

Student Handbook

St George's School, Berkshire

"small in size but benefits from the facilities and opportunities of a much larger school."



Welcome to Emerald UK!

We would like to welcome you to St George's School, Berkshire and wish you a great stay full of new ideas, inspiration, fun and lasting memories.

This handbook will provide you with some information about St George's School, the programme, what to expect, your role and what to bring with you.

If you have any problems, you can call the school emergency number.
0044 (0) 7936000472

St George's School

St George's was founded in 1877 as a boys' Prep School, with 41 pupils housed in what is now the main school building, Markham. From 1882 to 1884 Winston Churchill was a pupil at St George's, starting at the tender age of seven. He refers to the school in his book 'My Early Life', as "one of the most fashionable and expensive in the country. It modelled itself upon Eton. It was supposed to be the very latest thing in schools; only ten boys in a class; electric light; a swimming pond; spacious football and cricket grounds and a chapel of its own.



St George's became a girls' school in 1904. It became a tradition for the St George's girls to wear their red cloaks and boaters to greet King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra on Gold Cup Day. St George's is situated within walking distance of the charming

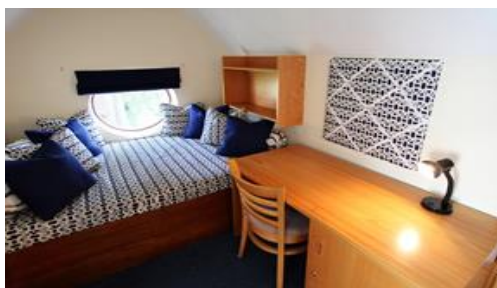
town of Ascot in Berkshire, approximately 25 miles west of Central London. It is very close to the historic Royal town of Windsor.

The school during Victorian times

Information

Address

Wells Lane,
Ascot,
Berkshire
SL5 7DZ



Accommodation

The boarding accommodation at St George's is modern and spacious with separate houses for boys and girls. There is a variety of residential accommodation, including twin, triple, quadruple rooms and up to rooms with eight beds. Rooms are comfortable and spacious. In these houses, rooms share a bathroom with other students. All accommodation houses have lounge areas. There is Wi-Fi in all parts of the accommodation.

Classrooms

Classrooms are modern and well-equipped with some having Smartboards and some with computer access and projection facilities.

Facilities

St George's has fantastic sports and leisure facilities. Including:

- Large, well-equipped sports hall
- Large indoor swimming pool
- Dance studio
- Performing Arts Centre
- Art rooms
- Tennis courts
- Several Playing fields and sports pitches
- Astro pitches
- State of the art cooking room
- 32 acres of beautiful parkland

Meals

Meals are provided in the school's dining room where students serve themselves from a salad bar with a variety of cold dishes or are served from the hot food servery by St George's staff. Three meals are served each day including plenty of salads and fruit.

Special dietary requirements can be catered for.



Arrival

When you arrive at the airport or train station, collect your luggage and exit through British customs. As you come out into the terminal, you will see a member of the Emerald Staff wearing a staff t-shirt holding a sign with your name (or group name) on it. They will show you where the bathroom is if needed and then take you to your coach or taxi for your journey to the school.

First Day

You will have an English test on Monday morning which is just to see the best class for you (there is no pass or fail). After this you will have a full orientation of the school and will learn where all the classes, activities and meeting places are. You will also learn where all the out of bounds areas are and the school rules!

You will be given a wristband which you must wear at all times, especially on an external excursion as no student is allowed onto the bus/coach unless they are wearing one. This wristband has the emergency number on it which you can call if you ever get lost.

Timetable

You will have English classes most mornings (some groups will have special prearranged classes on other subjects) and activities most afternoons. You should keep an eye on the noticeboard which tells you which activities are running each day. You can sign up every break time for the activity of your choice. In the evenings, we tend to do fun activities with everyone together such as Karaoke and talent shows... If you have a talent, we love to see it so come prepared!



Who to speak to if you have a problem.

We expect you to have a wonderful time with us and to make many new friends. However, if you do occasionally feel a little homesick or have any other problems, there are several members of staff you can speak to who will help you. There is a Welfare Manager and Welfare Leaders at every centre and you will meet them on your first day. You can have a chat with them at any time. You can also talk to any adult you feel comfortable talking to such as your Teacher. We are here to help you!

Let's Chat[®]



Example Programme (varies from week to week)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 6th	July 7th	July 8th	July 9th	July 10th	July 11th	July 12th
Morning: Breakfast						
 Students Arrive	 Morning: Placement Test	 Morning: English Classes		Full Day Excursion London London Eye & London sightseeing walk 	 Morning: English Classes	
	Lunch	Lunch			Lunch	
	Sports options Or Arts / Dance Options Or Intensive English	Half day Excursion Windsor 	Sports options Or Dance/drama Options Or Intensive English		Sports options Or Arts / Drama Options Or Intensive English	Half day Excursion Winchester A walk into history
	Personal time		Personal time			
Dinner	Dinner			Dinner		
 Unpack and Settle in	Team Quiz 	50 / 50 night 	Scavenger Hunt 		Themed Dance Party 	Movie Night 
Lights Out						

Rules and Regulations

You will be taken on an introductory tour of the school after you arrive. You will be shown where all the meeting places are, where the activities and workshops take place, where you will be having your meals and other places of interest or importance as well as the parts of the school that are 'out of bounds'. There are certain rules in place which you must obey to ensure your safety and enjoyment as well as the other students that stay with us. If you need help to understand these rules or if you have any questions, please ask a member of the ECI (UK) staff as it is very important that these rules are understood and respected:

