



# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**St George's**

International School, Luxembourg  
A.S.B.L.



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Center, Belgium**



**Welcome Back to School 2016/17**



**St George's Reports Impressive IGCSE, A/S and  
A-Level Results**

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the School year I would again like to greet all our existing families as they return back to St George's. Monday and Tuesday morning were certainly full of activity in the playground as friends swapped stories and caught up with each other's news of activities undertaken during the summer.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome all our new students and their families to the School; I do hope that you will enjoy your time here at St George's. We have 730 students here at School and we try very hard to support all our students and families during their time here. The School aims to challenge and care for all our students whilst helping them all to achieve their potential.

Mr Cheesman takes up the mantle of Chair of the Governing Body of the School this year from Mr Mark Turner, and I refer parents to his letter in this newsletter.

We had today a very well-attended coffee morning organised by the Friends of St George's to start the year off. Please see the separate items in the newsletter on the events planned.

We also have a small number of new teaching staff in both Primary and Secondary joining us and I hope that they settle quickly into the life at St George's.

Our examination results of 2016 for IGCSE and AS/A2 Levels are publically available on our website; and I must say that I was very pleased indeed to see a large number of excellent individual results. The work they did with the support of their teachers and families in preparation for these examinations is clearly vindicated.

We have of course carried out a programme of maintenance and repairs over the summer and a number of classes and subject teaching rooms have this year moved to the Zinnen building along with our new auditorium, Secondary library and our new Sixth Form Centre. We have a wonderful new building to use!

With my very best regards,  
Dr Barkei  
Principal

# Welcome Back

## Message from the New Chairman

Dear St George's community,

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to welcome everyone back to the school and offer a special welcome to all the new students, parents, teachers and staff. With luck you are all well rested after a lovely summer and ready to begin the new school year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Chair of the Board of Governors. I was elected by the Board to take over from Mr Mark Turner from this school year. The school owes a great deal to Mark who led the Board while the school developed into its current position. These are very big shoes to fill and I will rely very much on the continued support from the members of the Board, the school staff and all the parents in order to keep our progress going and to have such outstanding students in the school.

We congratulate all those that passed their examinations in the summer, especially those that excelled in their results. Well done to you all and best wishes as you move into the next phase of your education or as you move on to the next stage in your lives.

As you will see, the new Zinnen building is ready for use and gives us a fantastic new facility with classrooms, common rooms, new library, an excellent music floor and a fabulous auditorium. No doubt we will have a great time this year finding new and exciting ways to get the maximum benefit from the building.

Unfortunately, while developing the canteen a minor structural problem was discovered in the kitchen. This should not have any impact on anyone that takes a school meal and we expect to be back to normal later this term.

With all that said, it is wonderful to see the school full of activity again, let's make this year at least as good, if not better than last year.

On behalf of the Board of Governors,

Chris Cheesman  
Chairman of the Board of Governors



### St George's Student in the News

Well done to Meher for hiking 120km on Camino de Santiago during her summer holidays. [Click here](#) to read all about Meher's challenging adventure.

# Whole School News

## IMPORTANT Medical forms

ALL new and returning parents **MUST** fill out a new Medical form at the beginning of term. Forms can be collected from the Reception or printed from the Welcome pack you received in August.

## Class Lists Information

As a service to our families, St George's issues a Class List to each student containing, the first name and surname, village, parent names, and the mobile number and email address for the parent listed as the primary contact for each student in the class. This is to help parents get to know each other and to arrange play dates, birthday parties, etc. If you do NOT wish for your contact information to appear on this list please email **communications@st-georges.lu** by **Friday, 23rd September**.

## Carpooling

If you do not have a school bus that goes near you, you may find the Class List useful to get in touch with families to organise car sharing. Please note the School cannot arrange this for you, this is up to you.

## Canteen

Our canteen staff are doing their utmost to stick to the school menu, however due to recent circumstances the menus will change slightly - the updated menus will be on the Portal shortly. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## IMPORTANT: Nut Allergy Reminder

As you are aware, many people today are allergic to nuts. Here at St George's school we have a small number of children and young adults who have a severe allergy to nuts. These allergies are not just to peanuts but to all forms of nuts.

The reactions are of such a severity that they are life threatening and it is with the health of these people in mind that we remind you all today to avoid if possible using nuts or nut products in snacks and lunches. These children only need to touch the same surface where a trace of the nuts have been for a reaction to occur. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated by the children, their parents and our staff.

If however you are unsure please inform the class teacher so that special arrangements may be made. We wish you all a happy and healthy term. - (School Nurses).

