

SENIOR SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



St George's
School Edgbaston

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blue school blazer over a white shirt and blue tie, is smiling and looking towards a teacher. She is holding a black Canon EOS camera with a red strap. The teacher, a woman with long red hair, is also smiling and gesturing with her hands. They are standing in front of a green hedge with pink foxgloves.

**AN
INDIVIDUAL
APPROACH
TO EDUCATION**

FRIENDSHIP
CONFIDENCE
NURTURE
MOTIVATION
COURAGE
KINDNESS
RESILIENCE
CREATIVITY
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
SUCCESS

WELCOME TO SENIOR SCHOOL

Stepping up to senior school is momentous. There are exciting times ahead; good friends you have yet to meet, new experiences to be had, trips to take and lessons to learn.



**TRUSTEES
AND LEADERS
HAVE A CLEAR
VISION FOR THE
SCHOOL AND
MAKE STRATEGIC
DECISIONS
DESIGNED TO
DELIVER THE
SCHOOL'S AIMS
AND ETHOS.
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There will be achievements and some disappointments along the way. You will conquer fears and overcome obstacles as you learn about yourself, develop strength of character and better understand your place in the world.

St George's will support you on your journey towards maturity and independence, and we will take pleasure in seeing you become a balanced and well-rounded young adult. You may feel a little daunted by the changes ahead and uncertain about which path to take. You want to make the decision that is right for you. We want that too.

Let me tell you a little more about Senior School in St George's School Edgbaston: We are Co-educational from 11 to 18 years, we are a selective entrance school that unites abilities and cultural diversity, whilst recognising the importance of individuality

on the journey towards adult life. We believe childhood should be enjoyed, as the confidence gained at this time and the memories of friendships forged will last forever.

We are proud of the informal yet purposeful and hard-working atmosphere which is intrinsic to our school. Our aim is that students will leave our school fully prepared for the busy, modern and challenging world that awaits them, including fantastic academic results and a rounded personal development education. We will strive to ensure they take with them the necessary transferable skills to help them on their next steps through life.

Mr Luke Nicholls
Headteacher

**THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS TAUGHT
ENABLE PUPILS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE
AND DEVELOP SKILLS ACROSS A WIDE
VARIETY OF AREAS.**

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WHY ST GEORGE'S SENIOR SCHOOL?

In the classroom, on the sports field, in the art studios, on the stage, in the music rooms, or in one of the many enrichment activities all students can find opportunities to test their abilities and to find areas in which they can excel.



IN THE
CLASSROOM



ON THE
SPORTS FIELD



IN THE
ART STUDIOS



ON THE
STAGE



IN THE
MUSIC ROOMS



ENRICHMENT
ACTIVITIES

We recognise the strengths and individuality of each of our students, harness their abilities, and allow them to flourish. Our teachers inspire a love of learning and nurture enquiring minds.

Our students follow a broad academic and developing vocational curriculum complemented by a wide range of extra-curricular activities. We seek to build confidence, independence, responsibility, creativity, resilience and a lifelong love of learning. Academic success is built on a combination of individual attention, enthusiastic learners, and highly qualified and motivated staff.

Our aim is to maximise the life chances of every pupil. We plan for pupil outcomes in public examinations from the day they arrive at St George's, and year after year our exam results are impressive.

We offer small classes which ensure no child goes unnoticed. We strive to provide a first class education to each and

every child based on their particular needs and abilities. Experience has taught us that a key requirement for successful learning is that students should enjoy what they do. Crucial to our success is a dual approach to our students' progress: we not only challenge them, we nurture them too. Our students do not just enjoy their time here, they thrive!





SUPPORTED TRANSITION

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We strive to include students, parents and their current schools in the transition process. This may include visits to a pupil's current

school to share information and meet your child in a familiar setting, taster days or transition workshops in our specialist facilities. We host a transition day in the Summer Term, where students will be supported to follow a full day's timetable. Students and parents are also invited to an informal transition evening to meet with their Form Tutors, Heads of Year and other Senior School staff.

We value the partnership between home and school and we work hard to develop trust and confidence. We also believe that our focus on pastoral care and pupil-wellbeing supports our students to develop strong relationships within their year group and whole school community.

Excellent Careers education and guidance, including links with local universities, businesses and industry means that the vast majority of our Year 11 students choose to stay at St George's for Sixth Form; however, each year we also welcome many students from other schools and colleges.

For students joining our Sixth Form, we offer a Transition to Year 12 programme that runs once GCSEs are completed.

