CREATING A LASTING LEGACY
AND MAKING DREAMS REALITY

Celebrate 150 Activity Centre Appeal
JOIN THE CELEBRATION!
TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF GEORGIAN EDUCATION AND ENHANCE TEACHING AND SPORT FOR FUTURE GEORGIANS

St George’s Weybridge is the UK’s largest RC independent school educating 1600 boys and girls from 3-18, on two large campuses.

A new look to the future, St George’s is going to celebrate this special anniversary in 2019 with an exciting new architectural development for the College. It’s a development that will transform our current sports facilities and leave a lasting legacy for both current and future generations of Georgians. The Activity Centre forms part of our 20 year plans for our Schools, following on from the overwhelmingly successful completion of a new Lower Years building, The Ark at the Junior School in 2015, and to be followed by major new teaching spaces at the College.

Built in 1981, when St George’s was a smaller, predominantly boys’ school, the existing sports hall is a simple, functional building providing basic facilities to deliver the curriculum.

The Activity Centre will align our indoor sporting provision for our much larger, co-educational school. It will inspire our students and the community to engage in physical activity, whilst also developing elite athletes in line with our national profile.

The stunningly designed Activity Centre will connect the athletics track and field with the main campus and will vastly improve the aesthetics of that part of the school. The ambitious building has been designed to provide several flexible and varied environments to cater for many different types of activity, now and into the future. It will also be a precious space for the whole College to gather for school social occasions. We warmly invite you to join us in this endeavour!

UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, PLAY, SOCIALISE AND THRIVE
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2019 BY PROVIDING OUR STUDENTS WITH AN INSPIRING ACTIVITY CENTRE

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As we approach the 150th Anniversary of St George’s, it’s a sensible moment to take stock, to give thanks for what has been achieved, but also to reflect on how we can secure the future of the College for the next period in our history. We want to celebrate our 150th Anniversary in 2019 by providing our students with an inspiring Activity Centre.

I’m delighted to have joined St George’s at such an exciting time. In this era where teenagers and young people are more than ever under pressure from social media, their peers— and their parents— to succeed in all aspects of life, it is more important than ever that schools like ours know what we stand for and what our aspirations are. I have never believed that there is a dichotomy between the many different aspects of school life. Sport, Music, Drama and academics are all parts of a ‘perfectly balanced’ and rounded education. My vision for St George’s is excellence in all fronts— with individual children enabled to find what their special talent is, and to pursue wholeheartedly.

Clearly, the pupils’ academic performance is central to everything we do. As should be the case in every school, our main focus here, and will continue to be, on creating an environment that values and elevates every pupil within it. I firmly believe that good teachers are the single most important way in which we can ensure students’ progress, and parental comments echo this wholeheartedly. I have watched numerous excellent lessons in recent weeks, and witnessed a staff body that is truly committed and hard-working, both inside and outside the classroom.

I am absolutely committed to investment in teachers as the single most effective way to improve pupil performance, and I am utterly convinced that this will enable St George’s College to reach the next level.

But for me, the St George’s strapline of ‘Perfectly Balanced’ has never been more appropriate. It is my desire to pursue excellence on all fronts, for all the children in our care. Just as it is pursuing academic excellence, it is the ability to nurture excellence in physical pursuits, whatever they might be. It is hugely important to me that the new building is an Activity Centre, not a Sports Centre. I want all the young men and women to be inspired by it, not just those who seek, and achieve, high performance in team sports. It is just as, if not more, important, that a 15 year old girl who has never enjoyed team games enjoy a Pilates class in the new building, than a gifted hockey player gets the opportunity to play on a world class glass-floored pitch. I want us to offer sport for all, within an outstanding environment. I believe that the Activity Centre will enable a step-change in how we deliver this; I talk a lot about all students being valued, happy and the best version of themselves— this new facility is a vital component in making this a reality.

As a key member of the Georgian community; I would love your help in spreading the word about where the College is going, as we hit this impressive 150 year milestone. Many of you have had association with St George’s going back many years, and others have a huge affection for the place, some, like me, are more recent converts! But wherever you are in your Georgian journey, my appeal is to try to help me to ensure that our very special school continues to prosper, that we celebrate 150 years in style, and that the next 150 years are even more impressive than the last.