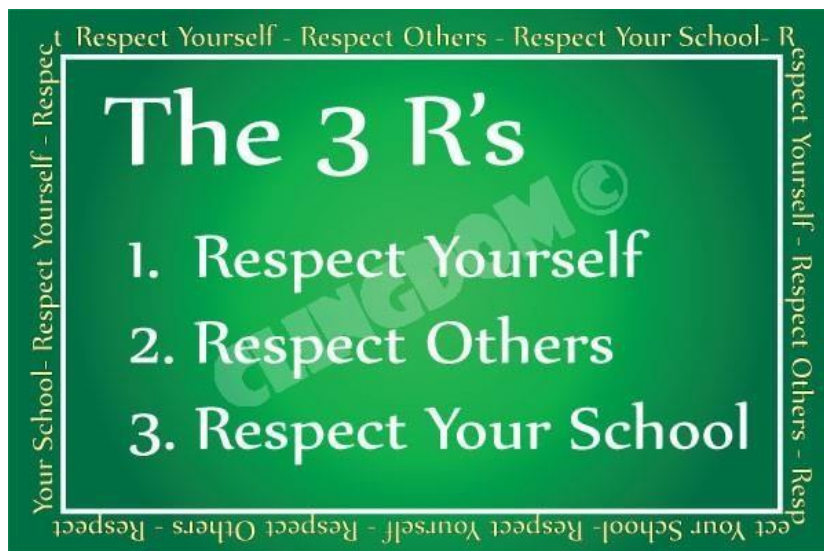
- We **do not** allow the drinking of alcohol and vapes.
- In England it is illegal for under 18's to buy cigarettes. Smoking is not permitted on our residential sites.
- The use of any drug is **strictly prohibited**.
- All students **must** attend all classes, all meals, activities and social programme as well as the excursions.
- Damage to property and firefighting equipment will not be tolerated. Students who are found causing damage will be charged. The whole group will be charged for any damage to accommodation and centre property when and if an individual cannot be found responsible.
- Students are **not permitted** to enter 'out of bounds' areas – all of these areas will have clearly visible signs.
- Students are **not allowed** to go off campus at any time without permission and should not leave the accommodation block at night. **Under no circumstances** should students leave the school campus without ECI staff supervision or a group leader
- Rooms **must be** kept tidy to allow cleaners to vacuum and dust.
- Students must not take photos / videos of other students' / group leaders or members of staff without first asking permission.
- Any photos / videos taken with permission must not be uploaded on to social networking sites e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok

These rules will be enforced by all members of ECI (UK) staff. If students continue to break these rules, they will be required to return home at their parents' expense – no refunds will be given.

ECI will not take any responsibility for any damages occurring as a result of the rules not being followed.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU

- **RESPECT** - Students must treat all staff, members of the public and each other with respect at all times.
- **PLEASE AND THANK YOU** – Students must remember to be courteous and show good manners to staff, catering staff, members of the public and each other.
- **SPEAK ENGLISH** – Students are expected to try and speak English at all times whether you are talking to people of the same or different nationalities.
- **NO BULLYING** – Bullying is the deliberate and / or repeated action of making another person unhappy. Bullying of any nature will not be tolerated and may result in students being sent home at their own expense. Students are also expected to report any bullying which they see to an ECI member of staff.
- **INTEGRATION** – Students are expected to try and integrate with all of the different nationalities and ethnic backgrounds that we have at our centres. Students are also actively encouraged to try and learn as much as possible about the different countries that other students come from.
- **BEDTIME** – All students are expected to be in their rooms by 10:30pm after evening entertainments and to have lights out and be quiet by 11pm.
- **NO SPRAYS** – Sprays + aerosol products are banned on site. These trigger the fire alarms.



What shall I bring?

What items should students bring with them?

Students should bring comfortable and practical clothing, towels and sports clothes. In addition, please make sure you bring any medications should you need them for any health issue. Laundry services are provided for the students once a week.

We suggest the following items.

- A large mesh laundry washing bag which can go into the washing machine
- Swimsuit
- Personal items
- Alarm Clock
- A camera (photo and / or video)
- Notebook, pen, pencil.
- A towel
- Comfortable shoes
- **A padlock to lock valuables away in your suitcase**
- Make sure to have some form of medical insurance with you. The medical insurance should cover Covid-19 issues.
- Clothing: England has a variable but temperate climate and weather extremes are rare. You should bring some rain gear and warm clothes with you. Also, there will be sports as part of the activities so please bring suitable shoes and clothing.
- On arrival at the school you will be asked for a deposit of **£70**, this will be returned to you when you are leaving provided there is no damage to the room.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT STUDENTS DO NOT BRING ANY VALUABLE ITEMS, IN PARTICULAR:

- Expensive / Exclusive mobile phones
- MP3 players, i-pads etc
- Laptops or wireless dongles.
- Computer consoles, handheld Play Stations (PSP)
- Expensive jewellery / watches
- Credit cards and large amounts of cash

We Recommend!

- A lockable suitcase or a small coded padlock.
- Due to the large number of students at the colleges, we strongly recommend that students mark their clothing with their names to avoid lost or stolen property. Laundry can sometimes be returned all together and having marked clothing makes it easier to identify if this happens.
- Emergency contact details should be provided for each child to pass on to the Centre Director.
- Medication and medical details should always be provided.

We hope that you have found this student information pack informative and helpful. If there are any other questions which you have before you travel then please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you!

