



# Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**St George's**  
International School, Luxembourg  
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Key Stage 1  
(Years 1-2)



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(Years 12-13)

Welcome to St George's school year 2017-18!

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



**Staff Welcome Back**  
**Ceremony 2017**

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the School year I would like to welcome all our families back to St George's. I hope you have enjoyed your holidays whether you remained in Luxembourg or were travelling abroad.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and their families and trust you will enjoy your time here at St George's. If there is anything we can do to help your transition to the Grand Duchy and at the School, please ask us. We try very hard to support all our students; challenging and caring for them whilst helping them achieve their potential.

Our first 'Friends' event of the year is the annual Freshers & Followers on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 12noon to 3:00pm at school (clubs and associations within Luxembourg will be represented to inform parents and students of their activities, there will be a bouncy castle, books and cards on sale and a food truck for refreshments – come along and find out what is happening in Luxembourg).

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 and in Luxembourg.

Our examination results of 2017 for IGCSE and AS/A2 Levels are now published [here](#) on our website. I was very pleased to see so many of our students meet and indeed exceed expectations. Our Year 13 students from the summer are now preparing their start at university and our Year 12 students from last year will be starting their final year as our Year 13 cohort.

We have carried out our regular schedule of maintenance and repairs over the summer and we have moved a small number of classrooms to accommodate particular year groups. My thanks as always go to our team of caretakers, administrators and teachers who have worked assiduously to have school ready for the beginning of the School year.

With my very best regards,  
Dr Barkei  
Principal

# Whole School News

## **IMPORTANT Note: Severe Nut Allergies in School**

Please do not send any form of nuts into school for snacks or packed lunches - even some chocolate spread contain traces of nuts. We have several students with severe nut allergies who are at grave risk even if they inhale nut vapour. Cross contamination is highly dangerous.

At the beginning of the school year all parents sign the school medical form that clearly states:

*"As a family we are aware that St George's is an allergy awareness school and will endeavour to support the school in their efforts to fulfil its duty of care to all its students and staff.*

*Please do not send foods containing nuts and nut-based products to school."*

Thank you for assisting us in keeping our students and staff safe. - The School Nurse Team.

## **Coffee Mornings**

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Whole school Coffee Morning for all NEW parents. All new parents are invited to come along to the welcome coffee morning (8:30-9:30am) in the school canteen.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

The Friends of St George's invites all parents to a welcome (back) coffee morning from (8:30-9:30am) in the canteen. This is an opportunity for new and existing parents to meet up, share ideas and get involved in upcoming events!

## **Playgroup Sessions starts Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

We are delighted to announce the playgroup sessions are about to start again at St George's on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** as follows:

### **Free play sessions on Mondays | 9:00-11:00am**

A variety of toys, games, art supplies are laid out at parents' and children's disposal. This session is suitable for babies/children aged 3 months to 3 years old.

### **Guided sessions for children aged 18 months - 3 years on Fridays | 9:30-11:00am.**

The session includes a story time, a free play time for children and parents to "get the wiggles out" as well as a circle time with the Playgroup leader to sing songs, explore musical instruments, play song-related games and develop an appreciation for music in the little ones.

Cost: 5 euro per family per session.

All sessions to be held in the new break-out room, H1.57.



## **Teacher Runs for Children's Cancer Charity Neuroblastoma**

Last Saturday, Mr Teale ran in the Escher Kulturlaf in aid of the children's cancer charity Neuroblastoma UK, specifically in memory of Bradley Lowery who sadly died on the 7th July. Mr Teale completed the 16km distance in 1 hour 23minutes – 3 minutes faster than the previous year. If you would like to make a donation to the charity please copy and paste the following link into a browser: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-teale1>. Thank you for your kind support.

# Whole School News

## Clubs with Spaces

- Secondary Choir (Years 10-13) • Dance Club (Latin and Ballroom) for Adults • English for Adults (beginners and intermediate levels) • FitKick and Martial Arts (Years 7-11) • Relaxation Sessions (Year 7-13)
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers (Year 2 to 6) • Scooter Club (Year 1-2) • Spanish for Spanish Speakers (Years 2-6)
- Italian for Italian Speakers (Year 1-4)

More clubs places to follow next week! [Click here](#) to view the clubs brochure with all the descriptions.

Please email [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to sign up!

## Friends of S<sup>t</sup> George's

### Walking Group | Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September | 8:45am

Everyone is welcome to join the Walking Group. Please meet in the School canteen at 8:45am. The walk will start from school down to the river and along it for a buggy-friendly and dog-friendly walk. The walk will finish at Namur for a well-deserved coffee and cake for anyone who wishes! For more information please email [walking\\_stgeorges@yahoo.com](mailto:walking_stgeorges@yahoo.com).

### Calling for PE Kits and Ski Gear

Calling for donations of used St George's PE kits and ski gear (good condition and textile items only - no boots, shoes etc). A box is located in the Reception area for all donations. All items will be sold at the 'Freshers and Followers' event on **Saturday 16th September**. Profits will go the Friends of St George's and the Arts scholarship fund.