Students can attend lessons in their chosen subjects, as well as ones they may be considering. In these sessions, teachers will introduce the course, set expectations for study, introduce an initial assignment task and provide materials to support independent study. There is a visit to the UCAS exhibition at the NEC, as well as careers sessions and team building activities to ensure that students are fully prepared for this next phase of their journey with us.

PUPILS RELATE POSITIVELY TO EACH OTHER.

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AN INTERESTING AND STIMULATING CURRICULUM

Our students follow a comprehensive academic curriculum, which takes them on an exciting learning journey. We have a highly skilled and enthusiastic staff who encourage all students to have high ambitions and a passion for lifelong learning.

Students are regularly assessed throughout their time at school, and their progress is closely monitored to ensure they achieve their targets; arrangements are made to support students who may on occasion need individual intervention.

In Years 7 and 8 students follow the National Curriculum by studying English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Photography, Computing, Design Technology, Food Technology, Drama, Geography, History, Languages, Music, Physical Education and Religious Education.

**THE CURRICULUM
IS FLEXIBLE AND
ADAPTABLE TO
INDIVIDUAL
PUPILS NEEDS.**

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Students are guided to make option choices in Year 8 so they are ready to commence aspects of GCSE courses in Year 9. At the end of Year 8, students have an opportunity to refine their personalised curriculum by selecting their strongest subjects and those most appropriate for their future career aspirations.

In Years 10 and 11, students study for their final GCSEs or other accredited courses.

Students in all key stages have dedicated PSHE and Careers Education lessons. These are complimented by educational trips and visiting professionals delivering talks and workshops to share their expertise.

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STIMULATING
CURRICULUM IS
THOUGHTFULLY
ADAPTED TO
MEET THE NEEDS
OF PUPILS AND
MATCHED TO
THEIR PRIOR
ATTAINMENT.**

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A WIDE AND VARIED **EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME**

At St George's we offer an extensive enrichment programme which provides opportunities for students to develop their skills, talents and interests beyond the classroom.

We believe these experiences are also crucial in supporting students in their personal development and encourage every pupil to take part to extend their expertise, represent their school or simply 'have a go' at doing something new!

The enrichment programme is extensive and changes throughout the year. The activities include:

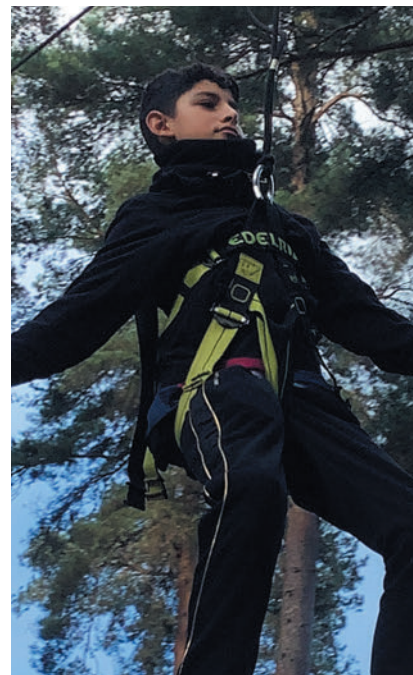
- A wide range of sporting activities that take place on-site and off-site to allow our students to benefit from additional facilities
- Regular House sporting competitions
- Inter-schools sporting competitions and regular fixtures
- Cyber Explorers Cup
- School drama and/or music productions
- Peripatetic instrumental lessons

- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Visits to Universities
- Lunch clubs and activities
- After school clubs and activities
- Visits to activity centres to develop team building skills
- Vocational qualifications
- Educational trips across the country including visits to theatres, galleries and museums
- Educational visits to other countries
- An end of year enrichment calendar that include visits to activity centres and theme parks

THERE IS A BROAD AND VARIED EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES... THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, PUPILS DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVE AND PHYSICAL SKILLS AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.

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Our Healthy Active Mind programme in Year 7 and 8 is designed to encourage students to take time for activity and mindfulness. It is just another aspect of our holistic, nurturing approach to education.



A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT

The well-being of all of our students is of the utmost importance to us. All staff provide daily pastoral support, which is overseen by our Senior Leaders for Pastoral Care.

**THERE IS AN
EFFECTIVE
SAFEGUARDING
CULTURE AT ALL
LEVELS OF THE
SCHOOL.**

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We work with our students to encourage and develop positive learning behaviours and actively maintain a caring environment by promoting self-esteem, resilience, mutual respect, friendship and fairness for all. We have a clear Behaviour Curriculum and believe that an ethos of encouragement and praise is central to the promotion of good behaviour and academic achievement.