## Bus Schedule Changes

If you want to amend your child's bus schedule please inform their Class teacher and Mrs Crisp via **reception@st-georges.lu** clearly stating which bus and the child's FULL name. Thank you.

## Parking Outside Namur

Namur has complained about some of our parents parking in front of their entrance obstructing deliveries. Please ensure when you park on the road you are not causing any hinderance.



## Playgroup commencing September 13th | Friday Mornings | 9:15-11:00am

St George's School Playgroup is suitable for children aged 0-3 and is held on Friday morning from 9:15-11:00am. Sessions are 5 euros each per family. The sessions are music and movement based, with the use of instruments and some small props. Please do not hesitate to contact **clubs@st-georges.lu** if you would like to enrol.

# Whole School News

## Walking Group

Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about Luxembourg with the walking group on **Tuesday, 13th September** as we embark upon the Wenzel Walk through the city. Following the 5.5 km tour as it winds its way through the old town and casements, we will learn the history of our town from the early settlements by the Romans through to present day. We will meet in front of the Information office on Place Guillaume at 9:15am. The walk will take approximately 2-3 hours and contains several hills down and up into the Grund. Sturdy walking shoes are advisable. For more information and to RSVP, please email **walking\_stgeorges@yahoo.com**.



## Freshers & Followers | Saturday 17th September | 12:00-3:00pm

St George's and the Friends of St George's (Friends) invite you to attend the 'Freshers and Followers' welcome back event at St George's International School Luxembourg on **Saturday 17th September** from 12:00 to 3:00pm.

This event is for all St George's families, new and old. Club/Association representatives from the Luxembourg community (and School) will be displaying their information and are available to provide parents and students with details of their activity, take reservations and encourage participation.

Some of the clubs may offer an active demonstration too. Dance, yoga, badminton, theatre, squash, Rainbows/Brownies/Guides, martial arts, rugby and women's clubs as well as the local press are all represented. Books, cards and party-ware will be on sale as well as refreshments. There will be a bouncy castle and access to the football pitch for older kids. (NB: parents are responsible for their own children).

No entrance fee. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Club Information

### French Club Supervisor Wanted

If you are interested in running our French after-school Clubs, if you are interested please email: **clubs@st-georges.lu**.

### NEW Club: Soccer, Soccer | Fridays

Soccer, Soccer club is now available on Fridays. The club is open to Year 7 and Year 8 Secondary students. Please contact **clubs@st-georges.lu** to sign up.

### NEW Club: Film-making (for competition entry) & St George's TV News | Year 8-13 | Mondays Time: 3:30-5:00pm | Cost: 150 euro / term | Starting Monday 12th September

This club gives students two options:

- To develop a creative idea for a film making competition
- To work on short videos for an online St George's TV News

The competition brief is for students to create a 1 minute film. They will be supported by Mr Burrowes, Secondary Media Studies teacher, to plan and create their entry. They will be taught filming techniques, how to handle equipment and how to edit on Apple Mac computers using Final Cut Pro X.

To sign up email: **clubs@st-georges.lu**.

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal





# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Meet the Teachers Year 3**  
**and Year 6, Classrooms**  
**(08:30-9:00am)**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Day Trip Year 3 to the**  
**Dinosaur Park**  
**(08:00 to 3:00pm)**

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**Meet the Teachers Year 2**  
**and 5, Classrooms**  
**(08:30 to 09:00am)**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Meet the Teachers Year 1**  
**and Year 4, Classrooms**  
**(08:30 to 09:00am)**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**EYFS Phonic Information**  
**Session for Parents,**  
**conference room,**  
**(08:30-9:30am)**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Year 6 Wiltz Parent Invitation**  
**Assembly, Auditorium,**  
**(08:30 to 08:50am)**

## Primary News

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been a lovely start. On the first day back at 8:00am the playground was full of children pleased to meet up with friends and catch up on their news.

Children across the school have settled in quickly and calmly, getting down to their learning from the first morning. It was great to see so many interesting activities starting the children on new learning experiences. In Year 3, dinosaurs had invaded the classroom during assembly, leaving footprints and clues everywhere! Children in Nursery were busy solving problems in the outdoor area, and in Year 2 the children were straight into mathematical activities matching digits to their place value.

There has been great excitement with the new Zinnen building. Students in Milepost 3 feel very grown up in their own special area, whilst the rest of the school are looking forward to assemblies and drama in the new Auditorium.

At the end of the day it was great to see the children going home with their smart new school bags. They all looked very prepared for learning.

I hope you all have a great week, and look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming "meet the teacher" sessions.

