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St George's
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Welcome

Dear Parents,

I am delighted you are taking the time to consider St George's Preparatory School for your child and I hope that this prospectus will shine some light on the unique and unrivalled experience we offer.

School days are precious. They are the foundations on which our future lives are built. A time when opinions are formed, passions awakened, friendships made, and characters shaped.

As a Preparatory School, we fundamentally believe in the importance of protecting the magic of childhood and we are blessed to be able to offer our children 35 acres of stunning woodland and gardens in which they can learn, laugh, explore, make mistakes and grow as individuals.



Choosing the right school for your child is the most important decision you will ever make, and the best investment in their future.

If you are looking for an environment that aims to capture the atmosphere, values and traditions of a bygone era, where you can breathe a sigh of relief as we decompress many of life's stresses and strains, whilst delivering a cutting edge learning experience, where students can embrace the adventure of childhood... this could be the school for you.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to visit us, please come and take a look to enable you to feel and truly understand, there is no place better to educate your child.

Sarah Hague
Headteacher







Our School

St George's Prep and St George's Little Dragons Nursery boast some of the finest facilities in Jersey. The school is set in a stunning 35 acre site of woodland, grass playing fields, football pitches, adventure play, award winning sports hall, and an enviable swimming pool.

St George's is a non-selective school promoting a rich, varied and broad education. Our small class sizes and specialist teachers ensure our children are challenged and stimulated to strive for excellence in all they do. We assess all of our children before they join the school so that we are immediately able to offer whatever learning support they might need. We are quick to identify children with particular gifts and talents and set specific goals to challenge these children further. We also look to challenge children who excel at music, drama and sport.

Children are helped to understand themselves as individuals. We recognise that every child is an individual and aim to promote their happiness, self-confidence and well-being as members of a caring community.

Our idyllic walled garden for our younger children provides a secure and safe place for our children to play confidently with their friends. In the Manor house and stable block, there is a homely and safe environment where lessons take place in dedicated teaching rooms, by well-qualified specialist teachers. The children enjoy freshly cooked healthy and nutritious lunches, prepared at school by our Chef, using locally grown produce.

We are very fortunate to have an extremely active and well supported Parents Association. The Georgian Association organises a variety of events ranging from family quiz nights, film nights and the annual Family Bonfire Night. Although the main objective of the GA is to raise money for the school, we also ensure the events are very social, enabling parents throughout the school to feel part of the St George's family and many long term friendships are made here.

“I am very happy with the academic progress my son is making at St George's. His teacher has been wonderful in challenging him and supporting him where necessary.”

Form III Parent

Striking a balance

so pupils can thrive.

St. George's has an enviable reputation for providing outstanding guidance and pastoral care. Small class sizes underpinned with our nurturing ethos, and an emphasis on strong relationships between pupils, parents and staff, ensure that our sense of togetherness, community and extensive support is at the forefront of what defines our very special culture.

This is carefully and deliberately balanced alongside a culture of high expectations and a rich and diverse curriculum that provides a launchpad for life. It is vital that our children are instilled with a love of learning, a sense of curiosity and imagination, as well as the skills to be resilient, ambitious and adaptable to an ever changing world.

We are extremely proud that our pupils flourish in this special place, where every experience promotes self-esteem, personal development, excellence, and successful outcomes.

Every member of staff at St. George's is committed to making a difference to every child.

We have an inspiring team of subject specialist teachers, lighting fires within pupils to enable them to pursue their hopes and dreams, finding opportunities for each pupil to thrive and shine as they discover what they love. Alongside this we have an extensive team of dedicated and caring Form Tutors who instinctively know what is needed to get the most out of each child.

Our Preparatory experience has a strong track record that is borne out, not only in high levels of academic achievement, but also in the fine young people our pupils become. Responsible, kind and adventurous with a strong moral compass that will guide them through their next stages as they navigate life's twists and turns. These are the qualities we cherish and what a 'St Georgian' is known and admired for representing.

**“I am thrilled my granddaughter will be educated
in such an outstanding school”**

Reception Grandparent



Designed by nature

to educate... naturally.

Set in 35 acres of stunning woodland, La Hague Manor provides a wonderfully rich environment in which children are inspired to learn and encouraged to play.

We are lucky to have, as described by the States of Jersey Environment Department, “probably the finest arboretum in the Channel Islands,” featuring a great range of expertly planted trees, some of which are only found in Jersey.

