



**St George's**  
International School, Luxembourg  
A.S.B.L.

# Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Welcome Back After  
the Easter Break**

**English and Science  
Faculty Day**

**Shakespeare Workshop Day  
with Time2Act**

## Important Notices

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regarding Summer Fayre, Conference  
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Koerich), School Gym (8:30-8:50)**

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## Message from the Principal

Dear parents,

Welcome back to St George's for the third term of the year. I hope that all families had the chance to take a break either in Luxembourg or abroad. School has started with a number of events and activities already scheduled and this week we have trips for our primary Math Quest participants to Barcelona and also our secondary Top of the Bench competitors to Loughborough, amongst others. My sincere thanks go to colleagues across the school who make these events and trips possible. A number of year groups will also be embarking on residential trips this term and I am sure that they will enjoy the experiences offered immensely.

The school is continuing to make progress with the new Zinnen building, with the construction of the first floor bridge linking Zinnen and Barthel now well underway. We will also be undertaking an extension of the existing canteen facilities during this term. The new building is set to add considerably to our provision of learning and teaching, and we are very much looking forward to the opening for September 2016.

On housekeeping matters following my letter earlier this year and the recent publication of our fee schedule for 2016/2017, can I please remind all families of the deadline of 30th April 2016 to provide notice if you are intending to leave the school at the end of this academic year, and in this regard I refer you to the 'Notice of Leaving' information in the whole school news section of the newsletter.

On social matters we are planning with the Friends of St George's again a number of activities including the forthcoming Jazz and Wine evening, the Summer Fayre 2016 as well as shows and our annual art exhibition and the celebrations surrounding St George's Day. It promises to be a very busy and fun-filled term!

Finally, our Year 11, 12 and 13 students embark imminently on their public examinations. I would like to wish them all success as they endeavour to achieve the very best results.

Best regards,  
Dr Barkei

# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Maths Quest, Europa  
International School  
Barcelona (08:00am)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 3 Medicals Class  
Hollenfels

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St George's Day Celebrations

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Year 3 Medicals Class  
Larochette

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

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Gym (8:30-8:50)

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## Welcome Back from the Primary Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all parents and students back to school for the summer term. I hope you have all had a good break.

The sun has been out (albeit briefly) and the children are all very excited by our new playground equipment, which has arrived just in time for summer. We will all enjoy the opportunity to play on the climbing frames or sit and share a story on our lovely new benches. We are all hoping that the weather provides us with lots of opportunities for outdoor play.

This is a busy and exciting term, with many activities due to take place. The term kicks off with St George's Day, which we will celebrate on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** with an English Tea party. We have many external events taking place this term, with the children looking forward to residential trips at a range of exciting locations.

We also have several competitions happening internally and externally. Representatives from Years 5 and 6 will attend Maths Quest in Barcelona this week, with a further group entering a quiz in Belgium later next term. Our Choir will be visiting Brussels to join other international schools in a festival of song, and a group of children will go to London in May to play a friendly sporting competition. We wish them all luck in their endeavours. We are always very proud of the sportsmanship shown by the children and their courtesy and care offered to other students.

I am sure that the children will have an excellent term in both work and play and look forward to seeing their achievements this term.

All the best,  
Ms C Nuttall

### Year 6-7 Transition Days | 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, the current Year 6 students will spend three days in the secondary school to complete their induction programme. For more information on the Year 6-7 transition days visit the Parent Portal 'Secondary Resources section' or [click here](#) to view the Timetable.

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** the Year 6 students will join our current Year 7 students to celebrate St George's Day. Weather permitting there will be sports events and drinks, cakes and snacks will be available.



### COBIS Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Max, Siddarth and Alex for the winning entries for the COBIS Poetry Competition! Children from Year 2 to 6 put in entries and these were the 3 chosen to go forward. Let's hope they win!



# Primary News

## Goodbye to Primary Staff

This term we say goodbye to Ms Donovan, Mrs Homer and Mrs Kearey. After over eight years at St George's Ms Donovan will be returning home to be with her family at the end of this month. We would like to thank her for the hard work and commitment she has shown to building an excellent sporting provision in Primary, and wish her well for the future. We also bid farewell to Mrs Homer who in Foundation Stage over the past 5 years has built up and developed a vibrant and welcoming learning environment for our youngest children, our best wishes go to her. Last but not least we would like to congratulate Mrs Kearey on her retirement. She has worked extremely hard at St George's over the past 13 years! We will dearly miss her magical costume designs for all our Primary plays, and we hope she puts as much effort into enjoying her retirement as she did working at the school.