Best wishes,

Ms C Nuttall

Primary Head

### First day back in a Nutshell



## Foundation News (Reception and Nursery)

### Drop off and Collection

Please note the following arrangements for drop off and collection:

EYFS (Reception and Nursery classes) will go in and out from their classroom doors located in the outdoor area. Parents of Nursery children may wait in the outdoor area until 8:20am and then settle the children.

If it is raining at the end of the day, students will wait under the covered area in the playground.

Please note that both school gates now shut electronically at 8:28am and 3:30pm. We respectfully ask children and parents not to run through at this time, as this can cause mechanical problems. Once the gates are closed, please enter and exit via the Reception.

## Key Stage 1 News (Years 1-2)

### Year 1 and Year 2 Footwear Information

- Normal shoes to be used both indoors and outdoors.
- No slippers, crocs etc needed.
- Wellington boots should be brought in for children to change into for playtime when it is wet outside.
- For PE lessons children should bring in sneakers/appropriate gym shoes.

### Drop off and Collection

Year 1 students may be dropped off and collected from their outdoor classroom door.

Years 2 students will wait in the playground until the whistle goes at 8:20am and then enter through their appropriate door. At the end of the day they will line up in the playground to be collected or taken to clubs/ kiss and fly.

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## Key Stage 2 News (Years 3-6)

### Year 3 Dinosaur trip | 13<sup>th</sup> September

The Year 3 students and staff are really looking forward to their trip next week as part of the introduction to their exciting project of 'dinosaurs'. In order to get a letter of authorisation from the commune you will need to go to your local commune, explain that your child wants to go on a school trip, they will in turn stamp the form for you. The letter from the commune is a requirement and, whilst we realise it is quite short notice to obtain, students are unable to come on the trip without it. All medical forms must also be returned before.

### Drop off and Collection

Years 3-6 will wait in the playground until the whistle goes at 8:20am and then enter through their appropriate door. At the end of the day they will line up in the playground to be collected or taken to clubs/ kiss and fly.

If it is raining at the end of the day, students will wait under the covered area in the playground.

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# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Year 12 Information**  
**Evening (18:00-20:00)**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**KS5 Residential Trip to**  
**Portugal**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Year 11 Residential Trip**  
**to London**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Year 7 Information**  
**Evening, Auditorium**  
**(6:00pm – 7.30pm)**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Secondary Parents**  
**Coffee Morning**  
**9:00-11.30am at 17 Rue**  
**Cents (Almost across**  
**the road from Cents**  
**Brasserie)**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Year 7 Residential**  
**Information, Auditorium**  
**(8.30am)**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October -**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Year 7 Residential – Euro**  
**Space Center, Transinne,**  
**Belgium**

## Secondary News

### Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to all new and returning students, and their families.

Welcome also to the new staff who join us this year; Mr Willsher (EAL Coordinator), Mrs Palmer (History teacher), Mr Wright (Science teacher), Mr Edgerley (Learning Support Assistant) and Ms Hercules (Lunchtime Supervisor).

Although there are many exciting events planned to look forward to, congratulations must go to last year's Year 11 students, who achieved a fantastic set of results – 61% of all examination entries were graded A\*/A – almost triple the UK average and 'on par' with the Independent Schools average.

Special congratulations to Mykola M, who achieved straight A\* in all 10 examinations!

Likewise, last year's Year 12 students, also achieved a great set of results – 65% of all examinations sat were awarded grade A/B, there is no A\* at A/S level, and 83% of examinations were awarded grade C or above. Special congratulations must go to Megan H, who achieved 5 'A' grades.

A2 was a similar success story with a 100% pass rate and 80% of examinations sat were awarded grade 'C' or above, allowing all students to pursue the university course of their choice. Congratulations to Astrid G who achieved 4 A\* at A Level!!

Thanks go to our teaching staff and parents for their support of our examination classes.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and successful new academic year.

Mr M Fleet  
Secondary Head

### First day back in Secondary



# Secondary News

## Year 7 News

### **Year 7 Information Evening | Thursday 22nd September | 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

This information evening takes place in the new Zinnen auditorium and is an opportunity for the parents of Year 7 students to meet with key Secondary staff, the Year 7 form tutors and have a guided tour of the new building and facilities.

### **Year 7 Residential Information meeting | Tuesday 4th October | 8:30am**

This meeting will take place in the new Zinnen auditorium. Mr Brown, the leader of the Year 7 trip to the Euro Space Center, will provide detailed information for the parents and students of Year 7 and also answer any questions relating to the trip.

## Secondary News



Last Saturday Mr Teale took part in the Escher Kulturlaf, dedicating his run to the memory of Theodoor van Beers, the father of two former St George's students, who sadly passed away earlier this year. His family suggested that Epilepsy Research UK was a fitting charity to run for in his memory and so far 400 Euros has been raised. If you would like to make a donation visit the [JustGiving website](#).

