'Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves'

Romans 12:10

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this academic year draws to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our incredible pupils for their unwavering hard work, dedication, and determination. It is truly a privilege to witness our young people consistently uphold the exceptionally high standards we cherish at St George's every single day.

Beyond academic excellence, this year has seen a profound focus on fostering meaningful conversations, impeccable manners, and genuine mutual respect throughout our school community. It is an absolute pleasure to teach your children, and their growth in these areas is a testament to their wonderful character. Our enriching electives programme, remarkable sporting achievements, captivating school productions, and diverse educational trips have all been tremendous successes, and we are excited to see these opportunities continue to flourish and expand next year. We were also delighted to receive an 'Outstanding' rating in our Ofsted inspection this year, with no areas identified for improvement. However, our commitment to continuous growth means we always strive to be even better.

The Academy will close for all pupils tomorrow - Friday 18th July at 12.30pm

The Academy reopens for Years 8 to 11 on Monday 8th September - Pupils should be in line up for 8.15am

Our Academy Day

We remain wholeheartedly dedicated to ensuring each pupil experiences the full breadth of our curriculum subjects and the rich enrichment opportunities that form the foundation of 'The SG Way'. The overwhelming feedback from our pupils this year highlighted their enjoyment of extra-curricular activities. In response, we will continue to offer a wide array of engaging after-school electives and will also be expanding our after-school intervention programmes to provide even more tailored support.

Enhanced Behaviour Policy: Merits & Demerits

As we have previously communicated, we have implemented significant enhancements to our behaviour policy, which you can review in detail via the links provided <u>Behaviour Policy</u>. <u>Uniform Policy</u>. We kindly ask for your trust and understanding with this evolution. Our aim is for our dedicated staff to be even quicker in recognising and rewarding positive behaviour, while also being more prompt in addressing minor lapses in focus or instances where instructions are not followed immediately.







This means your child might occasionally receive a demerit for small things, such as not transitioning into 'SLANT' posture quickly enough, or continuing to write for a few seconds after being asked to put pens down. We understand that this might seem strict, and it's natural for a parent to feel a little concerned if their child, who usually behaves well, comes home mentioning a demerit.

Please be reassured that there is no need to worry if this happens from time to time. We view these instances as normal learning steps – valuable opportunities for pupils to correct their actions and move forward. What truly matters is the overall picture: achieving a positive ratio of 95% or higher over the year is something to be immensely proud of, especially in a school where we intentionally set the bar high to maximise every second of learning. We also want all our pupils to understand that it is absolutely fine to occasionally make a mistake and be corrected; it's an integral part of learning, provided the same lapse is not repeatedly made.

We kindly request that you refrain from calling the school to inquire about every individual demerit, or if your child's account of events differs. Please trust that these are swift, in-the-moment corrections designed to maintain the highest standards of learning in every lesson. Should it ever become a genuine concern – for example, if your child consistently receives demerits daily or if a worrying pattern emerges – we will always contact you directly to arrange a meeting and collaborate on the best way to support them.

A Final Thank You

We are incredibly proud of our Academy and, most importantly, of our students. We firmly believe that maintaining high standards in uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped, and ensuring regular attendance provides each and every one of our students with the very best chance of learning and achieving success in their future endeavours. This unwavering commitment is why our young people are among the most successful in the country.

Thank you all very much in advance for your continued support and understanding as we look forward to another exceptional year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Warnock Headteacher