### Friends Cultural Tour | Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

All parents are welcome to come along for a historical walking tour of medieval Metz followed by lunch on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Car shares from school can be arranged and we will return in time for school pick up. For more information please email [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu)

## Upcoming Events



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### Freshers & Followers

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
12:00 - 3:00pm

Families and friends are invited to learn more about the assorted clubs, associations and services Luxembourg has to offer.

There will be information on the following:  
Various Sports | Guided  
Extracurricular Activities | The Arts  
Parent & Student Support Groups  
and so much more...

Bouncy Castle | Food Truck  
Refreshments will be available

### Freshers and Followers | 16th September 2017 | 12:00 - 3:00pm

To kick off the school year, St George's will be hosting their third annual 'Freshers & Followers' welcome event on **Saturday 16th September** from 12:00am until 3:00pm. An ideal occasion to welcome new starters to the school and to Luxembourg by offering them useful information on clubs, associations, services and activities that Luxembourg has to offer. 'Freshers and Followers' is a great social opportunity for new families to meet existing families in a relaxed and informative environment.

Organisations attending the event include: ARA City Radio, the American Women Club, Chronicle, City Savvy Luxembourg, KJT English Online Help, Little English Bookworm, Moos & Roos, New World Theatre Club, Passage, Parent Support, Pirates Productions, Telstar Scouts, Top Squash, Phoenix Cards, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

This event is not only informative but also a fun (and free) day out for all the family; there will be a bouncy castle and games for children and a food truck and refreshments will also be on site.



St George's  
International School Luxembourg

### Camille Bloom in Concert

Alongside St George's Year 7 & ISL student singer-songwriters!

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
7:00pm | St George's Auditorium

Adult Tickets 15 euro Student Tickets 5 euro

Gibson endorsed International Act, Camille Bloom is back to perform in September alongside our Year 7 students and students from ISL!

### Camille Bloom in Concert | 22<sup>nd</sup> September | 19:00pm

On **Friday 22nd September**, St George's Secondary and ISL student singer-songwriters will host a concert with Gibson endorsed International Act, Camille Bloom to raise funds for the St George's Arts scholarship. The event is open to the public and will take place in St George's Auditorium at 7:00pm.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at the St George's Reception desk or by phone at St George's International School ([www.st-georges.lu](http://www.st-georges.lu), tel. 42 32 24). General admission tickets are available at 15 euros per person and student tickets are 5 euros per person, or tickets can be reserved here: <https://www.st-georges.lu/page.cfm?p=2086&LockSSL=true>

About Camille Bloom:

Camille Bloom charted on the European FAR (Freeform American Roots) Charts in 2009 with music greats Bob Dylan & Iron & Wine. Here is a video which was released recently featuring the Title Track from Camille's latest record "Pieces of Me" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFzrqnRHVf8>



# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
Welcome coffee for **NEW**  
Primary and Secondary Parents  
Canteen, (08:30-09:30am)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 1 - Meet the Teacher  
(2:30-3:15pm) Classroom  
- No booking needed

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 6 - Meet the Teacher  
(2:30-3:15pm) Classroom  
- No booking needed

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Year 3 - Meet the Teacher  
(2:30-3:15pm) Classroom  
- No booking needed

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 5 - Meet the Teacher  
(2:30-3:15pm) Classroom  
- No booking needed

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 2 - Meet the Teacher  
(14:30-15:15) Classroom  
- No Booking Needed

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 4 - Meet the Teacher  
(14:30-3:15pm) Classroom  
- No Booking Needed

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
Freshers & Followers 2017  
(12:00-3:00pm)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Nursery Red Meet the Teacher  
(2:00 - 3:00pm)  
- No Booking Needed

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 3 Dinosaur Trip  
Germany, (9:00am - 3:00pm)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Camille Bloom in Concert  
with Year 7 (7:00pm) Tickets  
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reception desk or you can  
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## Primary School News

**All parents should have received the Primary Welcome pack -  
[click here to view it](#)**

### Welcome Back!

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see all the children return after the summer break, looking relaxed and cheerful. Our first day was impressive with children new and old settling in to their new classrooms and getting down to work. We have had less physical change to the building this year, but we are always working to enhance our provision, and the children are quick to spot improvements, such as new water fountains and improved library facilities.

This year we will focus on learning strategies in the primary, finding ways to encourage children to solve problems in all areas of the curriculum and become independent learners. The staff also had a taste of this during our inset days, where world renowned mathematician Monica Neagoy impressed, amazed and challenged our thinking, giving us some great teaching ideas whilst elevating our mathematical understanding to impressive heights. We look forward to trying out these strategies in the classroom.

I hope you all have a wonderful year.

Best regards,

Ms Nuttall

### Class Lists and Timings

Class lists will be available the week of the **25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**.

The times for P.E, Swimming and Library sessions will be written in your child's diary next week.