Mr Teale completed the 10 miles/16km distance in 1 hour and 26 minutes – he had hoped for a quicker time but used the 27°C temperature as an excuse.

### **Secondary Coffee Morning (Friends of st Georges)**

All Secondary parents are welcome to pop in to a coffee morning on **Friday 23rd September 9:00-11:30am** at 17 Rue Cents (Almost across the road from Cents Brasserie). Meet newcomers and touch base with old friends. Please email [thecelticspirals@gmail.com](mailto:thecelticspirals@gmail.com) so we can prepare for the correct number of people. Thank you.



## Community News



### Chapter 1 - The Miraculous Story Time Is Back!

Story Time will take place in the Magic shadow of the Big Tree at The Book Loft  
40, rue des Bruyères - L-1275, Howald

Please register via Sign-Up Genius [click here](#)

Every last Saturday from September to November (24th September, 29th October, 26th November). [Click here](#) for more information on Chapter 1 events.



### Dragons for Breakfast - Charity Events

#### Dragon Art & Music Festival | Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September |

Dragons for Breakfast are proud to announce a different kind of festival to celebrate 10 years of children's art days to help raise more money for street children in Colombia! No matter how old you are, come and join in the fun!

For more information contact: [info@dragonsforbreakfast.com](mailto:info@dragonsforbreakfast.com) or visit their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/dragonsforbreakfast](http://www.facebook.com/dragonsforbreakfast). All proceeds will go to the charity 'Let the Children Live' ([www.letthechildrenlive.org](http://www.letthechildrenlive.org)), which supports the street children in Medellin, Colombia by providing them with food, shelter and education.

Please register your attendance:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dragons-for-breakfast-arts-and-music-festival-tickets-26742148486>.



#### Dragon Art & Music Festival | Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The 20th Dragons for Children day will run one day long sessions from 10:30 – 17:30pm running their most popular activities from the last 10 years.

Places are limited so please register your attendance <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/20th-dragons-for-children-day-registration-26751475383>

During the event participants may purchase limited edition homemade dragon mugs for 10 euros.

There will be food and refreshments and live music on both days with Carl Wyatt and the Delta Voodoo Kings playing us out on Sunday afternoon.



### The Soloists European | Philharmonie

**On Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>**, the Soloists European will perform Shostakovich Symphony 9 and the Sibelius Symphony 5 at the Philharmonie. Mrs. Ni will be performing with this well known ensemble on this occasion. For tickets, please follow this link <https://www.luxembourg-ticket.lu/8/nokill,1/eid,9365/rencontres-sel-a-i.html>.



### The Orchestre Philharmonique

The Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg reopens its season on the 23rd of September with a performance of Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn with soloist Thomas Hampson and La Mer by Debussy. Our private teachers Andrea Garnier (violin), Sehee Kim (cello) and Leon Ni (trombone) are all members of this ensemble. For tickets, follow this link: <https://www.philharmonie.lu/en/programm/opl-gimeno-hampson/1053>

## Community News



### Sunflower Montessori Crèche Annual Charity Table Quiz

Sunflower Montessori Crèche is hosting its annual charity Table Quiz | Saturday September 24th at the Black Stuff Irish pub, 15 val de Hamm, L-1714 in Pulvermühle. This is in aid of the Ilula Orphan Program in Tanzania and Kanner Jugend Telefon; Online service helping children and families here in Luxembourg.

For more information about the charities please visit their websites: [www.ilulaorphanprogram.org](http://www.ilulaorphanprogram.org) and [www.kjt.lu](http://www.kjt.lu).

Join in the quiz and enter a team of six people at a cost of 60€ per table. To book a table please contact [sam@sunflower.lu](mailto:sam@sunflower.lu). Donations for tombola prizes are welcome.

We are also seeking corporate sponsorship for this event, we need 6 first prizes for the winners. If you or your company would be willing to support this event please email [sam@sunflower.lu](mailto:sam@sunflower.lu) to pledge your prize.



### Gymboree Play and Music Luxembourg

Gymboree Play & Music, is the global leader in classes for children, from 0 to 5 years old. One of the most distinguishing features of Gymboree Play & Music is their unique approach to parent involvement, which encourages participation in and understanding of each child's development. The reason is simple: children learn best when parents enter their world of play and imagination. We truly believe that parental support is important to a child's healthy emotional development, building trust between parent and child and helping kids to feel more confident to explore and learn. For more information visit [www.gymboree.lu](http://www.gymboree.lu).

*If you would like to share your community events, please email [communications@st-georges.lu](mailto: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.*