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JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THE EXCITING PLANS YOU WILL READ ABOUT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES AND MAKE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY ONE WE CAN BE PROUD OF.

For nearly 150 years, St George’s Weybridge has been providing a perfectly balanced education for all – and it’s a privilege to count myself among them. It is impossible to imagine this school, renowned for fulfilling aspirations and potential, without the loyal and dedicated members of the Georgian Family.

When I came to live at the College as a boarder in the 1950s, the College was a different place; there were only boys, almost all were boarders and our surroundings were rather different! Sport and activity were hugely beneficial and enjoyable part of our school days and I continue to actively support Rugby and Cricket. Along with the close friends I made and continue to meet up with through Reunite events, I have enjoyed seeing St George’s thrive, and we celebrate the changes and successes achieved over the years, all of which make it the fantastic school it is today.

Your generosity will help turn the College’s aspirations into reality, enabling all students to become the best possible versions of themselves.

As the College embarks on this transformational building project, and celebrates a milestone 150th anniversary, it is committed to take the next steps towards achieving its vision of a world-class Activity Centre. The College cannot do this alone. Three years ago, the College showed me the very first plan and drawings for a new sports facility and fired my imagination. It was then I made the decision to assist the College by providing funding to kick start the plans to celebrate in 2019 and build this landmark building, leaving long-term legacy for generations of Georgians to enjoy. I would like to thank all those who have joined me in providing the substantial funding needed to ensure that the College can move ahead with their ambitious plans. Your involvement and support in this incredible project is crucial to ensuring that the College continues to grow and thrive.

Your gift will ensure that unparalleled opportunities to learn, play, socialise and thrive will remain a vital part of life at the College – for current and future Georgians. Your generosity will help turn the College’s aspirations into reality, enabling all students to become the best possible versions of themselves.

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Thank you for your help and for becoming a lasting part of this landmark advancement of the College’s already superb facilities, now and forever.

Mike Gooley CBE
Founding Benefactor

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OUR VISION FOR SPORT AND ACTIVITY

St George’s has a proud sporting heritage through our successful teams and our ability to develop children to international level. The Activity Centre demonstrates our commitment to delivering sporting opportunities for our students for generations to come. But more than that, we are deliberately creating opportunities for more individual pursuits that will encourage and inspire our less sporty children to be more physically active.

This vision is underpinned by the following values:

- Nurturing
- Perfectly balanced
- Inclusivity
- Wellbeing
- Excellence
- Ground Breaking
- Future Proofing
- Focal Hub
- State of the art
- Lasting Legacy
- Inspiring Design
- Celebrate 150
- Dynamic
A Word from the Architect

The brief for the new Activity Centre building was to provide a showcase building, accessible to all, not just those interested in sport, for both the College’s students and the wider community. The accommodation brief comprises of a premium high performance hockey pitch and 6 court sports hall, as well as gym and fitness suites, dance studios and flexible multi-use areas for group activities and meetings, presentations, exhibitions, open days and events.

The design was inspired by some of the architectural features of Wells Cathedral and will connect the main school buildings to the underused athletics track at the highest point of the school. A processional stair creates a promenade which contours up through the building, offering views into all the activity spaces. The staircase culminates at the café pavilion from which there will be panoramic views out over the athletics track. An undulating roof articulates the building’s form, pushing down at the main entrance and pulling up to frame the views out over the campus, as well as helping to blend the large volumes of space into the landscape of the site.

A glulam (laminated timber) gridshell structure with ‘tree-like’ columns support the roof with the activity ‘boxes’ sitting underneath. The building is entered via a triple height glazed entrance space on the corner, which can be used as breakout during school hours and reception for community users. The event spaces then sit either side of the feature stairs, with spectator viewing opportunities from all levels as you move through the building. We think the design and function will inspire everyone to use and enjoy the building.