Concern for every pupil is fundamental to what we do at St George's. Students are expected to treat others with courtesy, kindness and respect; they are encouraged to take pride in themselves, contribute positively to the school's caring ethos, and make the most of the many opportunities that are available to them during their time at school. Part of the school ethos is to encourage support and praise pupil initiative and hard work.





Our experienced Heads of Year are at the heart of our pastoral support structure and they are each supported by a team of Form Tutors. Form Tutors take direct responsibility for individual students at the School and they are the first point of contact for parents.

St George's offers excellent support for students with medical needs. Our full time School Nurse regularly liaises with parents, students and healthcare providers to ensure that medical needs are met; she is also a mental health lead and a designated safeguarding lead.

There is a team of mentors in school that offer an additional level of support should the need arise. The School can support access

to a wide range of health services, including those that support children and adolescent mental health; we have an on-site counsellor that can provide direct therapy for any student who may need it.

We educate students at St George's about a variety of topics, such as online safety, sex and relationships education, mental health, healthy lifestyles, extremism and radicalisation, drugs and alcohol awareness, grooming and exploitation, tolerance and harmony to name but a few; delivered through PSHE lessons, tutorials, visiting speakers and assemblies.

If any parent or pupil has a concern, no matter how small, please be assured that we will handle the matter

with the utmost sensitivity and provide help as appropriate.

We aim to equip our students with a strong set of moral values to guide them through their lives.

THE SCHOOL TEACHES PUPILS HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN SAFETY, INCLUDING WHEN ONLINE.

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A VIBRANT STUDENT COUNCIL

As a UNICEF Gold Award Rights Respecting School, pupil voice and leadership are extremely important at St George's School. The School Council includes elected representation from every Form group in the school.

Students are encouraged to take on additional responsibilities and members of the Council are very proactive in leading important campaigns and areas of development across the school.



**PUPILS ACTIVELY
ENGAGE IN
DECISION MAKING
PROCESSES IN
THE SCHOOL
THROUGH THE
SCHOOL COUNCIL,
WHERE THEIR
VOICES ARE
HEARD.**

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WELL-RESOURCED CLASSROOMS & FACILITIES

All lessons are taught in specialist teaching facilities and subjects have classrooms that are well resourced with the latest technology.

Science, Art, Photography, ICT, Drama, Design Technology, Food Technology and Music benefit from specialist rooms, equipment and resources. Our PE department make full use of our gymnasium, as well as providing lots of outdoor sporting experiences on our playing fields, basketball and tennis courts.

The school has wireless access throughout, and

students are well supported in their learning through access to computer suites and laptops which all subjects can use.

The school has an excellent library which is well-resourced with a good stock of fiction and non-fiction books. Students also have access to computers in the library to support their research and are able to use the facility for quiet independent study.

The school buildings are set in beautiful grounds and we make full use of our local area and proximity to the city centre to take education outside the classroom; maximising the wonderful opportunities and experiences our diverse city offers.

TEACHERS DELIVER LESSONS USING A RANGE OF WELL-CHOSEN RESOURCES IN A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT TO PROMOTE LEARNING.

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**PUPILS
DEMONSTRATE
RESPECT
FOR OTHER'S
INDIVIDUALITY,
INCLUDING THEIR
PROTECTED
CHARACTERISTICS,
SUCH AS RACE,
SEX, FAITH OR
ANY DISABILITIES.**

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AN OPEN AND **FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

St George's is a friendly school, where we value and encourage dialogue and close communication with our students and parents.

Sharing information gives us a deeper insight into the wellbeing and progress of each child, and our open door policy means we are readily available to discuss any concerns that arise.

Community is at the heart of everything we do.

Termly reports, annual Parents' Evenings, coffee mornings, school concerts and theatrical performances, as well as a wide variety of Open Events ensure you have many other opportunities to interact with staff and other members of the wider St George's community.





WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

We would be delighted to welcome you to St George's for a tour with a member of our senior leadership team, so you can see first hand all the school has to offer.

We hope this prospectus has given you a helpful introduction to our school and a taste of the learning experience your child would have with us.

The best way to get a true feel for our school and community is to arrange a personal tour with us.

You can do that by simply sending an email to **admissions@sgse.co.uk**

or calling the school reception on **0121 625 0398**.

We look forward to meeting you!

**TEACHERS GIVE PUPILS
INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND
EFFECTIVE GUIDANCE SO THAT
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