## End of Day Supervision

At the end of the school day, please can parents and carers ensure that children care properly for school property. Children should not jump in and out of the flower beds, as this will damage the plants and please ensure that children do not pull branches off or try to pull up flowers or shrubs. This unfortunately is happening at the moment as younger children wait for their siblings.

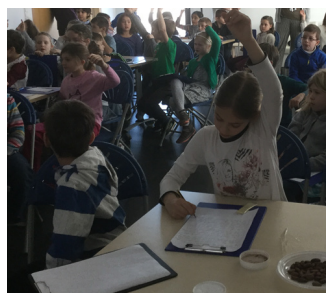
The playground equipment, both new and old, is not available for play during this time as it is unsupervised. Please ensure that the children do not climb on the climbing frames and other school equipment.

If families wish to stay on at the end of the school day, the canteen is available for parents and carers to use.



## House Day

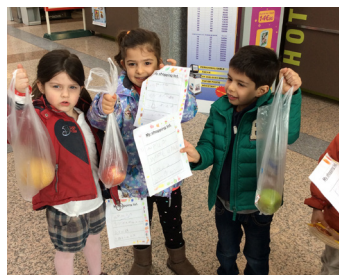
Everybody enjoyed the House Day on the last morning of term. Many activities were enjoyed by all: cooking, quizzes, games, crafts and searches. Points were also earned for their Houses and a lot of good team work was demonstrated.



## Year 3 French Performance

In Year 3 French, Mme Goberville's classes performed a short play for their peers to enjoy. They also discussed chocolate in French, which included giving everyone a recipe for a delicious chocolate cake! Many thanks to Mrs Sirianni who came and spoke to Year 3 about the history of chocolate and all the different ingredients of the different types of chocolate. The students also had a delightful time tasting all the different types and stages of chocolate production. Year 3 Larochette were further treated to a chocolate talk from Mr Malatesta and were given some Ferrero products to enjoy. Many thanks to Mrs Sirianni and Mr Malatesta for their talks and enhancing the learning about chocolate for these students.

## Early Years and Foundation Auchan Shopping Trip In Pictures



# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**15th - 17 April**

**Top of the Bench Competition, Loughborough**

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**Year 7 Tea Party to celebrate St George's Day**

**22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April**

**London Drama Trip**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Girls in ICT Day**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

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**Spread**  
the Word

**Zenith**. Noun  
Reaching the peak of your performance.

**SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.**  
It is hard work, perseverance,  
learning, studying, sacrifice  
and most of all, **love** of what you are doing.  
- Pele

## Welcome Back from the Secondary Head Teacher

### Welcome Back!!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all students! As we are now in examination season, I would like to remind students in Years 11, 12 and 13 that lessons continue as normal until the final examination in that subject has been taken.

The arrangements for study leave are; if a student has an examination in the morning, they may take the preceding afternoon as study leave. If a student has an examination in the afternoon, they may take the morning of that day as study leave.

It is crucial that students attend all their lessons as usual, as further examination guidance, revision and past papers will be completed. Good Luck to ALL students!!

Mr M Fleet

### Exam Timetable

A paper copy of the exam timetable has been issued to all students in Years 11 to 13. It is essential to check the timetable carefully against statements of entry, and it is recommended that you highlight all your exams according to the exam codes. Please do this as soon as possible to make sure that any exam conflicts are resolved. If you do have an exam clash this should be listed on the exam clash letter, please check. If you have any questions at all, however small, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pearce in the Secondary office, **secondaryadmin@st-georges.lu** as soon as possible. On the Parent Portal you can now see all the information on upcoming exams.

- [Student Exam Timetables](#)
- [Notes on Exam Timetables](#)
- [Exam Clashes](#)
- [Practicals and Orals 2016 for Parents](#)

### Advance Information Regarding Results and Interviews

Students will receive confidential passwords to access their results online. Only AQA results for the Media Studies GCSE will not be accessible via internet and these results will be mailed to students.

**CIE IGCSE and A level      11 August**

**Edexcel A level              18 August**

**Edexcel & AQA I/GCSE      25 August**

Interviews with Mr Fleet and Mr Shaw will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** for current Year 12 students going into Year 13 and on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August** for current Year 11 students entering Year 12. If you will be on holiday on those dates you will be required to leave a contact number for a phone interview.

# Secondary News

## Secondary Revision Sessions

### **Biology Revision Sessions | Every Monday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room B2.38**

Biology revision sessions for Year 12 will be occurring every Monday from 3:30-4:30pm up until June with Mr Clough.

### **Drama Revision Sessions Year 11 IGCSE | Every Tuesday 3:15 - 4:30pm in room L09 or L01**

Year 11 IGCSE drama revision sessions will be running on Tuesdays after school between 3:15-4:30pm with Miss Williams on the following dates: **12th April, 19th April, 26th April.**

The Year 11 drama class would like to thank the wonderful group of Year 8 and 9 volunteer performers who are assisting Year 11 in their revision during these sessions.

