

# The Dragon

*Look inside for an interview with Mr Winter, a review*

## Time to vote for your new Student Council

Every year, we get the opportunity to contribute to the school by being part of the Student Council. This year, elections will take place in tutor groups from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September and then for the year group the week after.

The council meets regularly – at least once every half-term – to discuss issues, put forward ideas, share suggestions for improvements and provide updates.

Meetings are held with Miss Cecil; other members of staff attend depending on what is on the agenda.

The council is responsible for carrying out ideas that have been suggested, finding out more about how to solve problems and keeping their classmates informed about what's been happening. They are supported by tutor reps, who will attend more meetings this year.

"Members of the Student Council are the voice of our pupils and really make a difference to the school," said Miss Cecil.



"In recent years, the Council has been responsible for introducing lockers for year 7, new water fountains and deciding about reward trips among other things."

Being a Council member can be very rewarding – turn over to read more from one of last year's team, who shares her thoughts about the role.

Last year's Council will also be in assemblies in the week of 17<sup>th</sup> September and there will be a PSHE lesson to explain more.

# Join The Dragon

Welcome to the Autumn 2018 edition of our termly magazine written for St George students, by St George students.

We are looking for new reporters to join The Dragon team, so if you would like to get involved, please Miss Cecil (Room 1 or in the Hall break or lunchtime):



## Klueless Kevin



By Joel Shibu

# Be a part of our Student Council!

It's that time of the year when students from each year go for the chance to become members of the school council and work together with other students and staff to make St George's into a greater school, whilst following our Catholic and ASPIRE values.

I, Leah, was a member of the 2017/18 student council, and I can say that it is an experience to influence your life. Sitting in a room with members from years seven to eleven may be intimidating at first, but you will get used to conversing with your fellow students, while passing ideas around about what the student body wants in the school.

In this council, you will also have to do assemblies. This will teach you valuable life skills of how to publicly speak and gain confidence. For me, the assemblies were the hardest part, but as I went on throughout the year, I learned how to stand up in-front of the year group and talk about the important things on the agenda.

But before any of this, you must be elected. You will produce a speech for your tutor group explaining why you are the best choice, then your peers will vote who they want, based on the speeches. That will then go to your year group. They will vote for who they think is best, and the top three will become the next members of the council.

But for someone who does not want to go up for the opportunity of school councillor, there are still other ways to get involved around with the school. For instance, near the canteen, just underneath the stairs is a suggestion box where you can post ideas that you think will benefit the school.

By Leah N

Year 9



# New Year – New Library

*By Georgia G, Hadi S and Luke B*

At the end of the previous summer term you may have noticed that the school library was closed, and it was slowly being emptied and relocated to what used to be the staffroom. This will offer a host of new opportunities for the upcoming academic year.

There have been many new titles added to the collection, and a wide range of genres to choose from. Books can be borrowed for two weeks, as every student has a library account which keeps track of their information. Also, a group of 'literacy mentors' will be in the library; they can offer help and can take out/return students' books.

The new library is slightly larger and there is now more seating space for students to sit down, as well as four new computers that have been added; enabling students to do homework and research information.

Furthermore, the library will now be open before school from 8.20am to 8.40am Monday to Thursday as result of the new opening times, in addition to break and lunch. Study club will run in the library after school from 3pm – 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The old library has been transformed into a classroom for the R.E department and the new library can be located at the end of the corridor overlooking the main hall.

## Welcome to Year7

Throughout your school journey, remember to **ASPIRE!**



World Book Days are just one of the many exciting days organised especially for year sevens. Here you can dress up as your favourite book characters and go searching for treasure (SWEETS)!!

**ACTION STATIONS**, in this action packed adventure you will build on your teamwork and strength skills. This day is a recipe for fun and laughter. Not only you will learn about battleships “OoooOOOO!” you may also get to go on a perilous quest, involving lasers, and much more...



**IT'S SNOW GOOD!**

School trips at St George are **THE BEST!** From skiing in France, to rock climbing and ice skating or even to Spain, to learn about their extravagant culture, it doesn't get much better.

“if you speak to a man in a language he understands, it goes to his head. But if you speak to a man in his language it goes to his heart.” – Nelson Mandela

School trips also include trips to the cathedral, where you are able to participate in mass, and can even involve exclusive tours or the rare opportunity to meet the bishop, Philip Egan.



There are so many **GREAT** opportunities that St George provides, you can join the drama family and represent St George on stage in concerts and the annual school plays, for example the upcoming Wizard of Oz!

An alternative is dance, where you can portray your talents through emotive dances and passion on the stage.



Why not try something new? Get involved with music and join the many clubs they have to offer, such as ukulele jam, band or choir!

**By Erin Brady and Yulu Chen**

# The Wonderful Wizard of Oz....

## *Singing, dancing, music and more...*

*Dorothy Gale is lost in a land of good vs. evil. In her attempt to get home, Dorothy meets a Scarecrow, Tinman, and lion who each have challenging obstacles to overcome so that they can fulfil their dreams.*

We asked Mrs Drummond, head of Drama, to tell us about the upcoming school production, the Wizard of Oz.

### What can we expect?

Brand new equipment including a smoke machine, as well as amazing new set and lighting,

some fantastic, colourful costumes as well as glamorous and elegant ones,

new talent, such a talented saxophonist, and also a great ensemble, that you can be a part of!

There are so many opportunities waiting to be taken when it comes to this production.

By asking Mrs Pegg in the music department, you could be a part of the pit band, who play music in the productions.

Or join Stage Crew, who put the lights and camera onto the action. ---



Stage crew in action!