Felicity Meares, Architect, Scott Brownrigg
GREAT FACILITIES WILL INSPIRE STAFF AND CHILDREN TO BE THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES

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Ground Floor:
Sports Hall and Lobby

- Hockey
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Trampolining

- Football
- Handball
- Climbing
- Archery
- Shortball

- Futsal
- Indoor cricket
- School assembly
- School and community events
- Examinations

- Retractable spectator seating
- Spectator seating
- Mental Performance Zone
- Spectra storage
- Lobby area
- Breakout space
- Changing

Artist’s impression of the Sports Hall, showing the spectator seating and the climbing wall in the background.
THE GLASS FLOOR
LEADING THE WAY IN SPORTS PLAYING SURFACES

The most advanced flooring system in the world.

Why a glass sports floor?
Unrivalled features of a dynamic glass floor.

- LED court lighting at the touch of a screen, aids concentration and teaching of new sports.
- Significant draw for national governing bodies to use & showcase their sport.
- First UK School to provide this state of the art system.

The most flexible and durable sports floor available:
- 70 year lifespan.
- Efficient underfloor heating.
- The toughest high performance sports surface available.
- No need to cover for events & examinations.
- Saves on cost and storage of covers.
- Dramatic saving on labour time.
- Maximises availability for students.
- Low maintenance/cleaning regime.
- Simple to replace floor panels/LEDs.
- Still playable in the unlikely event of panel breakage.
First Floor:
Fitness Zone and Multi-Activity Studio

- First Floor: Fitness Zone and Multi-Activity Studio
  - Lift to all levels
  - Room divider nets to create flexible teaching space

Multi-activity Studio:
- Table tennis
- Exercise bikes
- Yoga
- Spinning
- TRX
- Dance
- Fencing
- PE

Fitness Zone:
- Free weights
- Cardio
- Stretching
- Resistance area

Artist’s impression of the lobby area and main staircase leading up to the Fitness Zone and Multi-Activity Studio.
Second Floor: Dance Studio, Hospitality Zone and Teaching Space

- Dance Studio:
  - Dance
  - Yoga
  - Pilates
  - Gymnastics
  - Hospitality

- Hospitality Zone:
  - Post-match hospitality
  - Café
  - Meeting space
  - Exhibitions
  - Teaching

- Breakout space
- Events
- Outdoor terrace

- Refreshments Bar
- External Terrace overlooking the Athletics Track

Artist’s impression of the outdoor terrace area overlooking the athletics track.
BY GIVING TO THIS CAMPAIGN, YOU WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO OFFER THE BEST SPORTING FACILITIES TO EVERY CHILD WHO STEPS ONTO OUR CAMPUS

S t George’s is at an exciting stage in its long history and we have very ambitious plans. As part of our GROW Campaign supporting St George’s through the three giving branches, we are launching our Celebrate 150 Activity Centre Appeal as part of the World Class Facilities branch, giving you the chance to play an essential role in the future of life at the College. By going to this appeal, you would help ensure that we continue to offer the best sporting facilities to every child who steps onto our campus. Our plans are ambitious, but we invite you to help turn our dreams into reality.

The total cost of the Activity Centre will be £20 million of which the School reserves will fund £10 million. Through the generosity of members of the Georgian community we have already raised £6 million and our aim is to raise a further £4 million through donations. Achieving our ambitious target will complement our parallel investment in teaching and learning programmes, reduce the need for borrowing and enable follow on projects.

Funding for the project

\[\begin{array}{c|c}
\text{£10m School Reserves} & \\
\text{£6m from donations} & \\
\text{£4m funding gap} & \\
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Celebrate 150 years and support the Activity Centre

Sport for all

\[\begin{array}{c|c}
\text{£15} & \\
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Your gift to encourage participation in physical activity amongst all children

\[\begin{array}{c|c}
\text{£150} & \\
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to provide a social hub that brings the Georgian community together

Wellbeing

\[\begin{array}{c|c}
\text{£1,500} & \\
\text{over 48 months = £31.25} & \\
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to promote the positive effects of sport & physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Could you play a major role?

Our £4m target needs people who are in a position to make a major gift. We would love to hear from you directly if you are interested in helping in this way.

Donate the cost of 2 mugs of coffee

\[\begin{array}{c|c}
\text{for 30 days = £150} & \\
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Thank you!

All donors will be recognised on our Activity Centre donor board.

Gifts of £15 and above

Thank you!
The Activity Centre Appeal forms part of our long term fundraising vision for the School; GROW.

Visit our website to find out more!
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