### **English Literature Revision Sessions | Every Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room L08**

English Literature revision sessions for Year 12 will be occurring on Fridays from **Friday 18th March** from 3:30-4:30pm up until **Friday 13th May** with Ms. Rigby.

### **English Faculty IGCSE Revision Sessions | Every Thursday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room L34**

#### **Week 5. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Writing Paper: Descriptive writing

#### **Week 6. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Writing Paper: Top Tips for Exam Success

### **French + Italian IGCSE Revision Sessions | Mondays from 3:15 - 4:15pm**

French and Italian IGCSE Revision sessions will take place on Mondays from 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Andre-Bewig on the following dates: **18th April, 2nd May, 25th May.**

Please note: AS + A-levels same dates as above + 23rd and 30th May.

### **Math Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room B350**

Core 2 revision lessons run for Year 12 Maths students, every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm with Mr Brown.

Year 13 resit students also welcome to attend.

Each session covers exam-style questions and essential topics for C2.

### **Psychology Revision Sessions | Every Monday from 3:30 - 4:40pm**

GCSE psychology revision will begin after Easter holidays, every Monday from 3:30 to 4:30pm, starting **Monday 18th April.**



# Whole School News

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### Important: Notice of Leaving

All current families have now received the [tuition fee schedule for 2016-17](#), and we may therefore remind you that the deadline for written notice of leaving in July 2016, is **Saturday 30th April**. Any family withdrawing after this deadline is liable for payment of a third of the applicable annual tuition fees per student. Notice of leaving can be sent by email and will be acknowledged. The letter sent to all families by Dr Barkei in January was a measure of intent only, and does not constitute formal notice. We are unable to offer an extension to the deadline of 30th April as we need to be able to offer school places to arriving students in good time. If you have any questions please contact our finance manager, [financemanager@st-georges.lu](mailto:financemanager@st-georges.lu). Thank you.

### Summer Fayre Meeting | Wednesday 20th April

The Friends of St George's will meet in the conference room on **Wednesday 20th April 8:30-9:30am** to get the planning started for the Summer Fayre over a cup of coffee. If you are interested and wish to be involved this year please do come along.



### St George's International School Arts Scholarship Jazz & Wine Evening

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
7:00-9:30pm

Mélange, 1 rue Nennig, Luxembourg L-2214

Enjoy an evening of live jazz music performed by The Enigma Ensemble, original art, and South American wine to raise money for the newly created Scholarship for the Arts. This event is registered with UNESCO and is part of their International Jazz Day festivities #JazzDay

Tickets will be on sale at St George's International School ([www.st-georges.lu](http://www.st-georges.lu), tel. 42 32 24) and Mélange ([www.melange.info](http://www.melange.info), tel. 42 27 25 44) from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets cost 12 euros each or buy two tickets for 20 euros.



### St George's Art Scholarship Jazz and Wine Evening

St George's invites you to come enjoy a South American wine tasting with live jazz and nibbles on **Saturday 30th April** from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase artwork produced by the School's IGCSE and A-level students. All funds raised on the evening will go to the newly established Scholarship for the Arts which will benefit students at St George's who wish to pursue a career in the arts, to attend summer music, art or drama festivals, or who need to purchase professional instruments in order to continue their studies.

The event will be hosted by Mélange Design & Style, located in Dommeldange, with live jazz music performed by The Enigma Ensemble. This event is registered with UNESCO and is part of their International Jazz Day festivities. More information and a list of events worldwide can be found at <http://jazzday.com/events/#JazzDay>.

Tickets can be purchased in person or by phone at St George's International School ([www.st-georges.lu](http://www.st-georges.lu), tel. 42 32 24) or at Mélange ([www.melange.info](http://www.melange.info), tel. 42 27 25 44) for 12 euros per person or 20 euros for two.

### Looking for Volunteers for the Art scholarship Jazz and Wine Evening

St George's would greatly appreciate some volunteers to help with nibbles for the Art Scholarship event. If anyone is interested please contact [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu).



### The Friends of St George's Class contacts

The Friends of St George's organises social events and activities as well as fundraising for the school community. With events such as our annual Summer Fayre coming up, we are looking for a parent volunteer per class in Primary who is willing to be a link between the parents of their class in mobilising their support as well as being a first point of contact for new families in their class, encouraging class get togethers to share experiences and join in socials organised through Friends of St George's. This role is part of Friends and as such does not involve educational issues. If you are interested, please contact [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu).