## **WANTED**



BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND  
JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS  
ON WEDNESDAYS IF YOU WANT TO BE  
IN THIS YEARS SCHOOL PLAY!



Welcome to the Family!

*'It's great to act with such awesome people and also learn tips and tricks!'*

*'I'm most looking forward to helping all those who aren't as confident so that they become self assured.'*

*'It's a great way to gain confidence and make amazing memories with your friends.'*

*'The rehearsals are the best as they are always so fun!'*

# Perfect Prom

St George's first prom was a great success! The students who attended enjoyed their final time together as the class of 2018.

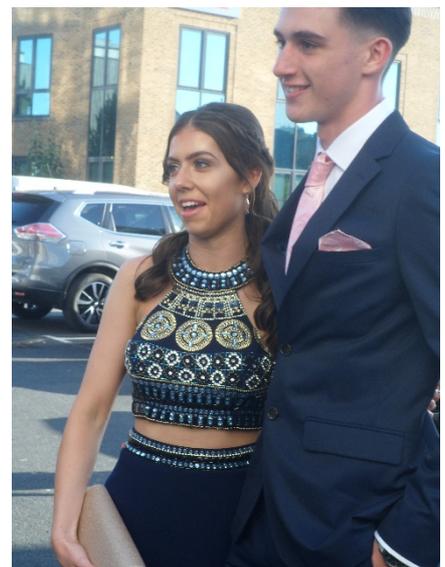
After arriving at 6pm, the students filed into an elegantly decorated dining room. They sat at tables with their friends and ate foods from the buffet style serving tables. After a while of conversing over dinner, the attendees progressed into the main room of the event.

As soon as they entered, they were surrounded by loud music. The entire event was quite laid back, and they could virtually do whatever they wanted.

As you socialised with many people, you could walk onto the balconies outside and take in the views of the harbour, but still hearing the music from the main prom room.

As midnight came, the students said goodbye for the night and departed back to their homes.

The prom committee of 2018 should be very proud of what they achieved, and this prom will surely be



## A Day in the Life of Miss Cunio (our chaplain)



At St. George, our Chaplain plays a very important role in our school. Ms Cunio hosts many great events such as masses and year group assemblies for us to maintain the ASPIRE values in our daily lives.

She begins with a cup of coffee before starting the day; she then begins to plan assemblies before setting off into a real one. In the assemblies she will read a passage of the bible and remind us to keep one of our values – Spirituality - in our mind. After the assembly she would go back to the chapel and pray for 10 minutes unless she has another job on her schedule, but Ms Cunio will always make time for a prayer!

She continues her day by emailing priests for upcoming masses (to see if they are available to attend). Ms Cunio works extremely hard for the school while following our college's values, she makes sure everyone in the college can enjoy and have fun in school and to always have God in our mind. She makes sure everyone will love one and another especially their neighbours.

Always remember to ASPIRE, Achieve, Spirituality, Respect, Independence, Relationships, Enjoyment!

**Interview by Yulu Chen**

# The Dragon Interviews .... Mr Winter

by Huba and Nanako

## **Why did you choose to come to St George?**

I was looking to work in another Catholic school and its previous reputation was something I liked and the opportunity arose.

## **What do you want to achieve in this school?**

Continue the high standards and make sure our students achieve their best

## **Who/ what inspired you to be a maths teacher?**

My own maths teacher – Mrs Sharpe - when I was younger, I was told I'd never make it but she took time to sit with me and I ended up top of the class



## **Apart from Maths what would you classify as your favourite subject?**

PE

## **What did you want to be when you were younger?**

A stuntman

## **What do you enjoy doing outside of school? Do you have any hobbies?**

I coach gymnastics; I used to be a gymnast and was European champion when I was younger and now my children do it too.

## **How many years have you studied mathematics for?**

All my life – I've been teaching for 22 years, was at university for 4 years and in school

## **How many schools have you taught at and for how long?**

I started at St Edmunds and was there for five years then moved to Testwood. I was at Regents Park and then St Mary's College. Now I'm here.

## **What impression do you have so far of our College from what you have seen since you have been here?**

It is genuinely lovely – as in all the Catholic schools I've taught in. There's a real sense of family.

# Get involved with Sports this term!

The PE Department has, as ever, put together a timetable of extra-curricular activities for all year groups. Copies are with your tutors and in the PE Department, or you can ask one of the PE teachers about it.

**PE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 1**



**MONDAY**

**Lunchtime:** KS4 Boys Basketball

**Afterschool:**  
Girls Rugby  
Saints Futsal (Sports Hall)

**TUESDAY**

**Lunchtime:** KS3 Girls - Netball

**Afterschool:**  
KS3 Football

**FIXTURE DAYS**

Cross Country – Wednesday  
 Year 7 Boys Football – Monday  
 Year 8 Boys Football – Friday  
 Year 9 Boys Football - Tuesday  
 Year 10 Boys Football – Thursday  
 Year 11 Boys Football - Wednesday  
 Year 7/8 Girls Football – Monday  
 Year 9/10 Girls Football – Wednesday  
 U14/U16 Girls Netball – Tuesday  
 Bedminton Fixtures - Monday

**WEDNESDAY**

**Lunchtime:**  
KS3 Boys Basketball

**Afterschool:**  
Boys Rugby (All Years)

**THURSDAY**

**Lunchtime:** KS4 Girls Netball

**Afterschool:**  
GCSE PE Revision (ODP)  
Badminton (All Years)

**FRIDAY**

**Lunchtime:** Badminton

**Afterschool:**  
BTEC Sport Catch Up  
Basketball Club (Solent Keestrals)

**Saints Kicks**

**Tuesday and Thursday – 16:30**



