



Newsletter

11th May 2016



Important Notices

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Dinant, Belgium**

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16th-20th May

School Holidays

24-27th May

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Fawcett School, London**

Tuesday 31st May

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place at the Centre Culturel
Tramschapp (6:00pm)**



Unified Basketball Tournament School Trip Graz

Message from the Principal

Dear parents,

Last weekend I had the privilege of representing the school along with Mr Turner the chairman of the Governing body and Ms Nuttall, Mr Fleet and our UK-based governor Mr McGahey at the annual COBIS Conference in London. It was an excellent opportunity to meet up with other school leaders and governors. It also gave us an opportunity to share our best practice with other schools across the world who are part of the COBIS family. We are always delighted to participate in the many competitions and events which COBIS offers to their member schools and, as one of their accredited members, are always interested in developing further links with like-minded schools both in Europe



and further afield. We were impressed with the many opportunities on offer to network with other colleagues and had the opportunity to discuss educational matters with a number of visiting speakers.

Returning to the school yesterday, the view from the plane was obscured by cloud, however a parent has very kindly sent in a snapshot of current progress taken in clear weather on approach to Findel last week. Thank you!

May I wish all families an enjoyable half-term next week, and in the on-going period of testing, a reminder to all students to get enough rest before the individual examinations.

Best regards,
Dr Barkei

Primary News

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Wednesday 25th May

Year 1 Trip to Jardin des
papillons

Thursday 26th May

Parent information Meeting
Residential trip Year 3 to
Chevetogne, Barthel Hall
(8:30-9:00am)

31st May-3rd June

Year 4 Residential Trip
Bollendorf, Germany

Friday 3rd June

Parent Invitation Assembly
Year 1 Class Aspelt
(8:30-8:50am)

6th-10th June

Year 5 Trip to Belgium

Tuesday 7th June

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Wednesday 8th June

EYFS (Early Years and
Foundation) Sports Day

Friday 10th June

Parent Invitation Assembly
Year 4 Rosport (8:30-8:50am)

Friday 17th June

Parent Invitation Assembly
Year 5 Useldange
(8:30-8:50am)

Primary News

Please remember to apply sun cream before your child leaves home in the morning and send them to school with a supply of sun cream and a sun hat. Thank you - The School Nurse

Dates for the Diary: Music Performances

Saturday 18th June 1:30 – 2:30pm

Primary Music at the Summer Fayre

To include performances from Creativity in Music Club, songs from Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and the Primary Choir.

The performances will be in that order. All children from Years 3 to 6 are invited to sing the songs for their year group.

Monday 20th June 4:00pm

Key Stage Two Musicians Concert, Hamilius Hall

Starring students from Years 3 to 6 who are having instrumental or voice lessons.

Head Lice

Please note that there continue to be cases of head lice in the primary school. Please check all members of your household carefully and treat any cases. For further information www.sante.lu – in the scolaire section you will find an information booklet on head lice which you can download in many different languages. The School Nurses.



Baker Books Deadline | Friday 13th May

This Friday is the deadline for all Baker Book orders (both online and cash). Please ensure all orders have been handed in to Reception

before then.



Primary Council Fundraising school Tea Towels

The Primary council have decided an excellent way to celebrate St George's 25th Anniversary and to raise funds would be for Primary students to draw on their own tea towel. These tea

towels will be on sale at the Summer Fayre for 5 euros each. All funds raised will go towards the Unity Foundation and equipment for the playground. Shortly an pre-order form will be sent out to all parents.

Primary News

Primary Students Learning Through Natur Mobil

This week has been an incredibly special week for the children of St George's as the Natur Mobil came to the school after a four year absence. Children from years 1-6 had the privilege of taking an interactive lesson with the visiting teachers in charge of the Natur Mobil.

Some of the activities involved getting to hold live newts, watching the hunting method of frogs and mimicking a toad's struggle for food using a string with a gummy bear attached to it. Many children giggled as they saw their peers and even their teachers attempt to eat the gummy bear on the end of the string.

Another special activity was studying and learning about the lifespan and defence mechanisms of many pond animals including toads, frogs, newts and lizards native to Luxembourg. We also got to examine microscopic pond life under a microscope.

The staff of the Natur Mobil were very kind and informative in lending their support, time and materials in guiding us in our sessions and we wish to thank them for their time in educating us about our host country and some of its other inhabitants!

Thank you Natur Mobil! - By *Siddarth, 6 Wiltz*.



Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Monday 23rd May

Booking system live for ALL parents to sign up for Key Stage 3 Performance (10:00am)

Tuesday 31st May

KS3 showcase will take place at the Centre Culturel Tramschapp (6:00pm)

14th-22nd May

Half-term Holidays

Monday 23rd May

Deadline for Year 8 Residential trip forms, Germany

7-10th June

Year 8 Residential Trip

Thursday 23rd June

National Day on the 23rd (School Closed)

Friday 24th June

School closed - no lessons for students

27th-30th June

Year 11,12,13 Residential Trip (Amsterdam)



Secondary News

Year 8 Residential trip to Germany | Deadline Monday 23rd May

I wish to invite all Year 8 parents and students to attend the information meeting as follows:

Date: **Tuesday, 24th May 2016**
Time: 3:45 – 4:15 pm
Location: Conference room (1st floor Admin Building)

The necessary trip forms are available on the Parent Portal as from now. Students will get a paper copy if needed. We remind you that we also need a copy of passport or ID card as well as a copy of the Social Security card (or private Insurance card). On the actual day of departure the original passport and the Social Security card will be required. DEADLINE to hand in the forms is **Monday 23rd May**. Thank you.

Mr Cooper



Success at the COBIS Young Scientist Film Awards.

We are delighted to announce the success of our students in the prestigious COBIS Young Scientist Film Awards. Year 9 girls produced an excellent and entertaining film showing how the enzyme catalase catalyses the

breakdown of hydrogen peroxide. We were extremely pleased to receive the prize for runners up!

St George's students were also nominated for the Best Biology Film, with a beautiful film about photosynthesis. Both films can be found on the [COBIS website Film Awards 2016](#)

Key Stage 3 Showcase (Year 8-9) | Tuesday 31st May | 6:00pm

This year's KS3 performance evening will take place on **Tuesday 31st May** at 6:00pm at the Centre Culturel Tramschapp (47a, rue Ermesinde.) The showcase will consist of drama sketches (some funny, some thought provoking) created by Key Stage 3 students, music performed by Year 9 students and a 30 minute version of **'The Tempest'** by William Shakespeare.

Booking System Information

The booking system is open NOW for Year 8 and 9 parents. Additional tickets will be available on **Monday, 23rd May** for ALL parents to book. [Click here](#) to book your tickets.

Cases of Headlice

We have had new cases of headlice in Secondary. PLEASE ensure you treat any cases immediately so that this does not spread. For more information see www.sante.lu/sante&ecole.

Thank you. The School Nurses.

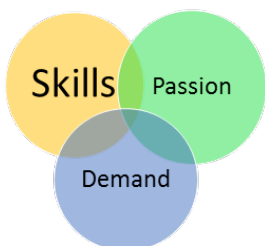
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ICT for Girls

Laura Foster's presentation on "ICT for Girls Day" was very interesting to listen to. She told us about three circles called "Skill, Passion and Demand". These are there to help us find the perfect job for ourselves.

Our GCSE's, and our future A-Levels are our skills. They are what we learn, and they are a major building block for our future.



Passion means, what we like doing. What are we particularly good at, and enjoy doing. What can we do that differentiates us from others in one particular thing? For example, some people might be very good at maths, and enjoy it a lot. This would be their passion.

Demand means, what is wanted and where is it wanted? For example, if you want to be an artist, you need to look if there is a demand for artists. You need to look, if there are actually people who are willing to pay you for the work you do. You also should look at where the greatest demand for an artist, or whatever you want to be is.

All in all, it was a very interesting presentation, and it helped make us think of our future. We enjoyed the presentation, and are happy to know that bit more about how we should choose our future careers.
- Secondary Students

Exam Results Dates

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 19th August** for current Year 12 students going into Year 13 and on **Friday 26th August** for current Year 11 students entering Year 12. If you will be on holiday on those dates you must leave a contact number for a phone interview.

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.

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 3:30-4:30pm up until **Friday 13th May** with Ms. Rigby.

French + Italian 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 date: **25th May**. Please note: AS and A-levels sessions will take place the same dates as above with the addition of 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 take place every Monday.

Whole School News

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St George's International School Luxembourg ASBL - AGM

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - The Board of Governors would like to invite all Associate members of St George's International School Luxembourg ASBL to the Annual General Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 7th June** at 6:00pm at school. Associate membership is open to all parents of the school. If you have not previously applied for membership, application forms are available at the Reception desk at school and will also be available prior to the meeting. Membership does not have to be renewed annually. To view the full agenda please visit the Parent Portal under 'Board of Governors Reports' tab. - The Board of Governors. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Kruten on financemanager@st-georges.lu.



Summer Fayre 2016 – Saturday 18th June 2016 11:00-3:00pm

This year the new British Ambassador Mr Robert Marshall will open his first Summer Fayre in Luxembourg. We will have plenty of the old favourite carnival activities, sports and games, as well as sumptuous international food stands with drinks and coffee. As ever there will be drama and musical performances from the students and maybe some dancing too. All funds raised will go to the charities supported by the School Parliament (United World School), School Council (Unity Foundation) and the Friends of St George's fund.