# Club Information

## Club News

### List of Clubs to join after the Easter holidays

Please contact [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to register.

Club	Year Group	Club Leader	Day	Time	Cost
Everyday French for Adults (1-2 years of previous learning required)	Adults	Mr Foz	Monday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
English for Adults Intermediate	Adults	Mrs Lang	Tuesday	08:50 - 10:20	150eur/term
Ceramics	Y4 - Y6	Mrs Tyrrell	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:30	100eur/term
Band-Beginning	Y5 - Y13	Mrs Ni	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:30	100eur/term
Strategy Games	Y6 - Y13	Mrs Suplee	Tuesday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
Computer Coding	Y3 - Y4	Ms Watson	Tuesday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
Jeux de Cartes (Playing cards in French)	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Guth	Wednesday	11:45 - 12.15	50eur/term
Chess Club	Y4 - Y10	Mrs Dishman & Mr Sorras	Wednesday	15:15 - 16:30	125eur/term
Chess Club	Y3 - Y4	Mrs Dishman & Mr Sorras	Wednesday	15:15 - 16:30	125eur/term
Mandarin (Beginners)	Y4 - Y5	Mrs Poh	Friday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
Martial Arts/Self Defence	Y5 up+adults	Mr Bargache	Saturday	09:30 - 11:30	200euro/term

### NEW CLUB: MMA for Kids | Year 1 to Year 4

We are pleased to announce the start of a new club: MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) for kids!

Taking place on **Saturdays from 11:30 to 12:30pm**, exciting activities will channel your little one's energy and improve their self-awareness and self-control.

Based mostly on jujitsu and French kickboxing, this club is about balance, respect, confidence and fun!

Contact [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to register. Cost/term 100 euros.



## Community News

### Oliver The Musical

Good luck to all the Actors and Young Chorus from St George's who are opening in Oliver - the musical on Thursday evening. They have all been working very hard for 8 months to bring this production to stage. With over 100 adults and children involved this may be the largest English speaking amateur dramatics to have ever taken place in Luxembourg. If you have tickets to the sell out performances we hope you enjoy the show!

### 24 Heures Electronique' at Rockhal | Saturday 7th May

On Saturday 7th May a series of workshops and concerts will be offered under the name '24 Heures Electronique' at Rockhal. This programme is for budding DJs and electronic music fans. A Family Workshop will kick start the day at 11:00am and finish with a concert at 8:00pm, the day looks to be an exciting and enjoyable experience for everyone! Visit [www.24electro.lu](http://www.24electro.lu) for more information. (Free entry)

### Literary Theatre Weekend | 21st-23rd April

The 400th anniversary of the death of both Shakespeare and Cervantes are being commemorated at the Abbaye Neumunster from the 21st-23rd of April.

On April 21/22, scenes from Don Quixote in Spanish with French subtitles will be performed. Featuring music by Quatricinia (including St George's teachers Heather and Leon Ni). Tickets available [here](#). This event is supported by the Ambassade d'Espagne au Luxembourg, Ministère de la Culture, Acción Cultural Española, Instituto Cervantes, Círculo Machado.

On Saturday 23rd April, Shakespeare's The Tempest will be performed in English. This is a co-production of Quatricinia and Le Tendre Amour of Barcelona. Tickets are available [here](#). This event is supported by Neimënster, Acción Cultural Española, British Council #Shakespearelives.

### Institut European de Chant Chorale (INECC)

Do you enjoy singing? If you would like to participate in workshops or concerts, the INECC (Institut European de Chant Chorale) has just issued their latest information on the workshops and concerts they will be organising this year. [Click here](#) to have a look at their website for inspiration!

Further opportunities for both adults and children can be found through UGDA (Union Grand-Duc Adolphe, the national association for music). Courses and competitions for all levels and ages are available. Please find more information here: <http://www.ugda.lu>.

### Musical Theatre Workshop

Any student aged 13+ that is interested in musical theatre is eligible for a workshop being presented by Ugda, the SNJ, and the Boston Children's Theater Company. Students who participate may be eligible for the Boston Children's Theatre 5 week workshop where they can work with professional actors and musicians. In addition, the students also may be considered for a co-production of a musical between the Grand Theatre du Luxembourg and the Boston Children's Theater which will produced in the 2016/2017 season. More details can be found [here](#).

### Calling For Young Bands / Musicians

ARA City Radio is looking for young bands/musicians to perform for their lineup! If you have a band that would like some performance experience, contact them at [natasha@aracityradio.com](mailto:natasha@aracityradio.com).

*If you would like to share your community events, please email communications@st-georges.lu before 10:00am every Tuesday. Please note that these events are not organised by the School and we provide this listing as a consideration towards our community.*