyard.

Jesus compares the two sons to the tax collectors and prostitutes, on the one hand, and the chief priests and elders, on the other hand. The ones most expected to understand and do God's will, the religious leadership, fail. The ones least expected to understand and do God's will, the ones most culturally despised, do the will of God. Actions speak louder than words.

Jesus asks, "What does it mean to say yes to God?" Saying "yes" is not the same as doing God's will. Jesus reminds us that words alone are not enough. The second son says all the right things: "Yes, sir," but then does nothing.

Similarly, we may also become very good at saying the right things to God without living them. We can say: "I believe in love," but not love. We can say: "I believe in justice," but not practice justice. We can say: "I follow Jesus," but not follow him. True obedience requires action and a humble heart, not just empty religious words.

The vineyard is not a place of words but a place of work. It is a place where faith becomes visible. The first son says "no", but then changes his mind and heart, and turns around. This shows that there is hope for all of us: Because many of us have also said "no" to God at some point. Maybe we have resisted something God was asking us to do. Maybe we have been afraid or angry. Maybe God called us toward justice, but justice was inconvenient, and we refused. But the good news of this parable is that our first answer does not have to be our final answer. We can change and turn around as grace gives us another opportunity.

Jesus surprises us with who enters the kingdom. Jesus says: "The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." These were people whom respectable religious society had pushed to the margins as they were considered sinners and outsiders. But they heard, and they changed direction.

The religious people who thought they already had the right answers were refusing to go into the vineyard. The people we think are far from God may actually be closer to God than we imagine. The people who think they are closest to God may discover that they have stopped listening. It is possible to become so certain we are right that we no longer hear God's invitation. We can become so comfortable with our theology that we stop being transformed by the gospel.

God's invitation comes to us in the present, as the vineyard is the world in which we live. It is our neighbourhood, our workplace, our family, our community, and the Earth. Jesus tells us: go feed someone, go stand beside someone who has been pushed aside, go work for justice, go care for creation, go build community, and go tell someone that they are beloved.

Faith must become embodied. Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbour, which is to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the vulnerable, make peace, and love our enemies. Faith is action, as God is not simply interested in what we say but in what we do.

St George's Good News

70th Anniversary Celebration

A massive thank you to everyone for all your help and support with the celebration. As I mentioned at yesterday's briefing, I was particularly struck by the number of colleagues who came forward to ask how they could help and support. That generosity of spirit makes such a difference to our whole-school community and, importantly, models for our students how to contribute positively and respectfully to the world around them.

A special mention must go to Ms Mulligan, whose organisation of the event was second to none. There were so many positive comments from our guests about how beautifully everything was organised, including from the Archbishop and his secretary. They were extremely impressed by the overall organisation of the Mass and by every aspect of their visit to our school, and they will be feeding their appreciation back to the Archdiocese.

Thank you once again to everyone who played a part. It was a wonderful example of our school community coming together.



St George's Good News



ROME 2026

The Rome trip was a fantastic experience, and the students had a great time. We visited some amazing historical and religious sites, including the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum, which the students really enjoyed and were able to learn so much from.

Of course, no trip to Rome would be complete without plenty of pasta and pizza, and the students certainly made the most of that! There was also an impressive amount of sugar and ice cream consumed throughout the trip — I'm sure they were fuelled entirely by gelato by the end!

The students were brilliant throughout and really embraced the experience. They also did an excellent job of keeping the staff on their toes and, somehow, managing to keep us awake well past our usual bedtimes! Despite the very early mornings and very late nights, it was a lovely trip filled with lots of laughs, great memories and some wonderful experiences.

Overall, a really successful and wholesome trip, and one I think both the students and staff will remember for a long time!



Wicked Musical Trip 2026

Students of St George's went to see the Wicked musical last Friday - first theatre trip of the academic year woo! (And a lot of the students first time seeing either Wicked or any show in the West End ever, so was really lovely and they were excellently behaved).



Riddle of the Week

**You see a boat filled
with people. It has not sunk,
but when you look again
you don't see a single
person on the boat.**

Why?



Staff Recognition: Nominate your staff hero!

Start this week on a positive note and celebrate the unsung heroes on our staff team who deserve recognition!

All nominations received by Thursday will appear in the staff bulletin next week. The nominations will be anonymous.

 Khanafer and Kianu St. Omer	Without these two, the week on Jamie's Farm would not have been the success that it was. from 7am until 11pm (sometimes 1 am for Kianu...) it was non-stop and I would not have survived without them and the laughs. Thank you so much!
Athena De Rochefort Nash	For smashing it with Year 11 this week. Thank you for being on the ball with everything! It is very much appreciated
Laura O'Sullivan	For being on hand (as always) to help with Year 11. Laura always checks in and helps in any way that she can.
Freyder Ortega	Thank you so much for all your hard work in Rome and for making sure none of the students got lost! We really appreciate everything you did to keep everyone safe and make the trip such a success.
Ellie Doherty, Fifi Khanafer, Kianu St Omer	For leading another amazing Jamie's Farm trip. Well done, and thank you for all your hard work!
Dimitri Pacquette	Thank you so much for surviving the week alone and taking care of all the admin for Y8 whilst I was in Rome! I really appreciate all your hard work and everything you did to keep things running smoothly.
Manisha Vadgama	You truly are a superstar! 🌟 Thank you so much for answering my late-night call and helping me deal with an emergency involving a student. Your support was absolutely invaluable in that moment. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Laura O'Sullivan and Katie Mulligan	Superwomen!! Thank you so much for answering all the endless parent emails and phone calls whilst I was away in Rome. Thank you for always being there to help, answering all my questions (no matter how random!), and checking in as you always do.
Sumaya	Sumaya has made a fantastic start to her teaching at St George's - Sumaya has wrangled 8X4 into a calm and productive group, and every bit of feedback has been taken on board and used immediately. I have been so impressed with Sumaya's attitude, especially noticing what students have and have not made progress with, and it's great to have her here!
Habon Abdi	For all of her hard work leading the Rome trip! Missed her dearly.
The Year 7 Tutor Team	For fielding the seemingly endless questions about CATs, the transition and everything else Year 7-related at the Year 7 Meet and Greet!
Wendy Kamel & Keeley Deery	For organising and setting up the refreshments for the Year 7 Meet and Greet
Leon Lynch	For setting up the hall for the Year 7 Meet and Greet.
Zainab Younes	Printing the Yr7 Curriculum Booklets, Extra-Curricular timetable and CATs results in record time in preparation for the Year 7 Meet and Greet.