In the next couple of weeks all parents will receive an email about the Summer Fayre with a SignUpGenius attached. Read the instructions carefully and please sign up to offer a little of your time or help in any way

you can. The main areas where volunteers are needed are:

Set-up/Clean-up

We need lots of strong men and women to help with the set-up of the stands in the morning and to help clear up at the end. (Mrs Dishman is coordinating this team).

Carnival Games

This year each Primary Year Group will be in charge of a game for the fayre. Each year group will have at least 1 class Friends rep to help you coordinate your stall. (Mrs Whiteing is coordinator).

International stands

Like last year each national group will be encouraged to put up a stand with national food and delicacies. Due to the building works on campus the stands will be grouped by region. Any international crafts or activities will be located in other areas. (Mrs Saeijs will coordinate).

Bar/Ticket sales/Raffle

Volunteers to help with the bar, tickets sales and sale of raffle tickets are needed too. (Mrs White coordinating).

After the half-term holidays and once you have completed the SignUpGenius and the results are compiled you will notice some parents in the playground at pick-up time with clipboards. They will have information about the Summer Fayre and will be happy to let you know what is planned, what help is still needed and where to buy tickets.

A performance schedule will soon be available so you can plan your day accordingly! Sneak preview: Headliners: George and the Dragons!

If you would like to be involved or help in any way then you can also contact friends@st-georges.lu.

Whole School News

IMPORTANT: No Bicycles or Scooters on School Property

Please can parents make sure that their children are not riding bicycles or scooters on the school premises before or after school. There have been a number of incidents where collisions have occurred between students and bicycles in the school playgrounds at the end of the day.

Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property outside the Reception area. If the weather is clement, we will place the lost property blue racks by the rolling gate (Gate 1) at 3:15pm. All unclaimed property will be donated to charity during the May half-term holidays. Thank you.

Club News

The following clubs will stop after the May half-term holidays:

- Debating with Mr Todd on Tuesdays
- Science with Ms Lennie on Thursdays
- Sport Leadership with Mr Cooper on Mondays
- Study Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Fun Club places for 2016/2017 (after-school care for Reception-Year 6 students)

Please note that the form to request a space in the school's fun clubs will be emailed on **Friday 13th May** at 10:00am to all parents whose children will be in Reception - Year 6 next year. The form will then also be uploaded to the parent portal.

How will the fun club spaces be allocated for 2016/2017? Students currently enrolled in the fun clubs will be offered the chance to keep their space, but you will need to email the form back to **clubs@st-georges.lu** by 29th May at the latest. The remaining places will then become available for any other student, based on parents working full-time or not and date of receipt. The price will remain stable.

Are you interested in running an after-school activity next year?

If so, please email **clubs@st-georges.lu**, mentioning:

- the activity name,
- a short description of the activity and its objectives,
- the year groups it corresponds to,
- the maximum number of students,
- the day(s) of the week when you are available to run the activity
- duration (1h15, 1h45 or 2h15), starting at 3.15pm,
- any requirement re: material or facility.

See this link for activities descriptions' examples:

<http://www.st-georges.lu/page.cfm?p=515>



Community News

BCC Lunch with guest speaker Paddy Ashdown

The British Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite you to attend a lunch with special guest speaker, Paddy Ashdown, (Rt Hon Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon) President of the European Movement, who will speak on the subject: "The UK's Sovereignty within the EU". This will take place on **Tuesday 24th May 2016** at 12:00pm at La Table du Belvedere, Kirchberg.

Spectacle Coréen

Musiques et danses traditionnelles

Artistes
Seoul Dongdaemun Culture Society
Organisateur
Les amis de la Corée à Luxembourg a.sbl
www.lesamisdelacoree.lu



Korean Traditional Music and Dance | Thursday 26th May at 8:00pm

This event will take place on **Thursday 26th May** at 8:00pm in the Conservatoire de la ville Luxembourg. Organised by Friends of Korea, Luxembourg. Artists: Seoul Dongdaemun Culture Society. Tickets can be purchased online **www.luxembourgticket.lu** or by telephone +352 47 08 95.

Suubi Uganda Tea and Hat party | 27th May 12:00-2:30pm

Spring is here! Come join the Suubi Uganda Tea and Hat party (also a farewell to Rebecca Birmingham) on 27th May 12:00-2:30pm. All proceeds to children's school fees in rural Uganda. Fine food and drink in lovely surroundings. Contact **suubiforuganda@gmail.com**.

4th Annual Irish Music Summer School In Luxembourg

Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Luxembourg is a club dedicated to the promotion of Irish music and culture and has been active in Luxembourg for more than 30 years. The club is running their 4th Annual Summer school for children and teenagers providing a variety of classes. The summer school will run from the 1-5th August (8:30-12:30pm). For more information email: **comhaltas.lu@gmail.com** or telephone +352 621 673 376.

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.