### Year 1 Aspett students First Day Back

Year 1 Aspett kicked off their first day by giving short presentations in front of the whole class about what they got up to during the summer holidays! Students brought in photos, props, toys to show the other students.



# Secondary News

## Secondary School News

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Free event open to the public (12:00-3:00pm)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Year 7 Space Camp Trip Info meeting at Auditorium (5:30pm)

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**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Year 7 Camille Bloom workshop

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
BTEC Students workshop with Camille Bloom

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Camille Bloom in Concert with Year 7 (7:00pm) Tickets available to purchase at the reception desk or reserve your tickets [here](#).

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
AMIS Recording Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Key Stage 5: European University Roadshow (1:30-3:00pm)

**22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
Méríte Jeunesse Bronze/Silver Practise

**25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September**  
Key Stage 5 Residential Trip to Provence

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Residential Trip to Berlin

**25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September**  
AMIS Honor Band Festival in Singapore

**26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 7 Space Camp Trip

**28<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
VOCAB Express Competition

### SECONDARY Programme for the Arts 2017/18

\*\*\* Tickets for each event will be available 6 weeks before via our online booking system. Please visit [www.stgeorgesps.com/secondaryarts](http://www.stgeorgesps.com/secondaryarts) to view our times.

<b>22 SEP</b>		<b>Camille Bloom in Concert with Year 7</b> 7:30pm Auditorium Camille Bloom is back to perform in September along side our Year 7 students. The event is free to be viewed.
<b>19 OCT</b>		<b>Shakespeare Schools Festival in-house performance</b> 6:00pm Auditorium Year 8 students will be performing 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and Year 12 will be performing 'Hamlet'.
<b>19 DEC</b>		<b>Year 11 Drama performance showcase</b> 6:00pm Auditorium Year 11 students will be showcasing their GCSE practical exam work.
<b>21 DEC</b>		<b>Secondary Christmas concert</b> 6:00-8:00pm Auditorium Every year Secondary students put together a fabulous Christmas concert - come along and support them by spreading the festive spirit!
<b>29 JAN</b>		<b>AMIS Solo Ensemble Showcase</b> 6:00-8:00pm Auditorium The Association for Music in International Schools (AMIS), a small group of student musicians will perform pieces developed during a weekend of masterclasses.
<b>03 MAY</b>		<b>Made screening student film work</b> 6:00-8:00pm Auditorium Secondary students will showcase a series of their talented work achieved during Media Studies.
<b>15 MAY</b>		<b>Secondary Music Concert</b> 6:00-8:00pm Auditorium Secondary students from across the year groups showcase their progress made through individual and ensemble work.

**Click here to view the Secondary Arts Programme 2017-18**

### Welcome Back!

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

Welcome also to Miss Kim Miles, who joins us as a teacher of Music. There are many exciting and varied events planned to look forward to, although congratulations must first go to last year's year 11 students and teachers, who achieved a sound set of results – almost half of all examinations taken were graded A\* or A – nearly triple the UK average!

Likewise, last year's year 12 students and teachers also achieved a great set of results – 67% of all examinations sat were awarded grade A/B, there being no A\* at A/S level, and 75% of examinations were awarded grade C or above.

A2 was particularly successful with 59% of examinations awarded A\*/A – the UK average was 26%, whilst the Independent Schools average was 47%. This allowed students to pursue the university courses of their choice. Particular mention must go to Megan, who graduates with 3 A\* grades and leaves for the UK to read History at Oxford University, our second student to attend there.

Congratulations to all staff, students and their families.

Wishing everyone another enjoyable and successful new academic year.

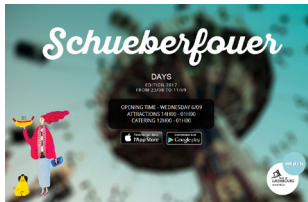
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### Apply to be Part of the Secondary School Parliament!



Applications to join the Secondary school Parliament open next week! Being part of the School Parliament is a great opportunity for students to get involved with exciting school events, make new friends, fundraise for their chosen charity, get awards and prizes for participating and have fun! Information talks and application forms will be given out next week.

## Community News



### Schueberfouer!

Take full advantage of the last days of the Luxembourg fair! Catch-up on Gromperekichelchers and all the rides you still haven't tried. For information on opening times, catering and attractions [click here](#).



### Wine & Grape Festival | September 8,9,10<sup>th</sup>

Head over to Grevenmacher for a fun filled day and re-stock your wine supply for the upcoming year. As is custom, the premiere will be the crowning of the Wine Queen, followed by a local fair, live bands, animations and even fireworks along the Moselle. A must! [Click here](#) for more information.



### Butschebuerger Buergfest | September 9-10<sup>th</sup>

This festival is an ideal chance to go back in time to the medieval ages in the south of Luxembourg, in Burange (near Dudelange). The festival is very authentic with many craftsmen and merchants presenting their wares as well as fun and entertainment for the whole family, from bird shows to swords fights, acrobats and a knight tournament. Details of the program can be found here: [www.buergfest.lu](http://www.buergfest.lu).