All our children, from the youngest in Little Dragons Nursery to our oldest in Form VI, are encouraged to make the most of our outdoor space both at play times and in lessons. From the tranquil walled garden to the outdoor teaching classroom our children enjoy exploring the world around them from a very early age. Mini-beast safaris, Easter egg hunts and cross country races all play a part in the busy school year.

Forest school at St. George’s offers all our children regular opportunities to feel a sense of achievement and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in the natural environment.

Forest school is a specialised learning approach that sits within and complements the curriculum and learning that takes place throughout the entire school. Our qualified forest school teachers take regular classes outside and have a vast array of resources to ensure lessons are educational as well as enjoyable.

Our children grow to appreciate and value nature; they enjoy the resident pheasants, kestrels and other birds of prey and understand that they have an important part to play in looking after them. We are fortunate to have a vast range of wildlife inhabiting our woodlands and grounds.

“This is a wonderful place for my children to spend their childhood...”

Form V Parent



Give them confidence

they'll reward you with excellence.

St George's is non-selective and we enjoy tremendous success academically with the vast majority of pupils gaining entry to their first choice of senior schools, both in Jersey and the UK.

We achieve this by employing well trained, highly-motivated teachers and teaching assistants, who nurture and support each child in small, friendly classes. Uniquely in Jersey, our children are taught by subject specialist teachers from Nursery onwards.

At St George's we care passionately about each boy and girl; nurturing within each a belief in their own worth and an appreciation of their place in our School family and in the community.

From joining in our Little Dragons Nursery our children are learning manners each day from eating in the dining hall, travelling around the school and taking care of each other.

Our older children regularly go into our Nursery and Reception classes to read and play with our younger children. It is important to us that our children hold dear these traditional values and they develop the strength of character and independence of mind to follow their convictions.

We follow the Jigsaw scheme, making learning understanding and personal development for our children an enjoyable experience.

Our boys and girls are our greatest ambassadors; we are immensely proud of them and we are delighted that they are known throughout the Island for their happy, honest and hard-working natures.

“The wonderful staff and amazing children have all been so kind and our daughter is enjoying having lots of new friends and new experiences.”

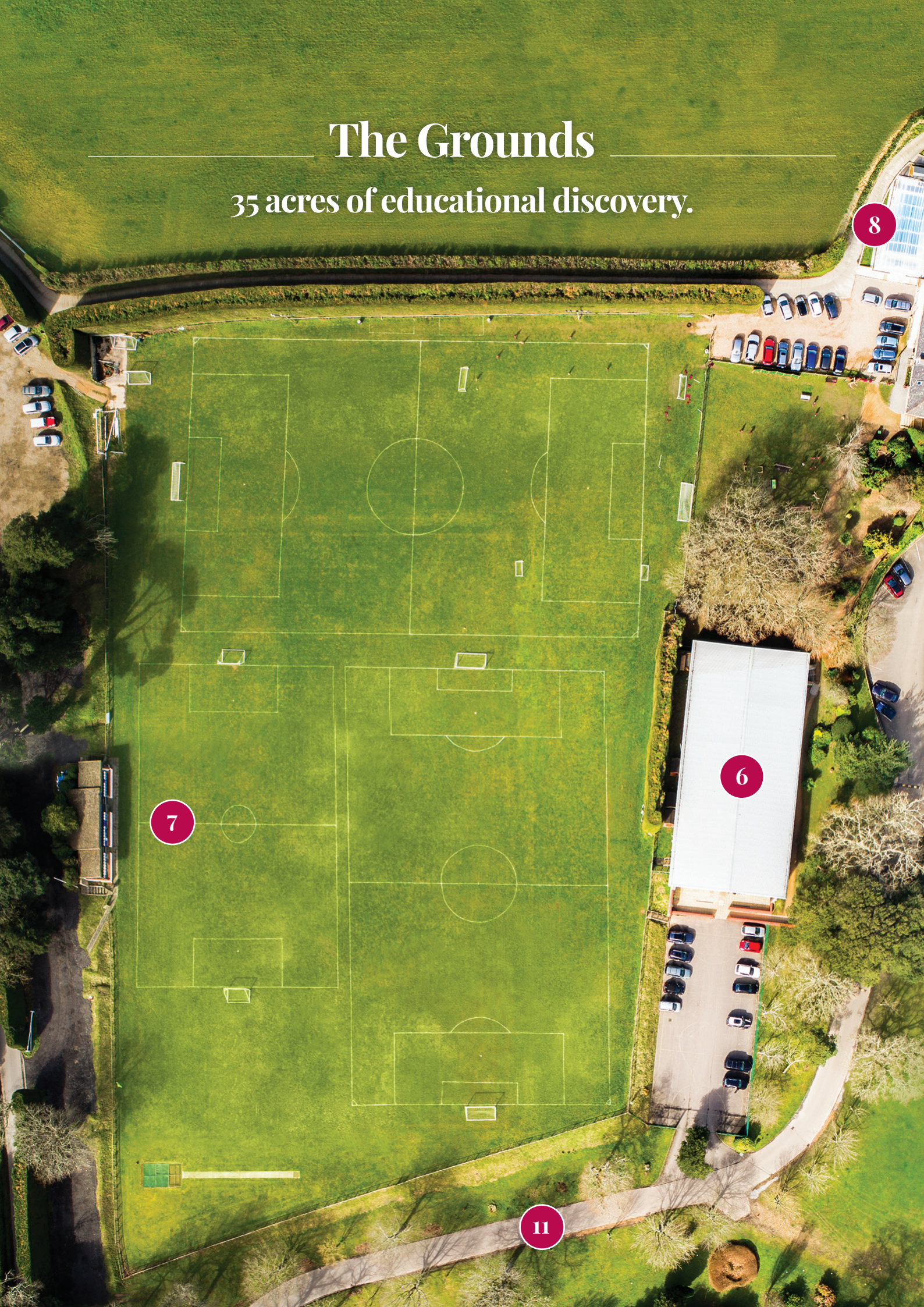
Form V Parent



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The Grounds

35 acres of educational discovery.



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1: Manor House – Main School

2: Key Stage 1 Walled Garden & Play Area

3: Little Dragons Nursery

4: Form VI, DT & Science Block

5: Outdoor Classroom

6: Sports Hall

7: Sports Fields & Grandstand

8: Swimming Pool

9: Front Lawn

10: Woodlands

11: Entrance driveway

12: Orchard

Our Little Dragons

Confident, content... and cool.

Our Little Dragons Nursery is based in our Walled Garden. It's bright, colourful, and welcoming, with its own dedicated area for our over 2s which has been designed to meet their needs and encourage them to enjoy our exciting, ever-changing range of free-flow activities.

In the Walled Garden that surrounds our Nursery, there are climbing frames to conquer, ride-on toys in which to mount expeditions and a flower and vegetable bed to sow. All our children enjoy the woodland forest school area, which includes an all-weather play area, an extensive garden with planting beds, a boat house, sandpit, a mud kitchen, wigwams and tunnels for exploration.

Beyond the wall, a wide and wonderful world awaits them. The children, accompanied by their teachers frequently explore our beautiful and extensive school grounds and venture into the woods to discover more about the natural world.

When the children have used up all their energy playing, exploring or being creative, they can tuck into healthy snacks or lunch, depending on the time of day.

There's quiet time after lunch for those children who need to sleep in our rest and sleep room or just to relax and recharge their batteries ready for the next activity.

Our Little Dragons follow the Development Matters Curriculum and a 'key worker' is assigned to each child, who is responsible for reviewing and monitoring each child's learning and development, allowing for activities to be planned around individual abilities. They are also responsible for their care, safety and well-being.

Every parent gets a unique on-line record through Tapestry of their child's development, at each step of their learning journey, to treasure and keep in the years to come.

“From day one, I have had no concerns about my daughter's first time away from Mum and home. The environment at the nursery is home from home.”

Little Dragons Nursery Parent



Little Dragons

ST GEORGE'S NURSERY & PRESCHOOL





Reception & Key Stage 1

As part of the larger school, our children are fortunate to benefit from excellent facilities, equipment and specialist staff, whilst enjoying close relationships with experienced class teachers and teaching assistants.

The Reception children follow the Development Matters Curriculum and Forms I and II (Key Stage 1) follow the UK/Jersey National Curriculum. All children benefit from a well-planned and resourced curriculum. This is enhanced by specialist teachers in music, drama, French, forest schools, PE and swimming. All children travel through the school using the IT suite, the music rooms and the swimming pool.

Reception is based in the well-equipped classrooms in our courtyard. Form I and Form II are based in the Manor house.

Great care is taken to treat each child as an individual, which is helped by our small class sizes. Children are given every opportunity to develop interests through extra-curricular activities and our vast array of after school clubs. Our staff members are skilled at recognising and maximising every child's unique talents.

Constant communication between staff ensures that children have a seamless transition from Nursery to Reception and into Key Stage 1. This close liaison between staff continues through to Key Stage 2.

“I feel my daughter is pushed and challenged to do well. Expectations are never low and I feel St George’s gets the best from her.”

Form II Parent

Key Stage 2

Our older children, whilst still benefiting from the secure setting of their classroom, enjoy access to our more specialised teaching areas.

These include a Science laboratory, IT suite, Sports Hall, Art and Design Technology suite, and a Music department. Although fit for purpose, these areas are part of the Headteacher's vision to redevelop.

Children at this level begin the thorough preparation for secondary school and, as they progress, lessons are increasingly taught by subject specialists.

Help and guidance is given regarding future schools and the children are prepared for a variety of entrance examinations and assessments.

As we start to see children developing, we are aware of each child's attributes and aspirations. We are therefore able to specifically structure each child's learning based on their individual potential.

Education at St George's encompasses far more than just the work done in the classroom - we believe in providing a real breadth of experience for our children.

Trips away from school provide them with exciting adventures and new learning opportunities with their friends.

All children throughout the school go on regular excursions to museums, the zoo and other places of interest that are appropriate for their age.

In Form IV & V children are given the opportunity to enjoy exciting on-island residential trips at Crabbé and St Aubin's Fort. In Form VI children spend an action-packed week in France.

Children are encouraged to take responsibility particularly when they become members of the school leadership team. They are encouraged to use their initiative and are supported in their roles ensuring that this important aspect of growing up is given the opportunity to develop.

“Pupils are taught great values and principles.”

Form VI Parent





The keys to success

If they're encouraged to learn... they'll learn.

Music plays a central role in the life of St George's with a number of our pupils receiving individual music tuition on a vast array of instruments, and opportunities for all of our pupils to participate in choirs, orchestras, numerous ensembles and compete in the music Eisteddfod.

Our annual Carol Service at St Peter's Church and Prize Giving include solo instrumental performances from many of our children, and whole school choir performances. These are highlights in the School's calendar and bring together school families, friends and the wider community.

Drama and performance is an essential part of St George's. Children participate enthusiastically in our regular music, dance and drama productions, including class assemblies, Christmas nativities and the annual school production. Our performances always draw in a 'full-house' and have previously included 'The Tempest' and 'Aladdin'. Our children also deliver winning performances at the Speech & Drama Eisteddfod.

Our Art & DT facility is a place for our children to develop their appreciation and enjoyment of art, working with paint, clay, textiles and ceramics. Children also explore design and technology and enjoy visits to gallery exhibitions.

All children take part in team and individual sports which are an essential part of St George's life, and a number of outside qualified coaches visit to teach our children specialist sports. Every child participates in sports day and the annual cross country. There are also House competitions in team sports, where teamwork and determination is nurtured and everyone competes in athletics.

Representative sport begins in St George's at Under 9 with on and off-Island fixtures, tournaments and regular sports tours.

Our facilities include football pitches, netball courts and an onsite swimming pool.

“Our children have taken full advantage of the many extra curricular activities that are on offer and have particularly enjoyed the swimming, drama, games and musical opportunities.”

Form III & Form V Parent

The Great Outdoors

is just another one of our classrooms.

A stunning location in the West of Jersey and nestled within 35 acres of stunning woodlands, the campus benefits from abundant gardens, inspiring views and award-winning facilities.

Its location at the top of St Peter's Valley makes it easily accessible and beautifully situated.

During the spring and summer terms our children and families enjoy spending time on the front lawn after school. Ice-creams on a Friday after school have become a firm favourite for children and parents alike!

They have time to be quiet and reflect on the nature around them and appreciate their environment. It is here that our children learn to be independent and start to evaluate risks for themselves.

Choosing to work alone, or with others, there is always time to celebrate achievements in a campfire session. The woodland, and extensive school grounds, provide the raw materials for their projects, which are often created for the moment so the building aspect is more important than the end product, allowing children to be creative and imaginative.

“We very much enjoy coming along with friends to the regular woodland walks organized by the School.”

*Grandparents
Form III & Form V*











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